



St. Lawrence Church & St. Marys Church

Newsletter

25th December 2016

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Welcome to Church on Christmas Day

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day	8:00am 10:30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Bishop Geoff Geoff Smith
Sunday 1st January	10:30am	Holy Communion	David Fairweather



CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 1st January	10.30am	Benefice Service at Gnosall (no service at Moreton)
Sunday 8th January	9am	Holy Communion with Geoffrey Smith
Sunday 15th January	10am	Morning Worship in the Community Centre with the Benefice Worship Team

INTER-CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT

Eccleshall Deanery is once again organising an Inter-Church Quiz Night on Saturday, 14th January. We already have one team, but hope that there may be others who would like to form another to represent St Lawrence's. This Quiz has been taking place for a number of years now and is a very enjoyable evening, with a great variety of questions (not too difficult!). There is a poster giving more details on the notice board at the back of Church. If you would like to enter a team of be part of one, please let Margaret Winfield know.



NOTE

Please note that there will be no 9:15am Service on 28th December

100 CLUB WINNERS OF CHRISTMAS DRAW



1st	Keith Perry	£20
2nd	Peter Gillard	£15
3rd	Steve Bucknall	£10
4th	Ken Bishop	£5

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 or email jimf.mcgregor@tiscali.co.uk

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

Rebekkah Eve Smart
Richard Anthony Gough
Victor Charles Bentley
Colin Venables
Betty James
Paul Bentley
Canon Alan Pearcey

CHURCH SERVICES DURING JANUARY – GNOSALL

1st January	10:30am	Holy Communion	David Fairweather
8th January	7:45am	Holy Communion	Kathryn
	10:30am	Morning Worship	Team
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Geoffrey Smith
15th January	7:45am	Morning Prayer	
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Kathryn
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	
22nd January	7:45am	Communion by Extension	
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Kathryn
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	
29th January	7:45am	Holy Communion	Kathryn
	10:30am	Benefice Service	Archdeacon
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	

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

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

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Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God.

Amen

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 2:1-14)

Glorify to you O Lord

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!" This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

*For unto us
a Child is Born
unto us
a Son is Given*

