



Sunday 19th March 2017 / Lent3

***How is your Lent going?***

We are nearly half way through Lent and it's a good time to reflect upon how we are benefiting, or not, from this season of preparation.

The Easter eggs are in the shops, the fluffy bunnies are on sale and the daffodils are in bloom; springtime! As Christians we are anticipating the joy of Easter while living in solidarity with those whose lives feel like a desert. As we ponder the scriptures and practice our spiritual exercises for Lent we remember that we are called to abstain not out of piety but for humility, we are encouraged to take things on not for praise but for service and to pray and read the scriptures more not for show but from necessity. A healthy spiritual life is the basis for a healthy life and the more we focus upon the divine the less we focus on ourselves: self-will is moderated and the ego tamed.

*Lord,  
As we journey through the desert of Lent  
Bring springs of spiritual waters to refresh us,  
The Bread of Life to feed us,  
The needs of others to remind us;  
The warmth of loved ones to enfold us. Amen*

~ Rev Larry Wright

**Worship In The Parish Today**

|             |          |                     |                                |
|-------------|----------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| St Nicolas' | 9am      | Holy Communion      | Rev Taiwo                      |
|             | 10.30 am | Holy Communion      | Rev Larry Wright & Ruth Howman |
|             | 6pm      | 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               |

**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:  
29th March 2017**

**Collect For This Sunday**

Eternal God,  
give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

**This Sunday's Readings**

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|---------------|----------|
| Exodus 17.1-7 | OT p.66  |
| Psalms 95     | OT p.561 |
| Romans 5.1-11 | NT p.151 |
| John 4. 5-27  | NT p.91  |

**KNPCC / APCM Monday,  
24<sup>th</sup> April @ 7:30 in St Nicolas  
Church**

**Foodbank News:** Last week we received in 753kg of food and gave out 1422kg overall: feeding 203 people (112 adults and 91 children). As you can see, demand is outstripping income, but this is being partly offset by the supermarket collections and also those who give financially, so we can buy food from the wholesalers. we are also working with our referrers to ensure that every family or individual coming to us really is in need of emergency food, and their needs cannot be met elsewhere.

Most urgent needs remain tinned spaghetti, tinned/packet custard, tinned tomatoes, sugar (500 g bags), coffee, long life milk (blue and green), tinned fruit, cooking rice, long-life fruit juice and hot chocolate. Carrier bags are also very very useful. Many thanks for your continued support.



*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 :**

Bells Farm Close, Bells Lane, Bentmead Grove, Bicknell Croft

Westhill Day Nursery, 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:**

Gertrude Prosser, Joe Corrigan; Bernard Binding, Beryl Morris, Audrey Avery, Steve Fox

## 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 March 2017

*in St Nicolas' Church unless otherwise stated*

|           |   |   |
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| Monday    | 1pm -2.30pm   | Bumps & Babies  |
| Tuesday   | 10am  | Hawkesely Coffee and Chat   |
| Wednesday | 10am - 12.00 noon<br>12 noon<br>6:30 - 8pm<br>8:00 pm | Open Church/Open Bible, Lent Course<br>Holy Communion<br>Candlelit Church<br>Open Bible |
| Thursday  | 9am – 11am<br>6:30pm - 8pm                            | Tiny Tots<br>Wedding & Baptism bookings   |
| Saturday  | 10am - 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 March - Who can be saved?**

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

## Next Sunday : 26th March 2017 *Mothering Sunday*

|             |          |                 |                                 |
|-------------|----------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| St Nicolas' | 9.00 am  | Holy Communion  | Rev Larry Wright                |
|             | 10.30 am | Holy Communion  | Rev Larry Wright & Gail Rogers  |
|             | 6.00 pm  | Evening Worship | Rev Jayne Crooks & Mandy Butler |
| Hawkesley   | 10.30 am | Holy Communion  | Rev Jane Platt                  |
| Immanuel    | 10.30 am | Brunch          | Rev Taiwo & Pauline Weaver      |

## Next Sunday's Readings

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|-----------------|----------|
| Exodus 2.1-10   | OT p.51  |
| Psalms 34.11-20 | OT p.519 |
| 2 Cor. 5.1-11   | NT p.177 |
| John 19.25b-27  | NT p.111 |

**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.**

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.