



Sunday 1st October 2017 / 16th Sunday after Trinity

Two people saying opposite things, but neither do as they say. The cynic in me thinks that this could describe opposing politicians. Today, though, it describes the two sons in the parable that Jesus tells in Matthew 21.

One son tells his father he won't help in the vineyard but then changes his mind and helps. The other son tells his father he will help but then changes his mind. Jesus is describing two types of people – those whose actions are better than their words and those who say all the right things but their actions do not reflect what they say. I expect we all know people who fall into both categories. Maybe we fall into one of them.

Jesus is not saying that either has got it right, although actions are better than words. Ideally our words and actions should match and reflect the lifestyle that pleases God. We should aim to be the perfect child and willing do our Father's will in word and deed.

~Ruth Howman

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.

Worship In The Parish Today

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

This Sunday's Readings

Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32	OT p 797
Philippians 2: 1-13	NT p 194
Matthew 21: 23-32	NT p 22

Collect for Today

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Result of the Seating Survey for St Nicolas

Thank you to all those who took part in the recent seating survey.

56 forms were completed and of these: **18** usually sat on chairs and **38** usually on pews. **31** thought it would be a good idea to have moveable seating throughout church, **12** thought not and **10** were unsure. Of those using pews, **17** found them uncomfortable and **24** thought them in poor condition. The majority found the chairs comfortable and helpful for worship. **22** thought the PCC should consider new pews and **21** thought we should consider more chairs the rest were unsure. These results are now with the PCC and they will include them in any future plans for reordering the seating.

The Rector

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:
 Harbinger Court, Harbinger Road, Hardwicke Walk and Harebell Gardens
 Bells Farm 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: 2nd – 7th October

in St Nicolas' Church unless otherwise stated

Monday	1pm	Bumps & Babies
Tuesday	7:30pm	3D @ Hawkesley
Wednesday	10am – 12 noon	Open Church / Open Bible
	4.30 pm	GPS Youth Group
	6:30 – 8pm	Candlelit Church
	8pm	Open Bible
Thursday	9am – 11am	Tiny Tots
	2 pm	Women's Fellowship Service
	6:30-8pm	Wedding & Baptism Bookings
Saturday	10am - 12 noon	Knit & Natter

The annual **Foodbank Service** is today at 6.30pm at Cotteridge Church. All are welcome: 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.

Foodbank needs this week are tinned tomatoes, tinned spaghetti, tinned custard, cooking rice, tinned rice pudding. Many thanks for all your donations.

Next Sunday: 8th October 2017 *Trinity 17*

St Nicolas'	9:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30am	Morning Worship
	6:00pm	Holy Communion and Anointing
Hawkesley	10:30 am	Holy Communion
Immanuel	10:30 am	<i>at St Nicolas or Hawkesley</i>

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 25: 1-9	OT p 662
Philippians 3:4b-14	NT p 195
Matthew 21:33-46	NT p 22

Water Aid@ St Nicolas : around £100 has been raised: Big thanks

Sponsor a 'Chemo-Care' care pack for £20. Helpful & soothing products for people having treatment. See Lizzie Chan for details or email her: lizziechan73@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.