

**Collect**

**C**reator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child; guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord

**Amen****Ephesians 1: 1-12**

**P**aul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God****Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (Matthew 2:1-12)

**Thanks to you O Lord**

**I**n the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

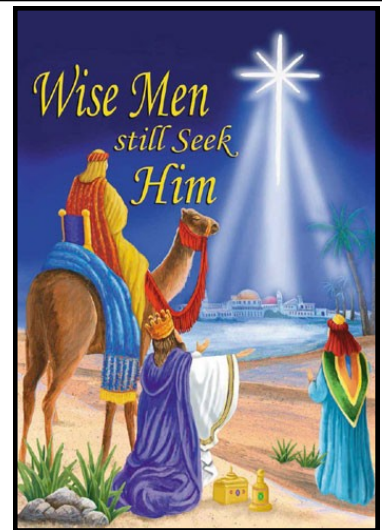
This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

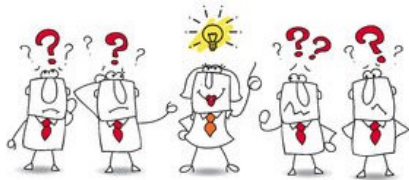
**You never listen properly.  
You're gonna be in so much trouble!**

## Happy New Year

Sunday 3rd January	7:45am	Holy Communion - Gnosall Worship Team
	10:30am	Holy Communion - Graham Fowell
		No Evening Service
Thursday 7th January	9:15am	Morning Worship
	2:15pm	Play & Praise
Sunday 10th January	7:45am	Communion by extension - Eucharistic Minister
<b>First Sunday</b>	10:30am	Morning Worship - Gnosall Worship Team
<b>after Epiphany</b>	6:30pm	Evening Worship - Geoffrey Smith



### 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 can't get enough people together maybe we could join together to form a team.

If you are interested please let Kathryn know.

### MORETON

Services in Moreton for January

10th January	Holy Communion at 9:00am with Geoffrey Smith
17th January	Morning Worship at 10am with the Benefice Worship Team in the Community Centre
24th January	Holy Communion at 9:00am with Kathryn
31st January	Benefice Service at High Offley at 10:30am

### 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](mailto:h_a_p@hotmail.com)

We also produce a paper version that can be sent to people as well.

[www.gnosallparish.org.uk](http://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](mailto:m.broadhurst13@btinternet.com)

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

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

### ✂Year's Mind

James (Jim) Winfield  
Joan Richardson  
Sydney Cuttall  
Emily Johnson  
Jacqueline Freeman  
Ena McGregor  
Charles Johnson  
Edith Rosemary Jenkins

### CHURCH SERVICES DURING JANUARY

10th January	7:45am	Communion by Extension	
	10:30am	Morning Worship	Gnosall Worship Team
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Geoffrey Smith
17th January	7:45am	Holy Communion	Kathryn Hammond
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Archdeacon
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	
24th January	7:45am	Holy Communion	Kathryn Hammond
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Kathryn Hammond
	6:30pm	Ecumenical Service	Nathan Falla
31st January	10:30am	Benefice Service at High Offley	
		<b>No Service at St Lawrence</b>	
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	

### THE BOOKING OF BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS

#### ACROSS THE BENEFICE

For enquires concerning baptisms and weddings please contact Rev Kathryn.

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### 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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