



St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church

Newsletter 17th December 2017

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Welcome to Church on the Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 17th December	7:45am	Holy Communion	Kathryn
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Stephen
	6:30pm	Carol Service	Led by Choir
Tuesday 19th December	9:00am	Morning Prayer - at Knightley Church	
Thursday 21st December	9:15am	Morning Service	
	11:00am	Gingercroft Service	
	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
	6:40pm	Choir Practice	
Friday 22nd December	9:00am	Church cleaning (see notice below)	
Sunday 24th December	4:00pm	Crib Service	Kathryn
Christmas Eve	11:30pm	Midnight Service	Stephen
Monday 25th December	7:45am	Holy Communion	Kathryn
Christmas Day	10:30am	Holy Communion	Stephen



3RD SUNDAY OF Advent

ECCLESHALL DEANERY ANNUAL CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY, 11TH JANUARY 2018 AT 7 P.M. IN
ECCLESHALL PARISH ROOM

Teams of 6 (maximum) are invited. The entry fee of £5 per person includes a fish and chip supper - please bring your own drinks. It is a very enjoyable and fun evening and we hope to have at least one team from each parish in our Benefice.

If you are interested in taking part, please have a word with Margaret Winfield - teams must be registered before 11th January.

Gnosall were the winners last year!

CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Christmas Day	9am Holy Communion with Rev Stephen
Sunday 31 st December	United Benefice Service at Gnosall at 10.30am (no service at Moreton)
Sunday 7 th January	3.30pm Afternoon Worship with Kathryn

REV NATHAN FALLA

Subject to the approval of the Methodist Conference, Rev Nathan Falla has been appointed as the Superintendent Minister of the Newark and Southwell Methodist Circuit with effect from 1st September 2018. Nathan and his family will be based in Newark.

We send out congratulations and best wishes to Nathan and his family.

"GLAD TIDINGS WE BRING"

CHURCHES TOGETHER in Gnosall will take glad tidings of Christmas to the pubs in the village on: Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th December, Singing carols where people meet. The pubs have agreed to welcome us at these times to do so.

Tuesday 19th - meet at Gnosall Methodist Church at 8 pm. to proceed to The Navigation and the Boat Inn

Wednesday 20th - meet at the Royal Oak at 8 pm; park at the far end of the car park from the pub. We'll sing there & move on to the remaining pubs.

Everyone Welcome! All ages welcome (e.g. families) with all abilities and none! Carol sheets will be provided.



CHURCH DECORATING & CLEANING FOR CHRISTMAS

We shall start at 9am on Friday 22nd December. Any new helpers would be welcomed - just bring your secateurs/scissors. Flowers/greenery/cleaning materials and coffee are provided.

Helen Air

On behalf of The Children's Society can I thank everyone for the generous donations from the box holders who raised the exceptional sum of £1,260 this year.

The box collections really do change children's lives everyday by providing funding to maintain the Society's vital services, including helping thousands of children who are being exploited on the streets.

Can I also thank the box collectors whose help I greatly appreciated.

Yvonne Cannell (Coordinator)

The Children's Society

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR ELIZABETH HOUSE

If you are planning to bring a gift for either mums or children at Elizabeth House could you please bring them to the church by December 17th at the latest so that they can be delivered before Christmas.

100 CLUB



WINNERS OF DECEMBER DRAW

1st	Beryl Lockley	£25
2nd	Mike Redfern	£15
3rd	Margaret Winfield	£10
4th	Andrea Preston	£5

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

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

Year's Mind

Ronald James Bames
Laura Mary Winfield
Emily Mary Cork
John Lloyd Powell
Patricia Marion Ellis
Sandra Botfield
Frank Cyril Jones
Nancy Mary Allcock

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

Rector	Rev Kathryn Hammond - 284050	rev.kathrynh@gmail.com
Associate Minister	Rev Stephen Harrop - 822820	steph60en@aol.com
Churchwardens:	Bob Winfield - 822507	bobwinfield@btinternet.com
	Eric Henderson - 823881	eric.henderson2@btinternet.com

Collect

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not treat prophecies with contempt ²¹ but test them all; hold on to what is good, ²² reject every kind of evil. ²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 1: 6-8, 19-28)

Glory to you O Lord

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ¹⁹ Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. ²⁰ He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹ They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." ²² Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³ John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'" ²⁴ Now the Pharisees who had been sent ²⁵ questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶ "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. ²⁷ He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸ This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

