

St. Lawrence Church Newsletter 21st February 2016

Website www.gnosallparish.org.uk.

Welcome to Church on the Second Sunday of Lent

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| Sunday 21st February | 7:45am | Holy Communion - Kathryn |
| | 10:30am | Holy Communion - Kathryn |
| | 4:00 pm - 5:30pm | Messy Church at Norbury Village Hall |
| | 6:30pm | Evening Service - Geoff Smith |
| Tuesday 23rd February | 9:30am | Morning Prayer |
| | 1:30pm | Funeral |
| Thursday 25th February | 9:15am | Morning Service |
| | 1:00pm | Funeral |
| | 2:15pm | Play & Praise |
| | 6:40pm | Choir Practice |
| | 7:30pm | Carnival Committee Meeting |
| Saturday 27th February | 10:30am - 12:30pm | Marriage Preparation |
| Sunday 28th February | 7:45am | Holy Communion - Kathryn |
| Third Sunday of Lent | 10:30am | Holy Communion - Gerald Gardiner |
| | 6:30pm | Evening Service |



MORETON

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| Sunday 28th February | 10am | Holy Communion with Gerald Gardiner |
| Sunday 6th March | 9am | Holy Communion with the Archdeacon |
| Sunday 13th March | 9am | Holy Communion with Bill Mash |

LENT GROUPS

For the 5 weeks of Lent from 15th February onwards, ecumenical Lent groups will be meeting to study the several of the Psalms. We are hoping to hold groups in the morning, afternoon & evening on different days so anyone who wants to participate can do so. We are also looking for people to lead and to host the groups, hosts don't need to be leaders or visa versa. Please add your name to the list at the back of church including what time you'd like to meet and what you'd like to do in the group.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's World Day of Prayer is being held at Gnosall Methodist Chapel on Friday March 4th at 2 pm. St Lawrence's and Benefice have been invited to send 3 representatives to take part in the Service. Sandy Redfern would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to take part.

Contact Sandy on : 822440 or email sandy.redfern@ymail.com

APCM REPORTS

We are in the process of putting together our annual report for the APCM meetings. If you have been asked to prepare a report could you please let Ruth Finister have this as soon as possible please.

Her email address is ruthellen@btinternet.com and her Tel no is 823232.

If you have any problems putting the report together please speak to Ruth or to me on 284050. Many thanks, Rev Kathryn

OPEN CHURCH

The Church will be open again during the week for prayer or a visit as from the 1st March

Tuesdays 11am to 3pm & Thursdays 11am to 1pm

If you can help as a steward during these hours please contact Anne Ashley

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

Year's Mind

J Roger Kelly
Betty Woods

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.

ANONYMOUS GIFT

Our grateful thanks for the generous gift of money for church funds.

CHURCH SERVICES DURING FEBRUARY

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| 28th February | 7:45am | Holy Communion | Kathryn Hammond |
| | 10:30am | Holy Communion | Gerald Gardiner |
| | 6:30pm | Evening Service | |
| 6th March | 7:45am | Morning Prayer | Gnosall worship Group |
| | 10:30am | Holy Communion | Archdeacon |
| | 6:30pm | Evening Service | Geoff Smith |

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.

A GROWING CONCERN



We are becoming increasingly aware that there are a lot of older people in our parishes and nearby who are quite lonely. We would like to try again to form a group from our Churches who can look at ways that we can help . If this is something which you feel you might be interested in and could assist with in however small a way would you please have a chat with me.

Rev Kathryn - 284050 rev.kathrynh@gmail.com

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

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

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| Team Vicar | Rev Kathryn Hammond 284050 | rev.kathrynh@gmail.com |
| Churchwardens: | Jim McGregor - 822156 Eric Henderson - 823881 | jimf.mcgregor@tiscali.co.uk eric.henderson2@btinternet.com |

Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Philippians 3: 17 – 4.1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 13: 31 – End) **Glory to you O Lord**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

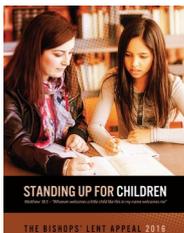
Praise to you, O Christ



CONFIRMATION

Later in the spring we will be running a series of meetings where we will be exploring the basics of the Christian faith. At the end of these there will be an opportunity to consider whether you would like to be confirmed and we have a confirmation service booked with the Bishop of Stafford for the first Sunday in June. However, it may be that you were confirmed some time ago and would like to think again about what we believe as Christians. If so this is a good opportunity to come along in a relaxed atmosphere where we can express our thoughts or our doubts and learn together. If you interested or would like to know more please speak to Rev Kathryn or ring on - 01785 284050 or email rev.kathrynh@gmail.com

BISHOPS' LENT APPEAL FOR 2016 – "STAND UP FOR CHILDREN"



The Bishops' Lent Appeal for 2016 will help 'Stand Up for Children', supporting one cause in the diocese and another far away as Bishop Clive explains:

"The Children's Society nationally already receives support from around this diocese with its three charity shops in Stone, Meir and Bloxwich, various fund raising events and regular financial donations from a quarter of our parishes, but as Bishops we are keen, via this year's Lent Appeal, to highlight and support The Children's Society projects which specifically support and care for vulnerable children living in our parishes.

"Our Lent Appeal always has an international focus as well as a local one. As many of us know from personal experience, the plight of our fellow-Christians in the Holy Land remains parlous, with many desperate needs. Supporting Friends of the Holy Land through our Lent Appeal will make a real difference to the lives of many of our brothers and sisters and will signal our solidarity with them."

There is a poster at the back of Church together with literature giving details of the appeal. A gift aid envelope is in each leaflet.



OPEN THE BOOK

This is a new venture from the Bible Society, where teams of volunteers go into schools to read dramatised Bible stories to the children. Last week, a team comprising of Anglicans, Methodists and Roman Catholics from Gnosall went into St Lawrence's School on two occasions to do a presentation on The Creation. The Headteacher felt that it was excellent and was thoroughly enjoyed by the children and staff alike. The next presentations will be in March and will cover the story of Easter.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

There are nomination forms at the back of church for Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council

Join us for family fun, fellowship and food.

Sunday 21st February - 4.00 - 5.30pm
Norbury Village Hall

Sunday 20th March - 4.00 - 5.30pm
St Lawrence Church, Gnosall

For more information, contact:
Rev Kathryn - 284050 or
Adie Harris - 284027 adieharris13@btinternet.com

Workshop

Join us for lots of Easter crafts and a short Service.
A fun afternoon for all the family with refreshments available

Friday 25th March
2 - 4pm

Woodseaves Primary School

For more information contact:
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