



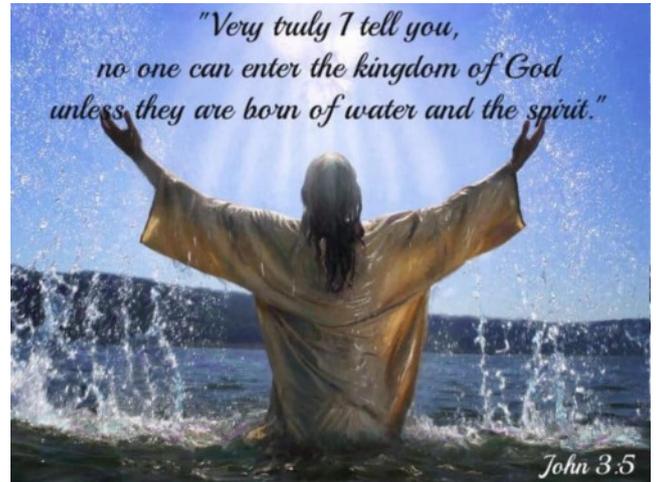
# St. Lawrence Church & St. Mary's Church

## Newsletter 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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### The Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	7:45am	Communion by Extension	
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev Cathy
	6:30pm	Evening Worship	Lay led
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	7:30pm	Benefice Prayer meeting	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30am	Morning Prayer	
	7:00pm	Christians Against Poverty	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	7:30pm	Deanery Synod	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15am	Holy Communion	
	2:15pm	Play & Praise	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	11:00am	Service at Impstones	
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	7:45am	Holy Communion	Rev Kathryn
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev Cathy
	4:00pm	Messy Church	
	6:30pm	Vespers Roman Catholic	



### The Collect

**Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Genesis 12:1-4a

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

**This is the word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL READING

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you O Christ.**



## Year's Mind

Ken Jackson  
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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 Hodkinson 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

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**



### CHURCH SERVICES AT MORETON

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 10am Morning Prayer in the Community Centre  
 with the Benefice Worship Team  
 Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Mothering Sunday event in church at 3pm  
 Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March (no service)  
 Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am United Benefice Service at High Offley  
 (no service at Moreton)

### 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 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

### PRAYER MEETING - REMINDER

Our monthly prayer meeting will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30-8.30pm. I do hope you can join us to pray for all our churches and the many things we are all involved in. If you can't be at the prayer meeting please try to put some time aside during that hour to pray for our Benefice. Please send prayer requests to Kathryn.

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

### CHRISTIAN FOOD BANK



Please do remember that we collect tinned food here at the back of church that is collected every two weeks and taken to the Food Bank at Stafford. Your donations are appreciated. **Please bring any tinned food to the box at the back of church – making sure the tins are well within their sell by date.** Thank you.