

**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:** Tony Gittus, Violet Jones, Amanda Dale, Brian (Barney) Morris, Sibongile Makombe.

**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: spaghetti, tomatoes, soup, pasta shapes, vegetables, rice pudding or baked beans; rice (500g); tinned/cartons instant custard; chocolate bars, 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*

**“Bring your travel cup / mug to church!”** we encourage regular worshippers to bring their own cup-for-life to church each Sunday. Please help reduce expenditure on and usage of single-use cups . Branded cup-for-life mugs are available in church for purchase.

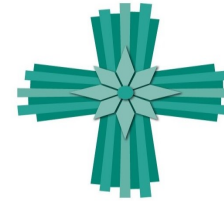
For more detailed information about what's on in Kings Norton, pick up a copy of the Parish Magazine, on sale at the back of St Nicolas Church.

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# In Touch



## The Parish of St Nicolas Kings Norton

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**Sunday 9th June 2024— Trinity 2**

**Mark 3 v20 '...and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat'**

Are you too busy? Does it feel like you never have a moment without someone needing something from you? Do you sometimes wish you could just get away and be left alone for a while?

In our Gospel reading for today Jesus is surrounded by the crowds to such an extent that he doesn't even have time to eat. Little wonder his family try to step in and make sure he is okay. Wouldn't most of us try to do the same if we saw a loved one working themselves into the ground.

But of course there are also critics. They don't, or perhaps won't, see that Jesus is pouring himself out to the people around him because of his love and compassion. Instead they want to blame his activity on the devil and make some terrible claims about who Jesus is and where his power comes from. He wasn't what they were expecting the Messiah, the saviour sent by God, to be like. They were waiting for a ruler, not a servant, a King, not a healer and a great military leader, not a friend of the weak and vulnerable. No wonder they missed God walking right in front of them.

So how do we deal with disappointment? If those around us are not what we expect, or if we are less than we hoped to be? Or do we dare confess that sometimes we even find ourselves disappointed in God? Maybe because of seemingly unanswered prayers or the tragedies that fill the news? Our reading warns us not to miss what God is doing because it does not meet our expectations. We cannot shrink God down into our hopes and ideas, we cannot dictate how God should act or answer our prayers. We can pray that our eyes are open to what God is doing so we don't dismiss or reject the work of the Holy Spirit. A good prayer today might simply be, 'Lord help me to see you, even in unexpected places and people'.

*Rev'd David Booker*

**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.

**9th June readings:**  
**Genesis 3: 8-15 (p.3)**  
**Mark 3: 20-28 (p.35-36)**

**16th June readings:**  
**2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 4-17 (p.178)**  
**Mark 4: 26-34 (p.37)**

**Collect for the week**  
Faithful Creator,  
whose mercy never fails:  
deepen our faithfulness to you  
and to your living Word,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.



### Dates for the Diary

**Saturday 15th June 10.00am to midday in the churchyard** — “Count on Nature”:  
Come and help us spot and count flowers, insects, animals and birds in the churchyard. Crafts and refreshments provided (volunteers also welcome).

**Monday 17th June 7.30pm @ St Chads:** confirmation service

**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.** *Booking forms are now available at the back of church.*



## What's On in the Parish this week



### Sunday 9th June

9.00am: BCP Matins  
10.30am: Holy Communion—Iona liturgy  
11.30am: Confirmation preparation after 10.30am service  
6.00pm Holy Communion with anointing

### Wednesday 12th June

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

### Thursday 13th June

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

### Saturday 15th June

10.00am-12md: Open Church at St Nicolas  
10.00am-12md: Count on Nature— St Nicolas Churchyard

### Sunday 16th June

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