



Sunday 6th August 2017 /Feast of the Transfiguration

Transfiguration

Jeremy Paxman, commemorating the slaughter of the First World War responded to the belief held by survivors of the Battle of Mons in Belgium that they saw angels protecting them with the words, "Of course it didn't happen."

Peter was keen to convince us that we do receive help from heaven in our suffering. Jesus, facing crucifixion and his return to glory was changed into his heavenly splendour as he prayed. Moses and Elijah spoke with him, the cloud representing God's presence descended and those present heard the voice of God affirming his chosen Son. It happened and Peter saw it. It was so important; he wanted to build dwellings on the site and recorded it in his epistle.

As we pray, we too are changed and receive help whether seen or unseen. We engage with the community of heaven where we already belong and will one day go.

~ Jane Platt

Worship In The Parish Today

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

This Sunday's Readings

Daniel 7.9,10,13,14	OT p 842
2 Peter 1.16-19	NT p 234
Luke 9.28-36	NT p 67

Collect for today

Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

3D Course / Diocesan course for Developing Disciples

The diocesan discipleship course will be tutored on Tuesday evening in Kings Norton and at other venues and times across the city starting in September. It is the first step towards accredited ministry in the Church of England. If anyone would like more information, please ask one of the clergy or the lay minister for more information and a form.



We invite all students, whatever their age, and teachers to bring their school bags to our **Blessing of the School Bags service on Sunday 27th August at 10:30**. Begin the new academic year surrounded by love and prayers. We invite everyone to buy a small amount of stationery to be donated to those in our linked church in Bolivia.

There will be no activities for children on Sundays during August. No GPS until 6th September. Bumps and Babies and Tiny Tots continue all summer.

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:
September 6th**

Foodbank News

Foodbank continues to be very busy, and is currently enjoying several supermarket collections and money donations from events such as CocoMad. Despite these extra injections of supplies, we remain in urgent need for tinned meat, tinned fruit, long-life whole milk, tinned/packet custard, 500g bags of white or brown sugar and long-grain/basmati rice. Many thanks for your long and continued support.

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:

Firhill Croft, Flax Gardens, The Fold, Fordeway Gardens
Westhill Day Nursery, 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 Grimmitt, 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, Jean Gates, Veronica Clark and Debbie White.
Children Charlie Ramsey, Twins Stella & Francesca and Sahar Kaussar.

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

John Ashley, Primrose Garrow; Dennis Davis, Dimitrios Doxianidis, James Bannister, Barbara Sartin

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: 7th – 12th August

in St Nicolas' Church unless otherwise stated

Monday	1-2:30pm	Bumps & Babies
Wednesday	10am – 12 noon	Open Church
	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 noon	Knit & Natter

Looking for volunteers for the first Kings Norton Donkey Derby on August 27th – if you are free and can help out for a couple of hours please contact Judy in the Parish Office.



Next Sunday: 13th August 2017

St Nicolas'	9:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Holy Communion
	6:00 pm	Holy Communion & Healing
Hawkesley	10:30 am	Morning Worship
Immanuel	10:30 am	@ SN

Next Sunday's Readings

1 Kings 19.9-18	OT p 336
Romans 10.5-15	NT p 156
Matthew 14.22-33	NT p 15

****St Nicolas Church Seating Survey****

*At their next meeting the PCC will be considering the quality and flexibility of the seating arrangements at St Nicolas. **YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT** so please complete the survey at the back of church. Thank you from the Rector*

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.