



St. Lawrence Church & St. Marys Church

Newsletter 26th February 2017

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Welcome to Church on the Sunday next before Lent

Sunday 26th February	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Holy Communion United Benefice Service at Knightley Evening Worship	Kathryn The Archdeacon Lay led
Tuesday 28th February	8:45am 2:00pm	Tea & Toast Thanksgiving Service for Bryan Morrison	
Wednesday 1st March <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7:30pm	Holy Communion	Kathryn
Thursday 2nd March	9:15am 2:15pm 6:40pm	Morning Worship Play & Praise Choir Practice	
Friday 3rd March	2:00pm	Women's World Day of Prayer	Kathryn
Saturday 4th March	3:00pm	North Staffs Bell Ringers	
Sunday 5th March	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Worship	Lay led Kathryn Geoff Smith



CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 5th March	9am	Holy Communion with Rev Kathryn
Sunday 12th March	9am	Holy Communion with Rev Fowell

BRYAN MORRISON

Bryan Morrison's funeral is on the Tuesday 28th February. 1pm at the Crematorium followed by a Thanksgiving Service in Church at 2pm. Bryan's coffin will be brought into church at 5pm on Monday February 27th and the service the following day will be a celebration of his life.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday April 20th at 7pm in church. We are hoping to start with cheese and wine before we look back over the past year of the church and then bring our hopes for the future. I do hope you will be able to attend. Rev Kathryn

MARIE ARNOLD

The funeral of Marie Arnold will be held in St Lawrence Church at 11am on Tuesday 7th March followed by cremation.

LENT GROUPS

We will be running Lent Groups again this year and there will be a choice of three venues in the Village - so you can choose morning, afternoon or evening. I do hope you will try and come along to one of the groups. There is a list at the back of church showing where the groups will be held and if you could sign to say which one you can attend that would be very helpful.

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll is a list of all our church members, in effect our church family. Being on the Electoral Roll means that you can vote at the Annual Meeting and are available to hold a post in the church but, more than that, it shows that you wish to be part of our church here at St Lawrence's. To qualify to be on the Electoral Roll you need to be 16 or over and live in the parish or, if you don't live in the parish, to be a regular attender at any of our services - at least once a month. There are application forms at the back of church or if you have any questions please speak to me or to one of the church wardens or to Jim McGregor who is our Electoral Roll Officer. If you're not already, we would love to welcome you onto the roll. Rev Kathryn

AGAPE SUPPER

On Maundy Thursday, April 13th we will be having a meal here in church at 7pm. At the end of the meal we will share the bread and the wine around the table as we remember the night when Jesus did this with his disciples. It is a lovely evening and I would warmly welcome you to come along. Even if you don't feel able to share in the bread and wine you are very welcome to come and share the meal and the fellowship. There is a list at the back of church - please sign up if you can come along.

SOCIAL AND FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

We would like to form a small group to come up with ideas for social events which we can hold in the church to help us to get to know each other better - and if they raise funds for the church as well that will be a bonus. Is this something that you might like to take part in? If so, or if you want to know more, please have a chat with me. Rev Kathryn 284050 rev.kathryn@gmail.com

LENT CHALLENGE

I would like to give you a challenge during the days of Lent to read through the Book of Acts. At the back of church you will find some leaflets. For each day during Lent there is a suggested reading which will take you through the whole of the book by Easter. The readings are not long so I hope you will read through them more than once and, before you read, just ask God to speak to you through the readings. I hope you will take up my challenge and find it helpful and I will be checking up at Easter to see who has managed it! Brownie points will be awarded!!! Rev Kathryn

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.kathryn@gmail.com Bishop Geoff, the Bishop of Stafford, will be coming to take our Confirmation Service in June.

Year's Mind

Betty Woods
Martin Rhodes
John Sproston
Cyril Charles Greenaway
Donald (Don) G. Smith
Brian Edward Hutchinson
Douglas Joseph Frank James

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

We will be organizing a trip to the Maundy Thursday Service at Lichfield Cathedral, if you are interested in attending, please speak to Revd. Kathryn or Adie Harris 284027. There is a list to sign at the back of church if people are interested in going.

Sunday next before Lent

26th February 2017

Collect

Almighty Father, whose son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross; give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

2 Peter 1.16- end

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (Matthew 17. 1-9)

Glory to you O Lord

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.' This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

NORBURY CHURCH

SOUP LUNCHES

Wednesdays 1st March - 5th April (inclusive)
12.30pm - 1.30pm Norbury Village Hall

Homemade soup, bread & butter, fresh fruit and a hot drink.

£3.00 (no need to book).

Supporting the Bishop's Lent Appeal

Anyone from any of the Churches who is able to help out with providing soup and or serving, please contact Jane 01785 284463.

BINGO & BANGERS



SATURDAY 18TH MARCH, 7.30pm

NORBURY VILLAGE HALL

Adults - £5.00,

Children £2.50 (includes 2 books and a Hot Dog)

Please bring your own drinks.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



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2pm Friday 3rd March 2017

at

St. Lawrence Church, Gnosall

This year's service has been written by Christian women from the Philippines and the theme is -

'Am I Being Unfair to You?'

ALL ARE WELCOME