

12th November 2017 / Remembrance Sunday



### Remembering

The story of the five foolish and five wise bridesmaids who didn't remember to get their lamps ready to welcome the bridegroom is the reading set for this Sunday from Matthew's Gospel. It is a story of choices and consequences. It challenges us to examine how we live. On Remembrance Sunday we have to remember those who so selflessly and gallantly, gave their lives for us so that we can live in peace and freedom. To remember is to remember to bring the past into the present, and we have to do this because if we don't, our younger generation who hadn't known world war will have no knowledge of what can happen. They will not understand the value of life and the freedom that they have. "When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow, we gave our today".

~ Fay Fearon

### Worship In The Parish Today

St Nicolas'	9:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30am	Parade
	6:00pm	Holy Communion & Healing
Hawkesley	10:30 am	Holy Communion
Immanuel	10:30 am	@St Nicolas

### This Sunday's Readings / Remembrance Sunday

<b>Amos 5.18-24</b>	<b>OT p 864</b>
<b>1 Thessalonians 4.13-end</b>	<b>NT p 200</b>
<b>Matthew 25.1-13</b>	<b>NT p 27</b>

### Collect for Today

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day  
when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall  
end, that earth may know the peace of heaven  
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:  
15th November**

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we  
lie,  
In Flanders fields.  
Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies  
grow  
In Flanders fields.  
- John McCrae*

**Leaf-clearing is here again: free workout and a tidy churchyard as reward! Saturday mornings (10:30 am start) November 18th, 25th and December 2nd. Please wear stout shoes and gloves. Please bring a rake if you can, but tools are available.**

*Message from Sylvia Fox: "There will be a service of celebration of music ministry **Saturday 25th November at 3.30 pm** in St Nicolas. Somehow I have achieved 25 years as Music Minister at St Nicolas this year (and rather more in the choir). Please join past and current choir and friends in worship and fellowship. There will be a buffet following the service."*

### Advent Calendars

**We will once again be collecting advent calendars for distribution through the Sweet Project – please drop them off to any of our churches or to 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](http://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:**  
Kempsey Covert, Kenley Grove, Kimpton Close, Kingham Covert  
Ark Kings Academy, 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, Michele Morgado and Doug Sansom

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

Yvonne Whittingham, Jonathan Rogers, Annie Edwards, Marlene Collier, Gabrielle Pond-Baker, Sandra W, Thelma Mitchell, Jean Gates, Veronica Clark, Jayne Slater, Sarah Meanly 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:** Reginald Sumner, Graham Davies, Dora Mortimer, Dorothy Melia; Baby Dillon Junior Rich



## 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: 13th – 18th November *in St Nicolas' Church unless otherwise stated*

Monday	1pm	Bumps & Babies
Tuesday	10am	Hawkesely Coffee & Chat
	7pm	3D @ Hawkesely
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
	10:30am	Leaf Sweeping in Churchyard

This year's **Christmas Challenge** will be to collect gifts for families across South Birmingham and will be distributed via the Sweet Project. Items need to be new or in excellent condition suitable for all ages including adults and teenagers. This year we are also collecting resources for the Sweet Project itself for them to use in their direct work, items including craft and sewing materials. There is an Amazon wishlist should you need ideas or prefer to purchase on line. Details on our website.

### Next Sunday: 19th November 2017 / 2nd Sunday before Advent

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

### Next Sunday's Readings

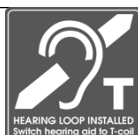
Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18	OT p 889
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11	NT p 202
Matthew 25.14-30	NT p 27



**More than a book!** If you buy items from The Bible Society online you can now select Kings Norton Team Parish to receive 10% of the value of your order as part of the More Than A Book scheme. We are listed under West Midlands or enter reference 12126.

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.