

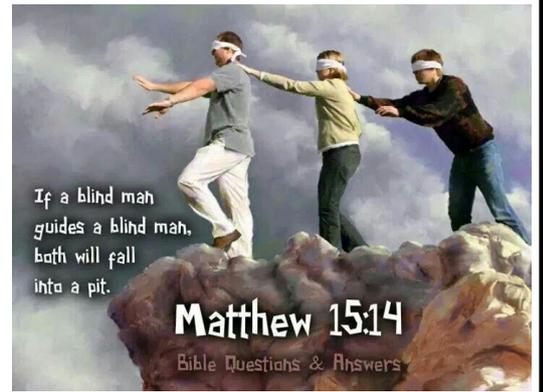


St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church Newsletter 20th August 2017

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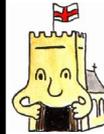
Welcome to Church on the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 20th August	7:45am Holy Communion	Stephen
	10:30am Holy Communion	Stephen
	6:30pm Evening Worship	Lay Led
Tuesday 22nd August	9:30am Morning Prayer - at Knightley Church	
Thursday 24th August	9:15am Holy Communion	
	6:40pm Choir Practice	
Friday 25th August	11:00am Impstones Service	
Sunday 27th August	7:45am Communion by Extension	Haley Preece
	10:30am Holy Communion	Stephen
	2:00pm Baptism	
	6:30pm Evensong	Stephen



CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 27th August	Holy Communion at 9am with Stephen
Sunday 3rd September	Evening Worship at 6.30pm with Kathryn
Sunday 10th September	Holy Communion at 9am with Stephen



The Church is now open every day
Monday - Saturday from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm.
Sunday between Church Services

HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

This will take place on Saturday September 9th
Although most of our churches will be already open It would be good if we could have a drink available and a sheet for the people being sponsored to sign.



If it is possible to have a rota of people to meet and greet them it would be even better.

If this is something you could do for an hour or so could you please let the churchwardens know.

St Mary's Moreton have a wedding that day but we can have a table for the visitors outside as it's sure to be fine!!

ADVENT RETREAT

We are thinking of booking some places at Shallowford House for a day away at the beginning of Advent to re-charge our batteries. It will be on December 4th from 10am to 4pm. The day is entitled 'Knowledge speaks - Wisdom listens and is being led by Rev Mark Rodel. there will also be time for personal reflection. The day includes refreshments and a two course lunch and will cost £21.50.

If you are interested in taking part could you let Kathryn know please as we would like to book as soon as possible.

CHRISTIAN FOOD BANK

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.

ST LAWRENCE GNOSALL CHURCH MONTHLY DRAW



The monthly draw has been running for several years and is a way for you to help raise money for St Lawrence Church ongoing upkeep and activities. The Friends of St Lawrence fundraising assists with the maintenance of the church building, but none of this can be used for the upkeep of services and church activities.

I am trying to increase the monthly draw numbers to 200 from its present 128. For £12 a year, set up via standing order, your number will be placed in 13 draws (12 Monthly / 1 Christmas Draw), starting in September each year.

If we achieve the 200 numbers the draw values will be :

- 1st Prize - £50 (Currently £20)
- 2nd Prize - £25 (Currently £15)
- 3rd Prize - £10 (Currently £10)
- 4th Prize - £5 (Currently £5)

Do you want to join ?

If so please contact -

- Christopher Heins, Fairview, Cross Street, Gnosall, ST20 0BX. Tel 824010. Email cheins@jcar.co.uk
- or Rob Prichard, Church House, Sellman Street, Gnosall, ST20 0EP. Tel 822335. Email robandsandy418@btinternet.com



There is now a sign at the entrance to the burial ground informing people that there are Commonwealth War Graves in the burial ground.

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



Year's Mind

Llewellyn Phillip Evans
Percy Malcolm Griffiths
Christine Winifred Francis
Vera Clark

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	Eric Henderson - 823881	eric.henderson2@btinternet.com

Collect

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now* receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28)

Glory to you O Lord

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' ¹³He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind.* And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' ¹⁵But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' ¹⁶Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding?' ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.' ²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

JOB VACANCY - Chaplain Weston House/ Queensway Stafford

The post is part time, for 15 hours per week. We are looking for a lay person or an ordained minister who is in good standing with their faith community. The person appointed will build good working relationships with local faith communities and take on pastoral care, spiritual and worship aspects of life. An understanding of spiritual aspects of ageing and dementia, demonstrated through experience of providing pastoral care and, ideally, leading services, is essential.

Part of the MHA group, Weston House provides care for 48 people living with dementia who also have nursing care needs. Queensway House is linked to Weston House via a walkway and provides care and accommodation for up to 22 people with mental health care needs. The post is a rewarding opportunity for the right person to continue and develop chaplaincy work in the scheme and make a difference to the spiritual wellbeing of the residents.

More information and details of how to apply are available on the MHA website <http://www.mha.org.uk/careers>. The closing date for completed applications is Sunday 27th August. Anybody wanting to find out more about the post is welcome to contact me (cathy.dakin@mha.org.uk).



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