



St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church

Newsletter 15th March 2020

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The Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday 15 th March	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev Cathy
	4:00pm	Messy Church	
	6:30pm	Vespers Roman Catholic	
Monday 16 th March	7:30pm	Safe Guarding Training for Gnosall PCC	
Tuesday 17 th March	9:30am	Morning Prayer	
	1:00pm	Funeral of George Haycock	
	5:00pm	Confirmation Class at Vicarage	
	6:15-7:15pm	Office hour	
Thursday 19 th March	9:15am	Holy Communion	
	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
Sunday 22 nd March (Mothering Sunday)	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Lat led



The Collect

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you O Lord.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.' This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Year's Mind

George Edward Hutchinson
Florence Sarah Babb
George Albert Palmer
James Patrick Meadon

CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Saturday 21st March – Mothering Sunday event in church at 3pm
Sunday 22nd March (no service)
Sunday 29th March 10.30am United Benefice Service at High Offley
(no service at Moreton)
Sunday 5th April 3.30pm Afternoon Worship

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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.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE AT THE CATHEDRAL

The Bishop has invited us to the service at the cathedral at 11am on April 9th. We are not taking a coach this year but we can provide lifts to anyone who would like to go to the service. Could you please sign the list at the back of church if you would like to come along.

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!

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Our Deanery Confirmation Service will be held on Sunday May 17th at 10.30am at St Lawrence Gnosall, taken by Bishop Michael. This will be a Benefice service.

GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP

We will be running the Good Friday Workshop again this year and would love your help. Could you spare a couple of hours to come along and help to run one of the activities for Easter? No artistic qualifications required just a little assistance in cutting, sticking and colouring. If you can help in any way please let Rev Kathryn or Margaret Winfield know. Many thanks

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

CHURCH DAILY OPENING AND CLOSING ROTA.- APRIL TO OCTOBER 2020

We are about to produce a new weekly rota for the opening and closing of the church. This is appreciated by many people. We have a team of eight people, who take turns in opening and closing the church on a weekly basis, which means doing two or three turns in the period. They open at about 9.00am and close at about 5.00pm from Monday to Saturday. If you are able to join this rota to help spread the load, please contact Bob Winfield, either at church or on 822507.

CORONAVIRUS

We have received the following instruction from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York for all our services of Holy Communion.

It is our view, in the light of the continued increase of Covid-19 cases in the UK that it is now necessary to suspend the administration of the chalice as well as physical contact in the sharing of the peace, blessing or laying on of hands.

For all our services now we will offer the bread only with the priest alone taking the wine. We will also suspend handshaking or other direct physical contact during the peace.

It would also be good to try and be aware of any of our older neighbours who may be anxious about going out and might appreciate a 'phone call or the offer of some shopping.

VOLUNTARY CAR SERVICE

Anyone requiring the Voluntary Car Service telephone Jenny Hodkinson 01785 823425

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

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



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

