



Sunday 25th June 2017 / 2nd Sunday After Trinity

Taking Sides

Most of us think of ourselves as tolerant and reasonable, willing to see the good in others and to help them in time of need. Most of us are. Just look at the response to the most recent national tragedies. In the story now being written around us, the bad guys are "extremists", not just those prepared to go to extremes but those motivated by extreme intolerance. We naturally want to counteract their influence by emphasising the common ground between us. Indeed, there is a widespread assumption that the things which bring us together must always be intrinsically good, that peace flows from the absence of division and from the papering over of differences. Which is why today's Bible readings are going to make such uncomfortable reading. For all of them, in their different ways, challenge us to get off the fence and take sides. The prophet Jeremiah, overpowered by the inner fire which drives him to speak God's words, is persecuted for his obedience. St Paul invites us to choose between slavery to sin or freedom with Christ. Jesus himself, in words hard to hear, presents us with stark choices and a call to lose our lives in His service. Could any invitation be more extreme?

~ David Ash

Worship In The Parish Today

St Nicolas'	9:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Holy Communion
	6:00 pm	Baptisms
Hawkesley	10:30 am	Holy Communion
Immanuel	10:30 am	All Age

This Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 20.7-13	OT p 733
Psalms 69.8-11, 18-20	OT p 542
Romans 6.1b-11	NT p 152
Matthew 10.24-39	NT p 44

Collect for today

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.
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:
5th July 2017**

Foodbank News

B30 Foodbank has been nominated in a competition to be Longbridge Sainsbury's designated Charity of the Year. They then raise funds for that charity. As we are giving out more food than we are receiving in, this could really help B30 Foodbank's continuation in providing food for families and individuals in crisis.

Voting is now under way & will close on Sunday (so vote TODAY!) We need as many votes as possible to see if we can win this competition.

You can vote in-store at Sainsbury's Longbridge, or you can vote online as follows. Go to:

www.Sainsburys.co.uk
and follow the link.

Security

In the light of recent events we are reviewing the security of all our buildings. You may be asked to change the way you do certain tasks, be asked to attend a briefing, or to provide certain information to us. Please do not be offended, this is purely part of our work to help keep everyone safe.

If you have a set of keys to any of our buildings – St Nicolas Church, St Nicolas Place, Hawkesley, Old Grammar School etc. please can you let the Office know. Thank you.

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:

Durnford Croft, Eagle Croft, Easmore Close, Easterton Croft
St Thomas Aquinas Secondary 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, 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, Sandra Sandilands, Marlene Collier, Gabrielle Pond-Baker, Sandra W, Thelma Mitchell, Gill Broadhead 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:

Jim Dunn, Joyce Tilser; Patti Creswell

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.

Foodbank Urgent Needs:

This week are tinned fruit, tinned meat, long-life whole milk and 500g bags of sugar.

This Week: 26th June – 1st July 2017

in St Nicolas' Church unless otherwise stated

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

Christian Aid

We have begun counting now, so don't have a full figure yet – but can report the fantastic amount raised by Hawkesley: **£700 from the Coffee Morning and Hanging Basket sales**. Thank you Hawkesley, and also members of Immanuel who assisted in running the coffee Morning.
Great Team Work!

Next Sunday: 25th June 2017

St Nicolas'	9:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Holy Communion
	4:00 pm	Baptisms
	6:00 pm	Taize
Hawkesley	10:30 am	Morning Worship
Immanuel	10:30 am	Holy Communion (by Extension)

Next Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 28.5-9	OT p 742
Psalms 89.1-4, 15-18	OT p 557
Romans 6.12-end	NT p 152
Matthew 10.40-end	NT p 44

Dates for the diary!

1st July 2017 ~ SNP Quiz Night

8th July 2017 ~ Kings Norton Festival; Craft Fair & Farmers Market

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.