



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

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

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### Welcome to Church on Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	7:45am	Communion by Extension	Team
	10:30am	Christingle Service	
	6:30pm	Ecumenical Advent Service	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	12:15pm	Funeral of Angela James	
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am	Morning Prayer	
	8:45 - 9:30am	Tea & Toast	
	6:15 - 7:15pm	Office Hour at Vicarage	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9:15am	Holy Communion	
	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
	5:30pm	FAB Club in Grosvenor Centre	
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	10:00am	Men's Breakfast	
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	7:45am	Holy Communion	
	10:30am	Holy Communion	
	6:30pm	Carol Service	



*Second Sunday of Advent*

### Collect

**Almighty 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. v 1-11

We, Paul and Timothy, are writing this letter. We serve Christ Jesus. We are sending this letter to you, all God's holy people in Philippi. You belong to Christ Jesus. We are also sending this letter to your leaders and deacons. <sup>2</sup> May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. <sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. <sup>5</sup> I am happy because you have joined me in spreading the good news. You have done so from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> God began a good work in you. And I am sure that he will carry it on until it is completed. That will be on the day Christ Jesus returns.

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**

Tiberius had been ruling for 15 years. Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea. Herod was the ruler of Galilee. His brother Philip was the ruler of Iturea and Traconitis. Lysanias was ruler of Abilene. <sup>2</sup> Annas and Caiaphas were high priests. At that time God's word came to John, son of Zechariah. In the desert. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the countryside around the Jordan River. There he preached that people should be baptized and turn away from their sins. Then God would forgive them. <sup>4</sup> Here is what is written in the book of Isaiah the prophet. It says, "A messenger is calling out in the desert, "Prepare the way for the Lord. Make straight paths for him. <sup>5</sup> Every valley will be filled in. Every mountain and hill be made level. The crooked roads will become straight. The rough ways will become smooth. And all people will see God's salvation

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ**

## Year's Mind

Joan Eileen Webb  
Cyril Evans  
George Richardson  
Nellie Elizabeth Walker  
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Tony Francis

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### **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.



### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Saturday 15th December, 10.00am at Yew Tree Cottage.  
Don't miss out guys.  
There's a sign up sheet at the back of Church.

### **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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> December Carol Service in the Community Centre at 3pm  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December Service of Nine Lessons and Carols in Church at 3pm  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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:-

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

