



St. Lawrence Church & St. Marys Church Newsletter 4th December 2016

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Welcome to Church on the Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 4th December	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Morning Worship Holy Communion Evening Worship	Lay Led Eddie Haycock Lay Led
Monday 5th December	2pm - 3:30pm	Visiting bell Ringers	
Thursday 8th December	9:15am 2:15pm	Holy Communion Play & Praise	
Saturday 10th December	10:00am 4pm - 5:30pm	Open Door Coffee Morning Visiting Bell Ringers	
Sunday 11th December	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Christingle & Gift Service Evening Worship	Kathryn Lay Led Geoffrey Smith



CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 11th December 3pm Crib and Carol service in the Community Centre
 Sunday 18th December 10am Morning Worship in the Community Centre with the Benefice Worship Team
Christmas Day 9am Holy Communion in church with Geoffrey Smith

CHURCH SERVICES DURING DECEMBER - GNOSALL

11th December	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Christingle & Gift Service Evening Worship	Kathryn Geoff Smith
18th December	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Communion by Extension Holy Communion Carol Service	Kathryn
24th December	4:00pm 11:30pm	Crib Service Holy Communion	Kathryn David Fairweather
25th December	8:00am 10:30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Bishop Geoff Geoff Smith

CHURCHES OF GNOSALL CHRISTMAS CARD

The Churches of Gnosall Christmas Cards are ready for distribution and are bundled into streets on the table at the back of church. It would be greatly appreciated if they could be delivered as soon as possible. Please help by delivering in your street or streets around you.

THANK YOU

CAKE STALL



A **BIG** thank you from Berth Tunnicliffe and Eleanor Atkins who raised £60 on their cake stall and say 'The entire sixth form of King Edward VI School are very grateful to everyone who supported them.'

CHURCH DECORATING AND CLEANING FOR CHRISTMAS



From 9am on Thursday 22nd December, everyone welcome to help. Donations for Christmas flowers may be given to Kathryn, Bob, Eric or Helen.

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.**

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

INTER-CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT



Eccleshall Deanery is once again organising an Inter-Church Quiz Night on Saturday, 14th January. We already have one team, but hope that there may be others who would like to form another to represent St Lawrence's. This Quiz has been taking place for a number of years now and is a very enjoyable evening, with a great variety of questions (not too difficult!). There is a poster giving more details on the notice board at the back of Church. If you would like to enter a team of be part of one, please let Margaret Winfield know.

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.

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

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

Year's Mind

Joan Eileen Webb
 Cyril Evans
 George Richardson
 Nellie Elizabeth Walker
 Edith Burnell
 Tony Francis
 Bethan Louise Stockley (Bethy)

Rector Rev Kathryn Hammond 284050 rev.kathrynh@gmail.com
Churchwardens: Bob Winfield - 822507 bobwinfield@btinternet.com
 Eric Henderson - 823881 eric.henderson2@btinternet.com

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

Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **Amen**

Romans 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; ¹⁰and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; ¹¹and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; ¹²and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (Matthew 3:1-12)

Glory to you O Lord

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Christingle & Gift Service



10:30am Sunday 11th December

In support of
The Children's Society

Gnosall Singers



CHRISTMAS Concert

At
St Lawrence Church
Gnosall

TICKETS £6

Saturday 17th December at 7:30pm
In aid of **GG's Youth Club (Gnosall)**

Tickets Available from:-
Gnosall Post Office, Audmore Road: Tel 822200
or by telephoning Joan Ellison: Tel 223325

****MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES AVAILABLE****

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE AND DATE