



St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church Newsletter 1st September 2019

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Welcome to Church on the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 1 st September	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	
Tuesday 3 rd September	9:30am	Morning Prayer	
	8:45am	Tea & Toast	
	6:15- 7:15pm	Office Hour at Vicarage	
Thursday 5 th September	9:15am	Holy Communion	
Sunday 8 th September	7:45am	Communion by Extension	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn + Team
	2:00pm	Baptism of Isla Paginton	
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	



THE COLLECT

**God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. 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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ.

✠ Year's Mind

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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

SERENATA IN CONCERT

St Lawrence Church are pleased to host **Serenata in Concert**. Music of Magic, Mirth and Mystery on Saturday 14th September at 7:00pm, with an interval buffet. Tickets are £12.50 (£7.50 for under 16s) and available from by ringing 822507 or 823686.

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

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

St Lawrence's Church Community Choir

Tuesday 10th September at 2.00 pm

Singing for Health & Happiness

This is for anyone who wants to sing:
singing brings many health benefits -
sharpens your mind & lifts your mood

So whether you have dementia,
whether you are tone deaf or can't
read music - **IT DOESN'T MATTER**

Just come along by yourself
or bring a friend

Come and enjoy singing together
in a relaxed and sociable atmosphere

CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 8th Sept 9am Holy Communion with Rev Cathy
Sunday 15th Sept 10am Morning Worship in the Community Centre
with the Benefice Worship Team
Sunday 22nd Sept 9am Holy Communion with Rev Kathryn

ACROSS THE BENEFICE

For enquires concerning baptisms and weddings please contact Rev Kathryn at Tuesday's Office Hour from 6:15pm to 7:15pm.
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BISHOP GEOFF

The Diocese have announced that Bishop Geoff will be retiring later in the year. His farewell service is on Sunday November 24th at Stoke Minster at 4pm.

I have written to ask him whether he will be able to come and take a service in our Benefice before he leaves as I know many people have appreciated his ministry and his care of our parishes.

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.** Thank you.

REMINDER

Benefice Prayer Meeting will be on Monday 8th September, 7:30-8:30pm at St Lawrence's Gnosall.

🚴 RIDE + STRIDES for Churches



Eric, Gnosall's answer to Bradley Wiggins, is doing his annual sponsored cycle and is collecting sponsors.

Do sponsor him if you can, his sponsor form is at the back of church, it's for a good cause.

The Staffordshire Historic Churches Trust was founded in 1953 with the aim of helping churches with the cost of repairs. Ride and Stride is the annual sponsored event in aid of county Historic Churches Trusts all over England. It takes place this year on Saturday 14th September.

Participants are sponsored by family and friends to visit as many churches as they can between 10am and 6pm. Half the money raised by each cyclist/walker is returned to their home church. If cycling or walking are too strenuous for you you can still take part travelling by public transport or car. So please think about taking part – as a cyclist, walker, sponsor – and enjoy the day!