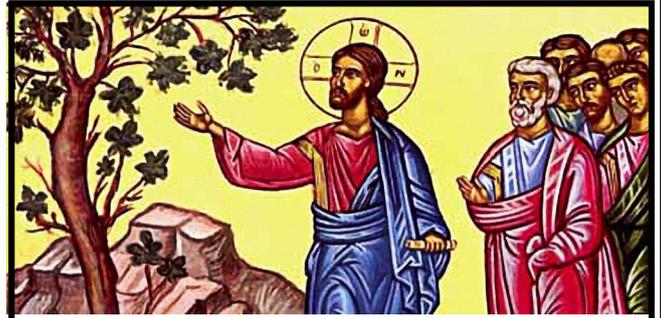


Welcome to Church on Advent Sunday

10:30am **Benefice Service at Norbury**
 2:00pm Baptism
 6:30pm Evening Service (Vestry)
 There is no 7:45am or 10:30am at St Lawrence Church

This Week

Tuesday 1st December 9:30am Morning Prayer (St Lawrence Church)
 2:00pm Preparing church for the Victorian Market
 Thursday 3rd December 9:15am Morning Worship
 2:15pm Play & Praise
 6:40pm Choir practice
 Friday 4th December 11:00am Impstones Service
 1:30pm Preparing church for the Victorian Market
 Saturday 5th December 9am - 4pm **Victorian Market**
 Sunday 6th December 7:45am Morning Prayer
Second Sunday in Advent 10:30am Holy Communion
 6:30pm Evening Service (in Vestry)



"Look at the fig tree and all the trees;

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

MORETON

Services in Moreton for November
 29th November **no service** at Moreton. Benefice service at Norbury at 10.30am with Methodists.
 21st November Curry Evening . Please call 01785 823232 for tickets

100 CLUB

WINNERS OF NOVEMBER DRAW



1st	Keith Perry	£20
2nd	Tony Dickerson	£15
3rd	Margaret Edwards	£10

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.

METHODIST CHAPEL

Rev Nathan Falla is holding a Communion Service on Tuesday 8th December at the Chapel at 2.00 p.m. Members of St Lawrence Church are invited to this service.



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

CHURCH SERVICES DURING DECEMBER

6th December	7:45am	Morning Prayer	Worship Team
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Roger Vaughan
	6:30pm	Evening Service (Vestry)	Geoffrey Smith
13th December	7:45am	Communion by Extension	Worship Team
	10:30am	Christingle/Gift Service	Worship Team
	6:30pm	Evening Service (Vestry)	Geoffrey Smith
20th December	7:45am	Holy Communion	Kathryn Hammond
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Graham Fowell
24th December	6:30pm	Readings and Carols	
	5:00pm	Crib Service	Richard Peers
25th December	11:15pm	Midnight Communion	Richard Peers
	7:45am	Holy Communion	Richard Peers
27th December	10:30am	Holy Communion	Archdeacon
	10:30am	Benefice Service at Knightley	

No other services at St Lawrence

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.

ADVENT QUIET DAY

at Shallowford House on Thursday 3rd December from 10am-4pm
 The title of the day is 'The Meaning is in the Waiting'
 Cost for the day is £14 including lunch
 Please let Kathryn know if you are interested.

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

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.

Year's Mind

Audrey Hollows
 Joan Eileen Webb
 Cyril Evans
 George Richardson

Team Vicar	Rev Kathryn Hammond 284050	rev.kathrynh@gmail.com
Churchwardens:	Jim McGregor - 822156	jimf.mcgregor@tiscali.co.uk
	Eric Henderson - 823881	eric.henderson2@btinternet.com

Collect:

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."
This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 21: 25 - 36)

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. ²⁹ Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴ "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."
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

The Friends of St Lawrence Church

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS MARKET



at

St Lawrence Church, Gnosall

Saturday 5th December 2015

9am - 4pm

Entry : £2.00 for adults including refreshments

Accompanied children have free entry

All Day Entertainment

Over 30 different stalls under one roof

Buy your Christmas gifts

There's something for everyone