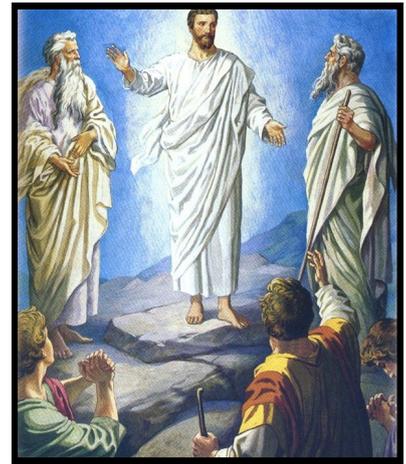


Welcome to Church on the Next Sunday before Lent

Sunday 7th February	7:45am	Morning Prayer - Gnosall Worship Team
	10:30am	Holy Communion - Cathy Case
	6:30pm	Evening Service - Geoff Smith
Tuesday 9th February	9:30am	Morning Service
Wednesday 10th February	7:30pm	Holy Communion - Kathryn
Ash Wednesday		
Thursday 11th February	9:15am	Morning Service
	2:15pm	Play & Praise
	6:40pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 13th February	10:00am	Open Door Coffee Morning
Sunday 14th February	7:45am	Communion by Extension
First Sunday of Lent	10:30am	Morning Worship - Gnosall Worship Team
	6:30pm	Evening Service



MORETON

Thursday 11th February	10.30am	Community Worship at in the Community Centre
Sunday 14th February	9am	Holy Communion with Gerald Gardiner
Sunday 21st February	10am	Morning Worship in Community Centre with Benefice Worship Team
Sunday 28th February	10am	Holy Communion with Gerald Gardiner

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.

LENT GROUPS

For the 5 weeks of Lent from 15th February onwards, ecumenical Lent groups will be meeting to study the several of the Psalms. We are hoping to hold groups in the morning, afternoon & evening on different days so anyone who wants to participate can do so. We are also looking for people to lead and to host the groups, hosts don't need to be leaders or visa versa. Please add your name to the list at the back of church including what time you'd like to meet and what you'd like to do in the group.

CHURCH SERVICES DURING FEBRUARY

10th February	7:30pm	Holy Communion	Kathryn Hammond
Ash Wednesday			
14th February	7:45am	Communion by Extension	
	10:30am	Morning Worship	Team
	6:30pm	Evening Service	
21st February	7:45am	Holy Communion	Kathryn Hammond
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Kathryn Hammond
	6:30pm	Evening Service	
28th February	7:45am	Holy Communion	Kathryn Hammond
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Gerald Gardiner
	6:30pm	Taize	Music Group

Women's World Day of Prayer The Women's World Day of Prayer is being held at Gnosall Methodist Chapel on Friday March 4th at 2 pm. St Lawrence's and Benefice have been invited to send 3 representatives to take part in the Service. Sandy Redfern would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to take part.



Contact Sandy on : 822440 or email sandy.redfern@ymail.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 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

OPEN CHURCH

The Church will be open again during the week for prayer or a visit as from the 1st March

Tuesdays 11am to 3pm
Thursdays 11am to 1pm

If you can help as a steward during these hours please contact Anne Ashley



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 email jimf.mcgregor@tiscali.co.uk

www.gnosallparish.org.uk.

We have our own church website, check it out. Pass anything you would like included to Michelle, it will be updated on a regular basis. Email - m.broadhurst13@btinternet.com

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

✂Year's Mind

Louisa Dorothy Hutchinson
Ralph T. W. Farmer
Howard John Bache
Thomas (Tom) Richardson
John Phillips
Bertha Sutton
Margaret Alice Price

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

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Churchwardens:	Jim McGregor - 822156 Eric Henderson - 823881	jimf.mcgregor@tiscali.co.uk eric.henderson2@btinternet.com

Collect
 Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

2 Corinthians 3: 12- 4.2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke9: 28 – 36)

Glory to you O Lord

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

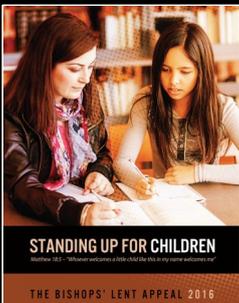
CONFIRMATION



Later in the spring we will be running a series of meetings where we will be exploring the basics of the Christian faith. At the end of these there will be an opportunity to consider whether you would like to be confirmed and we have a confirmation service booked with the Bishop of Stafford for the first Sunday in June. However, it may be that you were confirmed some time ago and would like to think again about what we believe as Christians. If so this is a good opportunity to come along in a relaxed atmosphere where we can express our thoughts or our doubts and learn together.

If you interested or would like to know more please speak to Rev Kathryn or ring on - 01785 284050 or email rev.kathrynh@gmail.com

BISHOPS' LENT APPEAL FOR 2016 – "STAND UP FOR CHILDREN"



The Bishops' Lent Appeal for 2016 will help 'Stand Up for Children', supporting one cause in the diocese and another far away as Bishop Clive explains:

"The Children's Society nationally already receives support from around this diocese with its three charity shops in Stone, Meir and Bloxwich, various fund raising events and regular financial donations from a quarter of our parishes, but as Bishops we are keen, via this year's Lent Appeal, to highlight and support The Children's Society projects which specifically support and care for vulnerable children living in our parishes.

"Our Lent Appeal always has an international focus as well as a local one. As many of us know from personal experience, the plight of our fellow-Christians in the Holy Land remains parlous, with many desperate needs. Supporting Friends of the Holy Land through our Lent Appeal will make a real difference to the lives of many of our brothers and sisters and will signal our solidarity with them."

There is a poster at the back of Church together with literature giving details of the appeal. A gift aid envelope is in each leaflet.

OPEN THE BOOK



This is a new venture from the Bible Society, where teams of volunteers go into schools to read dramatised Bible stories to the children. Last week, a team comprising of Anglicans, Methodists and Roman Catholics from Gnosall went into St Lawrence's School on two occasions to do a presentation on The Creation. The Headteacher felt that it was excellent and was thoroughly enjoyed by the children and staff alike. The next presentations will be in March and will cover the story of Easter.

CAN YOU HELP?



For the next Messy Church we need some of the very small jam jars - the kind you get in a café with strawberry jam for your scone. If you have any that we could have would you let the following people know please. We need them for Sunday 21st February.

Margaret Winfield 822507, Adie Harris 284027 or Rev Kathryn 284050

A GROWING CONCERN



We are becoming increasingly aware that there are a lot of older people in our parishes and nearby who are quite lonely. We would like to try again to form a group from our Churches who can look at ways that we can help. If this is something which you feel you might be interested in and could assist with in however small a way would you please have a chat with me.

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