



St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church

Newsletter 2nd December 2018

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Welcome to Church on Advent Sunday

Sunday 2 nd December	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Benefice Service at Knightley	
	6:30pm	Holy Communion	
Tuesday 4 th December	9:30am	Morning Prayer	
	8:45 - 9:30am	Tea & Toast	
	6:15 - 7:15pm	Office Hour at Vicarage	
Thursday 6 th December	9:15am	Holy Communion	
	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
	5:30pm	FAB Club at Grosvenor Centre	
	7:30pm	Wedding rehearsal	
Saturday 8 th December	12pm	Wedding	
Sunday 9 th December	7:45am	Communion by Extension	Team
	10:30am	Christingle Service	
	6:30pm	Ecumenical Advent Service	



First Sunday of Advent

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 fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 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. 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

GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you O Lord

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. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. '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, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 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

Praise to you O Christ.

Year's Mind

Joan Eileen Webb
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ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

This lovely service takes place in Lichfield Cathedral on Sunday Dec 2nd at 6pm There are some seats available in cars for those who would like to go along. Please speak to Bob or Eric if you are interested.

CAROL SERVICE AT ST LAWRENCE'S

Our Carol Service this year will be held on Sunday December 16th at 6.30pm. We are hoping to put a small church choir together for the service and, if you are interested in singing in the choir please speak to Eric or to Rev Cathy.

ACROSS THE BENEFICE

For enquires concerning baptisms and weddings please contact Rev Kathryn at Tuesday's Office Hour from 6:15pm to 7:15pm.
01785 822820 rev.kathrynh@gmail.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

CHRISTMAS 2018



"COME AND JOIN THE CELEBRATION, IT'S A VERY SPECIAL DAY".

The Annual Carol Service is to be held on Sunday 9th December 2018, at 3pm in the Millennium Community Centre. The Adult Mobstead Singers, children and other local talent will make the occasion very special and you are most welcome. The service will be taken by Reverend Kathryn.

It will give you an opportunity also to see the Miniature Nativity Exhibition.

MINIATURE NATIVITY EXHIBITION



Our villagers are beavering away with their creations for the Miniature Nativity Exhibition which will be on display in the foyer of the Millennium Centre from the beginning of December over the Christmas period. Please find time to visit the exhibition on each Saturday in December and at other times when the Community Centre is open, admission is free. The theme this year is "What Christmas means to me".

CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 9th December Carol Service in the Community Centre at 3pm
Sunday 16th December Service of Nine Lessons and Carols in Church at 3pm
Sunday 23rd December Holy Communion at 9am

CAROL SINGING

On 19th and 20th December we will be carol singing around the pubs in Gnosall.
If you would like to come along please have a word with Eric Henderson or Rev Kathryn

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

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.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The Book of Remembrance will be taken to the Calligraphers next week to have names added. If anyone wishes to have the name of a loved one added please contact Jim McGregor **822156** or jimf.mcgregor@tiscali.co.uk



WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR CHRISTMAS?

We often get asked that question don't we? For some of us it's not possible to get together with family and friends on Christmas Day.

If you would like to share your **Christmas lunch** with others who might, for various circumstances, be on their own this year, then why not come and have lunch at St Lawrence's Church.

Lunch will be served at 1.00pm but come along anytime from 12.30pm for a glass of sherry and to relax before lunch is served.

We can provide a lift if you would like one.

To let us know that you would like to come or to seek further information please contact us on:-

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Martin Watkins 824005
Rev. Kathryn Hammond 822820

