

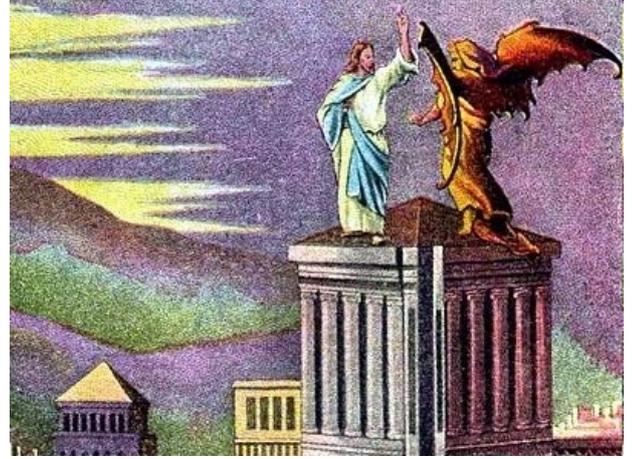


St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church Newsletter 1st March 2020

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The First Sunday of Lent

Sunday 1 st March	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Lay led
Tuesday 3 rd March	9:30am	Morning Prayer	
	2:00pm	Community Choir	
	4:00 - 5:00pm	Confirmation Class at Vicarage	
	6:15 - 7:15pm	Office Hour	
Thursday 5 th March	9:15am	Holy Communion	
	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
	Friday 6 th March	2:00pm	World Day of Prayer
Saturday 7 th March	6:00pm	Wedding rehearsal	
	12:30pm	Wedding	



The Collect

**Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ.

✠ Year's Mind

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CORONAVIRUS

The Church nationally have issued some guidance if anyone is anxious about taking communion at the moment. They make the following suggestions:

- Anyone with coughs and sneezes should avoid shaking hands during the Peace.
- Continue to use the common cup during communion but Priests and servers will use hand sanitizers before administering communion.

Other than that the advice is to carry on as usual.

We are also reminded that dipping the wafer rather than sharing the cup can actually spread more germs than sharing a common cup as we carry far more germs on our hands than anywhere else and when we handle the wafer and then dip it into the wine we are transferring those germs from our hands into the wine.

If anyone does have any concerns please feel free to get in touch with me. Rev Kathryn

VOLUNTARY CAR SERVICE

Anyone requiring the Voluntary Car Service telephone
Jenny Hodgkinson 01785 823425



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

CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 8th March 9am Holy Communion with Rev Cathy
Sunday 15th March 10am Morning Prayer in the Community Centre
with the Benefice Worship Team
Saturday 21st March – Mothering Sunday event in church at 3pm
Sunday 22nd March (no service)

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.

ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH COMMUNITY CHOIR

Tuesday 3rd March at 2pm. This is for anyone who wants to sing: singing sharpens your mind and lifts your mood. It doesn't matter if you can't sing, come and enjoy singing together in a relaxed and sociable atmosphere!

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.

AGAPE SUPPER

On Maundy Thursday April 9th we will be having a meal in church at 7pm to which you are warmly invited. After the meal we will share communion around the table as Jesus did with his disciples at the Last Supper.
If you would like to come along please add your name to the list at the back of church.

SOUP LUNCHES AT NORBURY VILLAGE HALL

Held every Wednesday during lent, 26th February, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March and 1st April. 12:30-1:30pm. Homemade soup with bread and butter, fresh fruit and a hot drink. Recommended donation of £3, in support of the Bishop's Lent Appeal. No need to book, just come along!

Friends of St. Lawrence Church



ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES VALUATION EVENING

Antique Roadshow style event!

7:30pm Tuesday 31st 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

Cuttlestons Auctioneers & Valuers



Draw Near



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

Contemporary music & prayer

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020

Praying with Zimbabwe

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH



2:00pm

St Lawrence Church, Gnosall

Everyone welcome!

In this service we are part of a great wave of prayer encircling the globe. We will be joining with people in over 120 countries and islands around the world.

This year's service has been written by Christian women of Zimbabwe who call us to "Rise! Take your mat and walk." As we hear their stories, the challenge is that we will constantly seek love, peace and reconciliation.

A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE

Rise! Take Your
Mat and Walk

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