



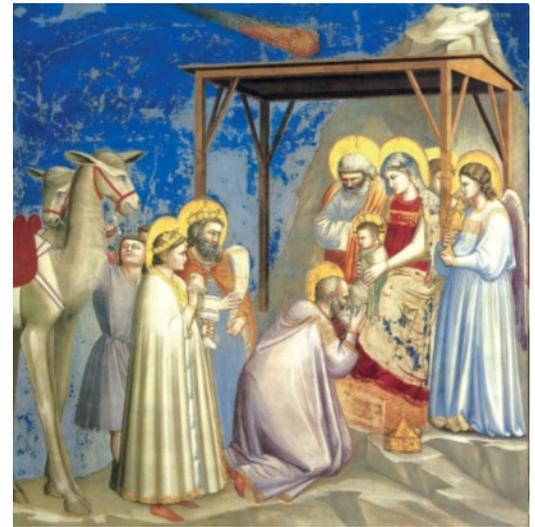
St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church

Newsletter 6th January 2019

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Welcome to Church on Epiphany

Sunday 6 th January	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev Cathy
	6:30pm	Evening Service	
Tuesday 8 th January	8:45am	Tea & Toast	
	9:30am	Morning Prayer	
Thursday 10 th January	9:15am	Holy Communion	
	1:00pm	Funeral of Alex Smart	
	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
	5:30pm	FAB CLUB in Grosvenor Centre	
Sunday 13 th January	7:45am	Holy Communion	
	10:30am	Holy Communion	
	6:30pm	Evening Service	



Collect

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. This is the Gospel of the Lord

Glory to you O Lord

Praise to you O Christ.

Year's Mind

John Jones
Kingsley Mitchell
Charles Joynson
Edith Rosemary Jenkins
Rachael Watkins
Ernest (Ernie) Weston
John Patrick Font

CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 13th January Holy Communion at 9am
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)

DEANERY QUIZ

This will be held on Saturday 12th January at 7pm in Eccleshall Church room.
Can we put a team together for each of our parishes - or maybe join two parishes together to form one?

If you would like to be part of a team please let Rev Kathryn know



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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

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

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

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.

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

Christian Food Bank



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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.**

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.

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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