

Fourth Sunday in Advent

20th December 2015

Collect

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Hebrews 10: 5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; ⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." ⁸When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 1: 39-45)

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Glory to you, O Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

REGULAR GIVING

Regrettably the number of people giving regularly to our Church has diminished in recent months, mainly due to age related causes. As we have not held a Stewardship Campaign for many years, people have not been prompted to review what they give each week or month etc. Therefore due to these two factors, the amount given regularly is falling, and is well below the budgeted income for the year. To address this situation we are appealing that you respond to one of the two questions:

If you do not give regularly either by weekly envelopes, or by Bank Standing Order, please consider joining the Regular Giving Scheme.

OR If you are a regular giver, but have not reviewed for some time the amount that you give, please consider increasing your giving.

More information can be obtained from the Church Gift Aid Secretary, Bob Winfield on 822507, or email Bob at bobwinfield@btinternet.com

St Lawrence Church, Gnosall

Christmas Carol Service

ALL YOUR
FAVOURITE CAROLS

SUNDAY
20TH DECEMBER
6:30PM

ALL
WELCOME



Welcome to Church on the Fourth Sunday in Advent

7:45am	Holy Communion - Kathryn
10:30am	Holy Communion - Graham Fowell
6:30pm	Readings & Carols for Christmas

This Week

Wednesday 23rd December	9:00am	Church cleaning for Christmas
Thursday 24th December	9:15am	Morning Worship
	5:00pm	Crib Service - Richard Peers
	11:15pm	Midnight Holy Communion - Richard Peers
Friday 25th December	7:45am	Holy Communion - Richard Peers
	10:30am	Holy Communion - Archdeacon
Sunday 27th December	10:30am	Benefice Service at Knightley No other services



WINNERS OF SPECIAL PRIZES IN CHRISTMAS DRAW

1st	Lucy MacLeod	£40
2nd	E J Pothan	£30
3rd	Margaret Darke	£20
4th	Danielle Simkin	£10

MORETON

Services in Moreton for December /January
 Christmas Day Holy Communion at 9:00am with Richard Peers
 27th December No service at St Mary's (Service at Knightley at 10.30am)
 2nd Jan from 10am - 4pm Miniature Nativity Exhibition in the Community Centre
 3rd January Holy Communion at 9:00am with Graham Fowell

HELP WANTED

We need someone to represent St Lawrence church is assisting to arrange the Women's World Day of Prayer in March 2016
 Also we need someone to help organise the Christian Aid collection in the village alongside the Methodists.
 If you can help please see Gwen Flavell

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.

CHURCH SERVICES DURING DECEMBER

24th December	5:00pm	Crib Service	Richard Peers
	11:15pm	Midnight Communion	Richard Peers
25th December	7:45am	Holy Communion	Richard Peers
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Archdeacon
27th December	10:30am	Benefice Service at Knightley	
		No other services at St Lawrence	

CHURCH CLEANING



We shall decorate and clean the Church for Christmas on Wednesday 23rd December from 9am. Gifts of greenery would be much appreciated. Everyone welcome to help.

Many thanks, Helen

www.gnosallparish.org.uk.

We have a new 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

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

✂Year's Mind

Laura Mary Winfield
 Emily Mary Cork
 John Lloyd Powell
 Patricia Marion Ellis
 Sandra Botfield
 Frank Cyril Jones
 Elsa Mary Bancroft
 Isabel Ray Gillard

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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