



Sunday 26th March 2017 / Lent 4 *Mothering Sunday*

The church calls today Mothering Sunday, the secular world calls it Mother's Day. To my mind the 'Mother's Day' tag is rather limiting, because we're encouraged to shower one person with cards, flowers and gifts, but the church's preference for 'Mothering Sunday' implies a far more inclusive approach, allowing for the possibility that mothering may be – and frequently is – more than simply a biological relationship. The origin of Mothering Sunday can be traced

to early times when people in England as a tradition visited their nearest parish called, "Daughter Church" on every Sunday. In those times, in the 1600s, children after the age of ten left their homes for jobs as apprentice or domestic servants. It was considered important by the people that these children be allowed to visit their home and mother church once a year.

On their way to visit to their homes, the children brought along gifts, flowers and special cakes for their mothers. These visits thus became a time for family reunions and over a period time, this holiday meant for the return to Mother Church was stretched to include all mothers and other care givers and was named as Mothering Sunday.

Worship In The Parish Today

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

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**

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. 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 useful. Many thanks for your continued support.

This Sunday's Readings

Exodus 2.1-10	OT p.51
Psalms 34.11-20	OT p.519
2 Cor. 1.3-7	NT p.175
John 19.25b-27	NT p.111

Collect For This Sunday

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Bible Reading Fellowship publications: 'New Daylight' and 'Guidelines'. The cost is £13.20 for 3 magazines. If anyone is interested in subscribing please contact Julie Caley on 0121 458 3328

If you are hoping to pay for a church chair with a dedication on it, please return your chair forms/donation to Sylvia. (preferably by the end of March)

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

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 :

Birdcage Walk, Birdie Close, Bracken Way, Bradshaw Avenue
The Green 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:

Bernard Binding, Beryl Morris, Audrey Avery, Steve Fox; Edward Hollyoak

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 March - 1st April 2017

in St Nicolas' Church unless otherwise stated

Monday	1pm -2.30pm	Bumps & Babies
Wednesday	10am - 12.00 noon	Open Church/Open Bible, Lent Course
	12 noon	Holy Communion
	5 pm	GPS
	6:30 - 8pm	Candlelit Church
	8:00 pm	Open Bible
Thursday	9am – 11am	Tiny Tots
	6:30pm - 8pm	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.

29th March - What do we do to be saved?

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

Next Sunday : 2nd April 2017

St Nicolas'	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Larry Wright
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Larry Wright & Ruth Howman
	4 pm	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/AGM	Rev Robin Mortimore

Next Sunday's Readings

Ezekiel 37.1-14	OT p.820
Psalms 130	OT p.585
Romans 8.6-11	NT p.153
John 11.1-45	NT p.101

Easter Flowers in St. Nicolas Church – I would welcome donations towards the cost of the flowers. Please hand to me or place in the flower donations box in Church. Offers of help to arrange the flowers on Easter Saturday morning would be much appreciated. Alison Blumer – 486 2837

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.