

## Welcome to Church on the Second Sunday in Advent

7:45am	Morning Prayer - Gnosall Worship Team
10:30am	Holy Communion - Roger Vaughan
6:30pm	Evening Service (Vestry)

### This Week

Tuesday 8th December	9:30am	Morning Prayer (Christ Church, Knightley)
Thursday 10th December	9:15am	Morning Worship
	2:15pm	Play & Praise
	6:40pm	Choir practice
Saturday 12th December	10:00am	Open Door Coffee Morning
Sunday 13th December	7:45am	Communion by Extension - Gerry Dale
<b>Third Sunday in Advent</b>	10:30am	Christingle/Gift Service - Gnosall Worship Team
	6:30pm	Evening Service (in Vestry)



### 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 December

13th December	Carol Service in the Community Centre at 3pm
20th December	Morning Worship at 10 am in the Community Centre
Christmas Day	Holy Communion at 9am with Richard Peers
27th December	No service at St Mary's (Service at Knightley at 10.30am)

12th, 19th Dec & 2nd Jan from 10am - 4pm Miniature Nativity Exhibition in the Community Centre

### 100 CLUB

### WINNERS OF DECEMBER DRAW



1st	Sheila Hailes	£20
2nd	Colin Dale	£15
3rd	Jilly Jones	£10

For the Christmas draw being held later this month we are able to double the prizes and add a fourth. These will now be 1<sup>st</sup> prize £40, 2<sup>nd</sup> - £30, 3<sup>rd</sup> - £20 and 4<sup>th</sup> - £10. For the remaining months to September, the prizes will be as before.

### 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.

### CHURCH SERVICES DURING DECEMBER

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
	6:30pm	Readings and Carols	
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

### 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)

### 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](mailto: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

Nellie Elizabeth Walker  
Tony Francis  
Bethan Louise Stockley (Bethy)  
Marge Jackson  
Gordon Vessey Herbert  
Thomas Frederick Bancroft

<b>Team Vicar</b>	Rev Kathryn Hammond 284050	<a href="mailto:rev.kathrynh@gmail.com">rev.kathrynh@gmail.com</a>
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	Eric Henderson - 823881	<a href="mailto:eric.henderson2@btinternet.com">eric.henderson2@btinternet.com</a>

Collect:  
**A**lmighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.  
 Amen

Philippians 1: 3-11

**I** thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup> constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup> because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup> to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup> having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 3: 1-6)

Glory to you, O Lord

**I**n the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene,<sup>2</sup> during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup> as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; <sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

This is the Gospel of the 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](mailto:bobwinfield@btinternet.com)

**ANONYMOUS GIFT**

Our grateful thanks for the generous gift of money for church funds.

