



# St. Lawrence Church & St. Marys Church

## Newsletter 1st January 2017

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### Welcome to Church on New Years Day

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|----------------------|---------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday 1st January   | 10:30am | Holy Communion          | David Fairweather |
| Tuesday 3rd January  | 10:30am | "Open the Book" meeting |                   |
| Thursday 5th January | 9:15am  | Holy Communion          | Kathryn           |
|                      | 2:15pm  | Play & Praise           |                   |
|                      | 6:40pm  | Choir Practice          |                   |
| Sunday 8th January   | 7:45am  | Holy Communion          | Kathryn           |
|                      | 10:30am | Morning Worship         | Team              |
|                      | 6:30pm  | Evening Worship         | Geoffrey Smith    |



### CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

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| Sunday 8th January  | 9am Holy Communion with Geoffrey Smith                                      |
| Sunday 15th January | 10am Morning Worship in the Community Centre with the Benefice Worship Team |

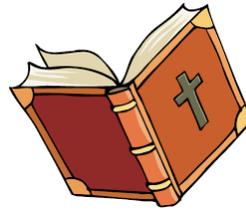
# HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2017

### INTER-CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT



Eccleshall Deanery is once again organising an Inter-Church Quiz Night on Saturday, 14th January. We already have one team, but hope that there may be others who would like to form another to represent St Lawrence's. This Quiz has been taking place for a number of years now and is a very enjoyable evening, with a great variety of questions (not too difficult!). There is a poster giving more details on the notice board at the back of Church. If you would like to enter a team or be part of one, please let Margaret Winfield know.

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



If you wish to have the name of a loved one included in our Book of Remembrance then please see Jim McGregor or fill in an application form, available at the back of church. The cost is £30 per entry. The closing date for applications this year is 21st January.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:rev.kathrynh@gmail.com)

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

### 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](mailto:jimf.mcgregor@tiscali.co.uk)

### CHURCH SERVICES DURING JANUARY – GNOSALL

|              |         |                        |                |
|--------------|---------|------------------------|----------------|
| 5th January  | 9:15am  | Holy Communion         | Kathryn        |
| 8th January  | 7:45am  | Holy Communion         | Kathryn        |
|              | 10:30am | Morning Worship        | Team           |
|              | 6:30pm  | Evening Worship        | Geoffrey Smith |
| 12th January | 9:15am  | Holy Communion         | Geoffrey Smith |
| 15th January | 7:45am  | Morning Prayer         |                |
|              | 10:30am | Holy Communion         | Kathryn        |
|              | 6:30pm  | Evening Worship        |                |
| 19th January | 9:15am  | Morning Worship        | Team           |
| 22nd January | 7:45am  | Communion by Extension |                |
|              | 10:30am | Holy Communion         | Kathryn        |
|              | 6:30pm  | Evening Worship        |                |
| 26th January | 9:15am  | Holy Communion         | Geoffrey Smith |
| 29th January | 7:45am  | Holy Communion         | Kathryn        |
|              | 10:30am | Benefice Service       | Archdeacon     |
|              | 6:30pm  | Evening Worship        |                |

### 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](mailto:h_a_p@hotmail.com)  
We also produce a paper version that can be sent to people as well.

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

### Year's Mind

Hannah Elizabeth Fello  
Jean Elizabeth Bentley  
James (Jim) Winfield  
Joan Richardson  
Sydney Cuttall  
Emily Johnson  
Jacqueline Freeman  
Ena McGregor  
John Jones

**Rector** Rev Kathryn Hammond 284050 [rev.kathrynh@gmail.com](mailto:rev.kathrynh@gmail.com)  
**Churchwardens:** Bob Winfield - 822507 [bobwinfield@btinternet.com](mailto:bobwinfield@btinternet.com)  
Eric Henderson - 823881

**Collect**

**A**lmighty God, whose blessed Son was circumcised in obedience to the law for our sake and given the Name that is above every name: give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit, and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Numbers 6:22-27

**T**he LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>23</sup> Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, <sup>24</sup> The LORD bless you and keep you; <sup>25</sup> the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup> the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. <sup>27</sup> So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 2: 15-21)

**Glory to you O Lord**

**W**hen the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' <sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. <sup>21</sup> After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Eccleshall Deanery**

**INTER-CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT**

IN

**ECCLESHALL PARISH ROOM**

ON

**SATURDAY, 14th JANUARY 2017**

**AT 7.00 P.M.**

**TEAMS OF SIX (max) – Entry fee £5 per person**



**Fish and Chip supper**

**Please bring your own drinks**

**Raffle**

**Please book your team in with David Beswick  
on 01785 850622 by 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
so as to be sure of getting Fish & Chip order**