



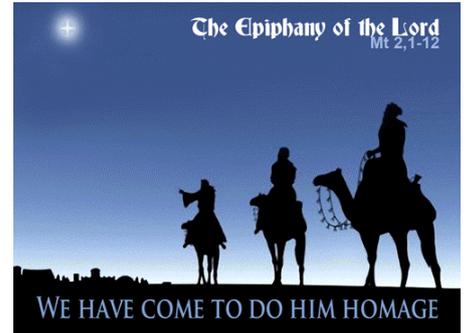
# St. Lawrence Church & St. Marys Church

## Newsletter 8th January 2017

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### Welcome to Church on Epiphany

Sunday 8th January	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Morning Worship Evening worship	Kathryn Team Geoffrey Smith
Thursday 12th January	9:15am 2:15pm 6:40pm	Holy Communion Play & Praise Choir Practice	Geoffrey Smith
Saturday 14th January	7:00pm	Inter-Church Quiz Night	
Sunday 15th January	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Worship	Lay led



### CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 15th January	10am	Morning Worship in the Community Centre with the Benefice Worship Team
Sunday 22nd January	9am	Holy Communion with Revd Kathryn
Sunday 29th January	10.30am	United Benefice Service at Gnosall (No service at Moreton)



### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

If you wish to have the name of a loved one included in our Book of Remembrance then please see Jim McGregor or fill in an application form, available at the back of church. The cost is £30 per entry. The closing date for applications this year is **22nd January**.

### 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.

### YEMEN DISASTER FUND

As a result of special collections taken at Christmas Services, we have been able to send £400 to the Yemen Disaster Fund. Thank you to everyone who contributed



### WANTED BRASS CLEANERS

Anyone interested please to have a word with Margaret Winfield  
Tel 822507 email [bobwinfield@btinternet.com](mailto:bobwinfield@btinternet.com)

### 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.

### 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](mailto:rev.kathrynh@gmail.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

### 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](mailto:jimf.mcgregor@tiscali.co.uk)

### CHURCH SERVICES DURING JANUARY – GNOSALL

12th January	9:15am	Holy Communion	Geoffrey Smith
15th January	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Worship	Kathryn
19th January	9:15am	Morning Worship	Team
22nd January	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Communion by Extension Holy Communion Evening Worship	Kathryn
26th January	9:15am	Holy Communion	Geoffrey Smith
29th January	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Benefice Service Evening Worship	Kathryn Archdeacon

### 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](mailto: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

### ✠Year's Mind

Charles Joynson  
Edith Rosemary Jenkins  
Rachael Watkins  
Ernest (Ernie) Weston  
John Patrick Font

**Rector** Rev Kathryn Hammond 284050 [rev.kathrynh@gmail.com](mailto:rev.kathrynh@gmail.com)  
**Churchwardens:** Bob Winfield - 822507 [bobwinfield@btinternet.com](mailto:bobwinfield@btinternet.com)  
Eric Henderson - 823881

Collect

**C**reator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Ephesians 3. 1-12

**T**his is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to

humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (Matthew 2. 1-12)

Glory to you O Lord

**I**n the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Eccleshall Deanery

INTER-CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT

IN

ECCLESHALL PARISH ROOM

ON

SATURDAY, 14th JANUARY 2017

AT 7.00 P.M.

TEAMS OF SIX (max) – Entry fee £5 per person



Fish and Chip supper

Please bring your own drinks

Raffle

Please book your team in with David Beswick  
on 01785 850622 by **12<sup>th</sup> January 2016**  
so as to be sure of getting Fish & Chip order