



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

## Newsletter 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019

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### Welcome to Church on the Second Sunday before Lent

Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	7:45am	Communion by extension Team	
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev Cathy
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Rev Peter & Gerry
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	8:45am	Tea & Toast	
	6:15 - 7:15pm	Office Hour at Vicarage	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	9:15am	Holy Communion	
	10:30am	Worship in Community Hall (Moreton)	
	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	11:00am	Service at Impstones	
	2:00pm	World Day of Prayer at Methodist Chapel	
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev Cathy
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Doreen & Anne



### Collect

**Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Revelation 4

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.' And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

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**

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you O Christ.**

## ✠ Year's Mind

Betty Woods  
Martin Rhodes  
John Sproston  
Cyril Charles Greenaway  
Donald (Don) G. Smith

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### THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The APCM for St Lawrence Church will on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7pm in church

### PANCAKES AT THE VICARAGE.

Come and enjoy a pancake at the Vicarage in Gnosall on Shrove Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 5pm onwards.



## 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](mailto:rev.kathrynh@gmail.com) or Rev Cathy on 07971101259

### 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](mailto:jimf.mcgregor@tiscali.co.uk)

### 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.**

### 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.

### MESSY CHURCH APPEAL

Has anyone got any old colourful socks to make mug warmers at Messy Church?



### CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 3.30pm Afternoon Worship with Rev Kathryn  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 9am Holy Communion with Rev Cathy  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 10am Morning Worship in the Community Centre with the Benefice Worship Team

### 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 by **3rd March 2019**.

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 or Jim McGregor

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

### 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)

### 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

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In St Lawrence Church  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm  
Tickets £10 (members £9)

*(Includes light refreshments)*

Available from -

Rosemary Raynbird 01785 822442

Helen Air 01785 822347