



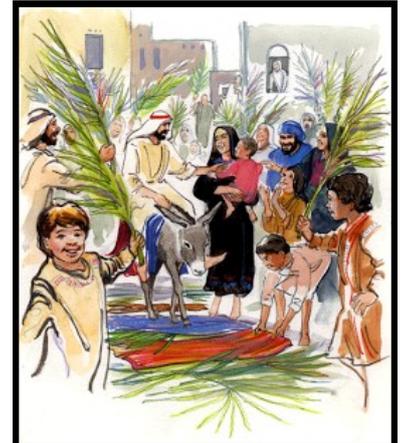
St. Lawrence Church & St. Marys Church

Newsletter 9th April 2017

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Welcome to Church on the Palm Sunday

Sunday 9th April	7:45am	Holy Communion	Stephen
	10:30am	Morning worship	Lay led
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Stephen
Tuesday 11th March	8:45am	Tea & Toast	
	9:30am	Morning Prayer - at Gnosall	
Thursday 13th April	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
	7:00pm	Agapé Supper	
Friday 14th April	10:00am	Good Friday Workshop	
	2:00pm	Walk of Witness led by Methodists starting and ending at the Chapel	
	7:30pm	Ecumenical Service at Church	Nathan/Stephen
Saturday 15th April	9:00am onwards - Church flowers & cleaning for Easter		
Sunday 16th April	7:45am	Holy Communion	Stephen
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Kathryn
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Kathryn



CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Good Friday 14th April	Service in church at 3pm
Sunday 16th April	(Easter Day) Holy Communion at 9am with Kathryn
Sunday 23rd April	Holy Communion with Stephen at 9am
Sunday 30th April	Benefice Service at Moreton at 10.30am

PLEASE NOTE - there will be no 9.15 a.m. service on Maundy Thursday, 13th April – as a number of us are going to Lichfield and there will be a communion service at the Agape supper in the evening. There will be a Service as usual on Thursday, 20th April.

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.

Copies of the [Church's Annual Report & Annual Accounts](#) for 2016 are available at the back of church.

NOMINATION FORMS

Nominations forms for the post of Churchwarden and members of the Parochial Church Council are available at the back of church

The Diocese is sad to announce that the former Bishop of Lichfield, Rt Revd Keith Sutton, has died aged 82.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Maundy Thursday trip to Lichfield: If you have booked a place on the bus to Lichfield for the Maundy Thursday Service, the cost will be £10. Pick up points will be 9am at Woodseaves Post Office and 9.20am at Gnosall Memorial Hall. We will stop for lunch at the garden centre at Woolsey Bridge on the way back.

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.

✳Year's Mind

Edith May Keay
Alice Mary Goring
George Henry Lakin
Robert John (Bob) Edwards
Doreen J. Fraser
Nigel Russell Buckley-Robins
Peter William Thomas
Arthur Edwards
Betty Patricia Tunnicliffe

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

Each year the church undertakes a revision of its Electoral Roll so as to keep its membership up to date - removing the names of those who have died or no longer worship at this church and adding those who do worship but aren't on the roll. This process will take place over the next three weeks. There is a copy of the Electoral Roll at the back of church, please check your details and notify Jim McGregor, Electoral Roll Officer, of any changes.

Tel 01785 822156 or email jimf.mcgregor@tiscali.co.uk

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 attendee 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

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

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



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.

Rector Rev Kathryn Hammond - 284050 rev.kathrynh@gmail.com

Associate Minister Rev Stephen Harrop - 822820 stephen60en@ao.com

Churchwardens: Bob Winfield - 822507 bobwinfield@btinternet.com
Eric Henderson - 823881 eric.henderson2@btinternet.com

Collect

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

Philippians 2: 5 -11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (Matthew 21.1-11)

Glory to you O Lord

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' ⁴ This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵ 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' ¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' ¹¹ The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

AN INVITATION TO THE TABLE OF GOD



Apag e Supper

Have a meal together after which we share the bread and wine as Jesus did with his disciples at the last supper

Maundy Thursday, 13th April
at 7pm in St Lawrence Church

ALL WELCOME



BRING A POSY OF SPRING FLOWERS TO CHURCH ON EASTER SUNDAY

Could I ask everyone to try and bring a small posy of spring flowers (just from the garden) or an individual spring flower on Easter Sunday at 10.30am so that we can form a living cross during the morning service.

Thank you Rev Kathryn

'THANK YOU'

Lent Lunches - This year's lunches were served by members from all our Churches across the Benefice, providing a wide selection of delicious homemade soups and enjoyed by everyone. 'Thank you', to the teams of cooks and everyone who supported this very worthwhile cause - The Bishop's Lent Appeal. We have raised **£329.30**.



QUIZ NIGHT
NORBURY VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 22nd April - 7.30pm
Admission **£5.00** -including delicious refreshments
Please bring your own drinks.

100 CLUB



WINNERS OF APRIL DRAW

1st	John Layton	£20
2nd	Keith Perry	£15
3rd	Sandy Bishop	£10
4th	Robert Ellis	£5



There will be two **GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOPS**, one at St Lawrence Church from 10am till 12 noon and at Woodseaves School from 2pm till 4pm. There will be a selection of Easter crafts and activities for children and young people of all ages followed by a short service. For more information contact Adie Harris 01785 284027 adieharris13@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.



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 FLOWERS AND CLEANING FOR EASTER

We shall start at 9am on Saturday 15th April. Everyone welcome to come and help. All flowers and greenery provided - just bring your scissors! Donations for the Easter flowers may be given to Helen.

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

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.