



Sunday 7th May 2017/ Easter 4

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

A shepherd is one employed in tending, feeding and guarding the sheep. Jesus the good shepherd indicates His readiness to care, protect, even given up His life for the sheep in His care. Jesus takes care and looks after His sheep. His sheep are those who have accepted and confess Him as their Lord and saviour. Sheep are completely reliant on the shepherd to take them to where there is food and protect them from wolves and other predators that may devour them if left unprotected. Shepherd decides where to tend the sheep and the sheep obey His command. For us to continue to enjoy Jesus care and protection, we must be His people and the sheep of His pasture (Psalm 100:3b). We must live according to His dictates and also maintain an undiluted relationship with Him.

~ Revd. Dr. Taiwo Olumuyiwa.

A joint 'Open For Prayer' for St. Nicolas', Hawkesley and Immanuel will be held on Saturday May 27 in St Nicolas between 12noon -2pm. This is an opportunity for reflection. There will also be opportunity for healing. You are all cordially invited. Church will open between 12 and 2. Participants are allowed to drop in and leave at any time.

Worship In The Parish Today

St Nicolas'	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	Baptisms
	6.00 pm	Taizé Evening Worship
Hawkesley	10.30 am	Morning Worship
Immanuel	10.30 am	Holy Communion

This Sunday's Readings

Acts 2: 42-47	NT p 116
Psalms 23	OT p 512
1 Peter 2: 19-25	NT p 231
John 10:1-10	NT p 100

Collect for today

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

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:
10th May 2017**

Foodbank News:

We are still feeding approximately 150 people a week, and our most urgent needs are tinned meat, tinned tomatoes, tinned spaghetti, long life whole milk, long life fruit juice, tea, coffee and hot chocolate. Food is going out almost as fast as it is coming in. Many thanks for your continued support.

**Eroica Camerata 20th May
7.30 pm: St Nicolas: Bruch, Mendelssohn, Schubert.**



Copies of the Pastoral Letter from Archbishops regarding the General Election now available at the back of Church.

Pilgrimage to Bordesley Abbey and Worcester Cathedral / Saturday 27th May

Kings Norton Parish has a historical connection to Worcester through its past connection to Bromsgrove Parish. In remembrance of this relationship we are doing a pilgrimage to Worcester Cathedral with a mid-way stop at Bordesley Abbey in Redditch. We have put together an adaptable program for the day with pilgrims having the option to do some walking and/or transport depending on their physical needs. For further information please see the separate flyer or Gail Rogers. All are invited to take part in as much or as little as they can manage.

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 links with Father Walter Toro of Jesus the Good Shepherd Church in Tarija, Bolivia and with Pastor Tammy Firestone and the congregation of La Trinidad Church in Cochbamba.

Please pray for residents, workers, staff, pupils and parents of :

Cherhill Covert, Chip Close, Clandon Close, Clements Way
Wychall Primary School & Childrens Center, 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, David Barker, Beryl Jones, Edna Mullis, Natasha Markovic, Nan Hoadly, Florence Bonner, Lillian Hillier, John Clark, Joan Gunter, Olga Groves, Joyce Hawkins, Em & Tina Drakeford, Leon and Melissa Brown, Connie Wilson, Simon Hambly, Dorothy Gardner, Addie Tilley, Paul Shelton, Delsie Burges/Brooks, Mason Green, Oscar Hooper, 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, Dan Kaner, Sandra Sandilands, Ann Connelly, Marlene Collier, Gabrielle Pond-Baker, Sandra W, Gill Broadhead, Ron Wills and Veronica Clark.

Children Charlie Ramsey, Twins Stella & Francesca and Sahar Kaussar.

Please pray for those who have died and for those who grieve for them:

Harry Cox (Mon 15th May at 10 am: Service burial and light refreshments after: all at St Nicolas), Stephen Graham, Eileen Morris, John Ryall, Dennis Brooke, Sheila Birch, Mary Williamson (Tues 16th May at 1.30 pm in St Nicolas & SNP after).

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.

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Our Ascension Day service will once again be shared with the Church of The Ascension at Stirchley Thursday 25th May at 7.30 pm

This Week: 8th – 13th May 2017

in St Nicolas' Church unless otherwise stated

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

Christian Aid Week is May 14th-20th

this year and Hawkesley will host a Coffee Morning to close the fund-raising on May 20th. Please remember to bring used postage stamps and foreign coins to the Office or any of the 3 Churches.

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**\*Gift Aid tax letters are now available at the back of Church.\***

### Next Sunday: 14th May 2017

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| St Nicolas' | 10.30 am | Confirmation        |
|             | 6.00 pm  | Communion & Healing |
| Hawkesley   | 10.30 am | @SN                 |
| Immanuel    | 10.30 am | @SN                 |

### Next Sunday's Readings

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| Acts 7.55-end        | NT p 122 |
| Psalms 31.1-5, 15-16 | OT p 517 |
| 1 Peter 2.2-10       | NT p 230 |
| John 14.1-14         | NT p 105 |

**Confirmation is on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30 am with Bishop Maurice Sinclair. Please pray for our candidates for Confirmation and Reception into the Church of England.**

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.