



Sunday 19th February 2017: 2nd Sunday Before Lent

Don't Worry

If you wanted a headline for the reading we have this morning from Matthew chapter 6, it would be this: Don't worry. Don't worry.

Jesus gives us two areas of life where we are not to worry. Verse 25: Do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Food and drink. Clothing. Don't worry about those, says Jesus. And to press his point home, he gives us a couple of examples from the natural world. First, he talks about the birds. They are a good example when it comes to food and drink. They don't sow, or reap, or gather in barns. They don't worry where their next meal will come from. They are simply looked after by God, our Father. Which is not to say that God just drops the food into their beaks; they have to collect it, and they have to eat it. But what they don't do, is worry about it. Jesus' second example are wild flowers. You can wander on the downs in May and find the most beautiful orchids everywhere. Or the bluebells in the woods in April. Each one is absolutely stunning in its beauty. The birds were an example of survival; God keeps them alive. The flowers are a good example for the opposite reason; they're so transient. Here today, gone tomorrow. And yet, God clothes each of those flowers with the most exquisite beauty. Jesus tells us not to worry about food, drink and clothing. Because if we do, we're exposing our ambitions, we are making our life a chase after our physical needs, rather than living for God and his purposes. He invites us to live for something that is really worth living for.

Worship In The Parish Today

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
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Robin Mortimore

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:
1st March 2017**

Collect For This Sunday

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all
creation
and respect for every
person,
that we may mirror your
likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

This 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

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.

St Bede's parish Brandwood: The current treasurer at our neighbouring parish is moving on and they are looking for a volunteer with book-keeping skills to help them out until a new one can be found.

Do you know anyone who can help?

For more details contact Revd Andy Delmage 0121 693 0217.



*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.*

Please do not leave handbags or other items unattended. There was a recent incident at a Longbridge Church where a handbag stolen at the end of worship. Please be alert.

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 :

Aversley Road, Back Road, Badon Covert, Baldwin Road

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, 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, 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, Ann Connelly, David Barker, Marlene Collier, Gabrielle Pond-Baker and 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:

Dennis Conway, Toni Dyke, Barry Collins, Barbara Cruyton; Kevin Smith, Bishop Michael Whinney, Ruby Cowley

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.

This Week 20th - 25th February 2017

in St Nicolas' Church unless otherwise stated

Monday	1.00-2.30 pm	Bumps & Babies
Tuesday	10:00 am	Hawkesley Coffee Morning
Wednesday	10.00 am - 12.00 noon	Open Church
	12 noon	Holy Communion
	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

This year the Wednesday evening Lent course is based around the film 'The Way'. The course follows different characters from the film each week, asking questions about their journey of transformation. Remember that you don't have to have watched the film to take part in the course.
22nd February - Will be an opportunity to discuss our initial reactions to the film.
Group sessions for discussion will from 8pm - 9pm on Wednesday evenings in St Nicolas Church. See Gail Rogers for details.

Next Sunday : 26th February 2017

St Nicolas'	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Larry Wright
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Larry Wright, Rev Taiwo
	6.00 pm	Evening Worship	Rev Larry Wright
Hawkesley	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Jane Platt
Immanuel	10.30 am	All Age / Brunch	Pauline Weaver

Next Sunday's Readings

Exodus 24.12-end OT p.72
Psalm 2 OT p.500
2 Peter 1.16-end NT p.234
Matt 17.1-9 NT p.17

Feb 21st 10.00- 11.00 am **Coffee and Chat** in Hawkesley Church Pastoral Centre. We will be looking at our favourite hymns (contact Liz Power for details)

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.