



St. Lawrence Church & St. Marys Church

Newsletter

21st August 2016

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Welcome to Church on the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 21st August	7:45am Holy Communion 10:30am Holy Communion 6:30pm Evening Worship	Holy Communion Holy Communion Evening Worship	Kathryn Kathryn Geoff Smith
Thursday 25th August	9:15am Morning Worship 10am -12 noon Choir Practice	Morning Worship Choir Practice	
Sunday 28th August	7:45am Morning Worship 10:30am Holy Communion 6:30pm Evening Worship	Morning Worship Holy Communion Evening Worship	Gnosall Worship Team Eddie Haycock



MORETON

Sunday 28th August	9am Holy Communion with Eddie Haycock
Sunday 4th September	6.30pm Evening Worship at St Mary's to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. Followed by refreshments.
Sunday 11th September	9.00am Holy Communion with John Stirling

CHURCH SERVICES DURING AUGUST

25th August	9:15am Morning Worship	
28th August	7:45am Morning Worship 10:30am Holy Communion 6:30pm Evening Worship	Gnosall Worship Team Eddie Haycock

BISHOP MICHAEL VISITING OUR BENEFICE



In the two weeks before his enthronement as Bishop of Lichfield, Bishop Michael is visiting the Diocese and we are holding a special service for him at St Lawrence's Gnosall on Thursday September 22nd at 7pm.

I hope you will put the date in your diary and try to come along. Kathryn

ST LAWRENCE 100 + CLUB

100 CLUB



It is time to remind all members that the annual renewal of subscriptions (£12.00 per number) has to take place by 1st September. Please remember that the aim of the Club is to contribute towards church running costs and it would help greatly if everyone not only renews their current subscription but, if possible, increases it so that they have more than one number. Also if you have friends who might like to join, it would be excellent. If either of these things happen then it might be possible to increase the prize money/the number of prizes at each draw. To remind you, these are currently 1st - £20, 2nd - £15 and 3rd - £10 with 12 monthly draws and one at Christmas. To make an increase, introduce friends or any queries please contact Rob Prichard on tel. 822335 or Chris Heins on tel. 824010.

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

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

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

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.

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.

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 email jimf.mcgregor@tiscali.co.uk

OPEN CHURCH

The Church is open during the week for prayer or a visit -
Tuesdays 11am to 3pm & Thursdays 11am to 1pm
If you can help as a steward during these hours please contact Anne Ashley

www.gnosallparish.org.uk

We have our own church website, check it out. Pass anything you would like included to Michelle, it will be updated on a regular basis.
Email - m.broadhurst13@btinternet.com

Year's Mind

Percy Malcolm Griffiths
Christine Winifred Francis
Vera Clark
Nicholas James Allcock

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Collect

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hebrews 12: 18-end

You have not come to something^[a] that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷ This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 13: 10-17)

Glory to you O Lord

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment."¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ



CAN YOU HELP?

It is lovely that a lot of families are asking for their children to be baptised here at St Lawrence's. Where possible I like to hold a separate service for each family as it makes their celebration feel more special. This means that we very often have two baptisms taking place each month. It is important that we make this a service which the family remember and

which encourages them to want to return to church. We follow up each baptism with invitations to Play and Praise and Messy Church and many families are starting to come along at other times.

At the moment the help required at these services is being provided by a small number of people and I would love to add more people to our Baptism team so that we can share the duties and only have to call on people maybe every other month.

The duties include -

Preparing the font, putting the water ready, welcoming the families and putting them at their ease, operating the CD player for the hymns and helping to clear up afterwards.

The services normally take place at 2pm on Sunday afternoons and last for around half an hour but it would mean being in church half an hour before the service starts.

IF YOU FEEL THIS IS SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH please speak to me or to Gwen Flavell.

Many Thanks
Rev Kathryn

