



St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church

Newsletter 13th January 2019

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Welcome to Church on the Second Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday 13 th January	7:45am	Communion by Extension	Rev Cathy
	10:30am	Holy Communion	
	6:30pm	Evening Service	
Monday 14 th January	10:30am	Funeral of Pam Grace	
	7:30pm	Benefice Prayer Meeting	
Tuesday 15 th January	8:45am	Tea & Toast	
	9:30am	Morning Prayer	
	6:15 - 7:15pm	Office Hour at Vicarage	
Wednesday 16 th January	1:00pm	Funeral of Bryan Valentine	
Thursday 17 th January	9:15am	Holy Communion	
	12 noon	Good Companions Lunch	
	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
Friday 18 th January	11:00am	Impstones Community Service	
Saturday 19 th January	10:30am	Marriage Preparation	
Sunday 20 th January	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Holy Communion	
	4:00pm	Messy Church	Rev Kathryn
	6:30pm	Evening Service	



Collect

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.' 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**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ.



Year's Mind

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Reginald John Bray
Alfred Armstrong

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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

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

If you would like to find out more about helping to administer communion in our services please come along to St Lawrence's Church on Monday January 28th at 7.30pm

ST. MARY'S HIGH OFFLEY.

We are collecting warm clothes and wash bag essentials again for **House of Bread**. There is a box on the back pew at **St. Mary's High Offley**. Thank you.

OFFICE HOUR

To book baptisms and weddings, please call at Gnosall Vicarage, between 6.15 and 7.15pm on Tuesday evenings.

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

PCC MEETING OF MONDAY 21. JANUARY

If anyone has anything they want brought up under AOB at the PCC meeting please contact Kathryn.

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.**

If you know of anyone in the community who would appreciate a visit, please let Rev Kathryn know. Many thanks



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
jjmf.mcgregor@tiscali.co.uk

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

CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 20th January Morning Prayer in the Community Centre with the Benefice Worship Team
Sunday 27th January Ecumenical Service at Gnosall at 10.30am (no service at Moreton)
Sunday 3rd February Afternoon Worship at 3.30pm

CHANGES TO OUR SERVICES

For the next six months we are trying a new format for our 10.30am service on the second Sunday of each month.

This will now be a service of Holy Communion but with a slightly more informal setting than the other three weeks of the month. The service will be shared between a priest and our excellent lay worship team with the priest presiding at communion.

We hope that this change will be helpful and assist us all in our worship.

Your feedback on the changes would be appreciated.

Rev Kathryn and Rev Cathy

BENEFICE ADMINISTRATION

We are very pleased that Zoe is now back at work after her maternity leave and she will be working on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am to 2:00pm. We are very fortunate that Kath Shires will also continue, for the time being, to work on Monday mornings from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Please continue to use the church email address to contact either of them which is zdrewchurch@gmail.com.

NEWCASTLE DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE have written to thank everyone for their kind donations for Elizabeth House this Christmas.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 26th January, 10.00am at Yew Tree Cottage.
Don't miss out guys.
There's a sign up sheet at the back of Church.

The Friends of St. Lawrence Church



"Valentine Supper Concert"

7:00pm Saturday 9th February
in
St. Lawrence Church, Gnosall.

Admission by ticket only -
£10.00 per person (£9.00 for members).
Available from 01785 822347, 822440 or 822423
(Bring your own drinks)