

Please Remember In Your Prayers

Mason Green, Paul Cowley, Gabriella Young, Ray Davies, Jean Ash, Margaret Schellenberg, Val Fletcher, Siobhan and Darlene, Gail & Alison Fergus, June McCoy, Pauline Wells, Joyce Hancock, Neville Mitchell, Maureen Black, Steven Fearon, Jeremy Dacombe.

Those who have died and those who grieve for them: Elizabeth (Betty) Lynch, Lily Dawes, Thomas John Dann, Maureen Petrovic.

B30 and South B'ham Foodbank: Thank you for the generous Harvest Giving. Almost 90kg of food was donated and it will all be in parcels within the next 2-3 weeks. Donations of food and finance are what retains our ability to help all those who are referred for a parcel.

We are now entering Year 11 of operation and will continue to feed hungry people, but will also continue to campaign for improvements in benefits and wages so that the need for foodbanks seriously diminishes over the next 2-3 years.

Grosvenor Court Macmillan Appeal—£720.00 was raised from recent events held at Grosvenor Court. Thank you to all who gave their support.

Tearfund Big Quiz— 140 churches took part across the country on 7th October with over 5,000 contestants. So far over £26,000 has been raised. Our teams at St Nicolas raised £141, so a huge thank you to those who took part.

Church Flowers - if anyone would like to pay for (or donate towards) the flowers on Sunday 29th October please contact Alison Blumer - 07786846092

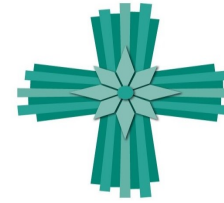
For more detailed information about what's on in Kings Norton, pick up a copy of the Parish Magazine, on sale at the back of St Nicolas Church.

St Nicolas Church has an induction loop (T-loop). It operates with any



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The Parish of St Nicolas Kings Norton

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Sunday 15th October — Trinity 19

This week's New Testament reading gives us a glimpse of two people who were an important part of the fledging Christian Church. Euodia and Syntyche were women leaders in the Philippians fellowship and they were in disagreement. St Paul urges them to "agree in the Lord". My understanding of this is that they were being asked to work out what their differences were and to come to an understanding "in the Lord". Possibly it was more a case of respecting each other's differences, rather than being asked to believe and agree every exact detail. At other times, St Paul talks of those who say: "I follow Paul" or "I follow Apollos" and again he was urging his readers to "follow Christ" rather than the specific teacher or local custom. I think this is something similar – to look beyond that local custom and search for common ground and central tenets of faith rather than the major on the differences. It is also fascinating that Paul specifically names two of the female leaders. He has something of a reputation for promoting a very male-dominated leadership – here is something which gives a more balanced view of him.

And the second half of the New Testament passage has those wonderful verses:

"Rejoice in the Lord alwaysdo not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made know unto God....."

If ever there was an invitation to take all our concerns to God in prayer, here it is.

Sylvia Fox

15th October Readings:

Philippians 4: 1-9

Matthew 22: 1-14

22nd October Readings:

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Matthew 22: 15-22

Collect for the week

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Dates for the Diary

Sunday 15th October 2023 at 4pm - A service for Baby Loss Awareness Week. Join us as we remember. This service is for anyone who has been touched by the death of a child - through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, still birth, neo-natal death or by the death of an older child.

Sunday 29th October at 3.00pm— Annual Memorial Service at St Nicolas.



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



Sunday 15th October

9.00am: BCP Holy Communion

10.30am: Holy Communion

4.00pm: Baby Loss Awareness service

6.00pm: Evening Prayer

Wednesday 18th October

10am: Druids Heath Prayers

10.00am: Knit and Natter @ Hawkesley

10am-12md: Open Church at St Nicolas

12md: Hawkesley midday prayers

Thursday 19th October

9am-11am: Tiny Tots

10am-12md: Churchyard Care Team *Volunteers welcome*

12.30pm: Seniors' Club—Move It or Lose It with Anita Jeskins

Saturday 21st October

10am-12md: Open Church at St Nicolas

Sunday 22nd October

9.00am: BCP Holy Communion

10.30am: Outdoor service (final outdoor service for this year, weather permitting)

6.00pm: Compline