

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

CONFIRMATIONS

1.30pm Baptisms

6.00pm Taize

WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

10.00am-12.00pm OPEN CHURCH

10.00am-12.00pm Knit & Natter Hawkesley

THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

9.00am-11.00am TINY TOTS

10.00am-12.00pm Churchyard care team *Volunteers Welcome*

12.30-1.30pm Christopher Gascoigne Funeral at St Nicolas Church

12.30pm-2.30pm Seniors Club: Armchair Yoga

SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

10.00am-12.00pm OPEN CHURCH

SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

9.00am Matins

10.30am Holy Communion (Iona Style)

1.30pm Baptisms

6.00pm Taize

Collect For the Week:

Almighty God,

you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1st September 2024



St. Nicolas, Kings Norton

Incorporating Hawkesley LEP

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READINGS:

TODAY

James 1: 1.17—end page 226

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23. page 40

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James 2: 1-10, 14-17 page 226-227

Mark 7: 24-37 page 40-41

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TRINITY 14

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger...rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness...[and] keep [yourselves] unstained by the world. James 1

The violent actions, and words which accompanied them, committed in the names of Alice Da Silva Aguiar, Bebe King and Elsie Dot Stancombe are just what James was exhorting his readers to avoid. Those who acted and spoke were consumed by the spirit of the World which blocked their ears, loosened their tongues and fired them up to an incandescent heat of anger and rage, through which they targeted the innocent. Had they taken the time to listen, they would have learned that the now 18 year-old, who was arrested on suspicion of the three murders and ten attempted murders, is a British citizen, born in Cardiff to Rwandan parents, who themselves escaped the violence of their homeland following the genocide in the 1990s. It may be an old chestnut but it really does only take a spark to start a fire. We are living in hard times; people are hurting and searching for anything to vent against. Later in his letter, James says this: *For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.* (James 3:16-18). Let us continue to pray for the sowing, and reaping, of a 'harvest of righteousness'.

Steve Wright

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, Margaret Roper

Those Who have died and those who grieve for them: Margaret Stokes, Ivor Toy and Terrence Nicholls, Christopher Gascoigne

Lady Chapel: Prayers are offered here after the 10.30am service. Please come if you would like someone to pray with you.

There are tokens available with service sheets which can be used during the collection.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Sunday 1st September 10.30am Confirmation Service

Thursday 5th September 12:30pm Funeral for the Late Christopher Gascoigne, All Welcome

Sunday 8th September 6.00pm Licensing of Rev. Mark and Rev. Christine.

Sunday 15th September Iranian Cultural Event and Lunch

Our Iranian members invite you to stay after the 10.30am service, to enjoy the culture and food.

Save the date now!

Sunday 29th September 10.30am Creation/ Harvest United Service