

Please Remember In Your Prayers

Mason Green, Paul Cowley, Jean Ash, Val Fletcher, Siobhan and Darlene, June McCoy, Pauline Wells, Joyce Hancock, Maureen Black, Steven Fearon, Jeremy Dacombe, Greta Lacey, Sarah Byford, Catherine Wilkinson, Gabriella Young. Lorraine Langdon, Matthew Coulter.

Those who have died and those who grieve for them: Jean Darlow, Margaret Daniels, Ethel Allen, Morris Bryan.

B30 and South B'ham Foodbank: Thank you to all who support B30 and South Bham Foodbank. Our most urgent needs of food are currently tinned fruit (not rhubarb, grapefruit, prunes); tinned meat, fish, tomatoes or beans; rice (500g); tinned/cartons instant custard; chocolate bars, liquid/bars soap.

Saturday May 11th 10 am to 12 noon: Coffee & Cake sale at St Nicolas in aid of Christian Aid. Fran Badger is co-ordinating this event. Please advise her directly or via the parish office if you are able to help on the day or provide cakes for sale.

Sunday 12th May after 10.30am service: APCM in St Nicolas church.

Nomination forms are now at the back of church for Church-wardens, Deanery Synod representatives and PCC members. If you wish to stand please complete the relevant form; obtaining a proposer and seconder. Please note for all positions you will need to complete a Declaration of Eligibility; hold / apply for a DBS certificate and undertake Safeguarding Training.

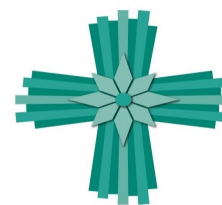
For more detailed information about what's on in Kings Norton, pick up a copy of the Parish Magazine, on sale at the back of St Nicolas Church.

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The Parish of St Nicolas Kings Norton

Incorporating Hawkesley LEP
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Sunday 28th April 2024— Easter 5

All of our possible readings for his Sunday have strong story lines or visual Images. The two readings we will hear in our morning services on Sunday come from the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of St John. In the reading from Acts, Philip responds to God's call and approaches the chariot of an unknown visiting court official from Africa. The unnamed official is clearly Jewish by faith, and is seeking guidance as he reads the scriptures. Philip is sent to him as his teacher. Both Philip and the Ethiopian courtier must trust God as they are brought together to each further the faith journey of the other and those of others in the future.

Sometimes we are called into situations we have not planned ourselves and are asked, by God, to be his witness in those situations - through what we say, or do, or both.

In the Gospel reading Jesus refers to himself as the vine; with God as the vine-grower and us as the branches. Vine and branches are one and the same plant we are integral to the vine and the vine to us. If we are willing to be that integrated with Jesus, then we will bear the fruit which the vine-grower wants to grow. There is some serious pruning ahead if we are not willing to bear fruit, Sylvia.

28th April readings:
Acts 8: 26-40 (p. 123)
John 15: 1-8 (p.106)

5th May
Acts 10.44-48 (p.126)
John 15.9-17 (p.106)

Collect for the week

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.



Dates for the Diary

Monday 29th April—7.30pm at St Nicolas. PCC meeting re 2023 accounts.

Friday 3rd May—3.00pm in church: 1st Friday Hymns

Saturday 11th May—7.30pm at St Nicolas. Pay-as-you-wish (no tickets) with Eroica Camerata. Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony, Gounod's Petite Symphonie and Strauss's 2nd Horn Concerto.

Wednesday 15th May—7.30pm at St Nicolas. Men's Group Open Meeting: guest speaker Siôr Coleman—*"Climbing the wall to get in. Unexpected life lessons from years at Monyhull"*. All Welcome.

Sunday 14th July—Parish Summer Sunday Lunch.

All are invited to our inaugural Summer Lunch with Grand Raffle at Kings Norton Golf Club. Children welcome. Details to follow.



What's On in the Parish this week



Sunday 28th April

9.00am: BCP Holy Communion
10.30am: Morning Praise
3.00pm: Growing with God—outdoor church
6.00pm: Compline

Wednesday 24th April

10.00am-12md: Open Church at St Nicolas
10.00am: Knit & Natter @ Hawkesley
12.00midday: Hawkesley midweek service

Thursday 25th April

9.00am-11am: Tiny Tots
10.00am-12md: Churchyard Care Team *Volunteers welcome*
12.30pm-2.30pm: Seniors Club meet at St Nicolas Place.

Saturday 27th April

10.00am-12md: Open Church at St Nicolas