



St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church

Newsletter 8th December 2019

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Welcome to Church on the Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 8 th December	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Holy Communion by Extension	Team
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Lay led
Monday 9 th December	11:30am	Funeral of John Harrison	
	7:30pm	Benefice Prayer Meeting	
Tuesday 10 th December	8:45am	Tea & Toast	
	9:30am	Morning Prayer	
	6:15 - 7:15pm Office Hour at Vicarage		
Thursday 12 th December	9:15am	Holy Communion	
	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
Friday 13 th December	2:00pm	Funeral of Betty Lewington	
Sunday 15 th December	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Christingle Service	
	6:30pm	Evensong	Lay led



THE COLLECT

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Romans 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ.

✠ Year's Mind

Tony Francis
Bethan Louise Stockley (Bethy)
Marge Jackson
Gordon Vessey Herbert
Thomas Frederick Bancroft

CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

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
Christmas Day Holy Communion at 9am 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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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.

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

A QUIET PLACE DURING ADVENT



During the weeks of Advent we have created a space in the Lady Chapel for anyone who wishes to come and spend some quiet time.
Please feel free to come and read the prayers, colour in the pictures or just be stilland do add your own ideas.

CHURCH DECORATING AND CLEANING for Christmas will be on Saturday 21st December from 9am. Everyone welcome to help, just bring secateurs/scissors.
Donations for the flowers may be given to Helen or Kathryn

 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.

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Community Choir

Tuesday 10th December at 2 pm

Singing for Health & Happiness

This is for anyone who wants to sing:
singing brings many health benefits -
sharpen 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