



# St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church

## Newsletter 29th April 2018

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### Welcome to Church on the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	United Benefice Service at Norbury	Rev Stephen's Farewell Service
	6:30pm	Evensong	Rev Stephen
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	9:00am	Morning Prayer at Knightley Church	
	9:00am	Tea & Toast	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	9:15am	Holy Communion	
	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Lay led



John 15:5  
"I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES"

### Collect

**Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

### Acts 8 v. 26 - 40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip[c] baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 15: 1- 8)

**Glory to you O Lord**

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

### Year's Mind

William Edward Duncombe  
Peter Cooper  
George Barnwell  
Cliff Blunt  
Thomas (Tom) William Green  
Clara Cooper  
Charles Ernest Heatley  
Malcolm John Babb

**Rector** Rev Kathryn Hammond - 284050 rev.kathryn@gmail.com  
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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](mailto:h_a_p@hotmail.com)  
We also produce a paper version that can be sent to people as well.

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

### CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May Evening Worship at 6.30pm with Kathryn  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May Holy Communion at 9am with Richard Peers  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May Morning Worship in the Community Centre

### CONFIRMATION

We will be starting confirmation classes after Easter. If you are interested in being confirmed or would like to learn more about the Christian faith in an informal setting please have a word with Kathryn. Our confirmation service is booked for 17<sup>th</sup> June .



### CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

The new Rota is available at the back of Church now. Please sign your name if you would like to do the flowers.

### EVENTS AT NORBURY

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm - Concert by ' Fish from Oblivion ' in Norbury Church  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 3.00pm - Canal Festival service -Marquee behind Junction Inn  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May Coffee morning -10.30 - 12.00 Norbury village hall

**DETAILS FROM JANE 01785 284463**

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

### 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](mailto:jimf.mcgregor@tiscali.co.uk)

Gnosall Churches Together

invites you to

**A Christian Aid Meal**

with food from around the world

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

**Grosvenor Centre**

**at 7pm**

Entry by free ticket

but all donations welcome

christian  
**aid**  
week  
**13-19 MAY**

All proceeds from the evening will be donated to Christian Aid.

Women's World Day of Prayer

All God's  
Creation is  
Very Good!

PRAYING FOR SURINAME  
A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE



Women's World Day of Prayer  
has been rearranged for  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm in church