

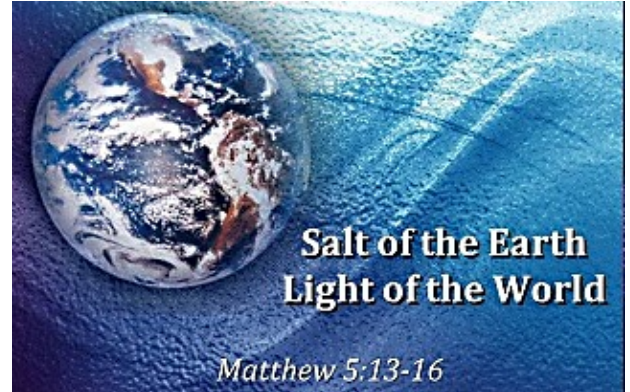


# St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church Newsletter 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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## Third Sunday before Lent

Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	7:45am 10:30am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Communion by Extension with Moreton Evening Worship	Rev Kathryn Lay led
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	7:30pm	Benefice Prayer Meeting	
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	8:45am 9:30am 4:00pm 6:15 - 7:15pm	Tea & Toast Morning Prayer Confirmation Class at Vicarage Office Hour	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	9:15am 2:15pm	Holy Communion Play & Praise	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	11:00am	Service at Impstones	
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	10:00am 11:30am 7:00pm	Men's Breakfast Marriage Blessing Valentine Supper Concert	
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	7:45am 10:30am 4:00pm 6:30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Messy Church Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn Rev Kathryn Rev Cathy



## The Collect

**Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 [13-end]

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. 'For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?' But we have the mind of Christ. 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**

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you O Christ.**

## ✠ Year's Mind

Thomas (Tom) Richardson  
John Phillips  
Bryan Michael Morrison  
Bertha Sutton  
Margaret Alice Price  
Gwennie Bates

## CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

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



Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 10.00am at Yew Tree Cottage.  
Don't miss out guys.  
There's a sign up sheet at the back of Church.

## 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

## 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)

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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.

## PCC MEETING OF MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

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

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**



## 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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> 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