

**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, Matthew Coulter, Sandra.

**Those who have died and those who grieve for them:** Sibongile Makombe.

**B30 and South B’ham Foodbank:** Thank you to all who support B30 and South Bham Foodbank. Our most urgent needs are currently tinned: spaghetti, tomatoes, soup, pasta shapes, vegetables, rice pudding, meat or baked beans; rice (500g); tinned/ cartons instant custard; instant noodles, UHT semi-skimmed milk, liquid/bars soap.

The totals are now in from the various fundraising activities that took place around the Parish for **Christian Aid Week** and the grand total raised was a fantastic **£1,592.19**. Thank you to all who coordinated events. *Rev. Jayne*

**More “forward planning” for Advent!** The table covers for “To Bethlehem” have been laundered - with grateful thanks, but we have a need for some “sky” to be created. Currently, the “sky” for the in-altar stable is re-used at Easter meaning quite a lot of duplication of storage boxes needing to be moved / used in rapid succession. Ideally we need two identical versions. Is there a stitcher who could volunteer to make a second “sky”? - we have all the material/tapes needed. *Sylvia Fox*.

The flowers by the chapel are in memory of those in the Glider Pilot Regiment who died on D-Day; my uncle, Staff Sergeant Billy Marfleet, was one of them. My thanks to Penny Hattersley for a beautiful arrangement. *Steve Wright*

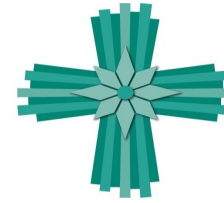
For more detailed information about what’s on in Kings Norton, pick up a copy of the Parish Magazine, on sale at the back of St Nicolas Church.

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# In Touch



## The Parish of St Nicolas Kings Norton

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**Sunday 16th June 2024— Trinity 3**

This week’s gospel is all about planting seeds and the wonder that is the development and growth from those seeds. It never ceases to amaze me when tiny shoots appear in the seeds tray, and “all” I planted was a minute black or brown dot. God’s creation is truly wonderful even if you understand at least some of the botanical science behind it.

But Mark is not giving us a botany lesson - he is using it as a means of describing the Kingdom of God to a culture whose whole existence was based around semi-subsistence agriculture and fishing. Those who sow the seeds of faith may not see the next stages of development. The person in whom the seed is sown may move away and blossom in another fellowship, or it may take some years of dormancy before the seed develops - and the planter is no longer alive to see the development. The important thing here is that the planters had faith themselves to plant the seed in the first place. Others will nurture the “seed” as it develops and when the “fruit/grain” is produced, then it is the time of the “harvester” to gather the harvest and plant new seeds in future generations.

We all have our part to play in furthering the Kingdom - whether that be planting, nurturing or harvesting.

*Sylvia Fox*

**COLLECTIONS:** No collections are taken at our services. You can give by placing donations in one of the boxes at the back of church or by using the contactless payment machine.

**16th June readings:**

**2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17  
(p.178)**

**Mark 4: 26-34 (p.37)**

**23rd June readings:**

**2 Corinthians 6: 1-13 (p.178)**

**Mark 4: 35-41(p.37)**

**Collect for the week**

God our saviour,  
look on this wounded world  
in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of peace  
won for us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.



**Dates for the Diary**

**Monday 17 June 7.30pm-9.00pm—Men's Group 1940s Garden Party, Rectory Garden.** To mark the 80th Anniversary of D-Day on 6 June, Men's Group warmly invites you to a 1940s Garden Party. There'll be dessert, drinks, games, music and a sing-song. It's not compulsory, but it would be great if you dressed up. It would also be appreciated if you could bring along a family photo or item from the time for a display during the evening. If you have any questions please speak to John Adams, David Badger or Steve Wright.

**Monday 24th June 7.30pm—PCC meeting in church**

**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. **Please note correct price for the adult 2-course meal is £25.00 p.p. (children under 10 years £12 each)** *Booking forms are now available at the back of church.*



**What's On in the Parish  
this week**



**Sunday 16th June**

9.00am: BCP Holy Communion  
10.30am: Holy Communion  
12.30pm: Baptisms  
6.00pm: Evening Prayer

**Monday 17th June**

7.30pm: Men's Group open event in rectory garden: all welcome

**Wednesday 19th June**

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

**Thursday 20th June**

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

**Saturday 15th June**

10.00am-12md: Open Church at St Nicolas

**Sunday 23rd June**

9.00am: BCP Holy Communion  
10.30am: Morning Praise  
3.00pm: Growing with God—St Nicolas churchyard  
6.00pm: Compline