



# St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church

## Newsletter 13th August 2017

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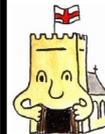
### Welcome to Church on the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 13th August	7:45am Holy Communion	Kathryn
	10:30am Holy Communion	Stephen
	6:30pm Service of Healing and Wholeness	Kathryn
Tuesday 15th August	9:30am Morning Prayer - at St Lawrence Church	
	11:00am Service at Gingercroft Nursing Home	
Thursday 17th August	9:15am Holy Communion	
	6:40pm Choir Practice	
Friday 18th August	12:30pm Funeral of Gordon McAllister	
Sunday 20th August	7:45am Holy Communion	Stephen
	10:30am Holy Communion	Stephen
	6:30pm Evening Worship	Lay Led



### CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	Morning Worship at 10am in the Community Centre with the Benefice Worship Team
Sunday 27th August	Holy Communion at 9am with Stephen
Sunday 3rd September	Evening Worship at 6.30pm with Kathryn



The Church is open Monday to Saturday from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm.



### THANK YOU

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone at St Lawrence Church for the support, love and good wishes I received on Sunday 30th July at my confirmation. It meant so much to me seeing so many of you in church to be with me and along side me on that special day. Special thanks to Kathryn for her guidance in helping me achieve this.

Thank you all so much once again it really was very much appreciated. My good wishes to you all. Phyllis Walton

### ADVENT RETREAT

We are thinking of booking some places at Shallowford House for a day away at the beginning of Advent to re-charge our batteries. It will be on December 4th from 10am to 4pm. The day is entitled 'Knowledge speaks - Wisdom listens' and is being led by Rev Mark Rodel. There will also be time for personal reflection. The day includes refreshments and a two course lunch and will cost £21.50.

If you are interested in taking part could you let Kathryn know please as we would like to book as soon as possible.

### 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.

### HYMN BOOKS

I'm sure you will have noticed that many of our hymn books are getting in a sorry state. We propose to get a group of people together to repair them. If you would be able to help with this, please have a word with Margaret Winfield. We can then acquire the necessary materials and fix a convenient date. Many thanks.

### SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS SUNDAY AUGUST 13TH AT 6.30PM ST LAWRENCE'S GNOSALL

I would like to offer an invitation to everyone in our parishes to come along to this service and for you to perhaps invite others along who you feel might find it helpful.

The service will last for approximately 45 minutes and will be an opportunity to ask for prayer for ourselves or for others in a quiet and peaceful atmosphere.

If you would like to find out more about the service please have a word with me.

Kathryn

### 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](mailto:h_a_p@hotmail.com) We also produce a paper version that can be sent to people as well.



### ST LAWRENCE GNOSALL CHURCH MONTHLY DRAW

The monthly draw has been running for several years and is a way for you to help raise money for St Lawrence Church ongoing upkeep and activities. The Friends of St Lawrence fundraising assists with the maintenance of the church building, but none of this can be used for the upkeep of services and church activities.

I am trying to increase the monthly draw numbers to 200 from its present 128.

For £12 a year, set up via standing order, your number will be placed in 13 draws (12 Monthly / 1 Christmas Draw), starting in September each year.

If we achieve the 200 numbers the draw values will be :

1st Prize - £50 (Currently £20)

2nd Prize - £25 (Currently £15)

3rd Prize - £10 (Currently £10)

4th Prize - £5 (Currently £5)

Do you want to join ?

If so please contact -

- Christopher Heins, Fairview, Cross Street, Gnosall, ST20 0BX. Tel 824010. Email [cheins@car.co.uk](mailto:cheins@car.co.uk)
- or Rob Prichard, Church House, Sellman Street, Gnosall, ST20 0EP. Tel 822335. Email [robandsandy418@btinternet.com](mailto:robandsandy418@btinternet.com)

### 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](mailto:jimf.mcgregor@tiscali.co.uk)



✶Year's Mind  
Don Cooper

**Rector** Rev Kathryn Hammond - 284050 [rev.kathrynh@gmail.com](mailto:rev.kathrynh@gmail.com)  
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**Collect**

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.'<sup>6</sup> But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down)<sup>7</sup> or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).<sup>8</sup> But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);<sup>9</sup> because - if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.<sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.<sup>11</sup> The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.'<sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.<sup>13</sup> For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'<sup>14</sup> But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?<sup>15</sup> And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!' This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (Matthew 14:22-33)

**Glorify to you O Lord**

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.<sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,<sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land; for the wind was against them.<sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake.<sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear.<sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'<sup>28</sup> Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.'<sup>29</sup> He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus.<sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!'<sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?'<sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.<sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ****JOB VACANCY** - Chaplain Weston House/ Queensway Stafford

The post is part time, for 15 hours per week. We are looking for a lay person or an ordained minister who is in good standing with their faith community. The person appointed will build good working relationships with local faith communities and take on pastoral care, spiritual and worship aspects of life. An understanding of spiritual aspects of ageing and dementia, demonstrated through experience of providing pastoral care and, ideally, leading services, is essential.

Part of the MHA group, Weston House provides care for 48 people living with dementia who also have nursing care needs. Queensway House is linked to Weston House via a walkway and provides care and accommodation for up to 22 people with mental health care needs. The post is a rewarding opportunity for the right person to continue and develop chaplaincy work in the scheme and make a difference to the spiritual wellbeing of the residents.

More information and details of how to apply are available on the MHA website <http://www.mha.org.uk/careers>. The closing date for completed applications is Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August. Anybody wanting to find out more about the post is welcome to contact me ([cathy.dakin@mha.org.uk](mailto:cathy.dakin@mha.org.uk)).

**HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE**

This will take place on Saturday September 9th  
Although most of our churches will be already open it would be good if we could have a drink available and a sheet for the people being sponsored to sign.  
If it is possible to have a rota of people to meet and greet them it would be even better.

If this is something you could do for an hour or so could you please let the churchwardens know.

St Mary's Moreton have a wedding that day but we can have a table for the visitors outside as it's sure to be fine!!

**SALMON LUNCH**

St. Peter's Church, Norbury  
Sunday 20th August  
12.30 for 1.00pm  
Norbury Village Hall  
Tickets £12.50

(Early booking advised - 01785 284463)

\*Bring your own drinks\*

Support the Benefice  
buy a  
"Handy Bag"

£2 each  
with long or  
short handles

