



Sunday 8th October 2017 / 17th Sunday after Trinity

We are reminded in the story Jesus told of the vineyard of the Lord that God's gifts are not just for us but for everyone and though we may enjoy his gifts for a while, all that we have and all we are belong to God.

The tenant farmers, who the land owner had employed, tried to keep the fruit of the vineyard exclusively for those who lived and worked within the high walls surrounding them.

They persecuted or killed anyone who any attempted to collect the owner's fruit, including his son. Inevitably, they would suffer a miserable death.

It is our responsibility to use the talents and gifts God has entrusted to us now. Keeping them to ourselves is selfish. The fruits of God's Kingdom, especially Jesus are for everyone so everyone might know they are loved and provided for by God

~ Rev Jane Platt

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 18th**

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

Foodbank needs this week are tinned tomatoes, tinned spaghetti, tinned custard, cooking rice, tinned rice pudding and long-life fruit juice please. Many thanks for all your donations.

Our Water Aid collection at St Nicolas' has now raised £200. This is enough to fund a well maintenance person. Huge thanks to all who donated.

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	Holy Communion
Immanuel	10:30 am	Holy Communion

This Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 5.1-7	OT p 644
Philippians 3.4b-14	NT p 195
Matthew 21.33-46	NT p 22

Collect for Today

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of 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:
Hawkesley End, Hawkesley Square, Hawke Moor Gardens, Hayes Croft
Broadmeadow Jr & Infants 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 Grimmit, 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:
Andrew Leslie, Mary Birch, Margaret Hicken; Dr Robert Maybury, Sydney Stringer, Joan Carless

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: 8th – 14th 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
	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, Market Saturday
	7.30pm	Eroica Camerata Concert in Church

Flowers in St. Nicolas Church –

I would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to pay for (or give a donation towards) the flowers on Sundays 8th and 22nd October also 5th and 19th November. Thanks.
Alison – 486 2837

Next Sunday: 15th October 2017 *Trinity 18*

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 25.1-9	OT p 662
Philippians 4.1-9	NT p 196
Matthew 22.1-14	NT p 23

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.