



St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church

Newsletter 6th May 2018

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Welcome to Church on the Rogation Sunday

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| Sunday 6 th May | 7:45am | Holy Communion | Rev Kathryn |
| | 10:30am | Holy Communion | Rev Kathryn |
| | 6:30pm | Evening Worship | Lay led |
| Tuesday 8 th May | 9:00am | Morning Prayer at Knightley Church | |
| | 9:00am | Tea & Toast | |
| | 11:00am | Funeral of Jenny Mery | |
| Thursday 10 th May | 9:15am | Holy Communion | |
| | 1:00pm | Funeral of Marjorie Evans | |
| | 2:15pm | Play & Praise | |
| Saturday 12 th May | 7:00pm | Christian Aid Meal - Grosvenor Centre | |
| Sunday 13 th May | 7:45am | Holy Communion | |
| | 10:30am | Rogation Service | |
| | 6:30pm | Evening Worship | |

*You DID NOT
CHOOSE ME,
BUT
I CHOSE YOU
AND APPOINTED YOU
that you might go and
BEAR FRUIT—
fruit
THAT WILL LAST...*

JOHN 15:16a

Collect

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed Your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Isaiah 55:1-11

Say there! Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink—even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine and milk—it's all free! Why spend your money on food that doesn't give you strength? Why pay for groceries that do you no good? Listen and I'll tell you where to get good food that fattens up the soul! Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, for the life of your soul is at stake. I am ready to make an everlasting covenant with you, to give you all the unfailing mercies and love that I had for King David. He proved my power by conquering foreign nations. You also will command the nations, and they will come running to obey, not because of your own power or virtue, but because I, the Lord your God, have glorified you.

Seek the Lord while you can find him. Call upon him now while he is near. Let men cast off their wicked deeds; let them banish from their minds the very thought of doing wrong! Let them turn to the Lord that he may have mercy upon them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon! This plan of mine is not what you would work out, neither are my thoughts the same as yours! For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than yours, and my thoughts than yours. As the rain and snow come down from heaven and stay upon the ground to water the earth, and cause the grain to grow and to produce seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry, so also is my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It shall accomplish all I want it to and prosper everywhere I send it.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, (John 15:9-17)

Glory to you O Lord

"I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Live within my love. When you obey me you are living in my love, just as I obey my Father and live in his love. I have told you this so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your cup of joy will overflow! I demand that you love each other as much as I love you. And here is how to measure it—the greatest love is shown when a person lays down his life for his friends; and you are my friends if you obey me. I no longer call you slaves, for a master doesn't confide in his slaves; now you are my friends, proved by the fact that I have told you everything the Father told me. "You didn't choose me! I chose you! I appointed you to go and produce lovely fruit always, so that no matter what you ask for from the Father, using my name, he will give it to you. I demand that you love each other,

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Year's Mind
Maurice Debney

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ROGATION SUNDAY SERVICE

The Rogation Days are days when we pray for God's blessing on the land, on agriculture and fisheries, on human labour and work. They are the days when we remember our God-given responsibility to care for the earth and its creatures and to steward well and justly its resources.

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.

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

CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 13th May Holy Communion at 9am with Richard Peers
Sunday 20th May Morning Worship in the Community Centre
Sunday 27th May Holy Communion at 9am with Kathryn

CONFIRMATION

We will be starting confirmation classes after Easter. If you are interested in being confirmed or would like to learn more about the Christian faith in an informal setting please have a word with Kathryn. Our confirmation service is booked for 17th June .



WINNERS OF APRIL DRAW

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| 1st | Yvonne Cannell | £25 |
| 2nd | Louise Owen | £15 |
| 3rd | Barbara Juniper | £10 |
| 4th | John Leighton | £5 |

EVENTS AT NORBURY

Sunday 6th May 3.00pm - Canal Festival service -Marquee behind Junction Inn
Saturday 12th May Coffee morning -10.30 - 12.00 Norbury village hall

DETAILS FROM JANE 01785 284463

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

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

Gnosall Churches Together
invites you to
A Christian Aid Meal
with food from around the world
Saturday 12th May
Grosvenor Centre
at 7pm
Entry by free ticket
but all donations welcome

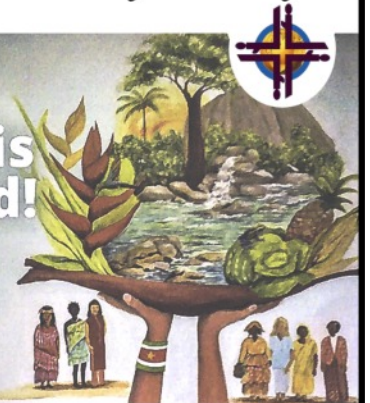
christian aid week
13-19 MAY

All proceeds from the evening will be donated to Christian Aid.

Women's World Day of Prayer

All God's Creation is Very Good!

PRAYING FOR SURINAME
A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE



Women's World Day of Prayer
has been rearranged for
Friday 18th May at 2pm in church