

The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley, Moreton and Norbury

Sunday 31st March (Easter Day)

Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.' This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

John 20: 1-18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John: **Glory to you O Lord.** Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were

running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her. This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you O Christ**

In our year's mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall),

we remember: John Williams, Peter Herbert Forrester, Cyril Jenkins (Priest), Edward (Ted) Bodley, Derek William Gardiner, John Graham Jones, Sheila Veronica Smith, Harold Hollows, Mary Clayton, Eileen Elizabeth Haycock.

Notices

Holy Week Observances

Thursday 28th March

7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service, Moreton

Friday 29th March

10am Messy Easter Workshop, Gnosall

12 noon, Reflections by the Cross, Norbury

2pm, Walk of Witness, Methodist Chapel,
Gnosall

9-10pm, Prayers & Reflections, Zoom

Easter Sunday Services 31st March

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion

10:30am Holy Communion

High Offley 9:30am Communion by Extn

Adbaston 9:30am Communion by Extn

Norbury 11am Holy Communion

Moreton 3pm Holy Communion

Next Week's Services- 7th April

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion

Benefice Zoom Service 10am

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All are welcome to join this rhythm of prayer.

Night Prayer is every Monday, Wednesday & Friday evenings 9.30pm on Zoom.

Morning Prayer is every Tuesday morning at 9.30am on Zoom.

Sunday Worship is the first Sunday of every month at 10am on Zoom.

Easter Flowers at Gnosall

We will decorate the Church for Easter on Saturday 30th March between 9am and 11am. Please bring your own flowers and greenery. Everyone welcome.

Easter Cross at Gnosall

On Easter Sunday please bring a tiny posy or single flower to put in the Easter Cross.

Norbury Churchyard 'Tidy Day'

Saturday 6th April 10.00am onwards

Anyone who can help - your time will be really appreciated. Refreshments provided. Please bring your own tools.

Concert for High Offley Church

Join us for an evening of Classical Guitar with William Hudd on Saturday 6th April at 7:30pm at Woodseaves Village Hall. Tickets £10 including a glass of wine or soft drink. Proceeds to the refurbishment of the clock faces.

Deanery Synod, 9th April 7.30pm

The next Deanery Synod Meeting will be held at Gnosall Church. Guest speakers are Sarah Thorpe and Zoe Heming, talking about Dementia Friendly Church, Enabling All and Places of Welcome. All are welcome to join us for this, particularly PCC members as we will consider taking forward some of their ideas.

Norbury Quiz Night.

Saturday 20th April 7.30pm prompt start Norbury Village Hall. Admission £5.00 (Includes light refreshments). Please bring own drinks/glasses. Proceeds to St. Peter's Church Norbury

Spring into Summer with Gnosall Singers

Moreton Millennium Hall, Saturday 27th April at 7pm. All proceeds go to Moreton Church. Contact Pat Simcock on 01952812976 or Pat Tweed 01785822523 for tickets, £7 each.

Eco Church

Eco Prayer for March: Holy God, as new life emerges around us, may we see and understand that Jesus' death and resurrection is for the whole of creation. As seedlings grow towards the light, may we grow towards the light of Christ.

Eco lifestyle tip for the month: Celebrate Spring! Make sure you're giving yourself quality time enjoying creation: smelling the blossom, copying bird song, finding a footprint or identifying spring flowers with the Pl@ntNet app. Nature can boost our happiness so take time to observe nature in your gardens, and in your local green spaces. For more eco-tips, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email at: arocha.org.uk/wild-christian

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