



St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church

Newsletter 3rd March 2019

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Welcome to Church on the Next Sunday before Lent

Sunday 3 rd March	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev Cathy
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Doreen & Anne
Tuesday 5 th March	8:45am	Tea & Toast	
	6:15 - 7:15pm	Office Hour at Vicarage	
Wednesday 6 th March	7:30pm	Ash Wednesday Service	
Thursday 7 th March	9:15am	Holy Communion	
	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
	5:30pm	FAB Club at Grosvenor Centre	
Saturday 9 th March	7:30pm	Cosford Military Wives Choir Concert	
Sunday 10 th March	7:45am	Holy Communion	
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Team + Rev Kathryn
	6:30pm	Taize Service	



Collect

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 99

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he! Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he! Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them. He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them. O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy. 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**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God. This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

✠ Year's Mind

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THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

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

PANCAKES AT THE VICARAGE.

Come and enjoy a pancake at the Vicarage in Gnosall on Shrove Tuesday, March 5th 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.kathryn@gmail.com or Rev Cathy on 07971101259

LENT LUNCHESES

Starting on Ash Wednesday and 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.

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

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?
If so bring them to church



CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 10th March 9am Holy Communion with Rev Cathy
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)

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

QUIZ NIGHT

A fun packed evening at Norbury Village Hall on Saturday, 16th March at 7.30 pm. Admission is £5.00 each - teams of 6 (max) - including delicious refreshments. Please bring your own drinks. Proceeds to St. Peter's Church Norbury.

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

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.kathryn@gmail.com

The Friends of St Lawrence Church

present

military wives
Choir
Cosford



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

(Includes light refreshments)

Available from -
Rosemary Raynbird 01785 822442
Helen Air 01785 822347