Open Church

St Nicolas Church is open as often as possible.

Wednesday: Open Church 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Thursday: 6:30pm - 8.00pm pm for all marriage and baptism enquiries.

Saturday:10:00 am - 12:00 noon for coffee, Knit & Natter & space for quiet prayer

Notices & Dates For Your Diary

Please pray for the Diocesan link with the Anglican Church in Bolivia.

'Belt for the Celts' Sat 14th March 3-4 pm with afternoon tea to follow: no charge but donations for the roof/spire appeal.

Foodbank: You took all the Christmas puddings I thought we had as "swaps": and we have now some more! Most needed are rice, tinned tomatoes, tinned spaghetti and long life whole milk (blue).

Next Flicks at St Nics: TOLKIEN Thursday 19th March @ 7.30pm

The Giant Christmas Card raised over £130 for Embrace the Middle East! This is equal to 8 olive trees or 4 toilets!



St Nicolas Church has achieved the Bronze Level EcoChurch Award.
Thank you everyone who has helped us achieve this.

Please Remember In Your Prayers

Beryl Wilkes, Joan Pearce, Natasha Markovic, Veronica Clark, Joyce Hawkins, Kelly Howell, Simon Hambly, Addie Tilley, Paul Shelton, Mason Green, Laurie Mayne, Jo Sollars, Connie Wilson, Gabriella Young, Edna Bullimore, Gabrielle Pond-Baker, James, Debbie White, Charlie Ramsey, Doug Sansom Ray Davies, Marlene Collier, Jean Gates, Sarah Meanly, David Bleach, John Osborne, Paige Lewis, Neville Mitchell, Val Fletcher, Priscilla White, Peter Harris, Christine Adams, Carl Upton, Peggy Wright, Janet Green, Roz Armstrong, Debbie Smith, Jean Ash, Eddie Paul

Those who have died and those who grieve for them: Daniel Bartlett

Join **fit4change** and raise money for our spire and roof repairs. It's a free app that donates 5p for every mile you walk, run or cycle. Download the app and search for Kings Norton PCC



St Nicolas has a T-loop (for hearing) and priority seating for those using wheelchairs. There are large print copies of service and hymnbooks available.



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The Churches of St Nicolas, Hawkesley and Immanuel

NEWSLETTER

1st March 2020 Lent 1 Sunday Services

| Day | Location | Time | Event | For Children |
|--------------------------|------------|----------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 st March | St Nicolas | 9:00 am | Holy Communion | |
| | | 10:30 am | Holy Communion | |
| | | 12:30 | Baptisms | Oasis @ St Nicolas Place |
| | | 6:00 | Taize | 10:30 am |
| | Hawkesley | 10:30 am | Morning Worship | |
| | Immanuel | 10:30 am | Holy Communion | |
| 8 th March | St Nicolas | 9:00 am | Holy Communion | All Ago @ |
| | | 10:30 am | All Age | All Age @ St Nicolas Church |
| | | 6:00pm | Parish Communion & Annointing | 10:30 am |
| | Hawkesley | 10:30 am | Holy Communion w/ Bishop Anne | 10.00 am |
| | Immanuel | 10:30 am | @ Hawkesley | |

Children and young people are welcome at every service. Bumps & Babies meets on Mondays at 1:00 pm. Lego Club on Wednesdays at 3:30 pm and Tiny Tots on Thursdays at 9.00 am. All at St Nicolas Church.

The Collect for Today

Heavenly Father,

your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lent, Holy Week & Easter Services leaflet - now available in Church

Are you Gluten Free? If today's service is Holy Communion and you need gluten free bread, please let one of the wardens or welcomers know before the service.

Today's Bible Readings

Old Testament : Genesis 2.15-147, 3.1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or

you shall die." But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

This is the word of the Lord: Thanks be to God

New Testament: Romans 5.12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned - sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

This is the word of the Lord: Thanks be to God

Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9

Alleluia, alleluia. Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia! Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

But Jesus answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'

and 'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him,

"All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan!

For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Next Sunday's Bible Readings : Lent 2

Genesis 12.1-4a Romans 4.1-5, 13-17 John 3.1-17