

**Please Remember In Your Prayers**

Mason Green, Paul Cowley, 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, Beatrice Callagan, Christopher Gascoigne, Annette Dickers.

**Those who have died and those who grieve for them:** Margaret Stokes and Jean Ash

**B30 and South B'ham Foodbank:** Many thanks for your continued support. We are buying ever more food as donations of stock continue to decrease, so donations of money are as useful as produce. See Sylvia Fox for information re setting up a direct debit; cash donations are equally welcome. Continuing to give food items in the collection bin is also very helpful. This week's most urgent items are pasta sauce, tinned spaghetti, rice (500g), tinned custard and tinned rice pudding.

**Reminder:** Prayers are offered in the Lady Chapel after the 10. 30 am service. If you would like someone to pray with you then please do make your way there after the service.

**Important Notice:** Please note that there will **no hot beverages served for the 2 weeks due to replacement need of hot water heater.**

**Would you be interested in a Women's quiet / retreat time?** - see notices today & at the back of church, or speak to Reverend Jayne or Reverend Christine.

**Licensing Service for Rev Christine and Rev Mark:** Sunday 21st July @ St Nicolas HAS BEEN POSTPONED, DATE TO BE CONFIRMED.

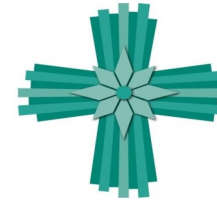
For more detailed information about what's on in Kings Norton, pick up a copy of the Parish Magazine, on sale at the back of St Nicolas Church.

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# In Touch



## The Parish of St Nicolas Kings Norton

*Incorporating Hawkesley LEP*  
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**Sunday 21st July 2024— Trinity 8**

St Paul's Message to the "Outsiders".

In this Sunday's first reading we note St Paul's message to the non-Jewish Christians of Ephesus.

The tribal nature of the Jewish religion at that time meant those not born Jews were regarded as beyond God's special Covenant with the Jewish people. They were the outsiders, the others, not like us. Paul emphasizes the message of Jesus is one of inclusion rather than exclusion, of unity in Him. All who follow Christ belong to a New Covenant, a new fellowship of believers where all are welcome despite background, gender, ethnicity. The message is as relevant today as then. Evidence of division and hostility, tribalism and opposition is all around us. It is also within churches, who should know better. It seems conflict and division are such a part of our human condition only a divine solution offers hope and practical advice on how to overcome it.

Rev. Larry

**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.

**21st July readings:**

**Ephesians 2: 11-22 (p.190)**

**Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56 (p.39/40)**

**28th July Readings:**

**Ephesians 3: 14-21 (p.190-191 )**

**John 6. 1-21 (p.94)**

**Collect for the week**

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



**Dates for the Diary**

**Sunday 21st July @ 6.00pm: POSTPONEMENT OF** Licensing service for Revd’s Christine and Mark at St Nicolas.

**Friday 26th July @2.00pm**—wedding of Ben and Immy at St Nicolas Church.

**Sunday 1st September @10:30**— Confirmation Service, Asking for welcomers, and volunteers for collection, please email [mark.sandilands@btinternet.com](mailto:mark.sandilands@btinternet.com) if you can help.

**St Nicolas Place**

At their recent meeting, the PCC agreed the best way forward for St Nicolas Place was to put it up for sale once again. The running and maintenance costs are a drain on our parish finances which puts the future of the church building at risk. The hope is a new owner will respect the heritage and community use of the building.

For more information speak to the rector or a churchwarden.



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



**Sunday 21st July**

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

**Wednesday 24th July**

- 10.00am-12pm: Open Church at St Nicolas
- 10.00am: Knit & Natter @ Hawkesley

**Thursday 25th July**

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

**Friday 26th July**

- 2.00pm: Wedding of Ben and Immy @ St Nicolas Church

**Saturday 27th July**

- 10.00am-12md: Open Church at St Nicolas

**Sunday 28th July**

- 9.00am: BCP Holy Communion
- 10.30am: Holy Communion
- 3.00pm: Growing With God
- 6.00pm: Compline