



St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church Newsletter 24th September 2017

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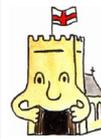
Welcome to Church on the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 24th September Harvest Festival	7:45am 10:30am 2:00pm 6:30pm	Holy Communion Harvest Festival Baptism Harvest Service	Stephen Kathryn Stephen
Monday 25th September	6:30pm	History of the church, illustrated talk by Norman Hailes	
Tuesday 26th September	9:30am	Morning Prayer - at Knightley Church	
Thursday 28th September	9:15am 2:15pm 6:40pm	Holy Communion Play & Praise Choir Practice	
Saturday 30th September	7:30pm	The Pebbles Concert in Church	
Sunday 1st October	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion	Stephen Stephen Stephen



CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 1st October	Harvest Festival at 3pm with Kathryn & musicians from St Lawrence
Sunday 8th October	Holy Communion at 9am with Stephen
Sunday 15th October	Holy Communion at Gnosall at 11am with Kathryn (no service at Moreton)



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

ST MARY'S MORETON

SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

Display in the Church of work from village community groups using the theme of Harvest. 10am- 4pm. Free admission

SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

Harvest Supper (hot food) with entertainment by local musicians.
Bar open. 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from Ruth 01785 823232 or Squirrels 01952 691630

SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER

Songs of Praise in church. 3pm.

TOMORROW

Monday 25th September at 6.30pm in church
Norman will give an illustrated talk
on the history of the church.
Everyone welcome.

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.

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

MOVING ON

On Wednesday October 4th we will be starting a series of seven evenings when we meet together to think about how we can grow in our faith. They will be held in St Lawrence's at 7.30pm for approximately an hour and will be very informal and a chance to both listen and discuss.

You are very warmly invited to come along. If you can't come to every session then please try to come when you can.

Revs Kathryn and Stephen

CHRISTIAN FOOD BANK

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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.

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.

Year's Mind

Arthur Charles (Duff) Cooper
Donald Douglas Hardy Bradley
Rosa Bache
Brian A Rowe
Elle Olivia Ruscoe

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Harvest Collect

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. ²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (Matthew 20:1-16)

Glorify to you O Lord

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

A Recital of 18th Century English Organ Music

by

Geoff Milsom

in St Lawrence Church

12 noon till 1:00pm

Saturday 14th October

Don't miss.....



Coffee & biscuits served

Donations to Church Funds

ALL WELCOME

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

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