



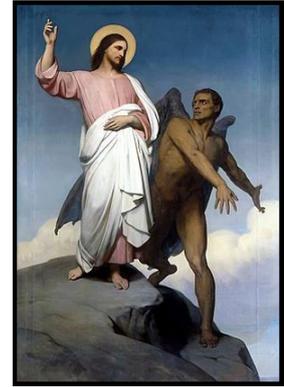
St. Lawrence Church & St. Marys Church

Newsletter 5th March 2017

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Welcome to Church on the First Sunday of Lent

Sunday 5th March	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Worship	Lay led Kathryn Geoff Smith
Tuesday 7th March	8:45am 11:00am	Tea & Toast Funeral of Marie Arnold	
Thursday 9th March	2:15pm 6:40pm	Play & Praise Choir Practice	
Friday 10th March	10:30am 11:00am	Funeral of Kathleen Greenaway Impstones Service	
Sunday 12th March	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Morning Worship Evening worship	Kathryn Lay led Lay led



CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 12th March	9am Holy Communion with Rev Fowell
Sunday 19th March	Benefice Service at 10.30am at Norbury with the Bishop of Lichfield (No service at Moreton)
Sunday 26th March	Holy Communion at 9am with Rev Kathryn & Rev Stephen



CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

The new Rota for this year is now available at the back of Church. Please put your name down if you would like to do a particular date.

A NEW IDEA..... Could you do the flowers for 2 weekends and look after them in between? Often flowers last for 2 weeks and only need tidying for the second weekend. Don't worry if this is not possible. Many thanks, Helen Air.

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. Rev Kathryn

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

LENT GROUPS

We will be running Lent Groups again this year and there will be a choice of three venues in the Village - so you can choose morning, afternoon or evening. I do hope you will try and come along to one of the groups. There is a list at the back of church showing where the groups will be held and if you could sign to say which one you can attend that would be very helpful.

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.

LENT CHALLENGE

I would like to give you a challenge during the days of Lent to read through the Book of Acts. At the back of church you will find some leaflets. For each day during Lent there is a suggested reading which will take you through the whole of the book by Easter. The readings are not long so I hope you will read through them more than once and, before you read, just ask God to speak to you through the readings.
I hope you will take up my challenge and find it helpful and I will be checking up at Easter to see who has managed it!
Brownie points will be awarded!!! Rev Kathryn

MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES We will be preparing the posies for Mothering Sunday on Saturday March 25th at 10am in church. If you are able to come along and help please have a word with Helen Air (822347) or just come along.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

We will be organizing a trip to the Maundy Thursday Service at Lichfield Cathedral, if you are interested in attending, please speak to Revd. Kathryn or Adie Harris 284027.
There is a list to sign at the back of church if people are interested in going.

✠Year's Mind

Robert Leslie (Les) Yeomans
Ken Jackson
Jeffery (Jock) Air

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 attender 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

SOCIAL AND FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

We would like to form a small group to come up with ideas for social events which we can hold in the church to help us to get to know each other better - and if they raise funds for the church as well that will be a bonus. Is this something that you might like to take part in? If so, or if you want to know more, please have a chat with me.
Rev Kathryn 284050 rev.kathrynh@gmail.com

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.

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Eric Henderson - 823881 eric.henderson2@btinternet.com

Collect

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Act 3.1-26

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. ²And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. ³When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. ⁴Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, 'Look at us.' ⁵And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶But Peter said, 'I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.' ⁷And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹All the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. ¹¹While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished. ¹²When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?' ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, ²⁰so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus, ²¹who must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration that God announced long ago through his holy prophets. ²²Moses said, "The Lord your God will raise up for you from your own people a prophet like me. You must listen to whatever he tells you. ²³And it will be that everyone who does not listen to that prophet will be utterly rooted out from the people." ²⁴And all the prophets, as many as have spoken, from Samuel and those after him, also predicted these days. ²⁵You are the descendants of the prophets and of the covenant that God gave to your ancestors, saying to Abraham, "And in your descendants all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ²⁶When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you, to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.' This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (Matthew 4.1-11)

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' ⁷Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Glory to you O Lord

Praise to you, O Christ



SPRING CLEAN

SATURDAY 1ST APRIL

9:30am to 12:30pm & 2:00pm to 5:00pm

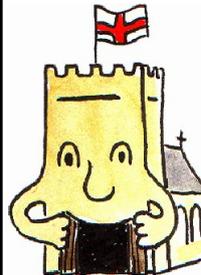
The church is in need of a good spring clean. The walls are very dusty and cobwebs abound. At floor level there is dust and mortar under the heating pipes and in the nooks and crannies

We intend to vacuum the walls the highest level possible, then follow with hovering, dusting and polishing at the lower levels. The Lady Chapel will be done first, followed by the Chancel and the Nave.

This is likely to take some time; hence we have planned for morning and afternoon sessions.

If you can help, please sign up on the list at the back of church
Eric & Bob

OPEN CHURCH ROTA



At the PCC meeting of the 20th February it was decided to open the church from Mondays to Fridays during the hours of 9am to 5pm starting in April. We hope to be able to do this until September or October. We are hoping to establish a rota of six to eight people who for one week at a time would unlock the church in the morning and lock it again in at 5pm. If you are able to join this rota or want more information please contact the churchwardens.

NORBURY CHURCH

BINGO & BANGERS



SATURDAY 18TH MARCH, 7.30pm
NORBURY VILLAGE HALL

Adults - £5.00,

Children £2.50 (includes 2 books and a Hot Dog)

Please bring your own drinks.

SOUP LUNCHES



Wednesdays 1st March - 5th April (inclusive)

12.30pm - 1.30pm Norbury Village Hall

Homemade soup, bread & butter, fresh fruit and a hot drink.
£3.00 (no need to book).

Supporting the Bishop's Lent Appeal

Anyone from any of the Churches who is able to help out with providing soup and or serving, please contact -

Jane 01785 284463.