



**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**

**Sunday 27th August 2017 / 11th Sunday After Trinity**

From our earliest days, our minds are a battlefield over which competing forces fight for influence. Never was this truer than in our age of all-pervasive advertising and social media. Each year, billions are spent on the means of controlling our thinking and behaviour, on enticing us to "consume", on harnessing our latent addictions. Until we become aware of what is being done to us and consciously resist or opt out, each of us is a guinea pig in a vast mind control experiment; and even then, winning the freedom to think and act for ourselves is far from easy. In this week's reading from the Letter to the Romans, St Paul offers hope and a way out. We start out on the road to freedom by recognising those pressures for what they are and by following Paul's advice to resist them: "Do not be conformed to this world." It cannot stop there, though; for we cannot set ourselves free. It may seem counter-intuitive, but the liberation we long for can only be found by submitting our inmost selves to another, more powerful force, the Spirit of Christ. "Be transformed," Paul writes, "by the renewal of your minds." True freedom of thought and action becomes possible when we let Jesus think his thoughts within us. ~ David Ash.

*Afternoon Tea  
In St. Nicolas  
Church*

**9<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Tickets available in Church or  
from the Parish Office. £3  
2pm to 5pm  
All proceeds to the Roof Fund.  
To donate – back of church,  
pledge cards or cheques made  
out to "KNPCC"



**Worship In The Parish Today**

St Nicolas'	9:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Holy Communion & Blessing of the Backpacks
	3:00pm	Donkey Derby
	6:00 pm	Evening Worship
Hawkesley	10:30 am	Holy Communion
Immanuel	10:30 am	@SN

**This Sunday's Readings**

Isaiah 56.1, 6-8	<b>OT p 696</b>
Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32	<b>NT p 156</b>
Matthew 15.10-28	<b>NT p 16</b>

**Collect for today**

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Don't forget ~ DONKY DERBY is TODAY!**  
**3pm on Kings Norton Green**



*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:**

Glasbury Croft, Glenmore Drive, Glenroyde, Goodrest Lane  
Kings Norton 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, Beryl Jones, 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, June McCoy, Andrew Leslie and Doug Sansom

**Please remember those who are ill, receiving treatment or recovering from surgery:**

Yvonne Whittingham, Jonathan Rogers, Annie Edwards, Sandra Sandilands, Marlene Collier, Gabrielle Pond-Baker, Sandra W, Thelma Mitchell, Jean Gates, Veronica Clark, Jayne Slater 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:**

Robert Evans, Brian Ingram; Linda Khan

## 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: 28th August – 2nd September

*in St Nicolas' Church unless otherwise stated*

Tuesday	10am	Hawkesely Coffee & Chat
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

**\*Reminder! Bumps & Babies will not meet on Bank Holiday Monday – 28th Aug.\***

## Foodbank news:

Most needed this week:

Tinned tomatoes

Tinned spaghetti

More Tinned tomatoes

Instant potato (smash)

Long-life whole milk

And yet more tinned tomatoes...

***Recently CocoMad and the Labour Party raised £500. They went to Co-op Stirchley who matched that and Foodbank received £1000 worth of food from this generosity. Thank you so much!***

## Next Sunday: 3rd September 2017

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

## Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 51.1-6	<b>OT p 691</b>
Romans 12.1-8	<b>NT p 157</b>
Matthew 16.13-20	<b>NT p 17</b>

## **\*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.