

Christmas Eve (Midnight Service)**24th December 2015****Collect**

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your son Jesus Christ; grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so may we with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God**Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 2: 1-14)****Glory to you, O Lord**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"

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Praise to you, O Christ**Christmas Day (7:45am Service)****25th December 2015****Collect**

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light; bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water^(a) of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ⁶This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is the word of the Lord

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When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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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

Merry Christmas



Thursday 24th December	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

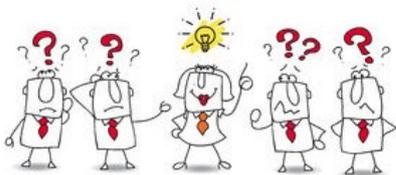
WINNERS OF SPECIAL PRIZES IN CHRISTMAS DRAW

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

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

INTER-CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT



This is to be held on Saturday January 16th at 7pm in the Parish Room at Eccleshall.
CAN WE GET A TEAM TOGETHER FROM EACH OF OUR CHURCHES?
The teams can be of any number up to a maximum of 6.
There is a charge of £5 per person (payable on the night) and this includes a fish and chip supper. (We bring our own drinks)
If an church cant get enough people together maybe we could join together to form a team.
If you are interested please let Kathryn know.

Further details on the notice board or contact Margaret Winfield who is organising the St Lawrence Quiz Team.

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

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)

3rd January Holy Communion at 9:00am with Graham Fowell

Please note that the Miniature Nativity Exhibition at the Community Centre will not be open on the 2nd January due to the lack of support.

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

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	

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

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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