



# St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church

## Newsletter 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018

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### Welcome to Church on the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Morning Worship	Team
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Norma & Sheila
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	9:30am	Morning Prayer	
	11:00am	Cath Bradley's Funeral	
	6:15 - 7:15pm	Office Hour at Vicarage	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	9:15am	Holy Communion	
	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	7:45am	Communion by Extension	Team
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	4:00pm	Messy Church	
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Michelle & Margaret



### Collect

**Lord God, defend your Church from all false Teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favouritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, 'Here's a good seat for you,' but say to the poor man, 'You stand there' or 'Sit on the floor by my feet,' have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong? If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, 'Love your neighbour as yourself,' you are doing right. But if you show favouritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as law-breakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (Mark 7:24-36).

**Glory to you O Lord**

Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. 'First let the children eat all they want,' he told her, 'for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.' 'Lord,' she replied, 'even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he told her, 'For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.' She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spat and touched the man's tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, 'Ephphatha!' (which means 'Be opened!'). At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosed and he began to speak plainly. Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you O Christ**

## Year's Mind

Francis John Thomas Brumwell  
Kenneth Timmis

**Rector** Rev Kathryn Hammond - 822820 rev.kathrynh@gmail.com  
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Eric Henderson - 823881 eric.henderson2@btinternet.com

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

We shall decorate and clean the Church on Saturday 29th September from 9am. Everyone welcome to help.

### **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)

### **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

It would be lovely to train more people to assist with the distribution of communion in our services at the various churches. If this is something that you would like to be involved with, or you would like to know more about it then please speak to Rev Kathryn or Rev Cathy.

### **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.

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**



Saturday 22nd September, 10.00am at Yew Tree Cottage.  
Don't miss out guys.  
There's a sign up sheet at the back of Church.

### **CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON**

Sunday 16th September Morning Worship at 10am in the Community Centre with the Benefice Worship Team  
Sunday 23rd September United Benefice Service at High Offley at 10.30am (no service at Moreton)  
Sunday 30th September Holy Communion at 9am with Rev Cathy

### **BIBLE COURSE**

We are running an 8 week course to help us all learn more about the Bible. The course will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 until 9pm at St Lawrence's Gnosall, starting on October 3rd. If you would like to know more about this, please speak to Rev Kathryn or Rev Cathy.



### **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.

Tel 01785 822156 or email [jimf.mcgregor@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jimf.mcgregor@tiscali.co.uk)

### **ACROSS THE BENEFICE**

For enquires concerning baptisms and weddings please contact Rev Kathryn.

01785 822820 rev.kathrynh@gmail.com

### **ST LAWRENCE GNOSALL CHURCH MONTHLY DRAW**

The monthly draw has been running for several years and is a way for you to help raise money for St Lawrence Church ongoing upkeep and activities. For £12 a year, set up via standing order, your number will be placed in 13 draws (12 Monthly / 1 Christmas Draw), starting in September each year.  
1st Prize - £25, 2nd Prize - £15, 3rd Prize - £10, 4th Prize - £5.

Do you want to join? If so please contact -  
Chris Heins, Fairview, Cross Street, Gnosall, ST20 0BX. Tel 824010. Email [cheins@icar.co.uk](mailto:cheins@icar.co.uk) Or Rob Prichard, Church House, Sellman Street, Gnosall, ST20 0EP. Tel 822335. Email [robandsandy418@btinternet.com](mailto:robandsandy418@btinternet.com)

If you pay for the above by cash, please forward monies by return to either Chris or Rob.

### **LOST PHONE**

A mobile phone has been left at the vicarage, please call Rev Kathryn if it is yours.



St Lawrence Church  
Gnosall

You are invited to our  
**HARVEST SUPPER**  
in church at 7:00pm  
on Saturday 29th September.

There is a sign up sheet  
in the Lady Chapel



**BINGO &**

Saturday 15th September at 7:30pm  
in the Millennium Community Centre

Tickets available from:  
Pat Lawley 01952 691451  
Ruth Finister 01785 823232  
Adults £5, Children £2.50  
including two Bingo cards and a Hotdog  
Bar open

**BINGO!**

Fun for the family