



St. Lawrence Church & St. Marys Church

Newsletter

11th December 2016

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Welcome to Church on the Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 11th December	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Christingle & Gift Service Evening Worship	Kathryn Lay Led Geoffrey Smith
Wednesday 14th December		Gingercroft Christmas Service	
Thursday 15th December	9:15am 12noon—2pm 2:15pm 6:40pm	Holy Communion Good Companions Play & Praise Choir Practice	
Saturday 17th December	7:30pm	Gnosall Singers	
Sunday 18th December	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Communion by Extension Holy Communion Carol Service	Kathryn



CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 18th December 10am Morning Worship in the Community Centre with the Benefice Worship Team
Christmas Day 9am Holy Communion in church with Geoffrey Smith

CHURCH SERVICES DURING DECEMBER—GNOSALL

18th December	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Communion by Extension Holy Communion Carol Service	Kathryn
24th December	4:00pm 8:30pm	Crib Service Holy Communion	Kathryn David Fairweather
25th December	8:00am 10:30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Bishop Geoff Geoff Smith

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS MARKET

Last Saturday's Victorian Market was a great success, the final total would appear to be just over £2,000 and everyone had a happy day. A huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard, particularly Bob Winfield and his team of furniture movers and Margaret Winfield and all the ladies who never stopped

CHURCH DECORATING AND CLEANING FOR CHRISTMAS



From 9am on Thursday 22nd December, everyone welcome to help.
 Donations for Christmas flowers may be given to Kathryn, Bob, Eric or Helen.

INTER-CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT



Eccleshall Deanery is once again organising an Inter-Church Quiz Night on Saturday, 14th January. We already have one team, but hope that there may be others who would like to form another to represent St Lawrence's. This Quiz has been taking place for a number of years now and is a very enjoyable evening, with a great variety of questions (not too difficult!).

There is a poster giving more details on the notice board at the back of Church. If you would like to enter a team of be part of one, please let Margaret Winfield know.

CHRISTIAN FOOD BANK



Please do remember that we collect tinned food here at the back of church that is collected every two weeks and taken to the Food Bank at Stafford. Your donations are appreciated. **Please bring any tinned food to the box at the back of church – making sure the tins are well within their sell by date.** Thank you.

100 CLUB WINNERS OF DECEMBER DRAW



1st	Mick Foulkes	£20
2nd	Martin Watkins	£15
3rd	Paul & Alison Tunnicliffe	£10
4th	Jilly Jones	£5

CHURCH NEWSLETTER



If you wish to have anything included in the Church Newsletter please let Jim McGregor have it by the Wednesday of the previous week.
 Tel 01785 822156 or email jimf.mcgregor@tiscali.co.uk

PRAYER CHAIN

Please remember that we have a prayer co-ordinator who every fortnight sends around names of people to be included in our prayers. If you would like to receive this list then please contact Hayley – h_a_p@hotmail.com
 We also produce a paper version that can be sent to people as well.

Please take this sheet home with you to remind you of the readings and notices and also please take one for anyone whom you know is missing from today's service and would like to feel included

THE BOOKING OF BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS ACROSS THE BENEFICE

For enquires concerning baptisms and weddings please contact Rev Kathryn.
 01785 284050 rev.kathrynh@gmail.com

Year's Mind

Marge Jackson
 Gordon Vessey Herbert
 Thomas Frederick Bancroft
 Norman Frederick Windows

If you know of anyone in the community who would appreciate a visit, please let Rev Kathryn know. Many thanks

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Collect

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Matthew 11:2-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you O Lord

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' ⁴Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." ¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Let Christmas Begin

Carols by Candlelight

St Lawrence Church Choir
Sunday 18th December
at 6:30pm

Carols old and new and
readings for Christmas

All Welcome



Gnosall Singers

CHRISTMAS
Concert

At
**St Lawrence Church
Gnosall**

Saturday 17th December at 7:30pm
In aid of GG's Youth Club (Gnosall)

Tickets Available from:-
Gnosall Post Office, Audmore Road: Tel 822200
or by telephoning Joan Ellison: Tel 223325

****MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES AVAILABLE****

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE AND DATE