



St. Lawrence Church & St. Marys Church

Newsletter 26th March 2017

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Welcome to Church on the Mothering Sunday

Sunday 26th March	7:45am	Morning Prayer	Eric & Tina
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Kathryn & Stephen
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Lay led
Tuesday 28th March	8:45am	Tea & Toast	
	9:30am	Morning Prayer - Alternating weekly between Gnosall and Knightley Churches	
Thursday 30th March	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
	6:40pm	Choir Practice	
Sunday 2nd April	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev Fowell
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Lay led



CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 2nd April	Holy Communion at 9am with Rev Fowell
Sunday 9th April	(Palm Sunday) Holy Communion at 9am with Kathryn
Good Friday 14th April	Service in church at 3pm
Sunday 16th April	(Easter Day) Holy Communion at 9am with Kathryn

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

Each year the church undertakes a revision of its Electoral Roll so as to keep its membership up to date - removing the names of those who have died or no longer worship at this church and adding those who do worship but aren't on the roll. This process will take place over the next the three weeks. There is a copy of the Electoral Roll at the back of church, please check your details and notify Jim McGregor, Electoral Roll Officer, of any changes.

Tel 01785 822156 or email jimf.mcgregor@tiscali.co.uk

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

There are printed invitations to the APCM for all church members on the Electoral Roll at the back of church. It would be greatly appreciated if you could help to deliver them. Thanks

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

NOMINATION FORMS

Nominations forms for the post of Churchwarden and members of the Parochial Church Council are available at the back of church

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.

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.

CHRISTIAN AID SPONSORED WALK



Freda & Gerry Dale are taking part in the Christian Aid Sponsored Walk on Saturday 8th April. If you would like to sponsor them, please fill in the form at the back of church. Thanks

CHILDREN'S GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP.

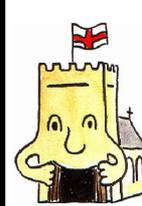
Good Friday Workshop for Children on Friday 14th April from 10.00 am to 12 noon at St Lawrence Church

Help needed to staff 12 Craft Stalls, book Children in and provide light refreshments.

The Crafts are Planned, and all materials will be provided.

If you can help please contact - Adie Harris, Gwen Flavell, Bob Winfield or Margaret Winfield

OPEN CHURCH ROTA



At the PCC meeting of the 20th February it was decided to open the church from Mondays to Fridays during the hours of 9am to 5pm starting in April. We hope to be able to do this until September or October.

We are hoping to establish a rota of six to eight people who for one week at a time would unlock the church in the morning and lock it again in at 5pm.

If you are able to join this rota of want more information please contact the churchwardens.

100 CLUB



WINNERS OF MARCH DRAW

1st	Anne Lindley	£20
2nd	Christopher Heins	£15
3rd	Mavis Hill	£10
4th	Norma Ellis	£5

Year's Mind

Cyril Jenkins (Priest)
Edward (Ted) Bodley
Derek William Gardiner
John Graham Jones
Sheila Veronica Smith
Harold Hollows
Mary Clayton
Eileen Elizabeth Haycock

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.

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Churchwardens:	Bob Winfield - 822507 Eric Henderson - 823881	bobwinfield@btinternet.com eric.henderson2@btinternet.com

Collect

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Verses from Psalm 139

LORD, you have tested me, so you know all about me. You know when I sit down and when I get up. You know my thoughts from far away. You know where I go and where I lie down.. You know everything I do. LORD, you know what I want to say, even before the words leave my mouth. You are all around me in front of me and behind me. I feel your hand on my shoulder. I am amazed at what you know; it is too much for me to understand. Your Spirit is everywhere I go. Your strong right hand will protect me. You formed the way I think and feel You put me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because you made me in such a wonderful way. I know how amazing that was! You could see my bones grow as my body took shape, hidden in my mother's womb. You could see my body grow each passing day. You listed all my parts, and not one of them was missing. Your thoughts are beyond my understanding. They cannot be measured! If I could count them, they would be more than all the grains of sand. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 9: 46 - 48)

Glory to you O Lord

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

AN INVITATION TO THE TABLE OF GOD
Apag e Supper
 Have a meal together after which we share the bread and wine as Jesus did with his disciples at the last supper
 Maundy Thursday, 13th April
 at 7pm in St. Lawrence Church
ALL WELCOME



SPRING CLEAN

SATURDAY 1ST APRIL

9:30am to 12:30pm & 2:00pm to 5:00pm

The church is in need of a good spring clean. The walls are very dusty and cobwebs abound. At floor level there is dust and mortar under the heating pipes and in the nooks and crannies

We intend to vacuum the walls the highest level possible, then follow with hovering, dusting and polishing at the lower levels. The Lady Chapel will be done first, followed by the Chancel and the Nave.

This is likely to take some time; hence we have planned for morning and afternoon sessions.

If you can help, please sign up on the list at the back of church. Eric & Bob

NORBURY 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.