



Sunday 23rd April 2017

Mary Magdalene had met the disciples, fresh from her encounter at dawn in the garden with Jesus. She had come rushing to them, bursting into their sorrow, breathless with joy and amazement, exclaiming, "I have seen the Lord! Jesus is alive!"

You would have expected great joy to break out at such an announcement, for the disciples to run into the streets to shout out the good news.

No, instead, we meet them huddled together in that familiar room, with the doors shut and locked out of fear. They are afraid of everything on the other side of those doors and all they can do is question:

What will happen to us now?

It isn't hard for us to imagine ourselves in that room. We, like the first disciples, often lock ourselves in and the world out when we are threatened or wounded or grieving. Our communities change. Strangers come who are not like us. Or perhaps you are the stranger trying to make a new life in a strange land, learning a new language, new customs and ways, and everywhere you go doors seemed to be closed to you, hearts shut against you. You are afraid and lonely. And so, like the first disciples, faced with life we hadn't expected, we huddle together, afraid. We gather with people like us and close the door to the stranger. We cling to familiar patterns and comforting words.

The disciples could not stay in that room safe and familiar though it was. They would suffocate there if they stayed and Jesus knew that, sending them out into the very world they feared, into the fresh air of the future they could not see, saying: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He speaks our name as he spoke Mary's name, calling us to turn from grief and fear and to turn again toward the dawn.

Worship In The Parish Today

St Nicolas'	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Taiwo
	10.30 am	Holy Communion w/ Baptism	Rev Jayne Crooks & David Ash
	6.00 pm	Evening Worship	Fay Fearon & Gail Rogers
Hawkesley	10.30 am	Morning Worship	Gail Rogers
Immanuel	10.30 am	Brunch	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:
26th April 2017**

Foodbank News:

Our most urgent needs are tinned meat, tinned spaghetti, tinned tomatoes and baked beans.
Many thanks for your continued support.



This Sunday's Readings

Acts 2.14,22-32	NT p115
Psalms 16	OT p507
1 Peter 1.3-9	NT p229
John 20.19-end	NT p112

Collect for today

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice.
Amen.

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

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

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 :

Calverley Road, Camford Grove, Camp Lane, Campion Close
Fairway 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, 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, Ron Wills, Tony Fox 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:

David Johnson; Harry Cox, Eileen Morris

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 24th – 29th April 2017

in St Nicolas' Church unless otherwise stated

Monday	1pm-2:30pm 7:30pm	Bumps & Babies APCM
Wednesday	10am - 12.00 noon 12 noon 5pm 6:30-8pm 8pm	Open Church / Open Bible Holy Communion GPS Candlelit Church Open Bible
Thursday	9am – 11am 6:30-8pm	Tiny Tots Wedding & Baptism Bookings
Saturday	10am - 12.00 noon	Knit & Natter

Lent Change Jar Challenge for Ifakara Bakery.

The term "jar" has included envelopes, plastic bags, jars of various sizes, flora tubs and a weighty metal tin which needed both hands to carry it.....and they have produced just over **£200** so far! Please bring anymore "jars" to St Nicolas or to the Parish Office by the end of April.

£200=800 loaves!



Next Sunday : 30th April 2017

St Nicolas'	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev Larry Wright
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev Larry Wright & Gail Rogers
	6.00 pm	Creative Worship	Ruth Howman
Hawkesley	10.30 am	Morning Worship	Rev Jane Platt
Immanuel	10.30 am	Prayer & Praise	Congregation

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 2.14, 36-41	NT p115
Psalms 116.1-3, 10-end	OT p576
1 Peter 1.17-23	NT p230
Luke 24.13-35	NT p86

The alert among you may have spotted that the dates for Christian Aid week on the Palm Sunday service sheet made no sense! CAW is May 14th-20th this year and Hawkesley will host a Coffee Morning to close the fund raising on May 20th. There may be other events too: so please watch for dates. ~ Sylvia

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.