

***The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, Knightley & High Offley, Moreton and Norbury***  
***Weekly News and Notices***

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020 - Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

Gracious God,

We gather once again to offer You praise and thanksgiving for Your unfailing love and faithfulness, shown most clearly through Your Son, Jesus Christ:

**Grant us grace to worship You in spirit and in truth**

Through the power of Your Holy spirit, open our eyes to recognise You here among us. Give us courage to step out in faith to meet You, and confidence to follow where You lead.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord**

**CONFESSION**

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;  
Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you;  
Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do, and think and say;  
Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us;  
Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;  
Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

**Amen.**

**ABSOLUTION**

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**COLLECT**

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**First Reading:** Romans 10: 5-15

Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: 'The person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that is by faith says: 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will

ascend into heaven?” (that is, to bring Christ down) ‘or “Who will descend into the deep?”’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? ‘The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,’ that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: if you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, ‘Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.’ For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’

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.**

Matthew 14: 22-33

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. ‘It’s a ghost,’ they said, and cried out in fear.

But Jesus immediately said to them: ‘Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.’

‘Lord, if it’s you,’ Peter replied, ‘tell me to come to you on the water.’

‘Come,’ he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came towards Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. ‘You of little faith,’ he said, ‘why did you doubt?’

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’

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

### **Reflection**

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Let us declare our faith in God:

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.  
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen**

*We bring our prayers using the response:* Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayers**

*We pray for those on our prayer list -*

Janette Ibbs, Michael Johnson, Bill Nunn, Michael Butler, Ted Talbot, Ann Roberts, Robert Nicholls, Brian Timothy, Karyn Godwin, Sam Pownall, Freda Dale, Grace Palmer, Maureen Windows, Alistair McClure and Elizabeth Gledhill

Those who have died: Bob Cooper

In our year's mind we remember Beatrice Maud Crocker, George Thomas Clark, Melvyn W West and David M Crichton

**Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*As our Saviour taught us, so we pray*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen**

### **Peace**

The Lord shall keep in perfect peace the minds that are fixed on him.

The peace of the Lord be always with you: **and also with you**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

### **Offering Prayer**

Heavenly Father, thank you that you satisfy our every desire and need. Accept our offerings as a gift of worship to you and for the growth of your kingdom. May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith so that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. May we be filled with all the fullness of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord **Amen**

The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ of which we are members. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, 'I am the Bread of Life'.

### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.**

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'.  
Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.  
Hear my prayers for others and for myself and keep me in your care. Amen.

O God, help me to trust you, help me to know that you are with me, help me to believe that  
nothing can separate me from your love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord and heavenly Father, we your humble servants entirely desire your fatherly goodness  
mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching you to  
grant, that by the merits and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we  
and all your whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.  
Amen

### **Blessing**

The Lord keep you safe in his grasp; know that you can never fall out of the everlasting arms. The  
Lord deliver you from all evil; and the blessing.....

Stay safe and alert to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ, Amen.**

### **NOTICES**

Our buildings are closed but the church is still here and relevant. We are holding services each  
Sunday on the telephone and via ZOOM.

9am on Sunday to join in a service on your telephone landline.

10am on Sunday by computer, tablet/iPad or iPhone

If you haven't managed to join us yet do persevere, it would be so good to see and hear you- we  
have a practice session on Saturdays at 4pm and will very happily talk you through the process.  
Just ring Kathryn (822820) or Tina (823881) anytime.

Also (using the same numbers) every evening at 9.30pm for Night Prayer

On Tuesday mornings at 9.30am we have Morning Prayer.

### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURERS**

While our worship on Sunday in church is suspended our income will reduce considerably. Could I  
suggest that people may continue giving by one of the following methods:

Making a monthly donation online or setting up a monthly standing order.

The bank details for each parish are as follows and if you would like help in any of these  
procedures please contact our treasurers or Rev Kathryn. Envelopes can be left at the Vicarage or I  
am happy to call and collect them if you let me know.

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St. Peter's Church Norbury  
Sunday Cream Teas

Delicious homemade refreshments served in the Churchyard.

**Sunday afternoons 16<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> August - Tickets - £5.00**

Under current restrictions this event will require anyone who wishes to take part to purchase a timed ticket in advance (at least 24 hours before the date required)

Government guidelines of sitting 2 metres apart will be followed. On arrival at Church you will be guided to a designated area of the Church yard and your afternoon tea will be brought to you.

**Teas will NOT be served without a pre purchased ticket**

Contact – Jane Swinnerton - 01785 284463 Or email: [j.swinnerton29@hotmail.com](mailto:j.swinnerton29@hotmail.com)

**HOUSE OF BREAD** - We are still collecting non-perishable food, clothing and toiletries for those who are homeless and in need. Items can be left in the containers in front of the garage at the Vicarage in Gnosall

**PLEASE TRY TO TAKE THIS SHEET TO ANY MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY WHO AREN'T ABLE TO ACCESS IT ELECTRONICALLY.**