



**Sunday 26th February 2017: Sunday Before Lent**

Today we hear the story of the transfiguration of Jesus (Matthew 17: 1-9). It must have been an amazing experience for the three disciples who witnessed it. Peter, James and John heard the voice of God, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" An awe-inspiring, terrifying encounter. We may not hear the voice of God as loudly and clearly as the disciples did that night, but do we listen for God speaking to us? Do we follow God's instructions and listen to Jesus? We live in a world where there are many demands on our time. Do we take the time out to seek God, as Jesus did here? We don't need to go up a mountain, but when we take time to seek and be with God, we are more likely to hear God's voice. This week why not make time to spend with God and listen for Him carefully.

~ Ruth Howman

\*There will be services on 1<sup>st</sup> March Ash Wednesday at 12 noon and 8pm\*

**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**

*Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

**Women's World Day of Prayer: March 3rd.**

This year our service is devised by the women of The Philippines. The local services are at St Anne's West Heath at 2pm and St Nicolas at 7pm.

**Worship In The Parish Today**

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

**This 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

**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.



**Due to debris falling from the Baptistry ceiling, we have been advised that the Children's Area needs to be temporarily moved. We have set it up in the South Aisle until repairs can be made.**

**\*\*Foodbank:** Urgent needs remain blue & green long life milk, long life juice, cooking rice, tinned spaghetti, tinned fruit & tinned custard. Our annual Quality Assurance visit is next week: please pray for the steering group as we prepare for this.\*\*

**St Bede's parish Brandwood: The current treasurer at our neighboring 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.**

*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. Or visit 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 :**  
Barford Crescent, Barnpark Covert, Barratts Road, Batheaston Close  
Baverstock 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, 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, Neville Mitchell 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:**  
Kevin Smith, Bishop Michael Whinney, Ruby Cowley; Margaret Johnson, Christel Cooper, Wendy Craythorn

## 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 27th February - 4th March 2017

*in St Nicolas' Church unless otherwise stated*

Monday	1.00-2.30 pm	Bumps & Babies
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Hawkesley Pancakes & Quiz
Wednesday	10.00 am - 12.00 noon <b>12 noon</b> 6.30 - 8.00 pm <b>8:00 pm</b>	Open Church/Open Bible, Lent Course <b>Holy Communion with Ashes</b> Candlelit Church <b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>
Thursday	9.00 - 11.00 pm 6.30 - 8.00 pm	Tiny Tots Wedding & Baptism bookings
Friday	7:00pm	WWDP Service
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.

**1st March - Ash Wednesday Service 8pm**

Group sessions for discussion will from 8pm - 9pm on Wednesday evenings in St Nicolas Church. See Gail Rogers for details.

## Next Sunday : 5th March 2017

St Nicolas'	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Taiwo
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Larry Wright, Ruth Howman
	4:00pm	Baptisms	Rev Larry Wright & Pauline Weaver
	6.00 pm	Taize	David Ash
Hawkesley	10.30 am	Morning Worship	Mandy Butler
Immanuel	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Taiwo

## Next Sunday's Readings

Genesis 2.15-17;3.1-7 OT p.2  
Psalm 32 OT p.518  
Romans 5.12-19 NT p.151  
Matthew 4.1-11 NT p.3

*We welcome Eugene and Margaret Schellenberg at the 10.30 service at St Nicolas today. They will tell us more about the work of **Ifakara Bakery**. Our Lent "change jar" appeal this year is for the Bakery..... So please find a jar (size of your choice!) and put in any change you can spare during Lent. It all adds up.*

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.