



St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church Newsletter 23rd February 2020

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Sunday before Lent

Sunday 23 rd 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
Tuesday 25 th February	9:30am	Morning Prayer	
	4:00 - 5:00pm	Confirmation Class at Vicarage	
	6:15 - 7:15pm	Office Hour	
Wednesday 26 th February	7:30pm	Ash Wednesday Service	
Thursday 27 th February	9:15am	Holy Communion	
	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
Sunday 1 st March	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Lay led



The Collect

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you O Christ.**

✠ Year's Mind

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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.

VOLUNTARY CAR SERVICE

Anyone requiring the Voluntary Car Service
telephone 01952 691222



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 1st March 3.30pm Afternoon Worship with Rev Kathryn
Sunday 8th March 9am Holy Communion with Rev Cathy
Sunday 15th March 10am Morning Prayer in the Community Centre with the Benefice

ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be a service of communion for Ash Wednesday on 26th 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.

WINNERS OF FEBRUARY DRAW

100+
CLUB

£25	Tracy Simkin
£15	Jane Main
£10	Colin Brown
£5	Gail Exon

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.

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

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

Cuttlestones Auctioneers & Valuers



Draw Near



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

Contemporary music & prayer

St Lawrence's Church
Gnosall



**Community
Choir**

Tuesday 3rd 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.

CHURCH WEBSITE -

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