



# St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church

## Newsletter 23rd July 2017

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### Welcome to Church on the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

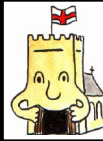
Sunday 23rd July	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Communion by Extension Holy Communion Evening Worship	Eric Kathryn Lay led
Tuesday 25th July	9:15am	Morning Prayer - Alternating weekly between Gnosall and Knightley Churches	
Thursday 27th July	9:15am 6:40pm	Holy Communion Choir Practice	
Sunday 30th July	7:45am 2:00pm 6:30pm	Holy Communion Confirmation Service Evening Worship	Stephen Bishop of Stafford Stephen



**Please note there is no 10:30 am Service**

### CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	Benefice Confirmation Service at 2pm at Gnosall with the Bishop of Stafford (no service at Moreton)
Sunday 6th August	Afternoon tea at 4pm leading to Songs of Praise with Kathryn
Sunday 13th August	Holy Communion at 9am with Stephen



The Church is now open Monday to Saturday from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm.

### HYMN BOOKS

I'm sure you will have noticed that many of our hymn books are getting in a sorry state. We propose to get a group of people together to repair them. If you would be able to help with this, please have a word with Margaret Winfield. We can then acquire the necessary materials and fix a convenient date. Many thanks.

### 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.

### HOLIDAY CLUB

This years holiday club will take place 31st July - 4th Aug at Woodseaves Academy, 9.30 - 12 noon.

Every year, representatives from each parish in the Benefice have provided refreshments - a day per parish and we would love to be able to do this again this year. If you feel able to help in this way (a list of suggested snacks can be provided if required) please contact Adie 284027 or [adieharris13@btinternet.com](mailto:adieharris13@btinternet.com) Thank you

### 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.

### 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 CHURCH WEBSITE

We have a QR code that when read by any mobile device with a QR reader will take you directly to the church website.

We are also on Facebook— [www.facebook.com/GnosallParish](http://www.facebook.com/GnosallParish)

The website is looked after by Michelle Broadhurst and facebook by Emma Cannell, if you want any information included on these sites contact them -

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### ✠Year's Mind

Glenys Catherine Thomas  
Eileen May Thompson  
Samantha Louvaine Russell  
Edward Stewart Keay  
Simon Air

### [www.gnosallparish.org.uk](http://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](mailto:m.broadhurst13@btinternet.com)



**Confirmation**

Please note that on Sunday July 30th we will be having a Confirmation Service at St Lawrence's. This service will be at 2pm so that Bishop Geoff can take the service.

**Please note that there will be no service at 10.30am that day.** We do hope you will come along to the

Confirmation Service to support our two candidates, one of whom - Phyllis Walton - is part of our Church family here at Gnosall.

<b>Rector</b>	Rev Kathryn Hammond - 284050	<a href="mailto:rev.kathrynh@gmail.com">rev.kathrynh@gmail.com</a>
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**Collect**

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Romans 8: 12-25**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - <sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. <sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43) **Glory to you O Lord**

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" <sup>28</sup>He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" <sup>29</sup>But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." <sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' <sup>37</sup>He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**



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## SALMON LUNCH



St. Peter's Church, Norbury

Sunday 20th August

12.30 for 1.00pm

Norbury Village Hall

Tickets £12.50

(Early booking advised - 01785 284463)

\*Bring your own drinks\*