



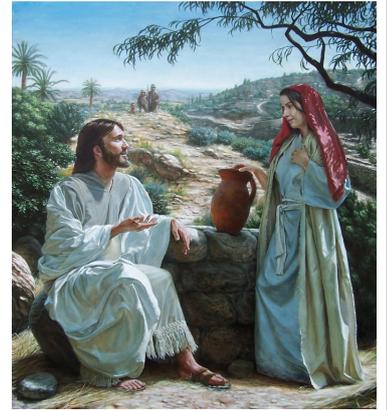
St. Lawrence Church & St. Marys Church

Newsletter 19th March 2017

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Welcome to Church on the Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday 19th March	7:45am	Communion by Extension	Hayley Preece
	10:30am	United Benefice Service at Norbury	Bishop of Lichfield
	4:00pm	Messy Church at St Lawrence Church	
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Lay led
Tuesday 21st March	8:45am	Tea & Toast	
	9:30am	Morning Prayer - Alternating weekly between Gnosall and Knightley Churches	
	7:30pm	Licensing of Rev Stephen	Bishop Geoff Annas
Wednesday 22nd march	11:00am	Gingercroft Service	
Thursday 23rd March	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
	6:40pm	Choir Practice	
Friday 23rd March	11:00am	Impstones Service	
Sunday 26th March <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	7:45am	Morning Prayer	Kathryn & Stephen Lay led
	10:30am	Holy Communion	
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	



CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 26th March	Holy Communion at 9am with Rev Kathryn & Rev Stephen
Sunday 2nd April	Holy Communion at 9am with Rev Fowell
Sunday 9th April	Holy Communion at 9am with Kathryn

100 CLUB



WINNERS OF MARCH DRAW

1st	Anne Lindley	£20
2nd	Christopher Heins	£15
3rd	Mavis Hill	£10
4th	Norma Ellis	£5

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

CHILDREN'S GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP.

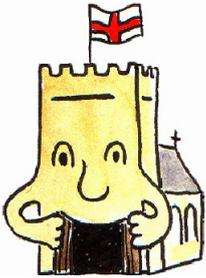
Good Friday Workshop for Children on Friday 14th April from 10.00 am to 12 noon at St Lawrence Church

Help needed to staff 12 Craft Stalls, book Children in and provide light refreshments.

The Crafts are Planned, and all materials will be provided.

If you can help please contact - Adie Harris, Gwen Flavell, Bob Winfield or Margaret Winfield

OPEN CHURCH ROTA



At the PCC meeting of the 20th February it was decided to open the church from Mondays to Fridays during the hours of 9am to 5pm starting in April. We hope to be able to do this until September or October. We are hoping to establish a rota of six to eight people who for one week at a time would unlock the church in the morning and lock it again in at 5pm. If you are able to join this rota of want more information please contact the churchwardens.

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 attender 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

AGAPE SUPPER

On Maundy Thursday, April 13th we will be having a meal here in church at 7pm. At the end of the meal we will share the bread and the wine around the table as we remember the night when Jesus did this with his disciples.

It is a lovely evening and I would warmly welcome you to come along. Even if you don't feel able to share in the bread and wine you are very welcome to come and share the meal and the fellowship.

There is a list at the back of church - please sign up if you can come along.

SOCIAL AND FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

We would like to form a small group to come up with ideas for social events which we can hold in the church to help us to get to know each other better - and if they raise funds for the church as well that will be a bonus. Is this something that you might like to take part in? If so, or if you want to know more, please have a chat with me.

Rev Kathryn 284050 rev.kathrynh@gmail.com

MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES We will be preparing the posies for Mothering Sunday on Saturday March 25th at 10am in church. If you are able to come along and help please have a word with Helen Air (822347) or just come along.

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.

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.

Year's Mind

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Collect

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Romans 5.1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 4.5-42)

Glory to you O Lord

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give me a drink?' (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?' (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.' 'Sir,' the woman said, 'you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?' Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.' He told her, 'Go, call your husband and come back.' 'I have no husband,' she replied. Jesus said to her, 'You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.' 'Sir,' the woman said, 'I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.' 'Woman,' Jesus replied, 'believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.' The woman said, 'I know that Messiah' (called Christ) 'is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.' Then Jesus declared, 'I, the one speaking to you – I am he.' Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, 'What do you want?' or 'Why are you talking with her?' Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, 'Come, see a man who told me everything I've ever done. Could this be the Messiah?' They came out of the town and made their way towards him. Meanwhile his disciples urged him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you know nothing about.' Then his disciples said to each other, 'Could someone have brought him food?' 'My food,' said Jesus, 'is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Don't you have a saying, "It's still four months until harvest"? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying "One sows and another reaps" is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labour.' Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I've ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, 'We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ



SPRING CLEAN

SATURDAY 1ST APRIL

9:30am to 12:30pm & 2:00pm to 5:00pm

The church is in need of a good spring clean. The walls are very dusty and cobwebs abound. At floor level there is dust and mortar under the heating pipes and in the nooks and crannies

We intend to vacuum the walls the highest level possible, then follow with hovering, dusting and polishing at the lower levels. The Lady Chapel will be done first, followed by the Chancel and the Nave.

This is likely to take some time; hence we have planned for morning and afternoon sessions.

If you can help, please sign up on the list at the back of church. Eric & Bob

NORBURY 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.