



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

Website www.gnosallparish.org.uk. & Facebook www.facebook.com/GnosallParish

Welcome to Church on the First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 1 st December	7:45am	Holy Communion by Extension	Team
	10:30am	United Benefice Service at Knightley	
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Lay led
Tuesday 3 rd December	8:45am	Tea & Toast	
	9:30am	Morning Prayer	
	6:15 - 7:15pm	Office Hour at Vicarage	
Thursday 5 th December	9:15am	Holy Communion	
	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
Saturday 7 th December	10:00am - 4:00pm	Victorian Christmas Market	
Sunday 8 th December	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Holy Communion by Extension	Team
	6:30pm	Holy Communion	Rev Cathy
Friday 13 th December	2:00pm	Funeral of Betty Lewington	



THE COLLECT

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Romans 13.1-11

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgement. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due to them - taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honour to whom honour is due. Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING

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

Glory to you O Lord

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ.

✠ Year's Mind

Joan Eileen Webb
Cyril Evans
George Richardson
Nellie Elizabeth Walker
Edith Burnell

Rector Rev Kathryn Hammond - 822820
rev.kathrynh@gmail.com
Associate Priest Rev Cathy Dakin - 07971101259
cathydakin@waitrose.com
Churchwardens: Bob Winfield - 822507
bobwinfield1897@gmail.com
Eric Henderson - 823881
eric.henderson2@btinternet.com

CAROL SERVICE CHOIR

Our Carol Service this year will be on Sunday December 22nd at 6.30pm. It would be lovely to put a choir together for this service. If you would like to be part of the choir would you please sign the list at the back of church indicating which days would be best for getting together to practice.

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

ANN WETTON SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

7:00pm on Sunday 8th December at St Mary's Church, High Offley. Entry is £5.00 which includes seasonal refreshments. Proceeds go to High Offley and Knightley Churches.

ADVENT MEDITATIONS

To help us to take some time for reflection on our spiritual journey through Advent there are some books available at the back of church with readings which I hope will be helpful. Please do take one of the books and use them during the days of Advent.

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

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS MARKET AT 7TH DECEMBER IN CHURCH

The Friends would be grateful to receive donations for the TOMBOLA (bottles, unwanted gifts etc) CHILDREN'S CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA and the RAFFLE HAMPERS (Christmas food items) Please put in the box at the back of Church.

CAKE STALL

We would also be grateful for contributions to the Cake Stall. These may be brought to Church on Friday afternoon (6th) or on Saturday morning. If anyone is able to bake for refreshments there is a list to sign at the back of Church.

CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 8th Dec 3:00pm Carol Service in the Community Centre
Sunday 15th December Morning Worship in the Community Centre with the Benefice Worship Team
Sunday 22nd December Service of Nine Lessons & Carols in Church at 3pm

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

The Children's Society

Can I remind all those who have a Children's Society box that they are due for emptying. They can be dropped off at St Lawrence Church where I will pick them up, you can drop them round at my house: 3 Pear Tree Close Tel: 824349 or you can wait for a pick up from your house from the beginning of November. Every penny collected goes towards helping many vulnerable children. So on their behalf, thank you very much.
Yvonne Cannell (Coordinator)

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.

The Friends of St Lawrence Church

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS MARKET



at

St Lawrence Church, Gnosall
Saturday 7th December 2019
10:00am - 4:00pm

Entry : £2.00 for adults including refreshments
Accompanied children have free entry

All Day Entertainment

New stalls, new items for sale at this year's event

Buy your Christmas gifts

There's something for everyone

Visit Santa's Grotto between 10:00am - 3:00pm

