



St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church Newsletter 2nd February 2020

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Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Sunday 2 nd February	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev Cathy
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Lay led
Tuesday 4 th February	8:45am	Tea & Toast	
	9:30am	Morning Prayer	
	2:00pm	Community Choir	
	6:15 - 7:15pm	Office Hour	
Wednesday 5 th February	4:00pm	Tony Wilkinson's coffin received in church	
Thursday 6 th February	9:15am	Holy Communion	
	2:00pm	Funeral of Tony Wilkinson	
	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
Saturday 8 th February	10:30am	Marriage Preparation Morning	
Friday 7 th February	12:30pm	Memorial Service for Judith Harrison	
Sunday 9 th February	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Communion by Extension with Moreton	
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Lay led



The Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ was presented in the Temple and acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations: grant that in him we may be presented to you and in the world may reflect his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Malachi 3:1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ.

✠ Year's Mind

Ellen Alexandra Meddings (Nellie)
Astrid Vanessa Garvey
Olive Cato
Louisa Dorothy Hutchinson
Ralph T. W. Farmer
Howard John Bache

CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 9th February 10.30am Joint service of Holy Communion by extension
with Gnosall congregation at Gnosall (no service at Moreton)
Sunday 16th February 10am Morning Worship in the Community Centre with
the Benefice Worship Team
Sunday 23rd February 9am Holy Communion with Rev Kathryn

JUDITH HARRISON

There will be a Memorial Service for Judith at St Lawrence on Friday
7th February at 12:30pm to which all Judith's friends are invited.
This will be followed by a buffet at the Gnosall Memorial Village Hall.
Donations at the service will be for Katharine House Hospice.

BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2020

This year's Bishop's Lent Appeal 'Precious In My Sight' will support
some of the most vulnerable members of society. It will contribute to
the campaign to keep Acorns Children's Hospice in Walsall open so
they can continue their vital work with children and families. The
appeal will also support clergy families under pressure in our Link
Diocese of Matlosane, South Africa.
There will be envelopes available during Lent in our churches and the
money raised from the lent Lunches will also be sent to the appeal.

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

FUNERAL OF TONY WILKINSON

On 5th February Tony's coffin will be received into church and
there will be a short service at 4pm to which members of the
congregation are invited to attend. The service on Thursday 6th
February at 2pm will be a service of remembrance and
thanksgiving after a private cremation. Again everyone is
welcome to the service in church at 2pm.

BRASS CLEANERS REQUIRED

Could you spare an hour in either April, September or December to
clean the Church brasses? If so, please have a word with Margaret
Winfield (Tel: 822507). Many thanks Margaret

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

The new rota is available at the back of the Church. Please sign your
name on a suitable date.

Rector

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At Messy Church, in the context of sharing and caring for others, we
have started an appeal to collect money for Water Aid - a charity
working to bring clean water and sanitation to those places that don't
have these luxuries.

We are trying to fill a large 'water bottle' with coins.

You will see the display about this in
the chancel and we wondered
whether you would be able to donate
coins to support this very worthy
Cause. Please do take a moment to
have a look at the excellent display
which Rod and Pauline Wood have
put together.



CONFIRMATION

Our confirmation preparation sessions will start on Tuesday February
11th at the Vicarage from 4-5pm. These will be informal sessions
when we will be exploring our faith. If you are interested in coming
along please have a word with Rev Kathryn.

Our Confirmation Service is on Sunday May 17th at 10.30am at
St Lawrence Church Gnosall taken by Bishop Michael.

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

St Lawrence's Church

Gnosall



Community Choir

Tuesday 4th February 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

GLEAN HUB

Gnosall Library, Environment & Nurture

New extended opening hours at Gnosall
Community Library for 2020

The new opening hours for the library are as
follows:

Monday: 4:00pm - 6:30pm; Tuesday:
10:00am - 12:30pm; Wednesday: 3:00pm -
7:00pm; Thursday: 2:00pm - 4:00pm;
Saturday: 10:00am - 12:30pm

Regular events each month are Reading
Café; Baby Bounce and Rhyme for 0 - 3 year
olds and their carers; IT Buddies - your
computer problems solved; Coffee and Cake,
an informal monthly get-together; Board
Games; and Family History. For more
information please contact GLEAN (Gnosall
Library Environment and Nurture) Hub
(registered charity, number 1175263) by
email at info@gleanhub.org or the website
<http://www.gleanhub.org/> Telephone during
opening hours: 01785 895750.

The Friends of St. Lawrence Church



"Valentine Supper Concert"

7:00pm Saturday 15th February
in
St. Lawrence Church, Gnosall.

Admission by ticket only -
£10.00 per person (£9.00 for members).
Available from
Sandy Redfern 01785 822440
Helen Air 01785 822347
(Bring your own drinks)

Featuring the Newport Ukes 10 strong Ukulele
Band. Songs from the 50's, 60's & 70's