

Sunday 24th September 2017 / 15th Sunday After Trinity

'It's not fair!' I wonder how many times you have said or thought that? It is a common complaint and one that I imagine would have been made by the vineyard workers in this story from Matthew's gospel. The workers who have worked the longest get paid the same as those who have worked the shortest hours. But when they grumble the landowner points out that they agreed to the arrangement. He has chosen to be generous. Is that unfair? God is like the landlord, he treats us all with the same generosity. Is that unfair too? We may not even feel it is true.

These are difficult questions as they challenge our own feelings about what is just. Our cry of 'it's not fair' ends up being as much of a challenge as the story.

~Pauline Weaver

Worship In The Parish Today

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| St Nicolas' | 9:00am | Holy Communion |
| | 10:30am | Holy Communion |
| | 6:00pm | 100 th Taize |
| Hawkesley | 10:30 am | Holy Communion |
| Immanuel | 10:30 am | All Age Harvest |

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:
October 4th**

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

'Turning to Christ' at 8pm in St Nicolas Church

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. See Gail Rogers for more details.

This Sunday's Readings

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| Jonah 3.10-end of 4 | OT p 876 |
| Philippians 1.21-end | NT p 194 |
| Matthew 20.1-16 | NT p 20 |

Collect for Today

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 B30 Foodbank are Tinned tomatoes, cooking rice, tinned spaghetti, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard and more tinned tomatoes.

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 Cochabamba.

Please pray for residents, workers, staff, pupils and parents of:
 Grovewood Drive, Gullane Close, Gullswood, Close, Halladale
 The Oaks 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, 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 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:
 Veronica Hill, Violet Smith, Derek Hankinson; Andrew Leslie, Mary Birch, Margaret Hicken

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.

Until Further Notice

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

This Week: 25th – 30th September *in St Nicolas' Church unless otherwise stated*

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| Monday | 1pm | Bumps & Babies |
| Tuesday | 7:30pm | 3D @ Hawkesley |
| Wednesday | 10am – 12 noon | Open Church / Open Bible |
| | 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 |

The annual **Foodbank Service** is on October 1st at 6.30pm at Cotteridge Church. All are welcome to it: come and hear news of the past year, to share fellowship and to pray for the work of B30 Foodbank and all those who use it or run it.

Next Sunday: 1st October 2017 (Mop Sunday) *Trinity 16*

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| St Nicolas' | 9:00am | Holy Communion |
| | 10:30am | Holy Communion & Baptism |
| | 6:00pm | Evening Worship |
| Hawkesley | 10:30 am | Morning Worship |
| Immanuel | 10:30 am | Holy Communion |

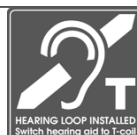
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| Ezekial 18.1-4, 25-end | OT p 797 |
| Philippians 2.1-13 | NT p 198 |
| Matthew 21.23-32 | NT p 22 |

Sponsor a 'Chemo-Care' care pack for £20. Helpful & soothing products for people having treatment. See Lizzie Chan for details or email her: lizzie73@outlook.com

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.