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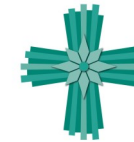
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2013**

Welcome...

The uniformed organisations in this parish have a long history and have benefited the lives of many young people



over the years. We have been hearing about the Scout Group in this magazine now for a number of months and I am pleased that this month we also have an article from the Guides all about their international activities.

November is, of course, when we hold our Remembrance services, an opportunity for us to welcome our young people into church as we remember together those who gave their lives while serving in our armed forces.

The annual appeal to help clear the fallen leaves in the churchyard is on page 9. Please help if you are able. The clearing takes place on three Saturday mornings during the month.

We are also advertising the Christmas Craft Fair and the Hawkesley Christmas Fair, both of which take place this month. They are an opportunity to start your Christmas shopping (if you haven't already!)

Alan Haynes, Editor

From The Rector

Proud to be a sort of Brummie



I've only been here since 1978 – with no idea that this would be home for the rest of my life.

But an adopted Brummie like me feels no less outraged than the Birmingham-born by the remarks of Sir Michael Wilshaw, the OFSTED Chief Inspector.

He came to Birmingham on 15th October to present their report on the critical state of national child care services. No one pretends that they are working well here, despite the utter commitment of social workers, care staff and Peter Hay, the current director. Along with schools, the Sweet Project and so many others who work tirelessly to protect and nurture young people, they deserve and need our prayers and support, as of course do the children in their and our care.

But Sir Michael took no account of the stark fact that our major cities, Birmingham among them, contain more and more who bear the cost of recession in reduced incomes and blighted opportunity.

(Many more children in poverty

here have working parents than not. Do look at www.cuf.org.uk/povertyinengland for a full picture)

He failed to mention the growing numbers in poverty, the difficulty in recruiting experienced social work staff here or the drying up of spending on programmes to support voluntary groups for family and children's support. Instead, he took the opportunity to call our city 'one of the worst places to be born in the western world'.

Yes, we all know that the record of Children's Services here is not good. Changing leadership, policy failures, understaffing and ineffective communication between agencies have hurt too many.

But this is, as so many here testify, a great city to be born and grow up in. In our parish alone, there are dedicated schools, committed volunteers in uniform and other groups and a strong active church commitment to delight in and nurture young people – and to welcome their full part in our common life. We would be delighted to show Sir Michael

198th News



Last month, both the Cubs and Scouts sections went camping. Although they were separate camps, they were both on the same weekend, which turned out to be rather wet (not at all like the previous weekend which had been lovely and sunny).

The rain didn't stop the fun and adventure though and a good time was had by all.

Alan Haynes, Cub Scout Leader



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round what is actually happening here. On 3rd September, he would have seen Malala Yousafzai open our new library. Is she not safe? Is our new library not a huge testimony to Birmingham's vibrancy, resolve and commitment to learning for all ages and all backgrounds? Would he have bothered to notice that here is a richness of culture and a resilient wise embrace of differences in faith, story, food and music (just for starters)? Would he have bothered to notice the commitment of so many of the more affluent here to be neighbours in Christ?

Until he does, he might do well to leave out the grand (but faulty) statements from on high – and embrace our city as it really is.

Yes, we are with so many Brummies, up against it. Yes, there are major issues to be faced. And, yes, as Jesus keeps telling us, children teach us much and deserve the very best. As we know, God gives grace and gifts for us to give it. There is much to do – but our city is a right, good and Godly place to do it – and we have well begun.

Rob Morris

Would he have taken time to go as we do into assemblies and gatherings in schools across our parish where children are alert and ready for so much more and where families, staff and volunteers from the community give so much in stimulus, wisdom, care and support? Would he have noticed the numbers of parents who take work at less than a living wage at unsocial hours in order to make ends meet? Would he have seen how many look for further training? And would he care one morning to wait with all too many for under-staffed benefits and housing services to 're-calculate' benefit, to deal with growing debt and to explain why the answer is 'No'? Or maybe he'd like to help with the Foodbank?

A Christmas Challenge

'Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents' is the beginning of LM Alcott's Little Women. For most of us the idea of Christmas without presents is unthinkable. But this Christmas, that is the reality facing many families living in Kings Norton.

Last year The Sweet Project, supported by donations from the annual Toy Service at St Nicolas, provided Christmas gifts for 60 Kings Norton families, like the mother with three children aged 1, 4 and 6 years who were living on reduced benefits after the father left the family and the

benefits agency 'recalculated' their entitlement. At Christmas, each child received a present plus a surprise present for mum. The joy of both the children and the mother at receiving this small token was heartfelt. In another family, mum had left the family leaving dad to bring up their four boys, two with special needs, with little money going into the home. All the children received stockings of sweets and a toy, plus a small gift for dad.

This year, in partnership with the parish, Sweet Project would like to provide gifts for the children and adults in 100 families. That is a challenge in itself. But could Kings Norton go even further? Could the people of Kings Norton really transform Christmas for 100 local families? Could we provide not only gifts but also decorations, mini hampers and Christmas cards? We know that these families are living in our area, possibly even our street. We know that child poverty here is at 40%. These families are on our doorstep.

So are YOU up for the challenge?

We need donations of the following:

~ Gifts for children of all ages – new

or nearly new – toys, games, books, crayons, puzzles, etc

- ~ Gifts for adults – toiletries, socks, gloves, hats, scarves, etc
- ~ Christmas decorations – new or nearly new – tinsel, baubles, hanging decorations, etc
- ~ Mini Christmas hamper items – mince pies, Yule logs, chocolates, sweets, cheese biscuits, mini Christmas cakes/puddings, etc

If the gifts could be wrapped, that would be a great help, but isn't essential. If you do wrap something, please add a removable tag saying if the gift is for an adult or child, an age guideline (children only) and male or female.

There will also be opportunities to help with wrapping, sorting and putting the hampers together – watch the newsletter for more details. Any donations can be taken to St Nicolas Church at any time or to the Toy Service on Sunday 8th December.

Pauline Weaver & Rob Morris



Saint Nicolas Place would like to thank the Knit and Natterers group from Saint Nicolas Church. They very generously donated funds for our garden and courtyard. This past summer, we were covered in colour and beautiful blooms! Thank you to all who contributed and a special thank you to Greta (and Peg!) for the watering and care. We hope you enjoyed the cake!



The "Giant Card" will arrive in St Nicolas

This year it will be Joseph's Donkey... And if we raise £50 in donations (instead of sending cards to people you will see at Christmas), we can buy someone else a donkey, through Leprosy Mission, to help the person become mobile again, and be able to get to market, clinic and to see their family and friends.

Sylvia Fox

The Rotary Club of Kings Norton

The main purpose of this item is to let readers know about the annual competitions for young people run by Rotary. These cover a broad range of skills but, this year, we are promoting the **Young Writer** competition.

The topic is a story in prose about "What a difference THAT made to my life/their lives". The length of the written work must be about 500 words.

There are two age groups for Intermediate 11-13 years and Senior 14-17 years. Entries will need to reach us by 31st March 2014. There are three stages to the competition starting with this local one, then the area stage which is broadly the West Midlands and then the national final stage.

If anyone is interested in this and wants further information, please contact me on 0121 444 2020 or email colinguy1930@yahoo.co.uk.

We meet on most Tuesdays for lunch. Please contact me if you would like to know more about Rotary.

Colin Guy



Church Urban Fund

At Harvest Supper this year (Sept 28th), we heard from Fred Rattley about the Church Urban Fund: its origins, developments and current work. CUF is one of our parish-wide charities and although its title may not sound very dynamic, the work it does is absolutely vital.

The **Faith in the City** report in the early 1980's was partnered with a massive fund raising exercise, and many millions of pounds were gathered and invested. The money came from ordinary worshippers in a way it simply could not achieve today, but due to the good investments, made at a time of high interest, the fund is still working today.

CUF works in many ways, and one of them is to produce statistics which demonstrate areas of poverty and need within a particular parish. It then uses these statistics to lobby the government, and also gives grant funding to church and community projects which are targeted to alleviate poverty and its causes in specific places.

On the overall deprivation scale (where the figure 1 represents the least deprived in the country), our parish ranks 12,343 out of 12,775 parishes in England. This means that our parish is among the most deprived in the country, and puts us shoulder to shoulder with neighbours, Aston and Nechells, Castle Vale, Quinton, Erdington, Handsworth and Frankley. If you like percentages instead, this is 96.6% - putting us in the top 5% of deprivation in the whole country. It is also one of the largest parishes, with over 28,000 residents (rising towards 30,000 again with areas of new build).

The way the figures are laid out, uses indicators or categories that are commonly used in publically available government data, so that the data is easily compared. They have been converted from a range of geographical areas to parish boundaries of the Church of England



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Aspect of need	Percentage affected in the parish with the lowest rate for this aspect	KING'S NORTON	Percentage affected in the parish with the highest rate for this aspect
Child Poverty (% children in poverty)	0%	40% (9072 out of 9386)	65%
Pensioner Poverty (% pensioners on low incomes)	0%	27% (8696 out of 9388)	69%
Working Age Poverty (% adults on key benefits)	1%	21% (8960 out of 9388)	60%
Life Expectancy Boys (from birth)	66 years	72 years (540 out of 8647)	88 years
Life Expectancy Girls (from birth)	70 years	79 years (1865 out of 8738)	99 years
No qualifications (% of working adults without any qualifications)	1%	38% (8828 out of 9385)	63%
Social housing (% of household living in social rented housing)	0%	39% (8948 out of 9360)	87%
Lone Parenthood (lone parent families as % of all families with children)	0%	41% (9106 out of 9388)	67%
Ethnic Diversity (% of population who are not white british)	1%	20% (7729 out of 9385)	97%
Older Population (% of population who are aged over 65 and older)	1%	16% (3353 out of 9385)	59%

These figures can be used in several ways.

They can inform our prayers. They can be used in applications for funding from various agencies, including CUF itself, when trying to design support networks for particular groups of people. They can inform our action – as we have seen by the immense generosity of so many for the Foodbank and for the SWEET project, especially over Harvest-time. They can be used to lobby for specific needs (one of the reasons that the Foodbank collects similar information from its “shoppers”).

were Tracey, Ellie and Natalie who took part in a European 'Jailbreak' Challenge, visiting 3 countries over a week, France, Italy and Germany and completing various challenges along the way... a very exciting venture, despite getting stuck in a glass lift in Paris! Venice, though, was certainly the city they enjoyed the most!

The next to depart were Ashleigh, Charlotte, Jess and Paige who attended the 'Marsna Jamborette' in Holland, a two week Scout and Guide international camp. This was a fabulous opportunity for the girls to make lots of new friends from different countries and participate in lots of activities. They also managed to squeeze in a quick sightseeing visit to Belgium on their journey home from the Netherlands.



Then, in August, Bethan, Casey, Christine, Grace and Katie visited 'Our Cabana', our Guide World Centre in Mexico for two weeks. A highlight from their trip was organising a fun-day for the local children where Our Cabana is located in Mexico, a very deprived area which made the girls realise just how fortunate young people are in the UK. Another highlight was visiting 'Six Parks' providing the opportunity to swim with dolphins!

They have all returned with new-found friendships and the most wonderful memories to last a lifetime!

Claire Storrie
Kings Norton District Commissioner

Girlguiding International Adventures (2013)

Girlguiding provides numerous opportunities for its members, young and old! The most memorable of these opportunities always follows after participation in a Guide International trip!

During this Summer of 2013, Kings Norton District was very proud to have 12 of its members; a leader plus 11 Guides/Senior Section members (aged 14-18 years) attend County International trips to Mexico, the Netherlands and a European 'Jailbreak' Challenge. Each selected to represent Girlguiding Birmingham whilst participating in their respective trips. The participants were from the Guide units who meet at Cotteridge Church (190th Guides), Hawkesley Church (141st Guides) and Saint Nicolas Place (247th Guides) and from the Ranger unit who meet at Cotteridge Church (1st Kings Norton District Rangers).

As part of their experience, the young members participating in trips were encouraged to fundraise to help fund their trips themselves, rather than solely relying upon parental support. The girls organised numerous fundraising events - cake sales, quiz nights, a Burns Night Supper and these were supported by lots of people from the three local churches in Kings Norton; Cotteridge, Hawkesley and Saint Nicolas, as well as receiving grants from Kings Norton United Charities. They were very grateful for everyone's support and it certainly helped towards the £16,400 that the 12 members needed to raise collectively.

So, first to depart at the end of July



On their own, they can make tough reading, especially if you look only at the figures, and not beyond the numbers, to the people that they represent. With prayer and action, they can be powerful tools for justice and action.

"Poverty isn't something that just happens in far away places - it's a fact of too many people's lives on our own doorsteps. The Church Urban Fund challenges that poverty, tackles injustice and helps people who have been marginalized to reclaim their dignity through the projects it supports and the partnership it offers. This is an immensely valuable task and one which I am delighted to support." Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, May 2011.

Sylvia Fox

Churchyard Leaf Clearing Autumn 2013

This year we will be clearing up the leaves in the Churchyard on:

Saturday 2nd November

Saturday 16th November

Saturday 23rd November

9.30am to 12.30pm



Please come along to help with this large task, with stout footwear, gloves and a rake if possible.

New rakers, both young and not so young will be welcomed

Richard and John

Kings Norton Parish: Coming Soon!

Churchyard leaf-clearing

Please come on any or all of these sessions.

Sat: 9.30-12.30 noon **Nov 2nd, 16th & 23rd.**

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Sat 2nd Nov: Lego Night: 6pm in St Nicolas: Fish and Chip supper.
Supper tickets from Pauline Weaver or the Parish Office.
No charge if not having supper.

Sunday 3rd Nov - All Saints Sunday

Thurs 7th Nov: Women's Fellowship: 2.00 pm Saint Nicolas Place.
Hearing about the work of the Mothers' Union and how we might fit in or not.

Sat 9th Nov: Christmas Craft Fair: 10am-2pm

Saint Nicolas Place & St Nicolas Church

Crafts, gifts, refreshments, entertainment for all

with **Messy Church** in church 10-12 noon and Handbells at 11 am.

Remembrance Sunday: November 10th

10.30am Remembrance /Parade at St Nicolas. 10.30am Hawkesley
6pm Holy Communion and Remembrance of those we love

Sat 23rd Nov: St Cecilia Crafts and Music afternoon for all ages,
2-4pm in St Nicolas with High Tea to close. (£2 to include tea.)

Wed 27th November Introduction to Matthew.

10.30am and 8pm at St Nicolas.

Matthew will be the main Gospel for 2013-2014. These two sessions (the same at to different times) will offer an introduction.

Sat 30th Nov: 10.30 - 1.30 pm : **Hawkesley Christmas Bazaar**

All the usual stalls, entertainments and food.

No coffee or Knit and Natter at St Nicolas today



Holy Island of Lindisfarne. At different times of day, and in different weather conditions, the mood of the landscape changed; but always there was something of beauty, something of God.


Over that fortnight, my holiday reading included a book written by Canon Graham Usher, who is Rector of the Northumbrian town of Hexham. Its title is ***Places of Enchantment: Meeting God in Landscapes***. In this book, Canon Usher offers reflections on different types of landscapes, such as forest, river, mountain, desert, sea and sky. He draws on the Bible, on poetry and art, and on his own love of the natural world to help us think about how these different landscapes can speak in different ways of God. Reading the book whilst surrounded by some of the landscapes of which the author speaks was inspiring stuff; but I can recommend it wholeheartedly, no matter where you may find yourself.

In these different ways, the same truth has been reinforced for me. It is a truth that many have discovered in their own experience. Wherever we are, wherever we go, and whatever life has in store for us, God is with us. God is our companion on the journey, our shepherd and our constant guide. Thanks be to God!

Revd John

Landscapes of Life

*Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.*

 Our journey through the Book of Psalms in the parish nurture course **Life in God** is nearly at an end. In the words that my 19 year old son likes to use to describe almost any film or TV programme, it has been 'an emotional rollercoaster'. In the company of the Psalmist, we have explored both the heights and the depths of what it is to be human, sharing such experiences as wonder, trust, joy, grief, guilt, forgiveness, and longing. It has been a journey of discovery, as we have learned more of what it means for us to be creatures and children of God, made and loved by a faithful Creator and Redeemer.

In one session of **Life in God**, our focus was on the best known and probably best loved of all the Psalms. So many people over the years have found comfort in the words of the 23rd Psalm, often in the form of the hymn *The Lord's my Shepherd*. One aspect of the psalm that stood out for me was that of the different landscapes through which the sheep and the shepherd travel. Some of those landscapes are restful and reassuring, such as the green pastures and quiet waters. Others are fearful and forbidding; the steep pathways and, most threatening of all, the dark valley of the shadow of death. But through them all, God's presence is constant.

This summer (and yes, that does feel a long time ago now the clocks have changed for winter!), I was lucky enough to be able to spend a couple of weeks on holiday with my family in the beautiful county of Northumberland. Sometimes in the car, sometimes on foot, we were able to explore this wonderful and unspoilt region. Our wanderings took us through varied landscapes, from the rather bleak hills of the Cheviots, through tree-lined river valleys populated more by sheep than people, to the stunning coastline between the ruined castle of Dunstanburgh and the

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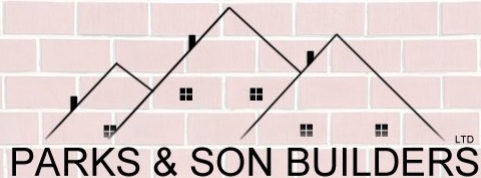
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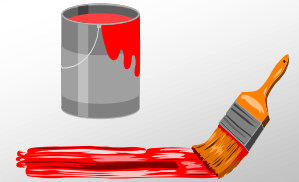
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the battlefield. Nations were urged to send delegates to a conference. In Berlin, as elsewhere, recognition of the need snowballed and fourteen governments responded. So was birthed the Geneva Convention and the formulation of the Red Cross.

Bismark, mobilising his well equipped Prussians, produced in his quarrel with the Austrians a massacre of similar proportions. However, this time both sides honoured the Geneva Convention, and the Red Cross saw their first major battlefield role.

In Algeria, things were not looking so good. Plague, cholera, earthquakes and drought worsened by war, saw Dunant's tottering empire collapse. His financial ruin did not bode well with his fellow Red Cross leaders who dismissed him from office.



Though the organisation would go on to leave an indelible mark on history, Dunant, at the age of fifty three, joined the ranks of the destitute.

He was now, however, better able to hear the voice of God he had suppressed for so many years. He had placed his trust in his own ingenuity and abilities, but now he turned back to the Friend who said he would never leave nor forsake him. Pleading for forgiveness, he sought his Lord and Saviour, yielding once more his life to Christ. He found again the reality of walking with God and knowing him who had borne his sin away through his own punishment on his behalf.

His prayer had been that of David's in Psalm 25:7 "Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD." The prodigal had returned.

Frank Williamson is a Missionary with Birmingham City Mission and Pastor at Kings Norton Baptist Church.

September 2013 Baptisms

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

25 th August	Isabella-Rose Annie Moore
1 st September	Leila Evelyn Osborne
1 st September	Daisy May Birch
1 st September	Josh Adam Nation
1 st September	Oscar Rae Sheldon
1 st September	Leo Robert Sheldon
15 th September	Eleanor Olivia Semak

September 2013 Marriages

"Those whom God has joined together"

7 th September	David John Worthington and Lynn Tracy Morley
14 th September	Barry Neil Harper and Natasha Jean Comelio
21 st September	Paul Simon Jones and Kelly Pickering
28 th September	Curtis George Parker and Karen Jane Penny

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All would go well he thought, though he knew there was one problem that could unhinge everything - the need for water. Irrigation and the diversion of water to his land was essential. He sought the necessary permissions as he hurriedly laid out plantations and built mills and housing.

However, the complex political landscape topped by insurmountable bureaucracy frustrated his efforts to the point of frustration. With interest to be found to repay hungry investors he, in desperation, sought an audience with the Emperor of France Napoleon III. This did not prove easy. He resorted to producing a rapidly cast biography flattering the Emperor. With this he pursued him to Italy and to the battlefield.

This visit was to be the turning point of his life. Dunant, so far ignorant of the horrors of war, was to observe at close quarters during the battle of Solferino the gruesomeness of modern warfare. What began with puffs of white smoke rising from cannon soon developed into the most terrible bloodbath imaginable. Soldiers rushing with bayonets extended thrusting, lunging, cutting and stabbing men who fell in their thousands. The new cannons wreaked havoc, leaving men torn apart and dismembered. Further screaming came as the cavalry and then gun carriages overran the writhing bodies. Even Napoleon, as he pushed back the Austrians, was stunned by the appalling cost of victory. More than forty thousand were left wounded. Dunant observed these wounded lying helpless, looking up from blood stained muddy puddles and strewn across the streets. The peasants had fled in fear. For three days and nights, he lived the nightmare he was to remember all his life. Known as the 'man in white' Dunant organised and led the medical relief work among the battle's wounded.



The signing of the Geneva Convention

This experience soon found its expression with the pen in a book which shocked the world, the 'Souvenir de Solferino'. Dunant called for relief societies to be established that would be regarded as neutral by both sides on

For all the Saints

A Bible Character or a Christian from the pages of history, retold by Frank Williamson.

Jean Henri Dunant



Jean Henri Dunant's life was one of fascinating contrasts. Born in 1828 to a privileged landowning family in wealthy Geneva, he grew up in these sumptuous surroundings at a time of European greatness. How different this would be to some of Henri's later experiences. Jean's parents were devout churchgoers, which projected him as a broad shouldered, red headed teenager of seventeen, to pursue answers for himself. The questions of life, and the possibility that a person could know God, drew him to join others who regularly packed into a large city church to hear the passionate preaching of Louis Gassen. A year later, he had surrendered his life to Christ. His new found zeal led him to visiting prison cells and speaking to the inmates about finding the Saviour. In his house, he drew many into conversing about spiritual things. These meetings grew in attendance to over a hundred, leading to the formation of the Swiss Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA). Three years later, in 1855, this had grown into the World Alliance of YMCAs. Dunant, as he travelled as a bank executive, was able to service these associations, his heart and energy being directed to the strengthening and helping of others in the faith.



Jean Henri Dunant,
the founder of the Red Cross

In business, Dunant's abilities brought promotion and led him to positions of great responsibility. He was soon managing huge investments in the newly opening land of Algeria. Away from Europe, he was drawn to the prestige, power and luxury that this pioneering wealth enabled. The promise of personal prominence lured his heart away from his Christian life and the YMCA work. His embroilment increased as he invested heavily in holdings. Speculating in land with a view to lucrative plantation, mining and factory returns was risky. He sunk his life and reputation into a tremendous gamble.

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September 2013 Funerals

"I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord

- 6th September Christine Mary Townsend, 74. Cremation at Redditch.
- 9th September Kenneth Roger Twigg, 67. Cremation at Lodge Hill.
- 9th September Beryl Daphne Read, 82. Service in St Nicolas Church, cremation at Redditch.
- 11th September John Francis O'Ryan, 59. Interment of ashes in St Nicolas churchyard.
- 13th September Mary Margaret Read, 85. Interment of ashes in St Nicolas churchyard.
- 19th September Lilian Taylor, 87. Cremation at Lodge Hill.
- 20th September Roy William Hill, 72. Burial in St Nicolas churchyard.
- 24th September Elise Warrilow, 89. Cremation at Robin Hood.
- 27th September Maria Teresa Millington, 60. Service in St Nicolas Church, burial in St Nicolas Churchyard.

Matthew begins his gospel with a **genealogy**. A genealogy is like a family tree. For Matthew, it is important to identify Jesus within the bloodline of the Jewish ancestors and the Messiah they have been waiting for.



Kingdom of Heaven language – Jews don't say the word God as it is a sacred or holy word. Kingdom of Heaven is used instead of God but it means the same thing.

Son of David is a title used more commonly for Jesus. Son of David is a Jewish messianic title.

Matthew has a hostile relationship with the **Religious Leaders** of his time whom Jesus accuses of 'talking the talk but not walking the walk'. This is a saying we say today when people say one thing but then behave in a manner which is opposite.

Emphasis on the **Torah, Law and Jewish Customs** all show that the way Jesus lived his life and ministry isn't new, but deeply rooted in the old.

However, as in any good book or film, beginnings and endings are important and at the beginning and end of Matthew's gospel, we have important accounts of Gentiles.

At Matthew 2:7-12 we are told of three Wise Men visiting the newly born Jesus. **The first people to recognise Jesus as the hoped for Messiah were Gentiles.**

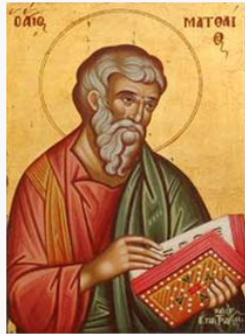
At Matthew 27:54 in the account of the death of Jesus we are told that the first person to announce that Jesus truly was the Messiah was a centurion. **The first person to declare Messiahship to Jesus when he died on the cross was a Gentile.**

Do you know of any more encounters Jesus had with Gentiles in Matthew's Gospel?

Matthew's Gospel is Good News for both Jew and Gentile and shows how we can't ignore the Jewish Scriptures, but need them to make sense of who Jesus was and is.

CHILDREN'S PAGE...

with Gail.



Hello everyone!

With only a few weeks until the beginning of Advent and the start of the lectionary year, this month we are going to have a look at some of the themes in Matthew's gospel in preparation for the coming year's teachings.



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SEEING TOGETHER

Matthew, Mark and Luke are the Synoptic Gospels. This is because they are very similar in the stories that they tell. However, it is just as important to recognise their differences and to question what these add to our knowledge of Jesus and our relationship with God and each other.

When you think of Matthew's Gospel, what is the first thing that comes into your mind? This might be a particular parable, teaching, style, words of Jesus, people...

When I think of Matthew's Gospel, I think of Jesus as teacher, Wise Men, mountains, lots of quotations from the Old Testament prophets and the repetitive statement, 'The Kingdom of Heaven is like...'

For Matthew there are two groups of people –
JEWS = people who knew the Jewish Scriptures and
GENTILES = everybody else.

Matthew's gospel is commonly thought to be the most Jewish of the gospels because of its many direct quotations and references to the **Prophets** and its parallels to **Moses**, **mountains** and the **Exodus story**. We will come back to some of these over the next few months.

Can you think of any parts of Matthew's gospel which may make us think of the Exodus story? The Exodus story is when, through Moses, God brought the people of Israel out of slavery and they lived in the desert for 40 years before being brought into the Promised Land.

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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 B38 8RU*

Sunday 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 am Holy Communion Oasis for 5-11's
2nd Sunday 10.30am Morning Worship/Parade for all ages
4pm Holy Baptism (*1st and 3rd Sundays*)
6 pm Evening Worship

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

1st Sunday: Taizé Prayer 2nd Sunday: Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing

3rd Sunday: Night Prayer and reflection 4th/5th Sundays: Special services/Evensong (BCP)

Mon, and Wed, 9am Morning Prayer
Thursday 11am Holy Communion (BCP)

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

Hawkesley Church (Anglican/Methodist)

at Hawkesley School on the corner of Shannon Road and Old Partway, Kings Norton, B38 9TR

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

1st & 3rd Sundays Holy Communion;
2nd & 4th Sundays Morning Worship.

Tuesday 10am Hawkesley Coffee Morning (every two weeks)

Immanuel Church

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Women's Fellowship

meets on Thursday 7th November, 2pm, in Saint Nicolas Place. This month we will be hearing about the work of the Mothers' Union. We were originally a Mothers' Union back in the 1950's here at St Nicolas, but left the organisation, along with many neighbouring churches, due to their then rigid attitude to membership (no divorcees, single women, women who had adopted children...). The modern Mothers' Union is very different now, with a world-wide influence, and embracing all women who wish to be members, and even some intrepid men. We'll be exploring if MU membership might be right for King's Norton once again.

Sylvia Fox

KINGS NORTON HISTORY SOCIETY

Kings Norton History Society's meeting will be held on Monday 25th November when JEZ COLLINS will be 'CELEBRATING BIRMINGHAM'S POPULAR MUSIC HISTORY' with us. Doors open at 7.00 p.m. and the talk will start at 7.30. Visitors are always welcome at the Society's meetings.

Claire Simpson, Chairman

The Seniors' Club

We meet every Wednesday from 1pm until 3pm in the Ashford Room, Saint Nicolas Place.

All retired folk are very welcome to come along and join us to make new friends. Our activities include: entertainment from singers, choirs and musicians, speakers who give interesting talks on a variety of subjects, quizzes, outings, games and raffles. It's a great place for meeting people and tea and biscuits are always served. All this for only £1. We look forward to meeting you!

Please contact Marlene on 459 1636 or Kings Norton Parish Office on 459 3289 for more details.

Men's Monday Nights Out

We will be visiting Thania Spice in West Heath on Monday 11th November, 8pm.

For more details please contact Alan Haynes on 07534 615489. Thank you.

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 2nd Saturday (Market Day)

Candlelit Church

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

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

Tiny Tots Thursdays, 9.00-10.30am in St Nicolas Church for 0-5's and parents/carers.

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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.

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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.

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.

KINGS NORTON TEAM PARISH

People, Places and Contacts

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