



# St. Lawrence Church & St. Marys Church

## Newsletter

### 14th August

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

Sunday 14th August	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Communion by extension Morning Worship Evening Worship at Moreton	Gnosall Servers Gnosall Worship Team
Thursday 18th August	9:15am 10am - 12 noon	Morning Worship Choir Practice	
Sunday 21st August	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Evening Worship	Kathryn Kathryn Geoff Smith



#### MORETON

Sunday 21st August	10.00 am	Morning Worship in the Community Centre with the Benefice Worship Team.
Sunday 28th August	9am	Holy Communion with Eddie Haycock
Sunday 4th September	6.30pm	Evening Worship at St Mary's to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. Followed by refreshments.

#### CHURCH SERVICES DURING AUGUST

18th August	9:15am	Holy Communion	Geoff Smith
21st August	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Morning Worship Holy Communion Evening Worship	Kathryn Kathryn Geoff Smith
25th August	9:15am	Morning Worship	
28th August	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Morning Worship Holy Communion Evening Worship	Gnosall Worship Team Eddie Haycock

#### BISHOP MICHAEL VISITING OUR BENEFICE



In the two weeks before his enthronement as Bishop of Lichfield, Bishop Michael is visiting the Diocese and we are holding a special service for him at St Lawrence's Gnosall on Thursday September 22nd at 7pm.

I hope you will put the date in your diary and try to come along. Kathryn

#### 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

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

#### 100 CLUB



It is time to remind all members that the annual renewal of subscriptions (£12.00 per number) has to take place by 1st September. Please remember that the aim of the Club is to contribute towards church running costs and it would help greatly if everyone not only renews their current subscription but, if possible, increases it so that they have more than one number. Also if you have friends who might like to join, it would be excellent. If either of these things happen then it might be possible to increase the prize money/the number of prizes at each draw. To remind you, these are currently 1st - £20, 2nd - £15 and 3rd - £10 with 12 monthly draws and one at Christmas.

To make an increase, introduce friends or any queries please contact Rob Prichard on tel. 822335 or Chris Heins on tel. 824010.

#### ST LAWRENCE 100 + CLUB

#### 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.

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

#### CHRISTIAN FOOD BANK

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.

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

#### OPEN CHURCH

The Church is open during the week for prayer or a visit -  
Tuesdays 11am to 3pm & Thursdays 11am to 1pm  
If you can help as a steward during these hours please contact Anne Ashley

[www.gnosallparish.org.uk](http://www.gnosallparish.org.uk).

We have our own church website, check it out. Pass anything you would like included to Michelle, it will be updated on a regular basis.  
Email - [m.broadhurst13@btinternet.com](mailto:m.broadhurst13@btinternet.com)

#### Year's Mind

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**Collect**

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Hebrews 11: 29 - 12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. <sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 12: 49-56) **Glory to you O Lord**

I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup> From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup> they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." <sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**



### ***CAN YOU HELP?***

It is lovely that a lot of families are asking for their children to be baptised here at St Lawrence's. Where possible I like to hold a separate service for each family as it makes their celebration feel more special. This means that we very often have two baptisms taking place each month.

It is important that we make this a service which the family remember and which encourages them to want to return to church. We follow up each baptism with invitations to Play and Praise and Messy Church and many families are starting to come along at other times.

At the moment the help required at these services is being provided by a small number of people and I would love to add more people to our Baptism team so that we can share the duties and only have to call on people maybe every other month.

The duties include -

Preparing the font, putting the water ready, welcoming the families and putting them at their ease, operating the CD player for the hymns and helping to clear up afterwards.

The services normally take place at 2pm on Sunday afternoons and last for around half an hour but it would mean being in church half an hour before the service starts.

IF YOU FEEL THIS IS SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH please speak to me or to Gwen Flavell.

Many Thanks  
Rev Kathryn