

**Please Remember In Your Prayers**

Beryl Wilkes, Joan Pearce, Natasha Markovic, Veronica Clark, Joyce Hawkins, Simon Hambly, Mason Green, Jo Sollars, Connie Wilson, Paul Cowley, Gabriella Young, Edna Bullimore, Gabrielle Pond-Baker, James, Debbie White, Charlie Ramsey, Ray Davies, Jean Gates, Sarah Meanly, Paige Lewis, Martyn Cope, Val Fletcher, Priscilla White, Peter Harris, Janet Green, Debbie Smith, Jean Ash, Malcolm Blumer, The Birbeck Family, Jo Harvey, Darren Bishop & Family, Mary Bruce, George Bishton, Debbie Watters, Paul Rock & Family, Jenny Bromley, Greta Lacey, Andrew Ross, Mark Collis, Eugene Schellenberg, May Turnbull

**Those who have died and those who grieve for them:** Dave James; Sir Michael Jarvis, Evadney Wilks

**On This Date:**

**1917** The deadliest German air raid on London during World War I is carried out by Gotha G bombers.



**1920** US Post Office says children cannot be sent by parcel post. (after various instances)

**1932** Great Britain and France sign peace treaty.

**1944** Germany launches 10 of its new V1 rockets: “doodlebugs”.

**1956** The last British troops leave the Suez Canal Zone in Egypt.

**1957** Mayflower II from Plymouth, England, reaches Plymouth, Massachusetts.

For more detailed information about what's on in Kings Norton, pick up a copy of the Parish Magazine, on sale at the back of St Nicolas' Church.

St Nicolas' Church has an induction loop (T-Loop). It operates with any standard hearing aid when switched to the T= position.



**Parish Office:** 81 The Green, Kings Norton, Birmingham, B38 8RU. **Telephone:** 0121 458 3289. **Email:** parishoffice@kingsnorton.org.uk  
**Website:** www.kingsnorton.org.uk **Registered Charity #** 1134799

Keeping you

**In Touch**



Part of the Church of England

**KINGS NORTON  
TEAM PARISH**

The Churches of St Nicolas, Hawkesley and Immanuel  
**13th June 2021/ Trinity 2**



The parable today illustrates the growth of the kingdom from something hidden, something small and unremarkable, to something fully visible. This kingdom will grow generously and abundantly from the smallest of all seeds to the largest of all shrubs. Unlike the image of the shrub that magically becomes a tree in Matthew and Luke, Mark's mustard plant stays a mustard plant. The word for shrub is translated *vegetable* and *herb* elsewhere in the NRSV. The mustard plant, though a very big shrub, is not a giant thing like the cedar in the Old Testament passages, where birds nest in its shade. Jesus chooses a common plant to describe how the kingdom grows. He doesn't use large, impressive objects to make the point. He uses the image of a bird nesting in the shade of a shrub. It is an image of expansive gentleness. The kingdom of God is described, not in grandiose terms, but in terms of ordinary, quiet beauty as an inviting place to call home.

**This Week's Readings**

2 Corinthians 5.14-17  
Mark 4.26-34

**Next Week's Readings**

2 Corinthians 6.1-10  
Mark 4.35-41

**The Collect for This Week**

Faithful Creator,  
whose mercy never fails:  
deepen our faithfulness to you  
and to your living Word,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**B30 Foodbank News:**

We have three unusual requests for "urgent needs" for the next 2-3 weeks: dog food, cat food and instant noodles! We don't want to add them to our main newsletter urgent list as we will be inundated, but some local "please can you's" should work. If you are attending a Sunday service in St Nicolas, items can be left with the warden/steward or they can be dropped at the parish office during opening hours (**please specify it is B30 Foodbank**). Alternatively, you can deliver directly to the warehouse at 17 Castle Road, B30 3HZ on Tuesday or Friday afternoons (2-4pm). **Thank you for your ongoing support.**

*Message from Erica Elliott: I would like to thank everyone who donated their time, talents or money for the Coffee Morning to raise money for Christian Aid. We raised an amazing £1,336.94!*

*Thank you*

**Sunday service in St Nicolas Church will be livestreamed on the Parish Facebook page at 10am [www.facebook.com/KingsNortonTeam](http://www.facebook.com/KingsNortonTeam) and posted to the parish website [www.kingsnorton.org.uk/](http://www.kingsnorton.org.uk/) shortly after.**

- At the end of June, we shall be taking a break from producing on-line midweek morning and evening prayers for two months, after which we shall review how we might sustain this in a small way. A huge thank you to all who have faithfully contributed to this endeavour over the 18 months.
- Immanuel Sunday Service: @ St Nicolas 10am
- Sunday Family Service (9:30 am) [facebook.com/groups/244143779035707](https://www.facebook.com/groups/244143779035707)
- Weekly prayers for Druids Heath - contact Rev Catherine [curate@kingsnorton.org.uk](mailto:curate@kingsnorton.org.uk) if you want to be part of her on-line prayer team.

**St Nicolas Church is open for private prayer on Saturdays 10am-12 noon**



**PRE-BOOKING for Sunday services is required.**

Ring the Parish Office 0121 458 3289 or email [parishoffice@kingsnorton.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@kingsnorton.org.uk). Please remember that "meeting & greeting" indoors is not allowed. We look forward to seeing you!

