



Sunday 5th March 2017: Lent 1

Lenten Tests

Jesus resisted turning stones to bread to feed the world, the quick fix, which gave the most reward, materially, because it wouldn't fill our hunger within. Jesus feeds us with himself so that with changed hearts that our generous and loving, we will feed the world. Jesus resisted the test to advertise his assets, by spectacularly jumping off the temple pinnacle. Instead of self promotion, both as individuals and as a church community we are called to promote Jesus and encourage the talents and attributes of others. Jesus resisted becoming the powerful leader of the world. He rejected both command of others and being controlled by the devil. As we remember the tests Jesus went through, we are reminded of our struggle, to worship God and serve him and not do what suits our immediate comfort. May we spend time prayerfully seeking him and resisting evil.

~ Jane Platt

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 March 2017**

Collect For This Sunday

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Worship In The Parish Today

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	Taizé Prayer	David Ash
Hawkesley	10.30 am	Morning Worship	Mandy Butler
Immanuel	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Taiwo

This 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

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 Baptistery 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.

Ifakara Bakery: our Lent Project at St Nicolas. If you are able, please collect small change in a jar/container (size of your choosing). We will add this to the amazing **£243.10** raised last Sunday morning at St Nicolas. (translated into loaves: 972) Our support towards funding 120,000 free loaves for vulnerable children in hospital, orphanage, leprosarium or kindergarten.

Wanted: old or no longer required copies of the Birmingham A to Z or maps of Birmingham. Please pass to Pauline or leave in the Parish Office. Thank you.

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 :
Baverstock Road, Bay Tree Close, Beaks Hill Road, Beckfield Close
Ark Kings Acedemy 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:

Margaret Johnson, Christel Cooper, Wendy Craythorn; William Capener

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 6th – 11th March 2017

in St Nicolas' Church unless otherwise stated

Monday	1.00-2.30 pm	Bumps & Babies
Tuesday	10am	Hawkesley Coffee & Chat
Wednesday	10 am - 12.00 noon 12 noon 6.30 - 8.00 pm 8pm	Open Church/Open Bible, Lent Course Holy Communion Candlelit Church Open Bible/Lent Course
Thursday	9am – 11am 6.30 - 8pm	Tiny Tots Wedding & Baptism bookings
Saturday	10am - 12.00 noon 10am - 1pm	Knit & Natter Farmers Market

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.

8th March - What are we saved from?

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

Next Sunday : 12th March 2017

St Nicolas'	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Jayne Crooks
	10.30 am	All Age Worship	Rev Jayne Crooks
	6.00 pm	Communion & Healing	Rev Larry Wright & Gail Rogers
Hawkesley	10.30 am	Visioning Day	Rev Larry Wright
Immanuel	10.30 am	@ Hawkesley	

Next Sunday's Readings

Genesis 12.1-4a	OT p.10
Psalms 121	OT p.582
Romans 4.1-5, 13-17	NT p.150
John 3.1-17	NT p.90

Foodbank: Urgent needs remain blue & green long life milk, long life juice, cooking rice, tinned spaghetti, tinned fruit & tinned custard.
Thank you for your continued support.

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.