



St. Lawrence Church & St. Marys Church

Newsletter 23rd April 2017

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Welcome to Church on Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday 23rd April (St George's Day)	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Holy Communion by extension Holy Communion Evening Worship	Lay led Stephen Lay led
Monday 24th April	7:30pm	Carnival Committee Meeting	
Tuesday 25th March	8:45am 9:30am	Tea & Toast Morning Prayer - Alternating weekly between Gnosall and Knightley Churches	
Thursday 27th April	9:15am 2:15pm 6:40pm	Holy Communion Play & Praise Choir Practice	
Saturday 29th April	7:00pm	Antiques & Collectables Valuation Evening in the Grosvenor Centre	
Sunday 30th April	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Benefice Service at Moreton (no Service at Gnosall) Evening Worship	Stephen Stephen



CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 30th April	Benefice Service at Moreton at 10.30am
Sunday 7th May	Evening Worship at 6.30pm with dedication of new notice board with Rev Kathryn
Sunday 14th May	Holy Communion at 9am with Rev Stephen

REGULAR GIVING TO OUR CHURCH

New sets of Weekly Envelopes are now available at the back of the Church, together with letters to all regular givers. The new envelopes start on 7th May. Many thanks to all of you who have given regularly during the last year. Regular Giving is the main source of income to the Church. If you are not using Weekly Envelopes, or giving through your Bank, but would consider giving regularly, please contact Bob Winfield tele 822507

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 14TH - 20TH MAY 2017

Christian Aid is an International Development Agency working in around 50 countries wherever the need is greatest, regardless of race or religion. Today, 65 million people across the globe have fled their homes because of disasters and conflicts, and many have endured years of insecurity. Last year, through your generosity, our volunteers in Gnosall collected almost £2000.

We share the distribution and collection of envelopes with our Methodist and Roman Catholic friends, and we aim to cover the whole village.

I am hoping that those of you who have helped in the past will feel that they can do so once again, and also that there are others who would be prepared to take on a street or road, or even a part of one, especially as now we have so many new homes in the village.

If you can help, please have a word with Margaret Winfield or telephone her on 822507. Many thanks

COME FOLLOW CHRIST: FIRST STEPS - 20 MAY

People from across the Diocese are invited by Bishop Michael to the Come Follow Christ: First Steps celebration at Lichfield Cathedral on Saturday 20 May from 11am to 1pm.

The free event will lay out our new direction of travel as we seek to 'Come Follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad.' It will include a live performance of St Chad's story, a vocation location, interactive prayer, a discipleship marketplace and multi-cultural worship from Sanctus St Mark's.

It will see a focus locally on parishes, fresh expressions, schools and chaplaincies and the commissioning of four new mission initiatives – one in each Episcopal area and one diocesan-wide.

Drinks will be provided –bring a picnic lunch

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



WOODEN TRESTLE TABLES FOR SALE

Three lengths, 8 foot, 9 foot & 10 foot
Shorter lengths have 2 Trestles, longest have 3 Trestles.

Further information from Bob Winfield
(telephone 01785 822507)



CHRISTIAN AID SPONSORED WALK

Freda and Gerry Dale raised £396 for Christian Aid. Well done and thanks to all those who sponsored them.



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

Jeanette Ann Brown
Glyn Jones
Sylvia June Edwards
Wilfred Chesters
Betty Laura Summers
David Arthur Barker
William Edward Duncombe

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Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Revelation 12 : 7 - 12

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. ¹²Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!' ¹⁰Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 15: 18 - 21)

Glory to you O Lord

If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. ²⁰Remember the word that I said to you, "Servants are not greater than their master." If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. ²¹But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Friends of St. Lawrence Church



ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES VALUATION EVENING

Antique Roadshow style event!

7pm Saturday 29th April
at
The Grosvenor Centre

Entry - £5 (includes a glass of wine)
Pay at the door

Bring your antiques to be valued
by an expert - two items per person

