



**Sunday 9th April 2017 / Palm Sunday**

You can forgive the disciples for being confused. Shortly before the events of Palm Sunday, Jesus had taken them aside. "We are going to Jerusalem," he had said, "where I am going to be mocked, flogged and crucified; and then I am going to come back to life". St Matthew's Gospel records no reaction to this extraordinary announcement. We are left to imagine the response. Then, days later, the crowd's rapturous welcome as Jesus enters the city seems briefly to call his foresight into question. As the Jewish Scriptures had predicted, he makes a deliberate choice to enter Jerusalem in the manner expected of the coming King, "gentle and riding on a donkey". You can almost hear one follower turning to another to say, "Crucified? What was he on about? They love him!" But Jesus sees through and beyond the enthusiastic palm waving. He knows people. He knows they are fickle, short-sighted and easily led, even to the point of choosing their own downfall. Like a weathervane in a storm, within hours this crowd will swivel. Urged on by cynical politicians, it will howl for the death of the "Son of David", wilfully blind to his innocence, its better judgment in tatters. Meanwhile, Jesus, unperturbed and unflinching walks resolutely through the chaos, the only one who understands what this is really all about.

~ David Ash

**Worship In The Parish Today**

St Nicolas'	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Robin Mortimore
	10.30 am	Palm Parade	Team
	6.00 pm	Holy Communion	Rev Jane Platt & Clare Manson
Hawkesley	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Caz Hague
Immanuel	10.30 am	@SN	

**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:  
26th April 2017**

**Foodbank News:**

We helped to feed 153 people last week, and our most urgent needs are tinned spaghetti, tinned/packet custard, tinned tomatoes, cooking rice, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, long-life juice, long-life milk (green and blue), tinned fruit and instant potato. Many thanks for your continued support.

**This Sunday's Readings**

(9 am) Isaiah 50.4-9                      OT p 691  
Matthew 21: 1-11                          NT p 21

**Collect for today**

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you,  
that we may be found beside you on the way of the  
cross, which is the path of glory. Amen.

**Holy Week Services at St Nicolas (unless otherwise noted)**

*Compline Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday @ 7:30pm*

*Holy Communion Wednesday @ 12 noon*

***Maundy Thursday: Holy Communion, Foot Washing & Vigil @ 7:30pm***

***Good Friday: Walk of Witness leaving Fairway Day Center @ 11am***

*All age worship 12 – 12:45pm*

*Stations of the Cross 1-2pm*

*Tenebrae 2-3pm*

***Saturday Easter Eve; First Communion of Easter @ 7:30pm***

***Easter Sunday: Holy Communion at all 3 churches @ 10:30am.***

***Also 9am and immediately following 6pm Evensong Worship @ SN***

**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 :**  
 Britford Close, Broad Meadow Lane, Brockworth Road, Brooklea Grove  
 Ark Rose Primary 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 Grimmit, 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:**  
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## 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 10th – 15th April 2017 *in St Nicolas' Church unless otherwise stated*

Monday	1pm - 2.30pm 7:30pm	Bumps & Babies Compline
Tuesday	7:30pm	Compline
Wednesday	10am - 12.00 noon 12 noon 7:30pm	Open Church/Open Bible, Lent Course Holy Communion Compline
Thursday	9am – 11am 7:30pm	Tiny Tots Maundy Thursday Service
Friday	11am 12-3	Walk of Witness @Fairway Center Good Friday Services
Saturday	10am - 12.00 noon 7:30pm	Knit & Natter Easter Eve Service

## Lent Change Jar Challenge for Ifakara Bakery.

We have already raised £50 and I suspect there are several more jars to come in yet. Please bring them to St Nicolas or the Parish Office by April 24th if possible. Thank you to all who are collecting or have collected.

£50 = 200 loaves.



## Next Sunday : 16th April 2017 : Easter Sunday

St Nicolas'	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Larry Wright
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Larry Wright & Gail Rogers
	4pm	Baptisms	Rev Larry Wright & Pauline Weaver
	6.00 pm	Holy Communion	Rev Jane Platt & Rev Taiwo
Hawkesley	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Jane Platt
Immanuel	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Jayne Crooks

## Next Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 31.1-6	OT p 745
Acts 10.34-43	NT p 126
John 20.1-18	NT p 111

**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.