



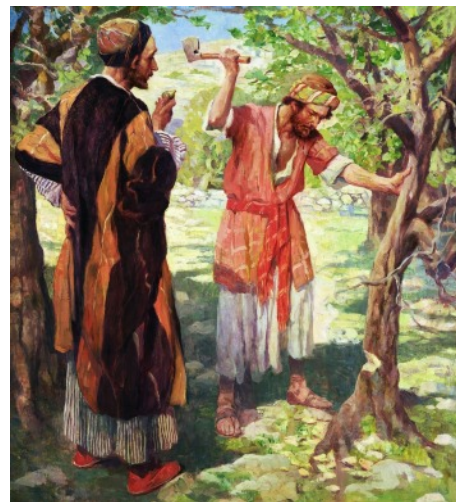
St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church

Newsletter 24th March 2019

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Welcome to Church on the Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday 24 th March	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Benefice Service at Adbaston	
	6:30pm	Ecumenical Vespers Service	RC Community
Tuesday 26 th March	8:45am	Tea & Toast	
	9:30am	Morning Prayer	
	6:15 - 7:15pm	Office Hour at Vicarage	
Wednesday 27 th March	7:30pm	St Lawrence Church PCC Meeting	
	12:30pm	Lent Lunch at Norbury Village Hall	
	7:30pm	Ecumenical Lent Meeting	
Thursday 28 th March	9:15am	Holy Communion	
	10:30am	Morning Worship at Moreton Community Centre	
	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
Friday 29 th March	11:00am	Service at Impstones	
Sunday 31 st March	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	



Collect

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry." We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation[c] has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted[d] beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted,[e] he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING

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

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' "Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'" This is the Gospel of the Lord

Glory to you O Lord

Praise to you O Christ.

Year's Mind

John Williams
Peter Herbert Forrester
Cyril Jenkins (Priest)
Edward (Ted) Bodley
Derek William Gardiner
John Graham Jones
Sheila Veronica Smith
Harold Hollows
Mary Clayton

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THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The APCM for St Lawrence Church will on Monday 1st April at 7pm in church
The APCM for Moreton will be Thursday 11th April at 7pm in the Millennium
Community Centre



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

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

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

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 31st March 9am Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday
Sunday 7th April 6.30pm Evening Worship
Sunday 14th April 9am Holy Communion for Palm Sunday

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.

GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP

Are you able to help with the crafts for the children at the workshop on Friday April 19th in church from 10.30am - 12noon. If you are we would be very grateful.
Please speak to Rev Kathryn or Margaret Winfield. Many thanks

PCC MEETING OF TUESDAY 26TH MARCH

If anyone has anything they want brought up under AOB at the PCC meeting please contact Kathryn.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

If you would like to share to lifts to the Maundy Thursday Service at Lichfield Cathedral on the morning of April 18th can you please let Kathryn know.

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.

OPEN CHURCH ROTA

We are about to produce a new rota for the daily opening of the Church from April to October. We have a team of people who do this, taking a week in turn. The Church is opened at 9.00am and closed at 5.00 pm. Can you join the team doing this much appreciated job? If you can, please contact Bob Winfield on 01785 822507

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



AGAPE
SUPPER

As in previous years we are planning to have a meal together which includes sharing Communion on Maundy Thursday April 18th at 7pm in church. We do hope you will be able to come and join the meal.

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