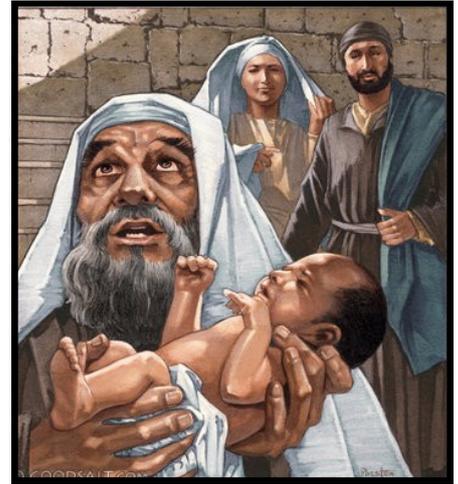


Welcome to Church on Candlemass

Sunday 31st January	10:30am	Benefice Service at High Offley
	No 7:45am or 10:30am services at St Lawrence	
	6:30pm	Evening Service
Thursday 4th February	9:15am	Morning Worship
	2:15pm	Play & Praise
	6:40pm	Choir practice
Sunday 7th February	7:45am	Morning Prayer - Gnosall Worship Team
Next Sunday before Lent	10:30am	Holy Communion - Cathy Case
	6:30pm	Evening Service - Geoff Smith



MORETON

7th February Holy Communion at 9:00am with Rev John Sterling

LENT GROUPS

For the 5 weeks of Lent from 15th February onwards, ecumenical Lent groups will be meeting to study the several of the Psalms. We are hoping to hold groups in the morning, afternoon & evening on different days so anyone who wants to participate can do so. We are also looking for people to lead and to host the groups, hosts don't need to be leaders or visa versa. Please add your name to the list at the back of church including what time you'd like to meet and what you'd like to do in the group.



Women's World Day of Prayer The Women's World Day of Prayer is being held at Gnosall Methodist Chapel on Friday March 4th at 2 pm. St Lawrence's and Benefice have been invited to send 3 representatives to take part in the Service. Sandy Redfern would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to take part.

Contact Sandy on : 822440 or email sandy.redfern@ymail.com

OPEN CHURCH



The Church will be open again during the week for prayer or a visit as from the 1st March
Tuesdays 11am to 3pm
Thursdays 11am to 1pm

If you can help as a steward during these hours please contact Anne Ashley

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.
Tel 01785 822156 email jimf.mcgregor@tiscali.co.uk

✘Year's Mind

Ethel May Lewis
Janet Margaret Ford
Pauline Margaret Walwyn
Ellen Alexandra Meddings (Nellie)
Astrid Vanessa Garvey
Olive Cato

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.

CHURCH SERVICES DURING FEBRUARY

7th February	7:45am	Morning Prayer	Gnosall Worship Team
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Cathy Case
	6:30pm	Evening Service	Geoff Smith
10th February	7:30pm	Holy Communion	Kathryn Hammond
Ash Wednesday			
14th February	7:45am	Communion by Extension	
	10:30am	Morning Worship	Team
	6:30pm	Evening Service	
21st February	7:45am	Holy Communion	Kathryn Hammond
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Kathryn Hammond
	6:30pm	Evening Service	
28th February	7:45am	Holy Communion	Kathryn Hammond
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Gerald Gardiner
	6:30pm	Taize	Music Group

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

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.

www.gnosallparish.org.uk

We have our own church website, check it out. Pass anything you would like included to Michelle, it will be updated on a regular basis.
Email - m.broadhurst13@btinternet.com

THE BOOKING OF BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS ACROSS THE BENEFICE

For enquires concerning baptisms and weddings please contact Rev Kathryn.
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Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. **Amen.**

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 2: 22 - 40)

Glory to you O Lord

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

CONFIRMATION

Later in the spring we will be running a series of meetings where we will be exploring the basics of the Christian faith.

At the end of these there will be an opportunity to consider whether you would like to be confirmed and we have a confirmation service booked with the Bishop of Stafford for the first Sunday in June.

However, it may be that you were confirmed some time ago and would like to think again about what we believe as Christians. If so this is a good opportunity to come along in a relaxed atmosphere where we can express our thoughts or our doubts and learn together.

If you interested or would like to know more please speak to me or ring on -

01785 284050 or email rev.kathrynh@gmail.com

