



St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church

Newsletter 3rd February 2019

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Welcome to Church on the Fifth Sunday before Lent

Sunday 3 rd February	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev Cathy
	6:30pm	Holy Communion	Revs Cathy & Peter
Tuesday 5 th February	8:45am	Tea & Toast	
	9:30am	Morning Prayer	
	6:15 - 7:15pm Office Hour at Vicarage		
Thursday 7 th February	9:15am	Holy Communion	
	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
Saturday 9 th February	7:00pm	Valentine Supper Concert	
Sunday 10 th February	7:45am	Communion by Extension	
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev Gerald Gardiner
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	



Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. Amen.

Hebrews 2:14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ.

Year's Mind

Ellen Alexandra Meddings (Nellie)
Astrid Vanessa Garvey
Olive Cato
Louisa Dorothy Hutchinson
Ralph T. W. Farmer
Howard John Bache
Thomas (Tom) Richardson

Rector Rev Kathryn Hammond - 822820 rev.kathrynh@gmail.com
Associate Priest Rev Cathy Dakin - 07971 101259 cathydakin@waitrose.com
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OFFICE HOUR

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

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.**

CONFIRMATION

If anyone is interested in becoming confirmed or just finding out more about the Christian Faith, we will be running a confirmation course during the spring.

It will be a series of five informal sessions, at a time to suit those attending, when we can look at what Christianity is all about.

There will be lots of opportunity for discussion and participation.

If you were confirmed a long time ago you might like to come along and support others or look again at the basics of the Christian faith.

If you would like to know more please contact Rev Kathryn on 822820 rev.kathrynh@gmail.com or Rev Cathy on 07971101259

BLANKETS FOR SYRIA

The almost seven years of conflict in Syria has resulted in large numbers of displaced people. Tens of thousands have fled north towards the Turkish border, where they are living in overcrowded tents and makeshift shelters and the weather has turned extremely cold. Farm Africa have made an urgent request for blankets, but not duvets, in an attempt to alleviate the situation. If you have any blankets that you could spare could you please bring them to church or give them to Sheila Hailes. 01785 823686

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

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

CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 10th February Holy Communion at 9am
Sunday 17th February Morning Worship at 10am in the Community Centre with the Benefice Worship Team
Sunday 24th February Holy Communion at 9am

REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL

This year we have to revise our list of people who are connected with our church.

Everyone who has been on the Electoral Roll will have to complete a form please before our Annual Church Meeting.

Being on the Electoral Roll shows that you want to be part of our church and enables you to vote at the Annual meeting and to hold a post within the church. We do hope that you will continue to be on the Electoral Roll, or if you haven't been on it before, that you will consider adding your name.

For further information please speak to Rev Kathryn

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

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

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

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)