



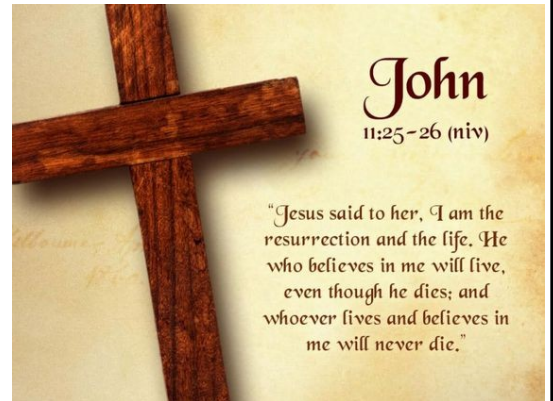
St. Lawrence Church & St. Marys Church

Newsletter 2nd April 2017

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Welcome to Church on the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 2nd April	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev Fowell
	2:00pm	Baptism	Kathryn
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Lay led
Monday 3rd April	7:30pm	PCC meeting	
Tuesday 4th March	8:45am	Tea & Toast	
	9:30am	Morning Prayer - at Knightley	
Thursday 6th April	11:00am	Funeral of Helen Dickinson	
	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
	6:40pm	Choir Practice	
Friday 7th April	11:00am	Impstones Service	
Sunday 9th April	7:45am	Holy Communion	Stephen
	10:30am	Morning worship	Lay led
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Kathryn/Stephen



CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

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
Sunday 23rd April	Holy Communion with Stephen at 9am

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.

Copies of the **Church's Annual Report** for 2016 are available at the back of church. The Annual Accounts will be available later, subject to approval by the Parochial Church Council at the meeting of 3rd April.

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 attendee 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

The Diocese is sad to announce that the former Bishop of Lichfield, Rt Revd Keith Sutton, has died aged 82.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Maundy Thursday trip to Lichfield: If you have booked a place on the bus to Lichfield for the Maundy Thursday Service, the cost will be £10. Pick up points will be 9am at Woodseaves Post Office and 9.20am at Gnosall Memorial Hall. We will stop for lunch at the garden centre at Woolsey Bridge on the way back.

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.

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

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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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.

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

Year's Mind

Grace Lancaster

Violet May Skolik

Wendy Tomes

Thomas Albert Bowell

Anne Flower

Robert Edwin Winfield

Joan Sheila Marguerite Hampson

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Churchwardens: Bob Winfield - 822507 bobwinfield@btinternet.com
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Collect

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Romans 8: 6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God**Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 11: 1-45)**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' ⁸The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' ⁹Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' ¹¹After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' ¹²The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' ¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' ²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

AN INVITATION TO THE TABLE OF GOD

Apagé 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**CHURCH FLOWERS AND CLEANING FOR EASTER**

We shall start at 9am on Saturday 15th April. Everyone welcome to come and help. All flowers and greenery provided - just bring your scissors! Donations for the Easter flowers may be given to Helen.

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.