



# St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church Newsletter 27th August 2017

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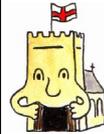
## Welcome to Church on the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 27th August	7:45am	Communion by Extension	Haley Preece
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Stephen
	2:00pm	Baptism	
	6:30pm	Evensong	Stephen
Tuesday 29th August		There is no 9:30am morning service	
Thursday 31st August	9:15am	Holy Communion	
	6:40pm	Choir Practice	
Sunday 3rd September	7:45am	Holy Communion	Stephen
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Stephen
	6:30pm	Evening Service at Moreton	Kathryn



### CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 3rd September	Evening Worship at 6.30pm with Kathryn
Sunday 10th September	Holy Communion at 9am with Stephen
Sunday 17th September	Morning Worship in the Community Centre with the Benefice Worship Team



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

### HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

This will take place on Saturday September 9th  
Although most of our churches will be already open It would be good if we could have a drink available and a sheet for the people being sponsored to sign. If it is possible to have a rota of people to meet and greet them it would be even better. If this is something you could do for an hour or so could you please let the churchwardens know.



Our own Bradley Wiggins (Eric Henderson) will again be taking part in this event, please do sponsor him. Half of the sponsorship comes back to church funds.



### HARVEST SUPPER IN CHURCH SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER AT 7PM

If you wish to attend there is a list at the back of church.

### CHOIR NEWS

Congratulations to Eleanor, Beth and Eloise on excellent exam results.

### 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.



### 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](mailto:cheins@jcar.co.uk)
- or Rob Prichard, Church House, Sellman Street, Gnosall, ST20 0EP. Tel 822335. Email [robandsandy418@btinternet.com](mailto:robandsandy418@btinternet.com)

### 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.



### WINNERS OF AUGUST DRAW

1st	Rosemarie Harris	£20
2nd	Richard Ellis	£15
3rd	Anne Craven	£10
4th	Peter Gillard	£5

### Year's Mind

Nicholas James Allcock  
Kenneth Anthony Morris  
Raymond John Norris  
Ivor Spencer-Thomas  
Leslie Weston Wilkins

<b>Rector</b>	Rev Kathryn Hammond - 284050	<a href="mailto:rev.kathrynh@gmail.com">rev.kathrynh@gmail.com</a>
<b>Associate Minister</b>	Rev Stephen Harrop - 822820	<a href="mailto:steph60en@aol.com">steph60en@aol.com</a>
<b>Churchwardens:</b>	Bob Winfield - 822507	<a href="mailto:bobwinfield@btinternet.com">bobwinfield@btinternet.com</a>
	Eric Henderson - 823881	<a href="mailto:eric.henderson2@btinternet.com">eric.henderson2@btinternet.com</a>

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

27th August 2017

**Collect**

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters,\* by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual\* worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world,\* but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (Matthew 16:13-20) **Glory to you O Lord**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' <sup>14</sup>And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' <sup>15</sup>He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter,\* and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**JOB VACANCY** - Chaplain Weston House / Queensway Stafford

The post is part time, for 15 hours per week. We are looking for a lay person or an ordained minister who is in good standing with their faith community. The person appointed will build good working relationships with local faith communities and take on pastoral care, spiritual and worship aspects of life. An understanding of spiritual aspects of ageing and dementia, demonstrated through experience of providing pastoral care and, ideally, leading services, is essential.

Part of the MHA group, Weston House provides care for 48 people living with dementia who also have nursing care needs. Queensway House is linked to Weston House via a walkway and provides care and accommodation for up to 22 people with mental health care needs. The post is a rewarding opportunity for the right person to continue and develop chaplaincy work in the scheme and make a difference to the spiritual wellbeing of the residents.

More information and details of how to apply are available on the MHA website <http://www.mha.org.uk/careers>. The closing date for completed applications is Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August. Anybody wanting to find out more about the post is welcome to contact me ([cathy.dakin@mha.org.uk](mailto:cathy.dakin@mha.org.uk)).

St. Peter's Church, Norbury  
present

Newport & District Male Voice Choir



&

The Codsall Singers



Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September

7:30pm in Church

£7.50 (including light refreshments)

Children free

Further details from - Jane - 01785 284463

Support the Benefice  
buy a  
"Handy Bag"

£2 each

with long or  
short handles

