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### Cows belong in fields

In February's magazine I told you about Nocton Dairies Ltd. and their plans for a US-style 'mega-dairy' in Nocton, Lincolnshire. On 16<sup>th</sup> February, Nocton Dairies Ltd. withdrew their plans after over 16,000 objections were lodged with North Kesteven District Council. The environment agency also objected to the plans, which was a major factor.

Nocton Dairies Ltd. however did not withdraw their plans for a pipeline and reservoir. These have since been rejected and the official reason has been given as the environment agency's comprehensive objection to the plans.

Nocton Dairies Ltd. have issued the following statement: "Our farm at Nocton is a tremendous site with much potential for the future, so we won't be selling it, but will now be taking some time to consider our options. Watch this space!"

Nocton Dairies Ltd. may have left us with these ominous words but, with their plans rejected for a second time, they may have been dealt a final blow for their 'mega-dairy' in Lincolnshire.

In a recent survey, 95% of the general public found it unacceptable to keep cows indoors permanently. More than a quarter of MPs have voiced their concerns about the industrialisation of the dairy industry already.

Compassion in World Farming needs your help to cross out factory farming. There are many more issues including battery hens, live exports and sow stalls that require urgent action.

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David Moorcroft

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**Items for inclusion in the May 2011 issue are to be submitted by:- Friday 15th April 2011**

### Welcome.....

This month ends with Holy Week and then Easter celebrations. Rob reminds us of the hope we have through the Easter message and urges us all to take a full part in the Holy Week services. The details of all these are on page 6.

Our APCM is also held this month. It is an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate all that has happened in the parish over the last 12 months and to plan for the future. Please put Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April in your diary and come along.

Chris Bowen has been the Parish Administrator for 19 years, but she will be retiring this month. As Rob says on page 7, we all owe her a great deal. What an incredible job she has done during that time. I hope you enjoy your retirement, Chris.

In this month's magazine we have some more favourite Bible passages for you as we continue to celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the King James version of the Bible. Also Rev John writes the third part of his 'trilogy' Adventures in Cyber-Space. The Immanuel report reminds us that it has been 35 years since the church first worshipped at The Fairway Centre. There will be more on that in future editions.

Thank you for reading.

Alan Haynes, Editor.

## From The Rector

“It will be all right in the end!”



### “I know it will be all right in the end.”

Words of hope I heard recently from someone in the middle of a very deep and demanding family situation.

God’s hope is not just hanging on until something turns up. It is a conviction of the heart that although change may be slow and we may have to bear much on the way, nothing is wasted. The little things we do now to keep others and ourselves going are not futile gestures. They are simply what we are called to do today to make God’s future possible. As Desmond Tutu kept saying in the struggle against apartheid in South Africa, even in the darkest days, “The question is not *if* but only *when* God’s liberation will come.”

Holy Week and Easter are God’s invitation to stop being puppets in the hands of chance and change and become partners in God’s hope, for us and for all creation.

It comes through many small things – the sharing of meals in friendship broken and then restored; the faithful watch of

women at cross and tomb, in despair and then delight; the acts of kindness by the women of Jerusalem and a stranger from what is now Libya.

It is made possible by one big thing – the faithful journey of Jesus to the Cross, of his own dying and the tomb from which he burst.

Will you join us in this journey this Holy Week and Easter? We shall gather as prayerful witnesses of the one Big Thing. We shall be doing many small things on the way. They matter to hope.

I know that all will want to be in church on Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Day. May I ask (very strongly) that many more will consider being part of what we do in the (perhaps) smaller things of Maundy Thursday and on Easter Eve at 8pm and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Holy Week. Will you, so that you also may firmly know “It will be all right in the end!”

Rob Morris

The bit about Facebook that I really enjoy, however, are the conversations that often result from these sort of starting points. Friends can add comments to other people’s status updates or click a button to say that they “Like” something that has been posted. Sometimes a thread of twenty or so further contributions can be triggered off from one light-hearted remark. What I’ve loved about this has been the way it has often drawn people into a conversation from very different worlds and circles of friends. For me, and I suspect for most of us, the people we know tend to belong to different circles and, in normal circumstances, would be unlikely to meet with another; we may have friends from church, from work, old school friends, family members and so on. On Facebook, the boundaries between these different circles are broken down, as one’s contacts are brought into the one category: “Friends”. I suppose this is why it is called a “social network”. Barriers are broken down; and that, after all, is something that is at the very heart of the gospel of Jesus.

I hope that these articles have been an interesting and enjoyable series of reflections on the weird and wonderful world of social networking. I have decided that, as with Star Wars films, three is enough. So, although I am sure I will have more “adventures in cyber-space”, it is time to draw stumps on this particular thread. Next month, if the editor allows, I hope to share my musings on something else entirely...

Rev John



## Rev John's Adventures in Cyber-Space



### Episode Three: When Worlds Collide

In last month's Adventures in Cyber-Space, I wrote about how the internet, and social networking sites in particular, can be used as a vehicle for campaigning and protests. However, if that made it all sound a little bit earnest, this month's article highlights another side of Facebook. To put it bluntly, the main reason I (and I think most regular users) go on Facebook is for a bit of fun. It can be a great way of sharing some of the things that happen in life that may not be that important, but did at least put a smile on our faces, and may brighten up someone else's day.

I've looked back over the "status updates" that I have posted over the last month and picked out a few that may give a bit of a flavour of this. Other topics of conversation, that I've not included here, range from discussions of favourite sitcom characters, sharing cinema and music recommendations, plenty of chat about football and even, very occasionally, some posts with a theological flavour. But I hope you will find something to smile at in this little selection. Each comes in answer to the standard Facebook question, "What's on your mind?"

**9 February:** *That was a surprise! Children from Hawkesley Church Primary School waving to me from the playground and shouting, "Hello, Reverend Rebecca!" I'll take it as a compliment.*

**25 February:** *Enjoyed our day-trip to Ironbridge, but can't help but feel the tourist board were slightly overselling the place in claiming it "ranks alongside the Pyramids and the Taj Mahal."*

**3 March:** *I am very grateful to King's Norton's Knit and Natter group, for knitting me a natty Newcastle United hat!*

## Kings Norton Team Parish Holy Week and Easter services 2011

### PALM SUNDAY

- 8am** Holy Communion (BCP)  
**10.30am:** **Parish Communion**, Palm Procession and Parade  
Service begins on The Green  
**6pm:** Night Prayer and Reflection for Palm Sunday

- Mon:** HC 6.30pm. Compline at 8pm *Church open in between*  
**Tue:** HC 6.30pm Compline at 8pm *Church open in between*  
**Wed:** HC 12.15pm Candlelit Church 6.30pm Compline 8.45pm

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 11am** Holy Communion (BCP)  
**8pm** **Communion of the Last Supper**  
with Footwashing and Watch of Prayer until 10.30pm

### GOOD FRIDAY

- 10.30am** **All-Age Worship** with Communion  
**10.30am** **Morning Worship** at Immanuel  
**12 – 2pm** **Christ's Passion** told in story, prayer, music, silence.  
**2 – 3pm** **At the Foot of the Cross**

### EASTER EVE

- 8pm:** **Service of Light and First Communion of Easter**  
with Holy Baptism  
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### EASTER DAY

- 8am** Holy Communion (BCP)  
**10.30am** **Easter Communion:** St Nicolas, Hawkesley, Immanuel  
**6pm** **Evening Worship** with Holy Baptism  
**7.15pm** Holy Communion

## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

**Monday 11th April at 7.30 pm in St Nicolas Church**

We gather at 7pm for Presentations - and light refreshment

2010 brought many turning-points in our life as parish church – and opened the way for many more in 2011. We have been richly blessed through Rebecca's ministry as curate. With God's grace, she has spread her wings and flown to Highters Heath. John joined us as Team Vicar in January, so Kings Norton has had a full permanent Team for the first time in four years. This all makes a deep if gradual difference to all our vision and possibilities.

Hawkesley Church and School, Immanuel, Saint Nicolas Place and many other parts of parish life have all faced changes – with more to come. Some arise as staff move on and new faces arrive. Others come from decisions by City Council and others on local services. Still more come as society changes. Worship, pastoral care and building use in St Nicolas itself have also moved on - and will do more.

So this year's APCM, in addition to the usual delights of reports, elections and gratitude, will be weighing all the changes that are upon us, in wider church and here. Some are welcome; some definitely not. All are to be faced in God's promise that, with faith, prayer and graceful resilience, change can bear God's fruit. "Do not be afraid!"

How you can prepare for our meeting?

**Please note the date** – and be with us! We need to elect new people to the Church Council and Deanery Synod. Could this be you?

**Please ensure that you are on the Church Electoral Roll.** If not sure, please ask at the Parish Office. Application forms are in each church.

**Please read the Annual Report.** For a week before the meeting, the Report will be on the parish website with hard copies for all who ask.

**Please pray** for all that we do and all that we must in Christ prepare for – and that we shall have people and gifts to go on growing.

**What's your favourite holiday place?**

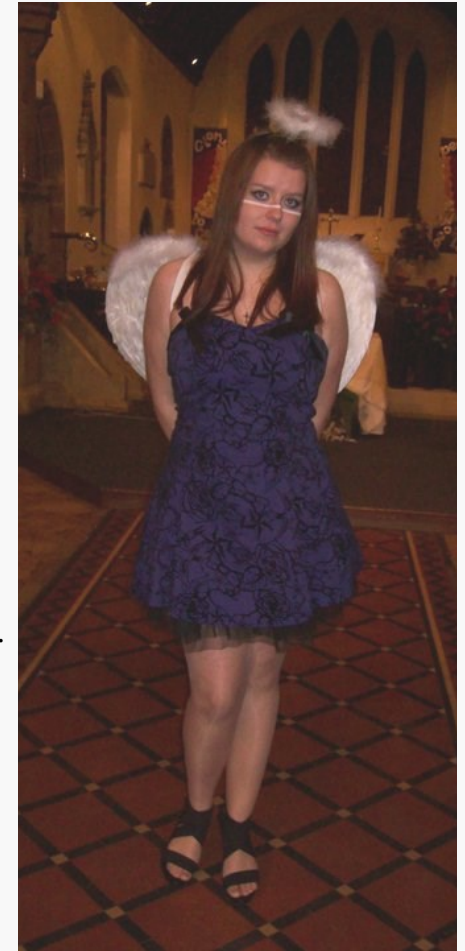
Tenby in Pembrokeshire and New York... sorry I cheated and picked two!

**If you went on Desert Island Disks, what would be your luxury and book?**

My luxury would have to be my drawing set and an iPod with unlimited battery. My book would be the complete works of Edgar Allen Poe.

**What are your hopes for the church in Kings Norton?**

That it continues to grow as the loving and welcoming place that it is.



**Do you know anyone who would make an interesting 'Parish Person'? Are you willing to be interviewed? If so, please contact Alan, the Editor, on 07801 551274 or by email - [editor@kingsnorton.org.uk](mailto:editor@kingsnorton.org.uk) Thank you.**



**This month we hear from Crystal Hughes**



**Where were you born?**

Barnstaple, North Devon.

**What is your occupation?**

I work as a crew member at Saint Nicolas Place.

**Why Kings Norton?**

I moved here with my family, so not a lot of choice really, though I like to think God had a lot to do with it.

**Why is your Christian faith important to you?**

It is the one firm thing in my life. When everything is going wrong and I don't know who to turn to, I know God is always there for me.

I was raised as a Christian but never really put a lot of thought into it. I truly found my faith during a very traumatic experience and, against all the odds, God brought me through safe and well...with a lot of help from those at St Nicolas. I can't not believe in God as I feel my very existence is a miracle.

**What are your hobbies and interests?**

I love doing all things creative, wood carving, painting, drawing, singing, reading and writing poetry.

I love language. I find it deeply interesting. I love animals and nature - particularly LOL cats. I have been a member of Girl Guiding UK for five years. Wow - it's like writing my C.V. all over again :)

**What are your best memories?**

I can't pick single ones but they were all spent with family and close friends. I have a lot of good ones from the church.

**CHRIS BOWEN**

For 19 years, Chris Bowen has been the friendly voice on the Parish Office phone and the welcoming face for all callers. When the phone and enquirers have stopped, she has got on with so much behind the scenes work to ensure that all runs smoothly in church and churchyard, with baptisms, weddings and funerals, with meetings and events – and much else. With John, she has also given much in her own time to keep buildings and people on the go. During the interregnum in 1998/9 and in the 2004 Restoration campaign, her role in the middle was crucial. We owe her a great deal.

Chris will be retiring in April – although Seniors' Club and many other things will still keep her busy. We shall mark the occasion with a presentation and much gratitude for all she has given so tirelessly. Do take part!

Rob Morris

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**CONFIRMATION is on  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am**

This will be a United Service with the Bishop of Aston. It will be Bishop Andrew's first formal visit to the parish. Please join us to welcome him – and even more those who are being Baptised and Confirmed in this service. It matters so much.



## Mission Focus - Zulem Trust

### What is that in your hand?



Of course it's a palm cross. But what you hold in your hand is so, so much more than a palm leaf twisted deftly into the shape of a cross.

#### **You hold a food bowl for orphans in Eshowe: the cost of your cross fills that bowl with food on a daily basis.**

A group of older women at the Cathedral Church of Eshowe have set themselves to raise money to support a welfare programme for orphans in that area of the diocese. The Zulem Trust is proud to support these women in their work which enables the meagre diet of two hundred orphans to be supplemented with proteins such as peanut butter and beans. And from 2011, we will also be supporting a field worker for these children.

When we visited Eshowe in May, two of the orphans had just been adopted by Christian families. Lindiwe, a three year old girl had been raped repeatedly and Samuel tied up like a dog for all of his five years. He was unable to open his eyes through terror. Gradually, both are recovering enough to be integrated into stable family life.

'The Lord has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners...'

#### **You hold a food bowl and a clothing voucher for orphans in Nongoma.**

Another older woman has made the cross you hold in your hand. Lindiwe had hoped in old age to be cared for by her family in Nongoma and instead finds herself standing in the gap between her family and destitution. Her palm cross wages feed, clothe and send to school her orphaned grandchildren. Her wages break the cycle of despair. 'Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy...'

#### **You are also holding a brick and a bag of cement. (Who thought you could hold so much in your hand?)**

12 orphans in St David's parish lost their home through fire and their home is now being reconstructed with emergency funds from the Zulem Trust held by diocesan field workers (again on the payroll of the Zulem Trust). 13 bags of cement came from the same emergency funds for the Bonkinkose family who lost their shelter. Thanks to the Zulem Trust, the field workers, together with

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## CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE 2011 – THURSDAY MORNING GROUP

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We again urgently need new volunteers for 2011 to maintain our numbers and to enable us to keep up a high standard of maintenance in the churchyard. The condition of the churchyard is an advertisement for and invitation to the church and also has a considerable effect on the choice of venue for couples wishing to get married. Furthermore, we have many visitors to the Old Grammar School and Saint Nicolas Place and we need to ensure that the Churchyard is in tiptop condition throughout the year.

Previously there were basically two volunteer groups which carried out care and maintenance work in the churchyard. Unfortunately, due to the lack of new volunteers in 2010, the Wednesday evening group was disbanded in April last year.

### Thursday morning group

The Thursday morning group meet from 9.30 to 11.30 -12 noon (except for a period of 4 to 6 weeks around Christmas). The work carried out is medium to heavy and includes trimming bushes and trees, tidying neglected grass, removal of self set trees, brambles, ivy etc., filling and seeding sunken graves and other minor tasks that arise during the season.

If you are interested in joining this group (or know anyone who may be keen), even on an occasional basis, please contact Richard Harper (458 1549), John Jelfs (458 2414), the Parish Office (458 3289) or make enquiries in the Church. Volunteers who are not regular worshippers will be made most welcome. Come and get some fresh air and exercise with good company. (It's completely free – no joining fee or monthly direct debit gym charges!!)

### CHURCHYARD LEAF CLEARING

A very big thank you to all who came and helped clear up the leaves in November last year. the provisional dates for leaf clearing this year are:-

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Please wear stout footwear and gloves and bring a rake if possible.

Richard Harper

the parish of St Margaret, Nongoma have been able to successfully rehouse the family.

'They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated...'

### **My turn now! I am holding in my hand a toilet handle.**

When we stayed in Nongoma in May, I was very ill and eventually hospitalised. To be in a home with adequate sanitation felt literally like a life saver for forty eight hours. The rectories at St Margaret's and St Aiden's in Nongoma were built with Zulem Trust funds. More seriously than providing shelter for me, it means that Nongoma is an attractive place for clergy to serve. Which means, in turn, that the work of the Zulem Trust extends to that community in ways we can't begin to describe. We hope and dream of similar enterprises extending to even poorer parts of the diocese.

'The LORD has anointed me... to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour...'

### **And a cabbage. (Whatever next?)**

Our field workers have been instrumental in the building of a new garden project in St Vincent's parish in the Isandlwana region. Fresh free food for orphan-led families and income from the sale of said cabbages to support the community. This is a big move forward this year; in 2008 crops had been planted by various parishes but had either failed or had been eaten by goats because the women had forgotten about the need for fencing.

'The fields and meadows are greening up. The trees are bearing fruit again...'

### **You hold much more than we can begin to describe in an article like this. But (for now) you hold a dog collar.**

The first woman priest in the Diocese was appointed to St Margaret's Nongoma. Sadly, she died. But in her memory, the Zulem Trust have created a bursary to assist women ordinands in their theological studies. It was wonderful to meet this year's ordinand at a diocesan celebration with the Archbishop Thabo Makgoba.

### **And finally, you hold the future in your hands**

... a covenant with men and women in KwaZuluNatal to create a future filled with hope. Covenant is entirely ubuntu-shaped – we find our humanity through the humanity of others – we flourish through promoting the flourishing of others. SePedi has a proverb for this: "Mphiri o tee ga o lle" – "One bangle makes no sound. But working in harmony can create a beautiful symphony!" (Archbishop Thabo).

### **As we wave our palm crosses, may we hear the music of another half a million creating a symphony with yours!**

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The Flea Market and Craft Fayre is every last Saturday in the month. Tables, just £10 each, need to be booked and paid for in advance due to the increasing popularity. Doors open at 10am until 2pm.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 10 – 3pm. Easter Egg-stravaganza. Take part in our “Egghead” Challenge quiz and join the hunt for clues around our Tudor buildings to bring you a chocolaty surprise.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 12 noon – 3pm, “The Big Lunch”.  
Fancy a picnic?! Come along with a packed lunch and join us for a day of fun picnicking on the green.

## Kings Norton Farmers Market

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April 2011  
9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.**



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We are all invited to Messy Church on Farmers' Market Saturdays from 10am to 12 noon in St Nicolas Church.

The next one will be on Saturday 9th April. These are craft sessions on a Biblical theme for all ages - a great opportunity to have fun and get to know each other. We look forward to seeing you there!



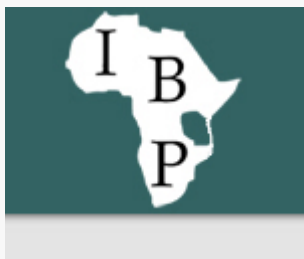
At the Tanzanian end, the project is coordinated by the Sisters of St Francis, an order of Christian nuns whose vision for the creation of the bakery prompted the Schellenbergs to act.

Eugene and Margaret's inspirational account of faith combined with practical action challenged all those who heard it that evening. To those of us who listened, it was clear that their simple yet costly obedience to God's invitation opened the door to a miracle which continues to grow.

The New Testament tells the story of an occasion when Jesus' audience handed him the little food they had and he turned it into an inexhaustible feast. It's an account which can be read on many levels. It is also a pattern which has been reproduced throughout history as men and women have handed their meagre resources over to Christ and He has multiplied them in ways which human reason struggles to explain.

This, surely, is another example of the overwhelming generosity and ingenuity of God, who waits only for us to say "yes" before making us the answer to other people's prayers.

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## Rebecca and Brian Get Married

We are delighted to announce that Mr Brian Clarke and the Revd Rebecca Pullin were married quietly at Norwich Cathedral on 15th March, Rebecca's birthday. After becoming Vicar of Highters Heath in February and Mrs Clarke in March, April might seem a little empty for Rebecca ... apart from Holy Week and Easter! We hope to make a presentation to Rebecca and Brian in April. Please look out for details.





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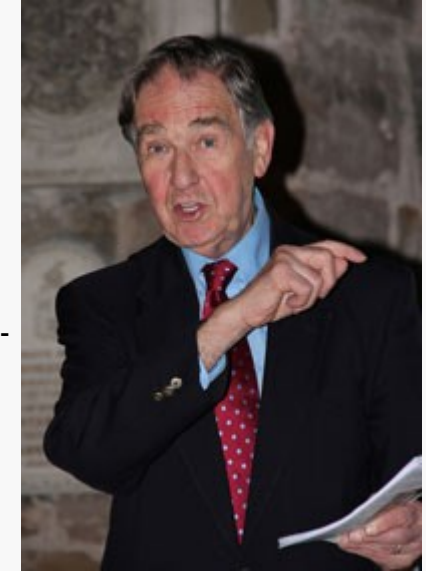
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## Mission Focus - Ifakara Bakery Project

On the evening of Sunday 27th February 2011, following the evening service, a group of about 30 people gathered for a simple meal of bread, cheese and fruit in the South Aisle of St Nicolas' Church.

They were there not only to share a meal in a place and in a style which seems to be catching on at St Nicolas', but to hear about a remarkable project in a remote corner of Africa whose purpose is to provide free bread for hundreds.

In 1998, Kings Norton residents Eugene and Margaret Schellenberg went on holiday to Tanzania. In a way that they could not possibly have foreseen, their visit triggered a series of conversations and meetings with local people which led, within a remarkably short time, to the construction and equipping of the first bakery ever to be built in the small town of Ifakara, some 250 miles to the south-west of Dar es Salaam. Their willingness to respond to a simple request for help has had a profound and lasting impact on the lives of countless Tanzanians.



Today, with the continued support of the Schellenbergs and many friends and supporters, the Ifakara bakery continues to provide daily bread for hundreds of people. Some of the loaves are sold; many are given free of charge to the local hospital, kindergarten and orphanage, paid for by donations from Britain and elsewhere.





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## *Women's Fellowship*

Our meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April in the Ashford Room, St. Nicolas Place.

The programme is to be Slides and a Talk on the Ifakara Bakery given by Eugene and Margaret Schellenberg.

Visitors are welcome.

Alison Blumer, Chairman.

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## **KINGS NORTON HISTORY SOCIETY**

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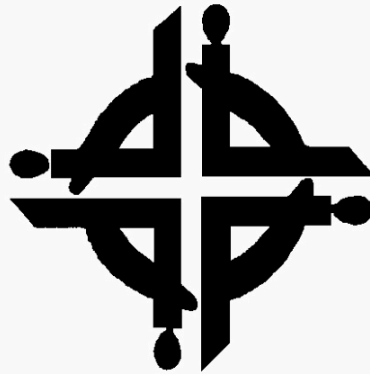
Doors open at 7.00 p.m. and the talk will begin at 7.30 p.m.

Visitors are always welcome to the Society's meetings.

Claire Simpson, Chairman.

## Women's World Day of Prayer

This year's service, held on the first Friday in March, was prepared by the women of **Chile** and then translated and brought to each participating country. (There are now many hundreds and it goes into about 170 languages!)



It took as its theme, Bread; in Gospel story (Mark 6), in Elijah's bread (1 Kings 17: 8-16) and in hearing about life stories of Chileans through the prepared service and our guest speaker, Pamela Castro. Bread forms a central part of almost every meal for the extremely hospitable and welcoming Chileans – they will share their last meal with you – just like the Widow of Zarephath with Elijah. In the afternoon, 60 ladies from at least 6 different denominations worshipped together in St. Nicolas and then met for bread, cake and tea. In the evening, a smaller group, predominantly from Saint Nicolas, met for a Chilean meal and time to hear about Chile and worship together.

Next year's service will be at Cotteridge Church in the afternoon (first Friday of March at 2.00pm) and the evening service will again include a meal and may well be at St Nicolas again. We will be using material produced by the ladies of Malaysia. Ladies, do please join us; there is something very powerful about knowing you are part of a whole day of prayer happening worldwide – as one country goes to bed, another is just starting its time of learning, fellowship and worship. The final hymn each year is "The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is Ended" particularly for the line – "The voice of prayer is never silent, nor dies the strain of praise away".

Sylvia Fox

## GREETINGS FROM IMMANUEL CHURCH!

At our AGM in March, we shall be sharing thanksgivings of all that has happened at Immanuel this past year as well as celebrating together in the:

**35th Anniversary during 2011 of worship and fellowship at The Fairway Centre and 45 years of worship and fellowship on Wychall Estate.**

Wychall Lane (District) Church began as a prayer group led by Revd Chris Copeland (then Assistant Curate at Kings Norton), which included members of the United Reformed Church, the Methodist Church and of Kings Norton Parish Church. We are blessed to still have two of the original members in our congregation, Betty Joyner and Beryl Wilkes.

Discussion as to the formation of an Ecumenical church on the Chaddesley Estate began and the group moved to worship in Chaddesley Hall. Revd Chris Copeland (Assistant Curate from 1971) was appointed Team Vicar in 1973 and was given responsibility for Wychall Lane Church. The ecumenical discussions broke down and the church became instead a daughter church of St Nicolas.

The congregation moved into The Fairway Centre under the name of Wychall Lane Church on Easter Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 1976 and used the small room at the end of the corridor. There were about 12 members. Mary Hudson was licensed as Reader during this time. Revd David Eve succeeded Chris Copeland in 1979 – 1984. During this time, Betty Joyner was licensed as Reader and Geoff Herbert was ordained priest. Revd Nick Bralesford then followed during 1985 – 1990 and Margaret Houlder was licensed as Reader. From 1990-1998, Revd Roger Bristow became clergy lead and Mary Hudson, Sharon Hudson and Paul Peterson were ordained priests and Jayne Crooks was licensed as Reader. Between 1999 and 2011, Fay Fearon and Ruth Howman were licensed as Readers and Jayne Crooks was ordained priest.

It was on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 1995 that Wychall Lane Church was re-dedicated and renamed as Immanuel Church by the Rt. Revd. Mark Santer, Bishop of Birmingham.

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June we shall be sharing in a lunch at Immanuel following the Pentecost service as part of these celebrations. Do join us if you can and bring something to share!

Sarah Crooks

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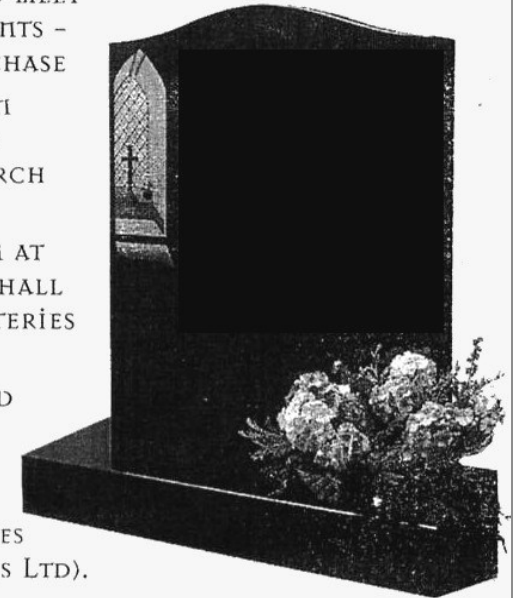


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The psalms are a beautiful collection of poems, songs and laments. No matter what mood you might be in or however you might be feeling, I guarantee there is a psalm that echoes your thoughts. So many of them are reflected in our own hymns and prayers. Sylvia shared Psalm 91 last month and here is part of another psalm – number 25. This translation is the New King James Version, which tries to preserve all that many love about the original KJV, whilst using up to date language.

### Psalm 25

A PSALM OF DAVID

- <sup>1</sup> To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- <sup>2</sup> O my God, I trust in You;  
Let me not be ashamed;  
Let not my enemies triumph over me.
- <sup>3</sup> Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed;  
Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.
- <sup>4</sup> Show me Your ways, O LORD;  
Teach me Your paths.
- <sup>5</sup> Lead me in Your truth and teach me,  
For You are the God of my salvation;  
On You I wait all the day.
- <sup>6</sup> Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your loving kindnesses,  
For they are from of old.
- <sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions;  
According to Your mercy remember me,  
For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

We know that King David wrote many of the psalms and Psalm 25 is one of them. We have a stone carving of King David in St Nicolas Church. It is one of the 14 corbels that adorn the church and it is possible that you have never really looked at them as they are high up and not very well lit. I hope to feature more of them in the coming months.

Revd Jayne Crooks



## My favourite Bible passage

There are quite a few Bible readings that I like, but one of my favourites has to be Romans 8 v 31-39:

"...If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus who died - more than that, who was raised to life - is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things, we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (NIV)

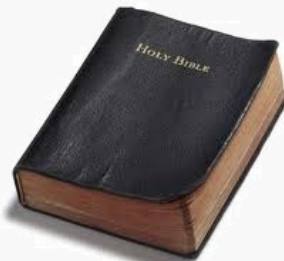
I know that God is always with me. I can pray to him at anytime of the day or night and he is there for me.

The passage says "Who can bring any charge against God's elect, it is God who justifies." It makes me feel rather special to think that I am one of God's elect, as are all Christians. Knowing that our Lord intercedes for us can take away our worries and concerns. When I read these verses they bring me comfort, especially during the difficult times we may have to face, such as illness or the loss of a loved one.

The passage goes on to say: "...neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Whatever time is left to me, these verses give me hope and encouragement in serving God and in reaching out to all I meet to bring God's love to them, until our Lord welcomes me home.

Yours in Christ Jesus,  
Carol Wozencraft.



## February 2011 Baptisms

*"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"*

### February 2011 Marriages

*"Those whom  
has joined together"*

6 <sup>th</sup> February	Harry Paul Davis
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Katy Leigh Burden
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Harmony-Marie Harbidge
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Jack Joseph James Litherland-Ward
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Niki Elizabeth Boyce
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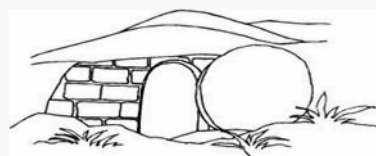


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Matthew 27:57-60

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Joseph believed in Jesus. He was a good and righteous man. It was a big deal for him to go to Pilate and ask for permission to bury Jesus' body, but he still did. He prepared Jesus' body and gave him the tomb which was going to be his own tomb. **He did a good thing for Jesus at a sad time.**

Jesus walks with us every day of our lives. He is there with us in good times and in bad times. Mary and Joseph show themselves to be good disciples and friends of Jesus at a sad time.

Before we celebrate the Resurrection of Easter Day, we have Lent. Lent is a time when we can think about God and our relationship with him. The week before Easter is called Holy Week. During this week we can walk alongside Jesus as he takes his last steps towards the cross. In a time of quiet reflection and in love and prayer, we can think about what Jesus did for us, together showing him, just like Mary of Bethany and Joseph of Arimathea did, that we are his disciples, that we love him and we are his friends.

Dear God,  
Thank you for being with us always.  
We too shall walk with you during Lent, Holy Week  
and every day after that.  
In Jesus' name,  
Amen

## CHILDREN'S PAGE... with Gail.

Hello everyone!

Can you think of a time when you have been sad or unhappy and one of your friends did something really nice, just to show you how much they love you and care for you? At these difficult times in our lives, it is the love and support of our family and friends and the love of God that helps us through. Together, let's look at two people whose actions within the Easter story showed them to be friends of Jesus. Colour the pictures as we go.

*Matthew 26:6-13*

Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the House of Simon the leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment and she poured it on his head as she sat at the table. But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, 'Why this waste? For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum and the money given to the poor.' But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, 'Why do you trouble the woman? **She has performed a good service for me. For you will always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. By pouring this ointment on my body, she has prepared me for burial.**'

The woman, who in the other Gospels is named as Mary, is preparing Jesus for his burial. This story comes straight after Jesus told them about his death. Has she understood something about Jesus which the disciples haven't? Just as Jesus predicted, the cheers of Palm Sunday had turned to jeers by Friday and Jesus died, crucified on a cross.

**Mary did something good for Jesus, something which brought him comfort and prepared him for what was to come.**



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2nd February Marie Smout, 77. Cremation at Robin Hood.  
3rd February Fay Olive Fisher, 67. Service at St Nicolas Church, cremation at Lodge Hill.  
4th February Ann Louise Burton, 73. Cremation at Lodge Hill.  
7th February Elizabeth May Hunt, 83. Service at St Nicolas Church, burial in St Nicolas churchyard.  
7th February Annie Coakley, 95. Service at St Nicolas Church, burial at Brandwood.  
7th February Eileen Mary Harris, 93. Cremation at Lodge Hill.  
8th February Winifred Field, 91. Requiem Mass at St Joseph's Chapel, burial in St Nicolas churchyard.  
10th February Brian Albert Stokes, 72. Cremation at Lodge Hill.  
11th February Edna May O'Driscoll, 80. Cremation at Lodge Hill.  
15th February Florence Anne Everill, 94. Service and burial at Whitton Cemetery.  
16th February Matthew Mark Yates, 85. Cremation at Lodge Hill.  
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17th February Florence Hilda Hearle, 86. Cremation at Lodge Hill.  
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## The Church in the Parish

We are a Church of England Team Parish in partnership with the Methodist Church, serving all in Kings Norton through St Nicolas Parish Church and Hawkesley and Immanuel District Churches.

We believe that the church in Kings Norton exists:  
To be a worshipping transforming partnership in Christ  
To live out God's radical hospitality for all  
To be equipped for work in God's world

### St Nicolas Parish Church *on The Green, Kings Norton, B38 8RU*

**Sunday 8.00 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**10.30 am** Holy Communion Our main service - Oasis for 5-11's

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: 10.30am Parade Service - All Age Worship 11.45am Matins (BCP)*

**6 pm** Evening Worship

*Every Sunday evening we offer prayer, music and quiet for all to share in as you wish. Do come.*

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Taizé Prayer

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Compline (Night Prayer) with a reflection

4th/5th Sundays: Special services or Evensong (BCP)

**Mon, Wed, Thu 9am** Morning Prayer

**Thursday 11 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

*BCP is the Book of Common Prayer from 1662.. Other services are a mixture of ancient and modern words and music, mostly from the Common Worship Service Book 2000.*

### Hawkesley Church (Anglican/Methodist) *at Hawkesley Church Primary School*

*on the corner of Shannon Road and Old Portway Kings Norton, B38 9TR*

**Sunday 10.30am** Worship and Children's Activities (5-11's):

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays – Holy Communion;

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays – Morning Worship.

**Tuesday 10am** Hawkesley Coffee Morning (every two weeks)

### Immanuel Church *at The Fairway Centre*

*on the corner of Wychall Lane and The Fairway, Kings Norton, B38 8XJ*

**Sunday 10.30am** Worship - and Oasis for children of primary school age.

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays – Holy Communion;

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Morning Worship;

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – All Age Worship.

## Open Church

We open St Nicolas Church as much as we can so that all may share God's peace and promise in a space where they have been found and trusted for centuries. There is a place for you within its story. Please pray that more will know it as a safe place for prayer and healing, where sorrow and joy are held in God's love.

We welcome volunteers to share in our offering of welcome, refreshment and care through St Nicolas, Hawkesley and Immanuel, to steward St Nicolas in Open Church times and care for our churchyard, flowers and brasses. Do ask.

### Open Church times

*Do visit, pray, light a candle or share quiet conversation over coffee as you wish*

**Wednesday** 10.00 am – 1.00 pm and 6.30 – 9pm (Candlelit Church)

**Thursday** 6.30 – 8pm for all Marriage and Baptism enquiries,

**Saturday** 10.00 am – 12 noon for coffee, knit-and-natter, prayer  
with **Messy Church** for all ages every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday (Market Day)

### Candlelit Church

Every Wednesday, 6.30 – 9 pm with informal learning together at 8pm

Quiet spaces, candles, conversation, creativity and music

*Arrive at any time; stay for any length of time - as you wish.*

### Tiny Tots

Thursdays, 9.30 am (term time) in St Nicolas Church for 0-5's and parents/carers

## Growing in Faith

We are growing fresh ways for all to grow in faith – those making their very first step, those who have made many and those who are discovering God's love afresh after times of change. Please ask in each church for details.

## Baptisms and Marriages

Please visit St Nicolas on Thursdays between 6.30pm and 8pm to ask any questions and arrange bookings with our clerks. One of the clergy is also present to help if there is a question over whether your service can be held in this parish.

## Helping to keep our parish church open for all

It costs around £800 each week to keep St Nicolas open. We welcome all financial support through donations and especially through regular Planned Giving. Do ask for details and, if a taxpayer, please ask how you may Gift Aid your offering.