

**Sunday 11th June 2017 / Trinity**

Some mysteries that will always be a mystery. Today, Trinity Sunday, we come against one of those mysteries – God.

We don't often talk about the mystery and awesomeness of God these days. As humans, creatures of God, we can't even begin to imagine what God is like. This is the mystery of God, the great God, the only God who is three persons in one God, who refuses to be categorised, who is far bigger and greater than we could ever imagine, who existed before this world was made, who doesn't need us to exist. The early Christians started talking about a Triune (from the Latin for "three-in-one") God. This wasn't to make God more logical and understandable and acceptable to human ways of thinking. In fact, the idea of the Trinity intensified the mystery and awesomeness of God. They observed that Jesus had a unique relationship with the Father and that the Holy Spirit had a unique relationship with the Father and the Son. Against all sorts of odds, against all human logic, and in the face of mounting opposition, the Church maintained that Jesus Christ is true God, equal with the Father, and that the Holy Spirit is God, equal with the Father and the Son.

In human terms this is an impossible concept – let's leave it as a part of the mystery of God. But what is important is that in the up and down struggles of daily life we have a God who saves, a God who loves, a God who has gone to extreme lengths to ensure that you have a living relationship with him. Our God might be majestic and mighty but he is here now and wants you to be with him in all eternity.

**Worship In The Parish Today**

St Nicolas'	9:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Holy Communion
	4:30pm	Pauline Weaver Licensing
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>No Service</b>
Hawkesley	10:30 am	Holy Communion

**This Sunday's Readings**

Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end	OT p 678
Psalms 8	OT p 503
2 Corinthians 13.11-end	NT p 183
Matthew 28.16-end	NT p 32

**Christian Aid**

Money-counting starts next week. Most collectors have returned their bags: Hawkesley Coffee Morning made in excess of £500! Watch this space for a total...



**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:  
21<sup>st</sup> June 2017**

**Foodbank News:**

Foodbank continues, overall, to give out more food than is coming in. The volunteers are meeting in a fortnight's time to come up with additional ways of "foodraising".

Our biggest current needs are:  
tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned carrots, ready made custard (tinned/packet), long life whole milk and 500g bags of sugar.

**\*\*Please note – there will be no 6pm Service in St Nicolas tonight.\*\***

**We are pleased to welcome the Bishop of Aston, Rt Rev Anne Hollinghurst, to St Nicolas today to License Pauline Weaver in her new role as Lay Minister.**

***Tea and cakes are being served in church after the service.***

***"We are going to make a choice that will change the lives of all of us, and the next generations, both for this country and indirectly for much of Europe. Britain's vision for its future cannot be only about ourselves."*** ~ Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.

*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:**  
Dove Garden, Downcroft Avenue, Downland Close, Drews Meadow Close  
St Jude Primary School, 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 Grimmit, Jayne Slater, Olivia Grimes 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, Marlene Collier, Gabrielle Pond-Baker, Sandra W, Gill Broadhead, Patti Creswell 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:**  
Robert Pryce; Margaret Fisher, Ron Wills (Service in SN 23rd June 1pm) Margaret Brazier, Jim Dunn

## 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).

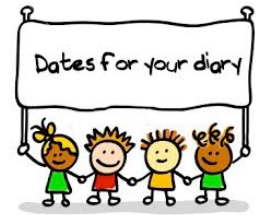
**Thursday** 6.30 - 8.00 pm for all marriage and baptism enquiries.

**Saturday** 10.00 - 12.00 noon for coffee, Knit & Natter & space for quiet prayer.

## This Week: 12th June – 17th June 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



**Today! 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017 Lay Minister Licensing**  
**1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 SNP Quiz Night**  
**8<sup>th</sup> July 2017 Kings Norton Festival; Craft Fair & Farmers Market**

## Next Sunday: 18th June 2017

St Nicolas'	9:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Holy Communion
	4:00pm	Baptisms
	6:00 pm	Compline
Hawkesley	10:30 am	Morning Worship
Immanuel	10:30 am	Holy Communion

## Next Sunday's Readings

Genesis 18.1-15	OT p 14
Psalms 116.1, 10-17	OT p 576
Romans 5.1-8	NT p 151
Matthew 9.35-10.8	NT p 9

**The SWEET Project:** We are a social enterprise not-for-profit venture, formed in March 2010. We work with children, families and vulnerable adults to provide protection, safeguarding, empowerment, problem-solving skills and support. 0121 458 2270  
<http://www.sweetproject.co.uk/>

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.