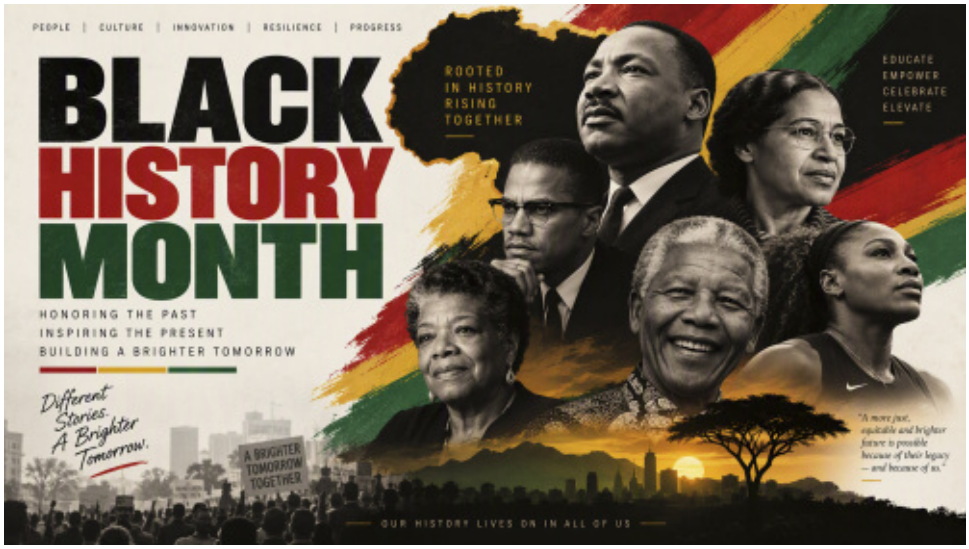
St Nicholas Kingsway

News from St Nick's

Sundays 18th and 25th October 2026

Knowing, growing and sharing the love of Christ.

Black History Month: honouring the past, inspiring the future



Dear Friends,

October is Black History Month. It is a time to celebrate the achievements, contributions, and rich heritage of Black people throughout history and in the present day. It provides an opportunity to learn about stories that have shaped communities, influenced nations, and inspired generations. It is also a time to reflect on the ongoing journey towards justice, equality, and mutual respect.

For Christians, Black History Month echoes the biblical truth that every person is created in the image of God:

> So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them.
>
> **Genesis 1.27**

The Bible teaches that God's love and salvation are for all people, regardless of background or nationality:

> There is neither Jew nor Gentile ... for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
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> **Galatians 3.28**

Black History Month also reminds us of God's vision of a diverse and united people worshipping together:

> A great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.
>
> **Revelation 7.9**

As we remember the courage, faith, resilience, and achievements of Black individuals throughout history, we are encouraged to work for justice and to value the dignity of every person:

> Act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.
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> **Micah 6.8**

May this Black History Month be a time of learning, celebration, and thanksgiving for the gifts, talents, and contributions of Black communities, while inspiring us to build a future marked by equality, understanding, and hope for all.

Alison Mills
ALM and Churchwarden

Sundays at St Nick's

20th after Trinity — Service for Black History Month

Sunday 18 October, 10.45am

Preacher: Jolivia Gaston
Presider: Alison Mills

Join us for Café Church, with a Service of the Word led by our worship team to celebrate Black History Month. Refreshments are served from 10.30am and the service begins at 10.45am.

Music from Christian Fields includes traditional spirituals, gospel classics and congregational hymns. Prayers and readings are led by the St Nick's team.

Readings

Old Testament	**Genesis 9.8–17** Read by Tony W
New Testament	**Psalm 146.5–10** Read by Molly P
Gospel	**Luke 10.25–37** Read by Margaret V

Hymns

HON 27	Amazing Grace
	Swing Low Sweet Chariot
HON 522	To God Be The Glory
	Stay with me
HON 54	Be Still My Soul
HON 206	He's Got The Whole World In His Hands

Last after Trinity

Sunday 25 October, 10.45am

Presiding and preaching: Rev. Peter Matthews

Join us for our regular Sunday Communion. The service begins at 10.45am.

Refreshments, including tea, coffee and biscuits will be served after the service.

Music from Christian Fields includes congregational hymns. Prayers and readings are led by the St Nick's team.

Please remember that we will be having a 'Planning Center introduction' after the service.

Readings

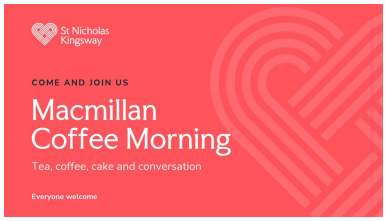
Old Testament	**Deuteronomy 34.1–12** Read by Hilary H, page 397
New Testament	**1 Thessalonians 2.1–8** Read by Elizabeth B, page 400
Gospel	**Matthew 22.34–end** Read by Alison M, page 401

Hymns

HON 46	At The Name Of Jesus
HON 169	God Is Love His The Care
HON 95	Come on and celebrate
HON 486	The Lord is my light
HON 237	I Will Sing The Wondrous Story
HON 571	The Trees Of The Field

HON refers to *Hymns Old & New – New Anglican Edition*.

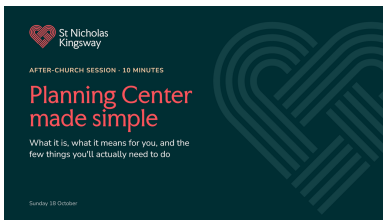
What's on



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Saturday 17 October, 11am–12.30pm
St Nicholas Church

You are all invited to our next fundraising event: a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Together we can make a difference!



Introduction to Planning Center

Sunday 18 October
St Nicholas Church

Join us for our 'Planning Center (PCO) made simple' session. Where we will be discussing why we have introduced PCO, and how we will be using it in our day to day church life.

LoveJoyPeace

Monday 19 October, 7.30pm

An ‘Enquirer Course’ with a Contemplative Spirituality Join us for an opportunity to explore central aspects of Christian life, practice, and faith, particularly, but not exclusively, for people just starting to explore Christianity.

The People’s Emergency Briefing

Tuesday 20 October, 7pm–9pm
Burnage Library

Free screening of The People’s Emergency Briefing, a 50-minute film on the climate and nature crisis, followed by a community discussion. Tuesday 20th October, 7pm to 9pm, at Burnage Library.

Craft and Coffee Afternoon

Wednesday 21 October, 1pm–3pm
St Nicholas Church

Come along to our autumn craft afternoon. We’ll be serving tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits, and offering some simple crafts to take part in – or just come and sit and enjoy the company.

Taizé Evening Worship

Tuesday 3 November, 7pm
St Nicholas Church

Join us for an evening of Taizé worship: prayer, song, silence and time together. A space to pause, a time to pray, a place to belong.

Prayer and anniversary list — October 2026

Please pray for those who have died

Irene Smith

Receiving hospital care

Christine Anderson

In residential care

Fred Murphy

And also pray for

Amy Ogden, Carol Linney, Christine Adams, Joyce Thelwell, Paul Simpson, Phil Appleby, Rachel Mann, Ruth Silman

Anniversary of the departed

Ada White, Barbara Barker, Barry Cox, Bryan Males, Conor McKonkey, Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, David Reed, David Starkey, Derek Carr, Edith Thornton, Eileen Elliott, Emily Smith, Enid Harvey, Eric Talbot, Frank Woods, Geoff Tudor, Gillian Winter, Glyn Silcock, Graham Allen, Hannah Thompson, Harry Clifford, Harry Eades, Harry Higginson, Jack Matthews, Jacob Holt, James Tyler, Janet Dixon, Janet Fletcher, Jim Fletcher, Joan Abdullah, Joyce Tomlinson, Kathy Dillon, Laura Hamilton, Len Dixon, Len Grice, Liam Varughese, Lizzie Lowe, Margaret Winstanley, Marilyn Allen, Mary Bradley, Pat Keane, Pauline Thompson, Peter Savage, Raymond Clark, Reg Harvey, Richard Bannister, Sheila Drury, Stephen Abiodun, Valerie Acton

Votive candles are available in the baptistery; please make a minimum donation of 40p.

St Nick's Prayer and Pastoral List

If you would like to add any names to the prayer list, or if you know of someone who would like a visit or a telephone call on a regular or occasional basis from one of our pastoral team, please let Alison know.

Phone: 07932 071977

Email: alison@st-nicholas-church.org.uk

Prayers for the week

Prayer for Sunday 18 October

A Collect for Black History Month

Compassionate God,
who sent Jesus Christ
to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities,
create in us new hearts and enlarged visions,
to see the image of God in every person
irrespective of background, race and ethnicity.
May we be generous in our love of others
as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice;
creating communities of human flourishing,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Prayer for Sunday 25 October

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Parish information

St. Nicks 100 Club

Thank you to everyone who has joined the ‘100’ club or who has renewed their membership. October is the first month of the new year for the club. An announcement will be made shortly of the first winners for the month of October.

The club raises vital funds to help us to maintain our beautiful art deco building. Renewal forms are available in church or message jillelomas@btinternet.com or alison@st-nicholas-church.org.uk.
Thank you.

Contact Alison or Jill if you wish to join.

October winners are :
1st Prize (£25) – No 18 – Jeffrey Grundy
2nd Prize (£15) – No 39 – Lucas Glover

Birthday celebrations

Congratulations to the following lovely people who celebrate their birthday in October:

2 October	Heather Green
14 October	Tony Witty
29 October	Molly Popplewell

St Nick’s is a church where everyone is welcome.

We'd love to see you.

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