



St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church

Newsletter 4th February 2018

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Welcome to Church on Candlemas

Sunday 4th February	7:45am	Holy Communion	Kathryn
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Kathryn
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Geoff Smith
Tuesday 6th February	9:00am	Morning Prayer at Knightley Church	
	9:00am	Tea & Toast	
Thursday 8th February	9:15am	Holy Communion	
	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
	5:30pm	Children's Club	
	6:40pm	Choir Practice	
Saturday 10th February	6:30pm	Friends of St Lawrence Dinner	
Sunday 11th February	7:45am	Holy Communion	
	10:30am	Holy Communion	
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	



CHURCH CLEANERS AND BRASS CLEANERS NEEDED

We really need more Cleaners and Brass Cleaners to keep our beautiful Church up to standard. If anyone can spare a couple of hours once a month or more infrequently if we have a good response, that would be excellent. Please have a word with Margaret Winfield or phone her on 822507 if you are able to help"

CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 11th February	9am	Holy Communion
Sunday 18th February	10am	Morning Worship in the Community Centre with the Benefice Worship Team
Sunday 25th February	9am	Holy Communion with Kathryn

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.

ST LAWRENCE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



The Book of Remembrance will be taken to the Calligraphers during the week of the 5th February. If you would like the name of a loved one added, please contact Jim McGregor for information and cost or fill in one of the forms available at the back of church.

Tel: 822156; email: jimf.mcgregor@tiscali.co.uk

This is your last chance this year

100 CLUB



WINNERS OF FEBRUARY DRAW

1st	Sandy Redfern	£25
2nd	Jenny Wilkinson	£15
3rd	Peter Exon	£10
4th	Karen Heins	£5

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

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

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

Year's Mind

Astrid Vanessa Garvey
Olive Cato
Louisa Dorothy Hutchinson
Ralph T. W. Farmer
Howard John Bache
Thomas (Tom) Richardson
John Phillips

LENT COURSE



We are planning to run a Lent course again this year and there will be two options for times and venue. We would love you to come along if you can. Please see the notice at the back of church and sign up if you are interested for the one most convenient for you.

If you would like to know more about them please speak to Rev Kathryn or the churchwardens.

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.

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Rector	Rev Kathryn Hammond - 284050	rev.kathrynh@gmail.com
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Churchwardens:	Bob Winfield - 822507	bobwinfield@btinternet.com
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Candlemas

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Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ was presented in the Temple and acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations: grant that in him we may be presented to you and in the world may reflect his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

Malachi 3: 1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

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 ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' ²⁵Now 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. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided 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, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' ³³And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then 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 ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' ³⁶There 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, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At 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. ³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The 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

The Friends of St. Lawrence Church



**Enjoy a Candlelit Supper with Entertainment
in Music, Word and Song.**

**Saturday 10th February, 6.30pm for 7.00 p.m.
in St. Lawrence Church, Gnosall.**

**Admission by ticket only -
£12.00 per person or £20.00 per couple.**

**Available from the Bakery or
Telephone 01785 822423, 822440 or 823332**

BINGO and BANGERS

**At Moreton Millennium Centre
7.30pm, 17th February
Bar.**



**Tickets
Adults £5
Children £2.50**

Tickets from -
Ruth Finister
01785 823232

Pat Lawley
01952 691630,

Pat Macbeth
01952 691343