



St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church

Newsletter 10th March 2019

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Welcome to Church on the First Sunday of Lent

Sunday 10 th March	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Team + Rev Kathryn
	6:30pm	Taize Service	Music Group
Monday 11 th March	7:30 - 8:30pm Prayer for the Benefice		
Tuesday 12 th March	8:45am	Tea & Toast	
	9:30am	Deanery Quiet Day in Church	
	9:30am	Morning Prayer at the Vicarage	
	6:15 - 7:15pm	Office Hour at Vicarage	
Wednesday 13 th March	12:30pm	Lent Lunch at Norbury Village Hall	
Thursday 14 th March	9:15am	Holy Communion	
	10:30am	Worship in Community Hall (Moreton)	
	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
	5:30pm	FAB Club at Grosvenor Centre	
Friday 15 th March	11:00am	Service at Impstones	
Saturday 16 th March	7:30pm	Quiz Night at Norbury Village Hall	
Sunday 17 th March	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	4:00pm	Messy Church	
	6:30pm	Holy Communion	Revs Cathy & Peter



Collect

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Joshua 24:14-18

'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.' Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you O Lord

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you O Christ.**

Year's Mind

Jeffery (Jock) Air
Barbara Jean Pooley
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THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

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

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL (GNOSALL)

The Church Representation Rules require that a new Church Electoral Roll be prepared every six years.
A new Electoral Roll, effective from 10th March, has been completed and is on display on the notice board at the back of church.
Being on the Electoral Roll shows that you want to be part of our church and enables you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and to hold a post within the church.



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

Our confirmation service this year is on Sunday May 5th at St Mary's, High Offley.
There is still time to join the confirmation course which is starting shortly. If you are interested please speak to Rev Kathryn

LENT CHALLENGE

During Lent, I would like to challenge you to take part in a sponsored reading of the four Gospels.
Starting on Ash Wednesday would you take up the challenge to read a few chapters each day and perhaps ask someone to sponsor you for one of the days and we can then give the proceeds to the Bishop's Lent Appeal. There are leaflets at the back of church to guide you through each day. Even if you prefer not to be sponsored I do hope you will take up the challenge!!
Rev Kathryn

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

MESSY CHURCH APPEAL

Has anyone got any old colourful socks to make mug warmers at Messy Church?
If so bring them to church



CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 17th March 10am Morning Worship in the Community Centre with the Benefice Worship Team
Sunday 24th March 10.30am United Benefice Service at Adbaston (no service at Moreton)
Sunday 31st March 9am Holy Communion

LENT LUNCHESES

On every Wednesday during Lent come and enjoy delicious home made soup, a roll and fruit at Norbury Village Hall.
Proceeds from the lunches go to support the Bishop's Lent Appeal.
If you would like a lift to the lunches please speak to Rev Kathryn or the churchwardens.

THANK-YOU

We have had a letter from Greenfields Africa asking us to pass their thanks on to everyone who contributed blankets for Syria. The outstanding response has enabled one container to be sent already and another is well on the way. We are asked to continue to pray for the people of Syria whose lives have been devastated by war many of whom are suffering from extreme cold.
Sheila and Norman Hailes

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.

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 MEETING

Just to remind you that we have our monthly prayer meeting tomorrow in church at 7.30pm for one hour. We do hope you can join us to pray for all the events across our church and Benefice. If you are not able to come along could you please take some time during that hour to pray for our church.

LENT GROUPS

We have four Ecumenical groups taking place during Lent on Wednesday, 13th, 20th and 27th March and Wednesday 9th April. They start at 7:30pm in the Vestry at St Lawrence's and they will be looking at our faith journeys.
Everyone is welcome to come along.

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

QUIZ NIGHT

A fun packed evening

NORBURY VILLAGE HALL

Saturday, 16th March

7.30 pm

Admission - £5.00 each - teams of 6 (max)

Including delicious refreshments

Please bring your own drinks

Proceeds to St. Peter's Church Norbury