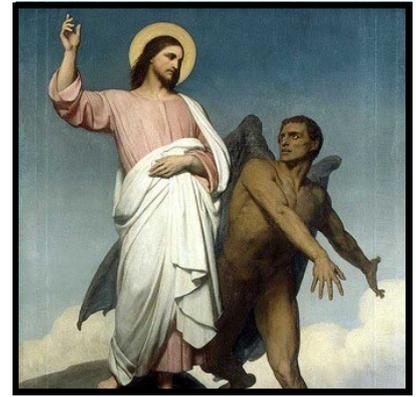


Welcome to Church on the First Sunday of Lent

Sunday 14th February	7:45am	Communion by Extension
	10:30am	Morning Worship - Gnosall Worship Team
	6:30pm	Evening Service
Monday 15th February	7:30pm	PCC Meeting
Wednesday 17th February	11:00am	Gingercroft Service
Thursday 18th February	9:15am	Morning Service
	1:00pm	Funeral
	2:15pm	Play & Praise
	6:40pm	Choir Practice
Sunday 21st February	7:45am	Holy Communion - Kathryn
Second Sunday of Lent	10:30am	Holy Communion - Kathryn
	6:30pm	Evening Service - Geoff Smith



MORETON

Sunday 21st February	10am	Morning Worship in Community Centre with Benefice Worship Team
Sunday 28th February	10am	Holy Communion with Gerald Gardiner
Sunday 6th March	9am	Holy Communion with the Archdeacon

LENT GROUPS

For the 5 weeks of Lent from 15th February onwards, ecumenical Lent groups will be meeting to study the several of the Psalms. We are hoping to hold groups in the morning, afternoon & evening on different days so anyone who wants to participate can do so. We are also looking for people to lead and to host the groups, hosts don't need to be leaders or visa versa. Please add your name to the list at the back of church including what time you'd like to meet and what you'd like to do in the group.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's World Day of Prayer is being held at Gnosall Methodist Chapel on Friday March 4th at 2 pm. St Lawrence's and Benefice have been invited to send 3 representatives to take part in the Service. Sandy Redfern would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to take part.

Contact Sandy on : 822440 or email sandy.redfern@ymail.com

APCM REPORTS

We are in the process of putting together our annual report for the APCM meetings. If you have been asked to prepare a report could you please let Ruth Finster have this as soon as possible please.

Her email address is ruthellen@btinternet.com and her Tel no is 823232.

If you have any problems putting the report together please speak to Ruth or to me on 284050. Many thanks, Rev Kathryn

OPEN CHURCH

The Church will be open again during the week for prayer or a visit as from the 1st March

Tuesdays 11am to 3pm & Thursdays 11am to 1pm

If you can help as a steward during these hours please contact Anne Ashley

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

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

✠Year's Mind

Gwennie Bates
Sybil Mary Sproston
Geoff Ellis
George Lewis Green

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 SERVICES DURING FEBRUARY

21st February	7:45am	Holy Communion	Kathryn Hammond
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Kathryn Hammond
	6:30pm	Evening Service	
28th February	7:45am	Holy Communion	Kathryn Hammond
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Gerald Gardiner
	6:30pm	Taize	Music Group

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.

A GROWING CONCERN



We are becoming increasingly aware that there are a lot of older people in our parishes and nearby who are quite lonely. We would like to try again to form a group from our Churches who can look at ways that we can help. If this is something which you feel you might be interested in and could assist with in however small a way would you please have a chat with me.

Rev Kathryn - 284050 rev.kathrynh@gmail.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 email jimf.mcgregor@tiscali.co.uk

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

Team Vicar	Rev Kathryn Hammond 284050	rev.kathrynh@gmail.com
Churchwardens:	Jim McGregor - 822156	jimf.mcgregor@tiscali.co.uk
	Eric Henderson - 823881	eric.henderson2@btinternet.com

Collect

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.

Amen

Romans 10: 8 - 13

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); ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹² 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. ¹³ For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 4: 1 - 13)

Glorify to you O Lord

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" ⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹ and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ¹² Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

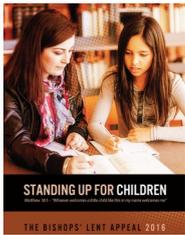
Praise to you, O Christ



CONFIRMATION

Later in the spring we will be running a series of meetings where we will be exploring the basics of the Christian faith. At the end of these there will be an opportunity to consider whether you would like to be confirmed and we have a confirmation service booked with the Bishop of Stafford for the first Sunday in June. However, it may be that you were confirmed some time ago and would like to think again about what we believe as Christians. If so this is a good opportunity to come along in a relaxed atmosphere where we can express our thoughts or our doubts and learn together. If you interested or would like to know more please speak to Rev Kathryn or ring on - 01785 284050 or email rev.kathrynh@gmail.com

BISHOPS' LENT APPEAL FOR 2016 – "STAND UP FOR CHILDREN"



The Bishops' Lent Appeal for 2016 will help 'Stand Up for Children', supporting one cause in the diocese and another far away as Bishop Clive explains: "The Children's Society nationally already receives support from around this diocese with its three charity shops in Stone, Meir and Bloxwich, various fund raising events and regular financial donations from a quarter of our parishes, but as Bishops we are keen, via this year's Lent Appeal, to highlight and support The Children's Society projects which specifically support and care for vulnerable children living in our parishes. "Our Lent Appeal always has an international focus as well as a local one. As many of us know from personal experience, the plight of our fellow-Christians in the Holy Land remains parlous, with many desperate needs. Supporting Friends of the Holy Land through our Lent Appeal will make a real difference to the lives of many of our brothers and sisters and will signal our solidarity with them." There is a poster at the back of Church together with literature giving details of the appeal. A gift aid envelope is in each leaflet.

OPEN THE BOOK



This is a new venture from the Bible Society, where teams of volunteers go into schools to read dramatised Bible stories to the children. Last week, a team comprising of Anglicans, Methodists and Roman Catholics from Gnosall went into St Lawrence's School on two occasions to do a presentation on The Creation. The Headteacher felt that it was excellent and was thoroughly enjoyed by the children and staff alike. The next presentations will be in March and will cover the story of Easter.

CAN YOU HELP?

For the next Messy Church we need some of the very small jam jars - the kind you get in a café with strawberry jam for your scones. If you have any that we could have would you let the following people know please. We need them for Sunday 21st February.
Margaret Winfield 822507, Adie Harris 284027 or Rev Kathryn 284050



Workshop

Join us for lots of Easter crafts and a short Service.
A fun afternoon for all the family with refreshments available

Friday 25th March
2 - 4pm

Woodseaves Primary School
For more information contact:
Adie Harris - 01785 284027
adieharris13@btinternet.com



Join us for family fun, fellowship and food.

Sunday 21st February - 4.00 - 5.30pm
Norbury Village Hall

Sunday 20th March - 4.00 - 5.30pm
St Lawrence Church, Gnosall

For more information, contact:
Rev Kathryn - 284050 or
Adie Harris - 284027 adieharris13@btinternet.com