



St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church

Newsletter 3rd June 2018

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Welcome to Church on the First Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 3rd June	7:45am	Communion by Extension
	10:30am	United Benefice Service at Adbaston
	6:30pm	Evening Worship
Tuesday 5th June	9:00am	Morning Prayer at St Lawrence Church
	9:00am	Tea & Toast
Thursday 7th June	9:15am	Morning Worship
	2:15pm	Play & Praise
Sunday 10th June	7:45am	Holy Communion
	10:30am	Morning Worship
	6:30pm	Evening Worship



Collect

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find life in Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen

1 Samuel 3.1-10 (11-20)

Meanwhile little Samuel was helping the Lord by assisting Eli. Messages from the Lord were very rare in those days, but one night after Eli had gone to bed (he was almost blind with age by now), and Samuel was sleeping in the Temple near the Ark, the Lord called out, "Samuel! Samuel!" "Yes?" Samuel replied. "What is it?" He jumped up and ran to Eli. "Here I am. What do you want?" he asked. "I didn't call you," Eli said. "Go on back to bed." So he did. Then the Lord called again, "Samuel!" And again Samuel jumped up and ran to Eli. "Yes?" he asked. "What do you need?" "No, I didn't call you, my son," Eli said. "Go on back to bed." (Samuel had never had a message from Jehovah before.) So now the Lord called the third time, and once more Samuel jumped up and ran to Eli. "Yes?" he asked. "What do you need?" Then Eli realized it was the Lord who had spoken to the child. So he said to Samuel, "Go and lie down again, and if he calls again, say, 'Yes, Lord, I'm listening.'" So Samuel went back to bed. And the Lord came and called as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel replied, "Yes, I'm listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "I am going to do a shocking thing in Israel. I am going to do all of the dreadful things I warned Eli about. I have continually threatened him and his entire family with punishment because his sons are blaspheming God, and he doesn't stop them. So I have vowed that the sins of Eli and of his sons shall never be forgiven by sacrifices and offerings." Samuel stayed in bed until morning, then opened the doors of the Temple as usual, for he was afraid to tell Eli what the Lord had said to him. But Eli called him. "My son," he said, "what did the Lord say to you? Tell me everything. And may God punish you if you hide anything from me!" So Samuel told him what the Lord had said. "It is the Lord's will," Eli replied; "let him do what he thinks best." As Samuel grew, the Lord was with him and people listened carefully to his advice. And all Israel from one end of the land to the other knew that Samuel was going to be a prophet of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (Mark 2.23-3.6)

Glory to you O Lord

Another time, on a Sabbath day as Jesus and his disciples were walking through the fields, the disciples were breaking off heads of wheat and eating the grain. Some of the Jewish religious leaders said to Jesus, "But Jesus replied, "Didn't you ever hear about the time King David and his companions were hungry, and he went into the house of God—Abiathar was high priest then—and they ate the special bread only priests were allowed to eat? That was against the law too. But the Sabbath was made to benefit man, and not man to benefit the Sabbath. And I, the Messiah, have authority even to decide what men can do on Sabbath days!" While in Capernaum Jesus went over to the synagogue again, and noticed a man there with a deformed hand. Since it was the Sabbath, Jesus' enemies watched him closely. Would he heal the man's hand? If he did, they planned to arrest him! Jesus asked the man to come and stand in front of the congregation. Then turning to his enemies he asked, "Is it all right to do kind deeds on Sabbath days? Or is this a day for doing harm? Is it a day to save lives or to destroy them?" But they wouldn't answer him. Looking around at them angrily, for he was deeply disturbed by their indifference to human need, he said to the man, "Reach out your hand." He did, and instantly his hand was healed! At once the Pharisees went away and met with the Herodians to discuss plans for killing Jesus.

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.

'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.

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

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.

CONFIRMATION

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

A LITTLE BOY

Zoe, Kathryn's clerical assistant, has had a little boy, called Isaac. Both mum and baby are doing well

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 to 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.

Cakes for the Cake Stall

Bring your cakes to the carnival field on the morning of the carnival or contact Eric Henderson 823881

Tin cans

Save your empty tin cans, soup tins, bean tins, etc, there is a box at the back of church. The cans are for the feet of the tables on the field so that they don't sink into the ground if it's wet.