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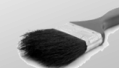
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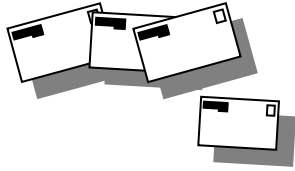
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Letters Page



A Welcome Email to the Parish Office

My husband and I attended the Sunday service at St Nicolas last weekend while we were visiting our old "stomping ground". We lived in Kings Norton, were married at St Nicolas and our children were christened there. It was a very moving service as there was a Baptism of a little girl and her Dad, who is going to serve in Afghanistan. But what a welcome! We felt everyone welcomed us and made everyone there into one congregation! Well done. On another note, we picked up a copy of the Parish Magazine and really enjoyed reading how the parish has expanded. We would like to know if we can have the magazine sent to us by post. We live in Haworth West Yorkshire.

Many thanks,
Maggie Turner.

Write to:-

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editor@kingsnorton.org.uk**

Dear Editor,

We have been cataloguing and researching the old Parish Magazines and thought it would be nice if we could have a feature/extract from the old magazines every month. I've enclosed some adverts from magazines from 1917 and 1924. I would also be interested if readers own any Parish Magazines from before 1917.

Kind Regards,

Emma Banks.
Heritage & Learning Manager,
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Welcome.....

Children go back to school this month. For some, it is all very familiar; for others it is all new and things have changed. It can be a bit like that going to church, especially if you haven't been for a while.

This month's magazine has more information about 'Back to Church Week' and all the activities that will be happening at the end of the month.

We also have a new look to the front cover which incorporates the new parish logo. This was designed by Phil Watkins who is featured in the Parish People interview.

Alan Haynes, Editor



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From The Rector

“ What do you think would excite someone about coming here? “

In July, we advertised for a new Team Vicar to lead us in Community Mission. Nobody applied. I asked a number of clergy friends across the country about our ad for the post. They all said it looked very exciting, but it wasn't for them or for anyone else they could think of.

So we start again in hope. (The Hawthorns has provided good training in this over many years.) I sense than many feel that what we need is someone to share in what we do already – and work with us all to grow afresh in God's worship, mission and service from where we are now, rather than break wholly new ground. We are already present and in touch with large numbers of people and places

in the parish -

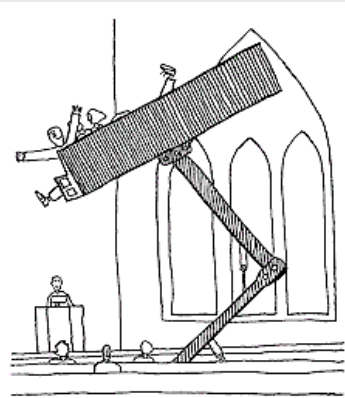
through wide personal networks of friends and neighbours, through marriage, baptism and funerals, through schools, through the commitment of clergy and so many lay members in a great breadth of local life, in the large and growing number of weekly visitors to church, churchyard and Saint Nicolas Place – and of course through the Sunday worship and daily prayer of each congregation. There are challenges enough in all these. Aren't they the best place to begin?

We also have a Ministry Team now well bonded in working together and with the rich and varied ministries of lay members in St Nicolas, Hawkesley and Immanuel.

We shall review the post during September. What do you think would excite someone about coming here? What special ministries would you hope they might bring? I need your thoughts and your prayers before we set off once more on the journey of appointing a new priest colleague. We shall find one to share the next part of our journey together as God's people in and for Kings Norton. Please let me know.

With my prayers and good wishes,

Rob Morris.

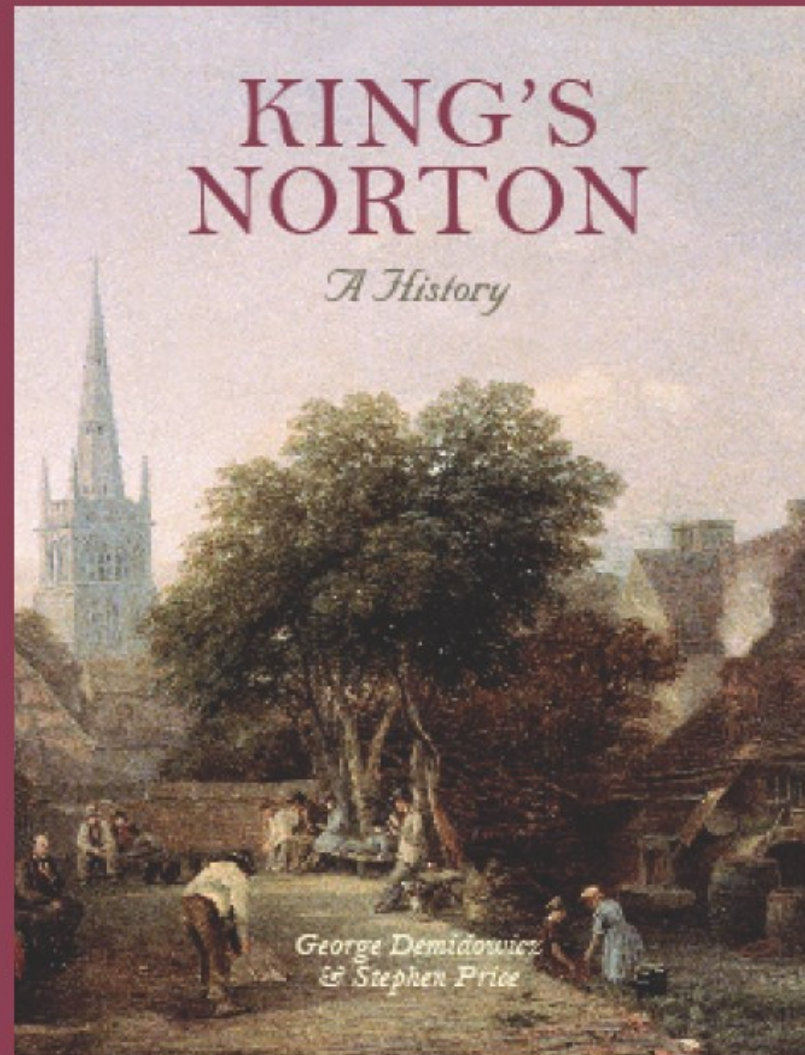


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Saturday 3rd Oct Bulb Planting day at Saint Nicolas Place Church Open Day	'Fresher's Fair' Pilgrim Places: journeying Photographic Exhibition by Graham Bulb planting at Saint Nicolas Place face painting Children's entertainer "Skills Exchange": "Singing our Song. with Phil Watkins and Lorri Withers times and details to follow Messy Church (TBC) 'Bring a Friend'	Bulb planting Old Grammar School: 'Skills Exchange' 10-.00am-12.00pm Basic Italian and the Italian Restaurant Experience with Thelma 12.00pm-2.00pm Aramaic Prayer with Middle Eastern Food with Mina 2.15-3.30pm Painting with Neville 'Bring a Friend' 3.30-4.30 Afternoon Tea	'Pizza and Photos'. Bring a photo album of your Wedding, holidays, Baptism or anything special; photos that you would like to share. 'bring a friend'

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Date	At St Nicolas	Tours of St Nicolas [TBC]	Simple Evening Prayer in St Nicolas (restricted parking) half an hr
Sunday 4th Oct St Francis Day	8.00am (45 mins) Holy Communion (Eucharist) using the 1662 Book of Common Prayer 'Bring a Friend' 10.30am (One hour 20 mins) Holy Communion (Eucharist) to celebrate St Francis Day with special music, 'Oasis' for younger members and refreshments afterwards 'Bring a Friend' At Hawkesley and Immanuel 10.30am Holy Communion (Eucharist) with music and children's activities 10.30am Refreshments afterwards		

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BACK TO CHURCH WEEK, 27th September – 4th October

Sunday 27th September is "Back to Church Sunday" - a national initiative in which church members across the country are asked to invite others, who were once part of church life, to return for the day.

So at St Nicolas, Hawkesley and Immanuel, each of our five services will be special. At Hawkesley and Immanuel it will be Harvest Festival, with invitation to many, young, old and in-between. Please get inviting! Those who have shared in baptism and marriage here will be invited to share in worship at the 10.30am service at St Nicolas.

6pm in St Nicolas will be a United Parish Communion. It will mark 10 years since I came here – but I'm much more interested in the next 10! Please

join me in giving thanks – and even more in trusting prayer for all that is to come.

But that is far from all. We're not just a Sunday church!

All week, St Nicolas will be open for prayer, visits and events to reflect and deepen our whole parish life – with something for everyone. An outline is in this magazine and a detailed programme will soon be ready in church and for Electoral Roll members.

And we need volunteers! We are asking in each congregation for people like you to offer time and ideas to prepare for the week, to help it happen - and to help us grow from it afterwards. Please come forward when asked. I can promise you will find it worth all that you put in!

Rob Morris

HARVEST 2009 IN KINGS NORTON

September is an easy time to celebrate God's creation after a summer of labour to bring us its fruits. So we shall be giving thanks – with committed prayer for wise change in the way we use God's gifts and for fairness for all who produce them for us. It's not just for children!

Immanuel and Hawkesley will celebrate Harvest Festival with their local communities as part of Back to Church Sunday on 27th September

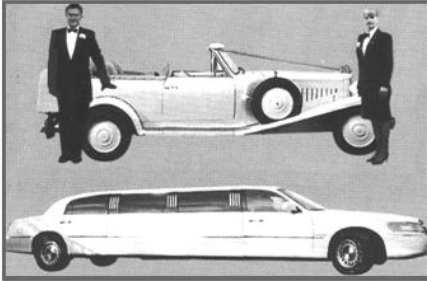
with very special services at 10.30am in each church.

St Nicolas will keep Harvest Festival on 13th September during Heritage Open Days weekend – a sort of rehearsal for Back to Church two weeks after!

Please start inviting. Offers of help with preparation and distribution afterwards will be very warmly received at the Parish Office or through each congregation.

Rob Morris

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Date		
Sunday 27th Sept St.Nicolas Back to Church Sunday	St Nicolas: 8.00am (45 mins) Holy Communion (Eucharist) using the 1662 Book of Common Prayer 'Bring a Friend' 8.45 -10.15am Bacon Butties at Saint Nicolas Place 'Bring a Friend' 10.30am (One hour) Special Morning Service to Celebrate God's Love in our Baptism with a special 'Oasis' (Sunday School) for younger members 'Bring a Friend'	6.00pm (1 hr 20 min) Parish Candlelit Communion (Eucharist) for all <i>With worship, music and prayer to offer and give thanks for all that we are together - and all we shall be.</i> 'Bring a Friend'
Hawkesley Back to Church Sunday	10.30am (one hour) Hawkesley Church Harvest Festival with Hawkesley Church School and Guiding groups - and friends from the whole community. 'Bring a Friend'	
Immanuel Back to Church Sunday	10.30am (one hour) Immanuel Church Harvest Festival Back To Church All Age Harvest Service & Harvest Lunch 'Bring a Friend'	

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Date				
Monday 28th Sept St Nicolas	9.00am 'Iona' Communion and Morning Prayer open to all (half hour)	10am -1pm Open Church Refreshments available 'Bring a Friend'		7.00pm: 'Bring a Friend' evening led by Immanuel Bible Study group in St Nicolas Church
Tuesday 29th Sept St Nicolas		Tours Open Church Tentative: To Be Confirmed		7.30pm Meet the Bell-Ringers 'Bring a Friend'
Wednesday 30th Sept St Nicolas	9.00am-9.30am Morning Prayer 10am-1pm Open Church 'Bring a Friend'	2.00-6.00pm Open Church 'Bring a Friend' [TBC]		6.30-8pm Candlelit Church with 'Banner-Making' and 'chocolate swap' Evening: Churchyard Carers 8-9pm Candlelit Church Supper 'Bring a Friend'
Thursday 1st Oct St Nicolas	9.30am-11.00am Tiny Tots - "bring a friend" Teddy Bear's Picnic 'Bring a Friend'	11am Holy Communion (Eucharist) using the 1662 Book of Common Prayer 'Bring a Friend'	4pm-5pm Contemplative Prayer with creativity 'Bring a Friend'	7.30pm Women's Evening Fellowship Service stay for tea and coffee 'Bring a Friend' (marriage and baptism bookings)
Friday 2nd Oct St Nicolas	10-12pm 'Skills Exchange' May include Jive and Card- making, 'soft toy making' or Basic German More Details to follow	12-1pm Bring your own Picnic lunch	Baptism display 3.30pm-5.00pm After-School Singing Session for children (straight after school)	Open Choir All welcome 'Bring a friend' Children 6.30-7.30pm Adults 8-9pm

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Back to Church Week Sun 27th September to Sun 4th October

Back to Church Week is fast approaching and here is a taster of our programme. Here you will find:

- details of services on Sunday 27th September: a national initiative called Back to Church Sunday;
- a programme for Monday 28th September to Friday 2nd October;
- a programme for our Open Day in St Nicolas Church on Saturday 3rd October;
- details for services for St Francis Day on Sunday 4th October.

As you can see, it is an exciting programme offering plenty of opportunities for people to become involved and there will be more details to follow. Involvement Forms will be widely available and there will be a Back to Church representative in each of the churches and groups in Kings Norton Team Parish, ready to help you to become involved. We will leave some forms at the back of St Nicolas Church too and will be able to give you detailed information about the areas that need volunteers.

The programme will be mailed out this week to everyone we know who has a connection to our Church. We have some formal invitations available too from the Back to Church Sunday organisers. We will leave them at the back of St Nicolas for you to pick up when you can. They can be given to people that you are inviting back on Back to Church Sunday.

Next month we will be printing a Back to Church Follow Up Programme and a few articles about Back to Church Week and what we thought about it, including some from people who came 'Back to Church'.

Hope you are as inspired as the Back to Church Team.

Jess Boulton

Kings Norton Restoration Trust

At last! Kings Norton Restoration Trust was registered as a Charity (Number 1130969) by the Charity Commission on 4th August. Nine of the twelve trustees are nominated by the Church Council, which will work very closely with the Trust to ensure that all our historic buildings are kept in good order and ready to serve heritage, community, learning and church.

The Charity's legal Area of Benefit is no less than Kings Norton, the West Midlands and the Nation - a reminder that the Saint Nicolas Place buildings are not just "ours". They are for all.

The Church Council will now formally lease the Restoration buildings to the Trust who will be responsible for managing them and for fulfilling the **legal Charitable Objects**. These are:

- The restoration, preservation, upkeep and enhancement for the benefit of the people of Kings Norton, the West Midlands and the Nation of the historical, architectural and constructional interest and initially 81 The Green and the Endowed School both in Kings Norton.
- To improve, conserve and protect the environment thereto.
- To advance the education of the public by developing facilities to assist the public in understanding and appreciating the area of benefit.

The lease will express the deep mutual partnership we need to ensure that this unique site, including St Nicolas Church and Churchyard, grows in the service of God and God's people. Please surround the Trust and Church Council with your prayers in their work that here may be welcome, peace and purpose for years to come. The Christian story and the history of this site are not ours. They are a gift we have received to nurture and cherish for all who do not know them – and for all those who follow us here.

Rob Morris



Harvest Hymns

An old favourite to ponder on and a new hymn to make us think about our stewardship of the earth.

“We Plough the Fields and Scatter” is one of those hymns that can divide or unite a group. It’s one of those “We’ve always sung it” hymns! Well, maybe since 1862 at least. So, where does it originate from?

Matthias Claudius (1740-1815), a commissioner for agriculture in Germany (amongst a varied collection of careers) wrote the words in 1782 as part of a poem called “Paul Eardmann’s Festival”. It tells of the celebration of harvest in a German farmhouse, during which the peasants sing a song of thanksgiving. The song itself was published in a school worship-book in Hanover a few years later and became a firm favourite.



The English version we know was penned in the 1860’s by Miss Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-78), the daughter of a London clergyman who taught music and made translations of several non-English language hymns.

We usually sing it to a tune by JAP Schulz (1747-1800) called *Wir pflügen*. Some of the words, or the English version anyway, now seem rather over-certain in our trust in God’s provision: where do tsunamis and hurricanes fit in with verse two, one might ask? Does God actually *command* these dreadful things to happen? No, of course He doesn’t – and we now understand much more about our weather patterns and natural disasters than our forebears did, as well as being much more “globally-aware” – and the rest of the words *do* make clear the partnership that earth-stewardship is, or should be, for good and balanced life.

We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God’s almighty hand:
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*

We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all they love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.

Saturday 8th

What a beautiful summer day this turned out to be – warm, bright sunshine. I took a rather lovely wedding in the afternoon, where the little boy of the bride and groom, aged one, kept laughing at me every time I said anything. This in turn made everyone else laugh and then I succumbed too! It really was a very special occasion, as was the second service I took that afternoon, a renewal of wedding vows for a couple who had been married 20yrs. It was simply fantastic!

Sunday 9th

I was up bright and early to take my dog out for a walk. The park is always so quiet first thing in the morning, except of course for dogs and their owners. I met a man and his dog and I made a fuss of the dog and asked the man the dog’s name. ‘Hardy,’ he said. ‘That’s unusual,’ I said. ‘Well I’ve got a parrot called Nelson!’ he responded. I couldn’t help but laugh. What are we dog owners like!!!

Rebecca's Diary... August

Sunday 2nd

We had a Holy Communion service at Hawkesley Church Centre. I dashed home after church and then headed back to Hawkesley. Unfortunately, as I was driving, I got a puncture in one of my front tyres so I had to abandon the car and walk to the church. I grabbed a lift and off we went to Webb's Garden Centre which may seem a strange choice of venue for a picnic, but actually they have a lovely picnic area near the river and some beautiful gardens to walk around, all free of charge. And of course there is the huge garden centre to browse as well. When we arrived back at Hawkesley, one of our church members changed my wheel and all was well.



Monday 3rd

I had to go to Diocesan House and have my annual meeting to see how things are going with my Curacy here in Kings Norton. I am glad to say it proved very helpful just to reflect back on the year and summarise what I've been involved in. Needless to say, I said I was having a fab time in Kings Norton. I couldn't believe I have already been here two years.

Tuesday 4th

Went out and about visiting people at home and in hospital. I always enjoy visiting people and catching up on their news. I also went into town to buy some items for Hawkesley Church Primary School for next term for my church display.

The modern hymn is from New Zealand and is by Shirley Erna Murray. It is sung to a tune called Tenderness, written by Colin Gibson, with a minor twist in verse two to colour the words. The hymn celebrates the God of creation and prayers for our wise stewardship of the earth, for the good of all.

Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the word in our care:
gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

We who endanger, who create hunger,
Agents of death for all creature that live,
We who would foster clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden, hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.

God of all living, God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us, Christ re-connect us,
using us gently and making us one. (CG 134)

Sylvia Fox

'FLAWED BUT LOVED'

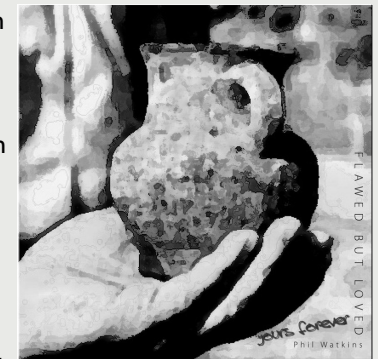
'FLAWED BUT LOVED' is an album of songs written and recorded by Phil Watkins, who is a member of St Nicolas Parish Church.

Phil is asking for a minimum donation of £4 for an album, 75% of which will go towards those in need in the Parish of Kings Norton.

It has the backing of the clergy and a lot of interest has already been shown in the album.

The songs are written in praise of God and reflect faith in God through difficult circumstances.

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Dear God,
Thank you for the Lord's Prayer.
Thank you for sending Jesus to teach
it to us.
Thank you for being Our Father
and loving us.
Amen.



CHILDREN'S PAGE...

with Gail.



Hello everyone! I would like to talk with you about a very special prayer. It is a prayer that Jesus taught us to say and it is called The Lord's Prayer.

Jesus had twelve disciples. They had heard Jesus pray many times, but still weren't sure how to do it for themselves. One day, they went to Jesus and asked 'Lord, teach us to pray.' This is what Jesus taught them:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen

The Lord's Prayer can be a little hard to understand, so over the next few months we will break it down and try to understand it together.

Our Father We begin with Our because God is everyone's father. He made us and loves us all, therefore he is ours. Jesus called God 'Abba' which means daddy. God likes us to call him Father because he is our loving father and we are his special children.

Who art in heaven 'Art' means 'is' and God lives in heaven.

Hallowed be thy name 'Hallowed' means Holy. Here we are praising God. We need to do this because God is a good God and he deserves to hear it. 'Thy' means 'your'.

So far then, we have: Our Father, who is in heaven, holy is your name. Next time we will look at more of this special prayer. Until then, why not have a go at praying what we have learnt today.

Our Monthly Service of Prayer for Healing

On the 2nd Sunday of each month at 6pm, we offer a simple service of prayer for healing in St Nicolas. During this service, we also gather the prayers which many have offered in church during the month on the prayer-tree and in the intercessions book and offer these lovingly. One recent change is that, rather than pray at length with each person, we now offer a simple anointing, for all who wish, with the prayer:

N, I anoint you in the name of God who gives you life. Receive Christ's forgiveness, his healing and his love.

We then pray for each other:

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ grant you the riches of his grace, his wholeness and his peace. Amen.

May I ask you to think about sharing in this service, for your own sake and for that of others? I'm always a little surprised that more do not see this as a gentle way of bringing hard things within the love of God. We believe that our healing and wholeness is wholly in God's hands, who promises always to give us what we need – even if it is not always what we want! In Jesus, he has gone through all that we face and through his cross and resurrection, brings us hope that cannot fade.

The next Services of Prayer for Healing are within our 6pm Parish Communion on 13th September and 11th October. Why not join us?

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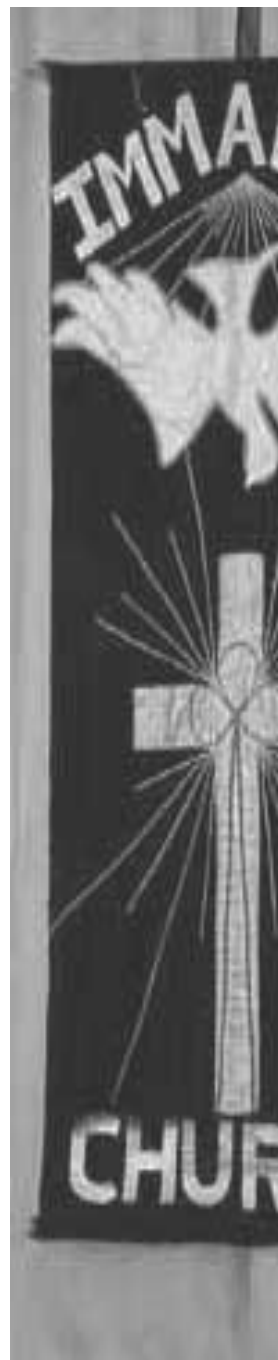
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Some of us from Immanuel walked around our
neighbourhood on a rainy Sunday afternoon on Sunday
26th July, praying for the area, places we could see,
businesses, schools and people. It was lovely to walk
around and feel we could pray for the needs that were
around us.

We had our picnic in the park on Sunday 16th August at
the newly refurbished West Heath Park. This was an



opportunity for fun,
food and fellowship.
The more energetic
amongst us played
several games of
football, cricket,
hopscotch, etc! It
was a lovely sunny
day and was good to
spend time together.

We are going on a trip to Weston Super Mare on
Saturday 5th September. We have some spare seats on
the coach, so if you would like to come, please contact us
to book your places. The cost is £10 per person (under
5s go free).

On Sunday 20th September, Poppy is to be Baptised at
Hawkesley Church. Immanuel is joining Hawkesley for
this special day and looking forward to the BBQ after the
service!

On Sunday 27th September we have our All Age Harvest
Service led by Jayne, followed by lunch together. This
takes place on Back to Church Sunday and so invitations
will be going out for people to come along. Immanuel will
then be getting involved in parish activities for Back to
Church Week.

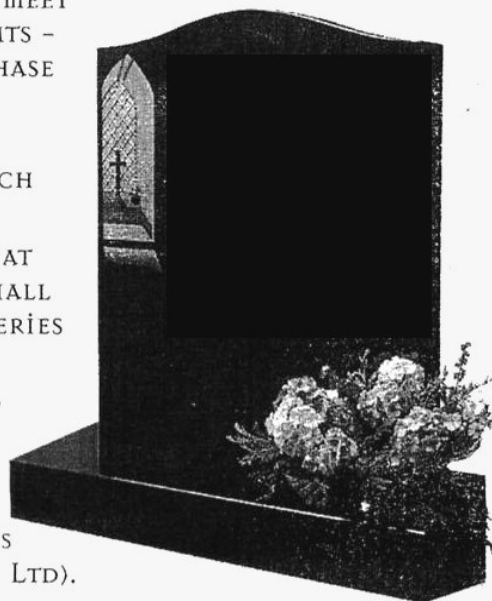
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1940's Tea Dance, Saturday 12th September, 2pm until 4pm.

This event is to raise money for Christian Aid. Tickets are free but we will be asking for donations. For tickets or more information about the event please contact Emma Banks, 0121 458 1223 or emma@saintnicolasplace.co.uk



June McCoy's 20 mile tractor drive around the leafy lanes of Norfolk on July 5th 2009



First of all, I want to thank all those that sponsored me for Cancer Research UK Breast Cancer Awareness. I raised £860.50. I drove a 40 year old Ford 2000. I hadn't driven a tractor since the late 1950's. There were 96 of us dressed in pink, driving pink decorated tractors. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and intend to do it again next year!

In the last 5 years "The Pink Tractor Road Run" has raised over £17,000. Find us at www.ladiestractorroadrun.co.uk

June McCoy

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What are your best memories?

A happy childhood and seeing my own children through their difficult times to where they are now. Then holding my grand children.

What's your favourite holiday place?

It has to be Lynton and Lynmouth in North Devon. A favourite place to me is very much connected to a person or people in your life.

If you went on Desert Island Disks, what would be your luxury and book?

That would have to be a guitar or a Grand Piano. I think the Narnia books which can be read over and over again. These are the books which Lorri got me reading when we first became friends.

What are your hopes for the church in Kings Norton?

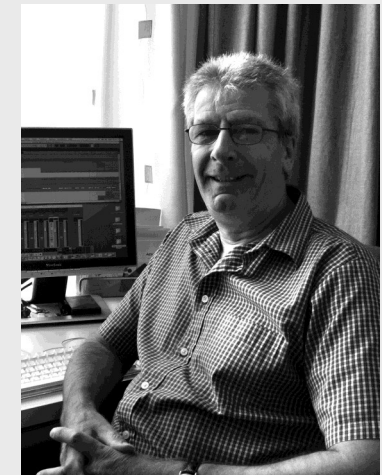
I think we have come to the church at a significant time. My hope is that its very ordinary people, which we all are, will experience God in a way that will surprise and even perplex those who have a one track view of church. A church, not based on other models, but based on a God of infinite variety.

KINGS NORTON HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society's 2009/2010 programme commences on Monday 28th September with the talk on "BIRMINGHAM TERRACOTTA BUILDINGS" by Nicola Coxon. Doors open at 7.00 pm and the talk will begin at 7.30.

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Mia Isabell Norremark
Owen William Powell

12th July George Patrick Thompson
Sophie Alys Thompson
Cloe Johanna Thompson
James Lee Thompson

19th July Neyah G Dontay
Carys G Dontay
Fynn James Dontay
Timothy Martin Liam Yates

Marriages

“Those whom God has joined together”

4th July Kelroy Orlanzo Foster and Karen Trecia Bryan

18th July Christopher Sewell and Helen Cadley
Craig Eden and Helen Newman

25th July Jeffrey Lloyd and Laura Kiernan
Jamie Minshull and Sarah-Jane Louise Ellen Price

'Parish People'

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Phil Watkins, designer of the new parish logo



Where were you born?

I was born in Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham. Pure Brummie!

What is your occupation?

I'm a graphic designer and enjoyed 30 years working for the same company. I now work for myself. I was glad to be of help in designing the new logo for the church through my own business 'Evoke Graphics', a business set up to serve the church in and around the West Midlands.

Why Kings Norton?

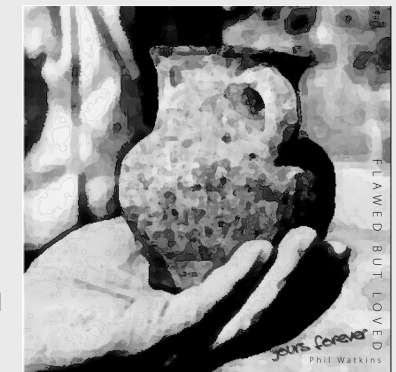
Lorri and I needed a new spiritual home where we could have a fresh start and where people were none judgemental. St Nicolas was the first place that came to mind, even though we knew nothing about the church.

Why is your Christian faith important to you?

My Christian faith has caused me as many difficulties as it has blessings, but at the heart of it is knowing that someone else has their hand my life and He has had to withstand my praise and my anger.

What are your hobbies and interests?

Music, art, tennis, badminton. I am a registered helper in Lorri's Brownie pack. My desire for music is to worship God through it. I've recently made an album called 'FLAWED BUT LOVED' which has received a lot of interest at St Nicolas Church. If you want an album you can donate a minimum of £4, most of which will go to charity.



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Albert Oliver Hawkes, 89. Cremation at Lodge Hill.
- 2nd July Geoffrey Arthur Powell, 83. Cremation at Lodge Hill.
- 3rd July David Anthony Read, 42. Interment of ashes in St Nicolas Churchyard.
Noris Hugh Richards, 75. Service at Immanuel Church, Highters Heath, burial in St Nicolas Churchyard.
- 7th July Edward John Faultess, 94. Service at St Nicolas, cremation at Redditch.
Ethel Fitz-Simmons, 90. Cremation at Lodge Hill.
- 8th July Irene Ivy Kingscott, 94. Cremation at Robin Hood.
Max Jamie Jones, 6 days. Service at St Nicolas, burial in St Nicolas Churchyard
- 9th July Evelyn May Butler, 97. Cremation at Robin Hood.
- 13th July Dennis Francis Siviter, 90. Service at St Nicolas, burial at Brandwood Cemetery.
- 15th July Taylor Adam Harbidge, 6 weeks. Service at St Nicolas, burial at Brandwood Cemetery
- 18th July Albert Edward Hens, 87. Interment of ashes in St Nicolas Churchyard.
- 20th July Louisa Isabella Dick, 94. Cremation at Lodge Hill.
- 22nd July Phillip John Hawkins, 61. Cremation at Lodge Hill.
- 24th July Madge Hogben, 86. Service at St Nicolas, cremation at Lodge Hill.
Charles Henry Wagstaff, 89. Cremation at Lodge Hill.
- 27th July James Bernard McGrory, 47. Cremation at Lodge Hill.
Shirley Hazel Houghton, 72. Cremation at Lodge Hill.
- 28th July Frances Margaret Clarke, 86. Service at St Nicolas, burial in St Nicolas Churchyard.
Christine Peatman, 69. Cremation at Lodge Hill.

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Emma Banks, the Heritage and Learning Manager at Saint Nicolas Place has written to us (see letters page) to say that she has been cataloguing and researching some old Parish Magazines.

These are some of the adverts from editions published in 1917 and 1924.

Ted Bonner

Ted died peacefully on 10th August, surrounded by the love and prayers of family and friends. We give thanks for his sharp eye and warm heart for all that we are and do here. There will be a longer remembrance in next month's magazine. For now, please surround Florence and her family with your prayers – and give thanks for them and for God's peace in which Ted now rests.

Rob Morris

Guided Tours of Saint Nicolas Place



A guided tour is £4.00 for adults and £3.00 for concessions and takes place on Fridays and Saturdays at 11am and 2pm. Self-guided admission is £2.00 for adults and £1.50 for concessions. You can self-guide anytime between 10am and 4pm on Fridays and Saturdays. Visitors can opt to purchase self-guided admission and then upgrade to a guided tour for more detailed information about the history of The Old Grammar School and Tudor Merchant's House. Tours of St Nicolas Church are available on the second Saturday of every month at 12.30pm or group bookings can be made by appointment. Church tours are charged at £2.00 for an adult and £1.50 for concessions.

Women's Fellowship

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 3rd September at 7.30pm in the Ashford Room, St Nicolas Place. We welcome all new members to join us. Everyone will be made very welcome. Why don't you young mums treat yourselves to a couple of hours break?! It is only once a month, on the first Thursday of each month, with lots of interesting talks and chat. This month is Social History of a Travelling Artist/Pedlar. If you would like more details, please contact me on 459 1636 (evenings).

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Immanuel Church

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Every Sunday – Worship and Oasis for children of primary school age.
10.30 am, 1st & 3rd Sundays – Holy Communion;
10.30 am, 2nd Sunday – Morning Worship;
10.30 am, 4th Sunday – All Age Worship.

Druids Heath

Special services are in Manningford Hall and other community buildings – watch out for details.

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Baptisms and Marriages

Forms and particulars are obtained from St Nicolas Church on Thursday evenings between 6.30 and 8.00pm.

All enquiries to:

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The office is open 10.00 am – 1.00 pm every weekday for enquiries.

SERVICES

St Nicolas Church

Sundays:

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP – a quiet service with traditional language).

10.30 am Holy Communion with activities for 5-11's at Oasis.
2nd Sunday: Parade Service – All Age Worship at 10.30 am followed by Matins – a traditional BCP service at 11.45 am.

6.00 pm Evening Worship:
2nd Sunday, Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing;
3rd Sunday, Compline – a quiet and meditative service;
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11.00 am Holy Communion (traditional language).

Tiny Tots Thursdays, 9.30 am (term time) in St Nicolas Church for 0-5's and parents/carers for play, chat and a drink.

Open Church

Wednesdays, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm
and 6.30 – 8.00 pm (Candlelit Church);
Thursdays, for all Weddings and Baptism enquiries, 6.30 – 8pm
Saturdays, 10.00 am – 12 noon for coffee, knit-and-natter, quiet prayer or to look around.

Candlelit Church

Meets every Wednesday, 6.30 – 8.00 pm in St Nicolas, with Bible Study (or, on selected Wednesdays, Taize prayer) 8–9pm
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Hawkesley Anglican/Methodist Church

Meeting at Hawkesley Pastoral Centre, Hawkesley School,

PRODH

Project for the Renewal of Druids Heath

Things have been fairly quiet over the summer break, but our new residents' group (The Action Team) is formed and ready to go! We had our second meeting on August 12th where we made arrangements to meet with the Improving Communities Officer for Selly Oak Constituency, of which Druids Heath is a part, and the local Neighbourhood Police Sergeant.

At this meeting, we also had Daphne Francis come to talk to us. She now works with Anthony Collins Solicitors, whom I may have spoken about before. They are a firm of Solicitors who specialise in regeneration work. But before this, she has worked in the Council as a Housing Officer and after that in the Community Action Team for the New Deal for Communities on the Three Estates. She was amazing telling us what is and what may not be possible when looking at housing problems and really enthusing and empowering the whole group with a vision for improving the estate.

The shed building is due to happen this month and the Prayer and World Needs Group are planning a recycling day in December which should see it well stocked up and ready for use in the New Year.

Watch this space for further details!

Karen Urwin.

St. Nicolas Church will be open 2-3pm on Tues 15th September for those who have experienced loss through bereavement. There will be the opportunity to light candles, be quiet and reflective, chat to Rev. Rebecca and others, and be amongst those who themselves have had or are in the process of bereavement. Tea and coffee will be available. Come and go as you feel the need.

If you can't make Tuesday 15th September, don't worry, the church will be offering this space on the third Tuesday of every month at the same time.

For more information, contact Rev. Rebecca on 458 2950 or the Parish Office on: 458 3289.

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Organist and Music Director	SYLVIA FOX, 9 Kingshill Drive, B38 8SA	07778 449170
Choir & Orchestra Practices	Tuesday: Individual Tuition 7.00 - 8.30 p.m.	
	Friday: Juniors 6.30-7.45 p.m., Seniors + Adults 8.00-9.00 p.m.	
Immanuel Music Group Leader	SARAH CROOKS	
Sunday School/Junior Church Superintendents:		
Oasis (St. Nicolas)	contact via Parish Office	458 3289
Hawkesley		
Oasis (Immanuel)	NICKY MOORCROFT	
Hawkesley Anglican Methodist Church		
Primary School	Shannon Road, Hawkesley, Kings Norton, B38 9TR	
Headteacher		459 6467 Fax: 459 6468
Bell Ringers	Practice Tuesdays at 7.30 to 9.15 p.m. in the Tower	
Ringing Master	JIM DUNN	744 6334
Secretary	CLAIRE CALVER	458 2342
Kings Norton Handbell Ringers	Practice, Mondays at 7.30 p.m.	
Secretary	JO NELSON Mobile 07970 852280 or	208 4013
Bible Reading Fellowship Secretary	JULIE CALEY, 25 Fairmead Rise, Kings Norton, B38 8BS.	458 3328

The following activities are held at St Nicolas Place, unless stated otherwise:

Women's Fellowship	1st Thursday at 7.30 p.m. Secretary: CAROL DEVIC	458 3289
Seniors' Club (Over 65's)	Every Wednesday afternoon CHRISTINE BOWEN & Rev'd. REBECCA PULLIN	458 3289
PRODH	KAREN URWIN (Project for the Renewal of Druids Heath)	430 6005
Scouts and Cubs (198th & 129th Birmingham)	Beavers (aged 6-8): Wednesdays 5.00-6.00 p.m. Ahmeek: PENNY HATTERSLEY Cubs (aged 8-10½): Wednesdays 6.15 p.m.-7.45 p.m. Leader: KAREN URWIN Scouts (aged 10½-15½): Wednesdays 8.00 p.m.-9.30 p.m. Leader: ROB KEENAHAN	628 5694 430 6005 244 0789
Guides and Brownies	Rainbows: Mondays 5.30 p.m. -6.30 p.m. Brownies: Thursdays 6.30 p.m. -8.00 p.m. Guides (247th Birmingham): Mondays 7.15 p.m. -9.00 p.m. Brownies (188th Birmingham): Tuesday 6.00 p.m.-7.30 p.m.	
Guides and Brownies	At Hawkesley Church Centre:- Rainbows (1st Kings Norton): Monday 5.30 p.m. Brownies (259th Birmingham): Wednesday 6.30 p.m. Guides (141st Birmingham): Thursday 7.00 p.m.	
Kings Norton Society	Fourth Friday at 8.00 p.m. Contact: RICK AND CLAIRE SIMPSON	459 5750
Kings Norton History Society	Meetings held on the last Monday of the month from September to May. Doors open at 7.00pm. Chairman CLAIRE SIMPSON	459 5750
St. Nicolas Pre-school Playgroup	Monday to Friday 9.30-11.45 a.m.	
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