



St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church

Newsletter 23rd December 2018

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Welcome to Church on the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday 23 rd December	7:45am	Communion by Extension	
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	6:30pm	Reflective Christmas	Rev Cathy
Monday 24 th December	4:00pm	Crib Service	Rev Kathryn
	11:30pm	Midnight Communion	Rev Kathryn
Tuesday 25 th December	7:45am	Communion by Extension	
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev Cathy
Thursday 27 th December	9:15am	Holy Communion	
Sunday 30 th December	7:45am	Communion by Extension	
	10:30am	Benefice Service at Gnosall	Rev Geoffrey Smith
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Lay Led



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Collect

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hebrews 10. 5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Praise to you O Lord

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ



Year's Mind

Elsa Mary Bancroft
 Isabel Ray Gillard
 Rebekkah Eve Smart
 Richard Anthony Gough
 Victor Charles Bentley
 Colin Venables
 Betty James

CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Tuesday 25th December Holy Communion at 9am
 Sunday 30th December United Benefice Service at Gnosall
 (No service at Moreton)
 Sunday 6th January Afternoon Worship 3.30pm

THANK YOU

Thank you very much to everyone for the lovely Christmas card and kind wishes which I have received. Thank you also for all you loving support over the past year. A very happy Christmas to you and your families.
 Rev Kathryn

THANK YOU

Sincere thanks from Revds Cathy and Peter for the lovely Christmas cards and kind wishes which they have received

Rector Rev Kathryn Hammond - 822820 rev.kathrynh@gmail.com
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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



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

On behalf of The Children's Society can I thank everyone for the generous donations from the box holders who raised the amazing sum of £1,245 this year.

The box collections really do change children's lives everyday by providing funding to maintain the Society's vital services, including helping thousands of children who are being exploited on the streets.

Can I also thank the box collectors whose help I greatly appreciated.
 Yvonne Cannell (Coordinator)

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.**

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

FRIENDS OF ST LAWRENCE

Copies of Janet Wiseman's Christmas Quiz at £1 each are available at the back of Church in support of The Friends of 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

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Friends committee would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make the day a great success. An amazing £3,282 was raised - so thank you one and all.



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

MINIATURE NATIVITY EXHIBITION, MORETON



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".

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:-

Norman and Sheila Hailes 823686
 Martin Watkins 824005
 Rev. Kathryn Hammond 822820

