



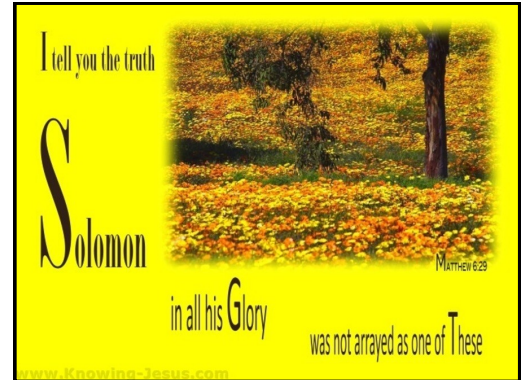
St. Lawrence Church & St. Marys Church

Newsletter 19th February 2017

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Welcome to Church on the Second Sunday before Lent

Sunday 19th February	7:45am	Holy Communion	Kathryn
	10:30am	Morning Worship Tear Fund speaker	Lay led Nick Blackburn Geoffrey Smith
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	
Tuesday 21st February	8:45am	Tea & Toast	
Thursday 23rd February	9:15am	Morning Worship	Geoffrey Smith
	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
	6:40pm	Choir Practice	
Friday 24th February	11:00am	Impstone Service	
Sunday 26th February	7:45am	Holy Communion	Kathryn
	10:30am	United Benefice Service at Knightley (No Service in church)	The Archdeacon
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Lay led



CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 26th February	10.30am	Benefice Service at Knightley with the Archdeacon (no service at Moreton)
Sunday 5th March	9am	Holy Communion with Rev Kathryn
Sunday 12th March	9am	Holy Communion with Rev Fowell

BRYAN MORRISON

Bryan Morrison's funeral is on the Tuesday 28th February. 1pm at the Crematorium followed by a Thanksgiving Service in Church at 2pm

MARIE ARNOLD

The funeral of Marie Arnold will be held in St Lawrence Church at 11am on Tuesday 7th March followed by cremation.



WANTED
Wanted ladies/gents to help with the refreshments after the 10:30am service. Volunteers will only be on the rota once a month at the most. If you can help please see Eric

CHURCH SERVICES DURING FEBRUARY – GNOSALL

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26th February	7:45am	Holy Communion	Kathryn
	10:30am	Benefice Service at Knightley	
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Lay led

PCC MEETING OF 20TH FEBRUARY

If anyone has anything they want brought up under AOB at the PCC meeting on the 20th, please contact Kathryn or Maggie.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

We will be organizing a trip to the Maundy Thursday Service at Lichfield Cathedral, if you are interested in attending, please speak to Revd. Kathryn or Adie Harris 284027. There is a list to sign at the back of church if people are interested in going.



CHRISTIAN AID SPONSORED WALK

Freda & Gerry Dale are taking part in the Christian Aid Sponsored Walk on Saturday 8th April. If you would like to sponsor them, please fill in the form at the back of church. Thanks

LENT CHALLENGE

I would like to give you a challenge during the days of Lent to read through the Book of Acts. At the back of church you will find some leaflets. For each day during Lent there is a suggested reading which will take you through the whole of the book by Easter. The readings are not long so I hope you will read through them more than once and, before you read, just ask God to speak to you through the readings. I hope you will take up my challenge and find it helpful and I will be checking up at Easter to see who has managed it! Brownie points will be awarded!!!
Rev Kathryn

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.kathryn@gmail.com Bishop Geoff, the Bishop of Stafford, will be coming to take our Confirmation Service in June.

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.



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

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

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

Year's Mind

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George Lewis Green
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Collect

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Romans 8.18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (6. 25 - end)

Glory to you O Lord

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER****WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER****2pm Friday 3rd March 2017**

at

St. Lawrence Church, Gnosall

This year's service has been written by Christian women from the Philippines and the theme is -

'Am I Being Unfair to You?'**ALL ARE WELCOME****NORBURY CHURCH****SOUP LUNCHES****Wednesdays 1st March - 5th April (inclusive)****12.30pm - 1.30pm Norbury Village Hall**

Homemade soup, bread & butter, fresh fruit and a hot drink.

£3.00 (no need to book).

Supporting the Bishop's Lent Appeal

Anyone from any of the Churches who is able to help out with providing soup and or serving, please contact Jane 01785 284463.

BINGO & BANGERS**SATURDAY 18TH MARCH, 7.30pm****NORBURY VILLAGE HALL**

Adults - £5.00,

Children £2.50 (includes 2 books and a Hot Dog)

Please bring your own drinks.