



**Sunday 12th March 2017 / Lent2**

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not die but have eternal life.” John 3:16*

Words that are so familiar and read at nearly every funeral. And in today’s gospel passage we read of the occasion when Jesus is reported to have first said them and to whom.

Nicodemus came, we are told “at night” to meet Jesus. It is often in the darkest hours of our lives that a need to seek God in Jesus is awakened, when things aren’t going well. We often only pray or think about God in the difficult times. But this encounter with Jesus reassures us that this is OK. We can seek Jesus in the day, when everything is fine or we can seek him in the night, when our world is falling apart and everything seems hopeless. All that really matters is that we seek him and hear and act upon those words of promise that he said to Nicodemus.

~ Jayne Crooks

**Worship In The Parish Today**

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 & Pauline Weaver
Immanuel	10.30 am	@ Hawkesley	

**This 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

**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.

**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**

Almighty God,  
by the prayer  
and discipline of Lent may  
we enter into the mystery  
of Christ’s sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*



**Jars Of Change ~ 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.

**Next Men's Meal is 13<sup>th</sup> March @ 7:30pm at Accram's Stirchley. Anyone needing transport gather outside St Nicolas Place at 7:15pm.**

*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 :**

Beech Hurst, Beech Walk, Bell Green Lane, Bell Meadow Way  
Cadbury Sixth Form College, 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, Sandra W, Gill Broadhead 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:**

William Capener; Gertrude Prosser, Joe Corrigan

## 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 13th - 18th March 2017

*in St Nicolas' Church unless otherwise stated*

Monday	1pm -2.30 pm	Bumps & Babies
Wednesday	10am - 12.00 noon	Open Church/Open Bible, Lent Course
	12 noon	Holy Communion
	5pm	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
	10am – 3pm	Parish Quiet Day @ SNP

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.

**15th March - What are we saved for?**

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

## Next Sunday : 19th 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 Jayne Crooks & Pauline Weaver
	6.00 pm	Compline	Gail Rogers & Clare Manson
Hawkesley	10.30 am	Morning Worship/AGM	Rev Jane Platt, Rev Caz Hague
Immanuel	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Jayne Crooks

## Next Sunday's Readings

Exodus 17.1-7	OT p.66
Psalms 95	OT p.561
Romans 5.1-11	NT p.151
John 4.5-42	NT p.91

**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. We are continuing to feed increasing numbers of people.**

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.