



St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church

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Welcome to Church on Trinity Sunday

Sunday 27 th May	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Lay Led
Tuesday 29 th May	9:00am	Morning Prayer at St Lawrence Church	
	9:00am	Tea & Toast	
Thursday 31 st May	9:15am	Morning Worship	
	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
Friday 1 st June	11:30am	Funeral of Eileen Walker	
Sunday 3 rd June	7:45am	Communion by Extension	
	10:30am	United Benefice Service at Adbaston	
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	



Collect

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Isaiah 6.1-8

The year King Uzziah died I saw the Lord! He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the Temple was filled with his glory. Hovering about him were mighty, six-winged angels of fire. With two of their wings they covered their faces, with two others they covered their feet, and with two they flew. In a great antiphonal chorus they sang, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is filled with his glory." Such singing it was! It shook the Temple to its foundations, and suddenly the entire sanctuary was filled with smoke. Then I said, "My doom is sealed, for I am a foul-mouthed sinner, a member of a sinful, foul-mouthed race; and I have looked upon the King, the Lord of heaven's armies." Then one of the mighty angels flew over to the altar and with a pair of tongs picked out a burning coal. He touched my lips with it and said, "Now you are pronounced 'not guilty' because this coal has touched your lips. Your sins are all forgiven." Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send as a messenger to my people? Who will go?" And I said, "Lord, I'll go! Send *me*." This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 3.1-17)

Glory to you O Lord

After dark one night a Jewish religious leader named Nicodemus, a member of the sect of the Pharisees, came for an interview with Jesus. "Sir," he said, "we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miracles are proof enough of this." Jesus replied, "With all the earnestness I possess I tell you this: Unless you are born again, you can never get into the Kingdom of God." "Born again!" exclaimed Nicodemus. "What do you mean? How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?" Jesus replied, "What I am telling you so earnestly is this: Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. Men can only reproduce human life, but the Holy Spirit gives new life from heaven; so don't be surprised at my statement that you must be born again! Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it will go next, so it is with the Spirit. We do not know on whom he will next bestow this life from heaven." "What do you mean?" Nicodemus asked. Jesus replied, "You, a respected Jewish teacher, and yet you don't understand these things? I am telling you what I know and have seen—and yet you won't believe me. But if you don't even believe me when I tell you about such things as these that happen here among men, how can you possibly believe if I tell you what is going on in heaven? For only I, the Messiah, have come to earth and will return to heaven again. And as Moses in the wilderness lifted up the bronze image of a serpent on a pole, even so I must be lifted up upon a pole, so that anyone who believes in me will have eternal life. For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that anyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Year's Mind

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Christian Food Bank



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.

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.

We are pleased to announce that Rev Cathy Dakin is to be our 'House for Duty' Priest and will share the leadership of the Benefice with Rev Kathryn Cathy will be officially licensed by Bishop Geoff at our Confirmation Service on June 17th.

PLEASE NOTE

Our Service next week is a Benefice Service at St Michael and All Angels, Adbaston at 10:30am

GNOSALL CARNIVAL

With the theme of



"A Night at the Movies"

Saturday 16th June

It starts at 1pm with a parade of Carnival floats & prams through the village, ending up at St Lawrence Primary Academy Playing Field at 2pm

It's a great event, there's all sorts of stalls, arena attractions and games, fun for all the family

EVERY ONE IS WELCOME

Come along to the School field, follow the signs.

CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 3rd June United Benefice Service at 10.30am at Adbaston
Sunday 10th June Holy Communion at 9am with Kathryn

Geoff Milsom has decided that this is the right time for him to relinquish his post as organist at St Lawrence's. His last service will be evensong on Sunday July 1st. We are very grateful to Geoff for being our organist and for all he has contributed to the life of the church.

Jack Cope's funeral will be at the Stafford Crematorium on Monday 4th June at 10:30am

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



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.

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GNOSALL CARNIVAL/WAITROSE

Gnosall Carnival is one of Waitrose's three charities for May. Please shop in Waitrose and put your green disc in the Gnosall Carnival box.

'GROWN NOT FLOWN'

FLOWER DEMONSTRATION BY RUTH TAYLOR

7.30pm at Norbury Village Hall, Friday 15th June. admission £5, proceeds to St Peter's Church, Norbury.

CONFIRMATION

Our confirmation service is booked for June 17th at St Peter's Norbury.

WANTED FOR GNOSALL CARNIVAL

Donations for the Friends of St Lawrence Church tombola stall at the carnival are requested, please. These can be left in the box at the back of Church, or phone Joyce Rowe on 01785 822579 for collection.

Marshals - Request from Ian Turner

I am looking for people to help Marshal the floats, this entails walking along side the floats with collecting buckets and just making sure people don't get too close.

I am also looking for one or two people to marshal them at the Wharf Rd shops assembly point. This just entails making sure they have all turned up and setting them off at the right time to go down to the Royal Oak.

Neither of the roles are at all difficult or involved just walking mainly.

Ian is happy to talk it through with anyone who may be interested.

Bottles for the Tombola

The Catholic community is supporting the Carnival again this year by running the BOTTLE STALL. Any bottles you would like to donate can be left in the box at the back of St. Lawrence church at any service time, or at Open Church on Weekdays 9.00am to 5.00pm. (alcoholic, or soft drinks – No sauces please). Alternatively contact Mike Foulkes (822348) to arrange collection. PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN.