

Sunday 17th September 2017 / 14th Sunday After Trinity

'The Book of Forgiving' by Desmond & Mpho Tutu is a challenging book about the transformative healing of forgiveness. They write that forgiveness is a choice, and that choosing forgiveness ultimately serves to make you a stronger and freer person. Our gospel reading speaks about radical forgiveness. Peter asks how often he should forgive, and, Jesus replies that the kind of forgiveness called for is beyond all math.

He tells a parable of a servant who receives incalculable forgiveness who then refuses to extend that same forgiveness to somebody else. Matthew uses this parable not to contrast the amounts owed but to contrast mercy and forgiveness. All grace extends from God, as people of God we are called to extend that grace to each other. At the end of the parable the servant's forgiveness is revoked showing that it is his unforgiveness that affects his own relationships. Forgiveness is ultimately about release, and this parable is a warning that the journey of how unforgiveness keeps us trapped in a cycle of bitterness. We forgive to release others and ourselves

from chains of unforgiveness. ~ Gail Rogers

**Worship In The Parish Today**

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

**This Sunday's Readings**

Genesis 50.15-21	<b>OT p 49</b>
Romans 14.1-12	<b>NT p 158</b>
Matthew 18.21-35	<b>NT p 19</b>

**Collect for Today**

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 20<sup>th</sup>**

**\*Please note\* GPS will now be starting @ 4:30 pm**

**'Turning to Christ' at 8pm in St Nicolas Church starting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2017**

On Wednesday evenings for the next six weeks the Open Bible group will be taking part in the Pilgrim Course. The pilgrim course is a course for the Christian Journey that focuses on following Jesus Christ.

The group is for:

- People who have recently started coming to church
- Those who want the chance to think about Christian faith
- Those who have been Christians for many years and want to visit the roots of their faith again.

***Please pass on news about this group to anyone who may be interested.***

**Opportunities to support others in St Nicolas:**

There is a basket receiving small gifts of school/college stationery for our partner parish in Bolivia (La Trinidad Church in Cochabamba).

*Particular needs for for B30 Foodbank are tinned meat, tinned tomatoes, tinned spaghetti, tinned/packet custard, tinned fruit and tinned rice pudding and jam.*

September also is time to give to Water Aid. There will be a collection point for small change in St Nicolas (large water containers) and gifts can also be left at the Parish Office.

*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:**  
 The Green, Greenway Gardens, Grimley Road, Grimpits Lane  
 Kings Norton Nursery & Camp Lane 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:**  
 Shirley Sparrey, Brenda Bryant; Veronica Hill, Violet Smith, Derek Hankinson

## 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.

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### **\*Until Further Notice\***

There will be no 12 noon Holy Communion Service on Wednesday.

## This Week: 18th – 23rd September

*in St Nicolas' Church unless otherwise stated*

Monday	1pm	Bumps & Babies
Tuesday	10am	Hawkesley Coffee & Chat
	7:30pm	3D Hawkesley
Wednesday	10am – 12 noon	Open Church / Open Bible
	4:30pm	GPS
	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

## Hawkesley Home Group

has started. They meet on Tuesdays at 21 Rednal Road @ 2pm. They will be studying Archbishop Welbys book, "Dethroning Mammon". See Rev Jane Platt for details.

**All are welcome.**

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**Hawkesley Church Coffee Morning** welcomes Sue Ball this Tuesday at 10.00 am. All are welcome, particularly those interested in pursuing making our churches "Places of Welcome"

## Next Sunday: 24th September 2017 *Trinity 15*

St Nicolas'	9:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30am	Holy Communion
	6:00pm	Taize
Hawkesley	10:30 am	Holy Communion
Immanuel	10:30 am	Harvest

## Next Sunday's Readings

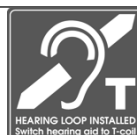
Jonah 3.10-end of 4	<b>OT p 876</b>
Philippians 1.21-end	<b>NT p 194</b>
Matthew 20.1-16	<b>NT p 20</b>

### **Open Doors Petition**

*Open Doors are asking for people to sign their petition to The Secretary General of the United Nations on behalf of our Christian Brothers and Sisters in Iraq & Syria. **Copies of the petition are in all our churches for people to sign if they wish.** You do not need to give any details of address etc. Just signing is enough.*

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.