

Welcome to Church on the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

10:30am Benefice service at Abaston
No other services in church
 12:30pm Baptism
 4:00pm Messy Church

This Week

Monday 19th October 7:15pm Wedding rehearsal
 7:30pm PCC Meeting
 Tuesday 20th October 9:30am Morning Prayer (St Lawrence Church)
 11:00am Ann Wetton's funeral at St Mary's, High Offley
 Wednesday 21st October 11:00am Gingercroft Service
 Thursday 22nd October 9:15am Holy Communion - Kathryn
 2:15pm Play & Praise
 6:40pm Choir practice
 Friday 23rd October 11:00am Impstones Service
 12:30pm Wedding
 Sunday 25th October 7:45am Morning Prayer
Last Sunday after Trinity 10:30am Holy Communion
 6:30pm Ecumenical Service



SYRIAN REFUGEES



I'm sure we have all been touched by the plight of the many people fleeing Syria and especially our hearts go out to the children caught up in all this. Ruth Taylor from High Offley has offered to make bags to be sent to the children which would contain small items to make them feel welcome. These could include children's toiletries, small toys, pens, and any other items you think they might enjoy. If you can donate any of these kind of items to Ruth could you bring them to church on the next few Sundays and I will collect them and pass them on to her. Many thanks, Kathryn

The Children's Society

If you have a box could you please bring it to church to be emptied or if you prefer someone will call to pick it up. An alternative to having a box is to pay by Direct Debit, please contact me if you would like a form. The Society is very grateful for any monies received, in their work to help vulnerable children.
 Many thanks Yvonne Cannell Tel: 824349



COULD YOU READ BIBLE STORIES TO CHILDREN?

Can you give one or two hours a month to read Bible stories to the children of St Lawrence's school? Unfortunately some children only hear of the love of Jesus at school. Rev Mark used to take the good news into school most Thursday mornings. To fill the gap, we are looking at an initiative called 'Open the Book' which has been run successfully in some parishes during the last 15 years. It is based on 2 or 3 people going into school to read a Bible story, and perhaps doing a little bit of dressing up. To explain more about 'Open the Book' a friend of Rev Kathryn, the Rev Gilly Hubbard has agreed to come and talk to interested people and explain how it works. A meeting has been arranged in the Church Vestry on Tuesday 3rd November at 2.30 pm. Please come and listen to what Rev Gilly has to say.
 For more information contact Bob Winfield on 822507

www.gnosallparish.org.uk

We have a new church website under construction, check it out. Pass anything you would like included to Michelle, it will be updated on a regular basis.

Email - m.broadhurst13@btinternet.com

Year's Mind

Michael Charles Yeomans
 Kenneth (Bob) William Sidbotham
 Geoffrey Herbert Ellis Davies
 Betty Nicholls

MORETON

Church services for October

18th October Benefice Service at Adbaston at 10.30 am (no service at Moreton)
 25th October 9.00 am Holy Communion with Eddie Haycock

Tickets for Curry Evening on 21st November now on sale £10 & £6 (under 11s).
 Please contact 01785 823232.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UK

For more detail see the poster and leaflets at the back of church.

Every shoe box gift you pack helps Samaritan's Purse to reach children worldwide with the good news of God's love and the true meaning of Christmas.

The last day for handing in shoe boxes is the 30th October

LAY-LED SERVICES

During the interregnum, a number of non-Eucharistic services will be led by members of the congregation. On the second Sunday of the month, unless there is a special service, there will be a service of Morning Worship at 10.30 which will last around 45 minutes and will include hymns, prayers, a Bible reading and a short talk or reflection.
 At 7.45 on Sundays, and at 9.15 on Thursdays, there will be a service of Morning Prayer on those weeks when there is no Holy Communion.
 Full details will appear on the weekly Newsletter.

CHURCH SERVICES DURING OCTOBER

22nd October	9:15am	Holy Communion	Kathryn
25th October	7:45am	Morning Prayer	Team
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Eddie Haycock
29th October	6:30pm	Ecumenical Service	Roman Catholic led
	9:15am	Morning Prayer	Team

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

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.

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Collect:
God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen

2 Timothy 4:5-17

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon, ¹⁰for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. ¹²I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. ¹⁴Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. ¹⁵You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.
 This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 10:1-9)

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."
 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Glory to you, O Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

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

A NEW RECTOR

We are in the process of compiling the PARISH PROFILE for each of our five parishes.

What do you think are the qualities you would most like to see in a new Rector?



At the back of church there are some "Thought Papers". Could you please complete one to say what qualities you think we need in the person who will come to work alongside us and lead us on as a Parish and a Benefice.

Then post them in the box. Thanks

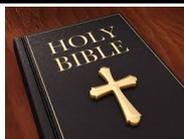
OPEN CHURCH

Tuesdays 11am to 3pm and Thursdays 11am to 1pm. During these times the church is always open for prayer and a visit.



ECCLESHALL DEANERY

INVITE EVERYONE TO COME AND DISCUSS



A PILGRIM COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY 'THE BIBLE'

Eccleshall Deanery are organising a six week training course in the deanery called 'The Bible' as follows:-

- (a) 7.30pm Wed. 23rd September, St. John the Baptist Church, Ashley.
The Bible : What is the Bible?
- (b) 7.30pm Wed. 30th September, St. John the Baptist Church, Ashley.
The Bible : The Bible as breath
- (c) 7.30pm Wed. 7th October, St Lawrence Church, Gnosall.
The Bible: The Bible as a stream of living water
- (d) 7.30pm Wed. 14th October, St Lawrence Church, Gnosall.
The Bible : The Bible as a lamp
- (e) 7.30pm Wed. 21st October, Holy Trinity Church, Eccleshall.
The Bible : The Bible as a two-edged sword
- (f) 7.30pm Wed. 28th October, Holy Trinity Church, Eccleshall.
The Bible : Daily bread

More information about the course can be found on www.pilgrimcourse.org
 A booklet following the Course will be available to buy at a cost of £5.99, and light refreshments will be served each evening.
 Please therefore inform the Deanery Secretary, Gill Pinney on 01785 850111 or email at pinney751@btinternet.com, if you are able to attend, so that we can inform the various venues of numbers and order the correct number of books.

THERE IS A LIST AT THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO ATTEND

Friends of St Lawrence Church



BY POPULAR DEMAND

**READY STEADY COOK
 DEMONSTRATION**

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE



by Charles McDermid
 Head of Catering and Hospitality
 Stafford College

Grosvenor Centre, Gnosall

7pm Friday 30th October

Tickets £5 - pre-booking advised
 (Including a glass of wine and sampling the produce)

Available from:

Maggie Hughes - 823526
 Sandy Redfern - 822440