



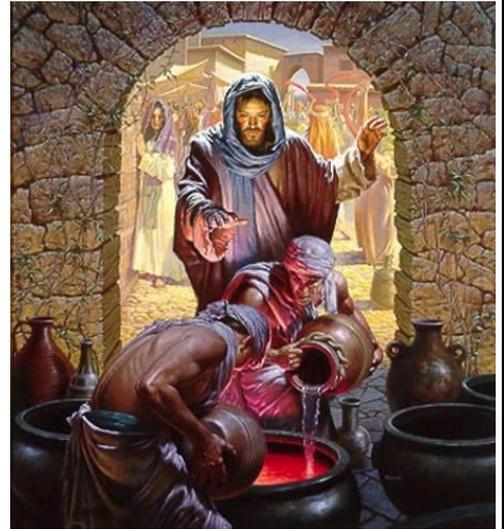
# St. Lawrence Church & St. Marys Church

## Newsletter 29th January 2017

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### Welcome to Church on the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany (Candlemass)

Sunday 29th January	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Holy Communion United Benefice Service Evening Worship	Kathryn Archdeacon Geoff Smith
Tuesday 31st January	8:45am 9:30am	Tea & Toast Morning Prayer	
Thursday 1st February	9:15am 2:15pm	Morning Worship Play & Praise No Choir Practice	Geoff Smith
Sunday 5th February	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Ecumenical Evening Worship	Lay led Kathryn Roman Catholics



### CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 5th February	9am Holy Communion with Revd Kathryn
Sunday 12th February	9am Holy Communion with Rev Fowell
Sunday 19th February	10am Morning Worship with the Benefice Worship Team in the Community Centre.

### HELPERS NEEDED FOR MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is going well and a lot of our young families enjoy coming along to enjoy informal worship, to make all kinds of crafts and enjoy tea together. We do need more help – to prepare the crafts, to help make the crafts on the day and just to enjoy being there and to chat with the families. It is a lovely 1 ½ hrs on the third Sunday of each month starting at 4pm – if you could help each month or just occasionally we would really appreciate it – speak to Rev Kathryn or Adie if you are interested. Thank you



We are collecting empty Pringles tubes for an activity at Messy Church on 19th Feb. If anyone has any please can they bring them to church or drop them off with Adie. Thank you

### 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

### 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.

### 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](mailto:rev.kathrynh@gmail.com) Bishop Geoff, the Bishop of Stafford, will be coming to take our Confirmation Service in June.

### THE BOOKING OF BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS ACROSS THE BENEFICE

For enquires concerning baptisms and weddings please contact Rev Kathryn.  
01785 284050 [rev.kathrynh@gmail.com](mailto:rev.kathrynh@gmail.com)

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

### 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.

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

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

### Year's Mind

John Hope Urwin (Priest)  
Marion Horobin  
Ethel May Lewis  
Janet Margaret Ford  
Pauline Margaret Walwyn  
Ellen Alexandra Meddings (Nellie)  
Astrid Vanessa Garvey

**Rector** Rev Kathryn Hammond 284050 [rev.kathrynh@gmail.com](mailto:rev.kathrynh@gmail.com)  
**Churchwardens:** Bob Winfield - 822507 [bobwinfield@btinternet.com](mailto:bobwinfield@btinternet.com)  
Eric Henderson - 823881

**Collect**

**G**od of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

1 Corinthians 1:18 – end

**F**or the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' <sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. <sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.' This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 2:1-11)

**Glory to you O Lord**

**O**n the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## Tour Lichfield Cathedral by Candlelight

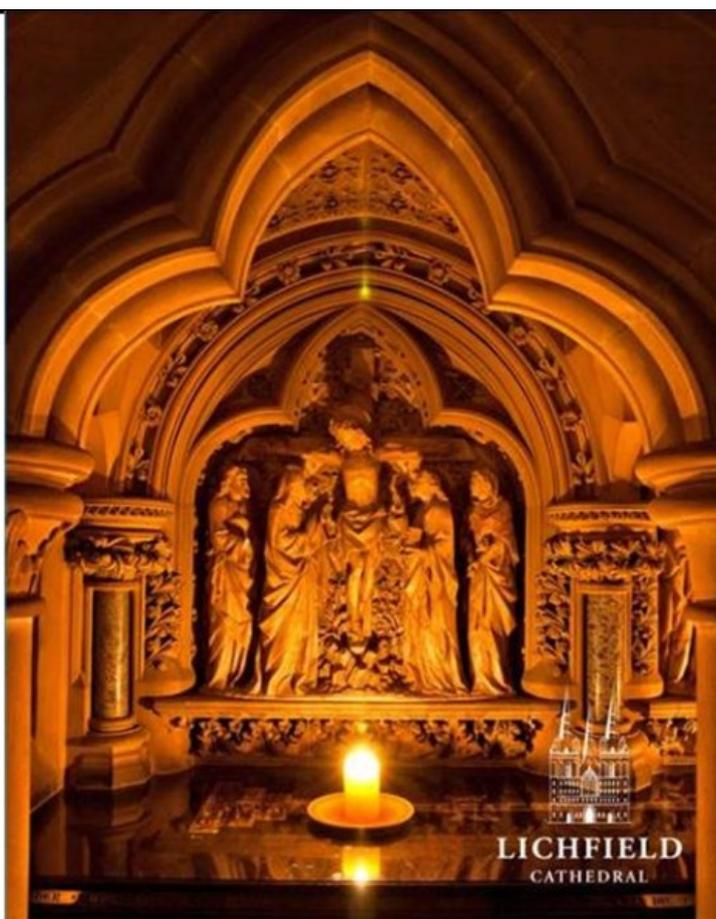
Back by popular demand we are delighted to offer Candlelit Tours of the Cathedral starting in January 2017

Take a step back in time and explore the Cathedral under candlelight See up close the medieval craftsmanship, and enjoy a glass of non-alcoholic punch

Price £15 per person.

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Tours on 20th, 27th, 31st January and 1st and 7th February. Tours start at 7.30 p.m.

If you are interested and want to or are able to car share, please speak to Maggie Hughes 823526 or email [maggiehughes123@btinternet.com](mailto:maggiehughes123@btinternet.com)