



# St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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## Second Sunday before Lent

Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	4:00pm	Messy Church	
	6:30pm	Holy Communion	Rev Cathy
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	7:30pm	PCC Meeting	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	9:30am	Morning Prayer	
	4:00 - 5:00pm	Confirmation Class at Vicarage	
	6:15 - 7:15pm	Office Hour	
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	9:15am	Holy Communion	
	12 noon	Good Companions	
	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	2:00pm	Baptism of Edward Malone	
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Lay led



## The Collect

**Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Romans 8:18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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**

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you O Christ.**

## ✠ Year's Mind

Sybil Mary Sproston  
Geoff Ellis  
George Lewis Green  
J Roger Kelly

## CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 9am Holy Communion with Rev Kathryn  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 3.30pm Afternoon Worship with Rev Kathryn  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 9am Holy Communion with Rev Cathy

## ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be a service of communion for Ash Wednesday on  
26<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm

## 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](mailto:h_a_p@hotmail.com)

## 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.

## VOLUNTARY CAR SERVICE

Anyone requiring the Voluntary Car Service  
telephone 01952 691222

## PCC MEETING ON MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

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

**Rector** Rev Kathryn Hammond - 822820  
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Eric Henderson - 823881  
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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 started 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.

## 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](mailto:jimf.mcgregor@tiscali.co.uk)



Friends of St. Lawrence Church



## ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES VALUATION EVENING

Antique Roadshow style event!

7:30pm Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at  
St Lawrence Church

Tickets - £10 and £9 for members  
from Helen Air 01785 822347  
Sandy Redfern 01785 822440  
Tickets include light refreshments

Bring your antiques to be valued by  
Ben Gamble of

**Cuttlestones Auctioneers & Valuers**



## Draw Near



for a night of praise  
at St. Lawrence  
Church Gnosall  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30

Contemporary music & prayer

St Lawrence's Church  
Gnosall



**Community  
Choir**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2 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.

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