



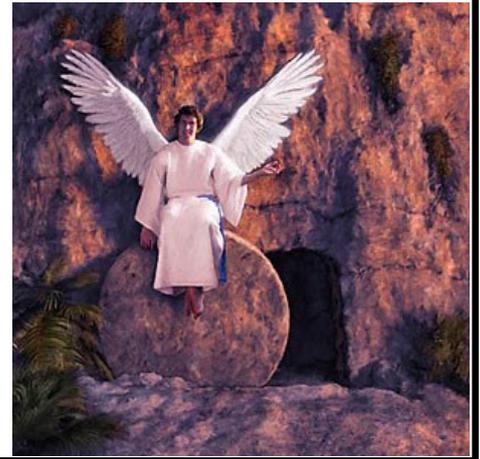
St. Lawrence Church & St. Marys Church

Newsletter 16th April 2017

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Welcome to Church on Easter Day

Sunday 16th April	7:45am	Holy Communion	Stephen
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Kathryn
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Kathryn
Tuesday 18th March	8:45am	Tea & Toast	
	9:30am	Morning Prayer - Alternating weekly between Gnosall and Knightley Churches	
Thursday 20th April	9:15am	Holy Communion	
	5:45pm	Wedding rehearsal	
	7:00pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	
Sunday 23rd April (St George's Day)	7:45am	Holy Communion by Extension	Lay led
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Stephen
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Lay led



CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 23rd April	Holy Communion with Stephen at 9am
Sunday 30th April	Benefice Service at Moreton at 10.30am
Sunday 7th May	6.30pm Evening Worship with Kathryn and members of the evening congregation from Gnosall

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday April 20th at 7pm in church. We are hoping to start with cheese and wine before we look back over the past year of the church and then bring our hopes for the future. I do hope you will be able to attend. Rev Kathryn

NOMINATION FORMS

Nominations forms for the post of Churchwarden and members of the Parochial Church Council are available at the back of church

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 14TH - 20TH MAY 2017

Christian Aid is an International Development Agency working in around 50 countries wherever the need is greatest, regardless of race or religion. Today, 65 million people across the globe have fled their homes because of disasters and conflicts, and many have endured years of insecurity. Last year, through your generosity, our volunteers in Gnosall collected almost £2000.

We share the distribution and collection of envelopes with our Methodist and Roman Catholic friends, and we aim to cover the whole village.

I am hoping that those of you who have helped in the past will feel that they can do so once again, and also that there are others who would be prepared to take on a street or road, or even a part of one, especially as now we have so many new homes in the village.

If you can help, please have a word with Margaret Winfield or telephone her on 822507. Many thanks

WOODEN TRESTLE TABLES FOR SALE

Three lengths, 8 foot, 9 foot & 10 foot
Shorter lengths have 2 Trestles, longest have 3 Trestles.

Further information from Bob Winfield
(telephone 01785 822507)



Year's Mind

Kenneth (Ken) Evans
Gwendoline (Gwen) Key
Geoffrey Robert Robotham
Olive Bowell
Selwyn Arthur Onions
Eileen Elizabeth Tabbenor
Walter Frederick Barnwell
Frederick Bickley

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

Each year the church undertakes a revision of its Electoral Roll so as to keep its membership up to date - removing the names of those who have died or no longer worship at this church and adding those who do worship but aren't on the roll. This process will take place over the next three weeks. There is a copy of the Electoral Roll at the back of church, please check your details and notify Jim McGregor, Electoral Roll Officer, of any changes.

Tel 01785 822156 or email jimf.mcgregor@tiscali.co.uk

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll is a list of all our church members, in effect our church family.

Being on the Electoral Roll means that you can vote at the Annual Meeting and are available to hold a post in the church but, more than that, it shows that you wish to be part of our church here at St Lawrence's. To qualify to be on the Electoral Roll you need to be 16 or over and live in the parish or, if you don't live in the parish, to be a regular attendee at any of our services - at least once a month.

There are application forms at the back of church or if you have any questions please speak to me or to one of the church wardens or to Jim McGregor who is our Electoral Roll Officer.

If you're not already, we would love to welcome you onto the roll.
Rev Kathryn

CHURCH FLOWERS AND CLEANING FOR EASTER

We shall start at 9am on Saturday 15th April. Everyone welcome to come and help. All flowers and greenery provided - just bring your scissors! Donations for the Easter flowers may be given to Helen.

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



CONFIRMATION

We will be running classes in the late spring for anyone interested in learning more about the Christian faith. These classes will be informal with lots of opportunity for discussion and questions and are available to all ages. They will lead towards confirmation for those who are thinking about being confirmed but are open to everyone, whether you wish to be confirmed or not. If you would like to know more about them please contact Rev Kathryn on 01785 284050 or at rev.kathrynh@gmail.com Bishop Geoff, the Bishop of Stafford, will be coming to take our Confirmation Service in June.

Rector	Rev Kathryn Hammond - 284050	rev.kathrynh@gmail.com
Associate Minister	Rev Stephen Harrop - 822820	stephen60en@aol.com
Churchwardens:	Bob Winfield - 822507	bobwinfield@btinternet.com
	Eric Henderson - 823881	eric.henderson2@btinternet.com

Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Acts 10: 34 - 43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (Matthew 28.1-10)

Glory to you O Lord

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Friends of St. Lawrence Church



ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES VALUATION EVENING

Antique Roadshow style event!

7pm Saturday 29th April

at

The Grosvenor Centre

Entry - £5 (includes a glass of wine)
Pay at the door

Bring your antiques to be valued
by an expert - two items per person



'THANK YOU'

Lent Lunches - This year's lunches were served by members from all our Churches across the Benefice, providing a wide selection of delicious homemade soups and enjoyed by everyone. 'Thank you', to the teams of cooks and everyone who supported this very worthwhile cause - The Bishop's Lent Appeal. We have raised **£329.30**.



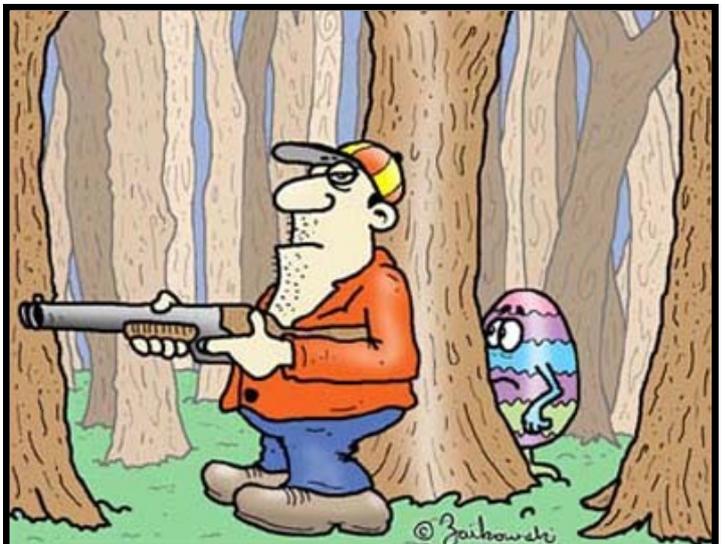
QUIZ NIGHT

NORBURY VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 22nd April - 7.30pm

Admission £5.00 -including delicious refreshments

Please bring your own drinks.



Easter Egg Hunt