



Sunday 12th February 2017 / 3rd Sunday before Lent

TODAY WE CELEBRATE EDUCATION SUNDAY

In his famous 1958 essay, "I Pencil" economist Leonard Read followed the course of the manufacture of a common pencil, making the point that no single person knows how to make one; it is actually the product of several sophisticated processes.

Today which is education Sunday, is a day of celebration and prayer for all those involved in education. This is represented by different Christian denominations and organisations. We need to appreciate all those who are involved in our schools; the teachers, school governors and non teaching staff all who are instrumental to prepare our children in readiness to challenge poverty, lack of self-confidence and belief, moral indifference, aggression, greed, injustice, narrowness of vision, sexism, racism and other form of discrimination. We all need to be involved in teaching our children the Christian ethos and values so that they can become a good citizen for our society. We all have a responsibility to play in growing our children in faith so that they can grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

~ Rev. Taiwo

Children & young people are welcome at every service.

Tiny Tots: Thurs. 9.00 am
Bumps & Babies: Mon 1.00 pm
BOTH AT ST. NICOLAS' CHURCH

Sundays for Children (3yrs+)

1st Sunday - Oasis at Saint Nicolas' Place
2nd Sunday – All Age at St Nicolas' Church
3rd Sunday - Godly Play @ SNP
4th Sunday - All Age @SNP

**Next GPS Youth Group:
15th Feb 2017**

Collect For This Sunday

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

Amen

Worship In The Parish Today

St Nicolas	9:00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Robin Mortimore
	10:30 am	All Age	David Ash & Pauline Weaver
	6:00 pm	Holy Communion	Rev Taiwo & Gail Rogers
Hawkesley	10:30 am	Morning Worship	Rev Caz Hague
Immanuel	10:30 am	Holy Communion	at Saint Nicolas' Church

This Sunday's Readings

Deut. 30.15-end	OT p 193
Psalms 119.1-8	OT p 577
1 Corinthians 3.1-9	NT p 163
Matthew 5.21-37	NT p 4

Confirmation 2017

This year's confirmation service will be held on **Sunday 14th May**. If you are interested in being confirmed or would like to know more please speak to any of the Ministry Team.



This year the Wednesday evening Lent course will be based around the film 'The Way'. The film is set around a 800km pilgrimage called The Camino de Santiago, or 'The Way of St James'. On the pilgrimage the film encounters people from all over the world, and their stories which have led them to walk the pilgrimage in search for a greater meaning in their lives.

A showing of the film will take place this coming Wednesday (15th February) at 7.30pm in St Nicolas' Church. If you would like to watch the film but can't make Wednesday then do speak to Gail Rogers who has copies of the film. However, please note that you do not need to watch the film to take part in the course. Sessions during Lent will begin on the 8th March from 8pm - 9pm. More information about this will follow.

Saint Nicolas' Place. Our tearoom is open Mon - Sat 9.00 am - 4.00 pm. Green's Tea Room for excellent food and service. The shop is open from Monday to Saturday, 10.00 am - 3.00 pm. For events & bookings call 0121 458 1223. Alternatively, visit [Facebook.com/Parishoffice](https://www.facebook.com/Parishoffice) or saintnicolasplace.co.uk.

Please pray for the Diocesan link with the Anglican Church in Bolivia and our own link with Father Walter Toro and the People of Jesus the Good Shepherd Church in Tarija, Bolivia.

Please pray for residents, workers, staff, pupils and parents of :

Arrow Walk, Arrowfield Green, Ashcott Close, Ashwater Drive
St Pauls Catholic Primary Academy, Hawkesley Church Primary Academy & King's Norton Primary School

Please pray for those preparing for Baptism and Marriage.

Please remember in your prayers:

Beryl Wilkes, Joan Pearce, Ray Davies, Beryl Jones, Edna Mullis, Natasha Markovic, Mary Williamson, Nan Hoadly, Florence Bonner, Lillian Hillier, John Clark, Joan Gunter, Olga Groves, Joyce Hawkins, Em & Tina Drakeford, Connie Wilson, Simon Hambly, Dorothy Gardner, Harry Cox, Addie Tilley, Paul Shelton, Delsie Burges/Brooks, Mason Green, Jacob, Christine, Joan Grimmitt, Sandra W, Neville Mitchell and Doug Sansom

Please remember those who are ill, receiving treatment or recovering from surgery:

Yvonne Whittingham, Jonathan Rogers, Annie Edwards, June McCoy, Bob Evans, Sandra Sandilands, Ruby Cowley, Ann Connelly, David Barker, Marlene Collier, Gabrielle Pond-Baker & Veronica Clark. Children; Charlie Ramsey, Twins Stella & Francesca, Oscar Hooper and Sahar Kaussar.

Please pray for those who have died and for those who grieve for them:

Dr Richard Carter, June Martin; Dennis Conway, Toni Dyke, Barry Collins, Barbara Cruyton

Open Church

St Nicolas' Church is open as often as possible. Do visit, pray, light a candle or share conversation over coffee at the times shown below.

Wednesday 10.00 am - 12.00 noon & 6.30 - 8.00 pm (Candlelit Church).

Thursday 6.30 - 8.00 pm for all marriage and baptism enquiries.

Saturday 10.00 - 12.00 noon for coffee, Knit & Natter & space for quiet prayer.

Please join us.

Anyone with 1/2 -2 hours to spare on **Feb 25th** (between 10-12 noon) would be very welcome to help with washing and storing all the glassware used for Candlelit Church and other services where tea lights are used.

This Week 13th – 18th February 2017

in St Nicolas' Church unless otherwise stated

Monday	1.00-2.30 pm	Bumps & Babies
Wednesday	10.00 am - 12.00 noon	Open Church / Open Bible
	12 noon	Holy Communion
	5.00 pm	GPS
	6.30 - 8.00 pm	Candlelit Church
	8.00 pm	Open Bible
Thursday	9.00 - 11.00 pm	Tiny Tots
	6.30 - 8.00 pm	Wedding & Baptism bookings
Saturday	10.00 am - 12.00 noon	Knit & Natter

Foodbank News

Last week we fed 176 people (105 adults and 73 children via 74 vouchers) and we gave out double the amount we received in. Our particularly urgent needs are long-life milk (blue and green), *Smash* and tinned spaghetti.

Next Sunday : 19th February 2017

St Nicolas'	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Robin Mortimore
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Jayne Crooks & Ruth Howman
	6.00 pm	Compline	Rev Jane Platt & Gail Rogers
Hawkesley	10.30 am	Morning Worship	Rev Caz Hague
Immanuel	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Robin Mortimore

Next Sunday's Readings

Genesis 1.1-2.3	OT p.1
Psalms 136	OT p.587
Romans 8.18-25	NT p.154
Matt 6.25-end	NT p.6

The next **Men's Group Meal** is at Hopwood House Restaurant
7.30pm Monday 13th February.
Anyone needing a lift, meet outside St Nicolas' Place at 7:15pm.

For more detailed information about what's on in Kings Norton, pick up a copy of the **Parish Magazine**.

When visiting our churches, please take care of your personal belongings as you would in any public space.



St Nicolas' Church has an induction loop (T-Loop). This operates with any standard hearing aid when switched to the >T= position.