

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

Sunday 14th April (Easter 3)

Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Acts 3: 12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 24: 36b-48

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke: **Glory to you O Lord.**

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this,

he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

In our year's mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall), we remember: Joan Hughes, Edith May Keay, Alice Mary Goring, George Henry Lakin, Robert John (Bob) Edwards, Doreen J. Fraser, Nigel Russell Buckley-Robins, Peter William Thomas

Notices

This Week's Services 14th April

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion
10:30am Holy Communion
4pm Healing Service
Adbaston 9:30am Morning Worship
High Offley 9:30am Holy Communion
Moreton 11am Holy Communion
Norbury 11am Morning Worship

Next Week's Services- 21st April

Gnosall 8am Communion by Extn
10:30am Holy Communion
4pm Messy Church
Knightley 9:30am Holy Communion
Norbury 11am Holy Communion

Benefice Zoom Services

As part of the rhythm of prayer of this Benefice we offer services on Zoom for you to join with from the comfort of your homes. All are welcome to join us, it's the same code for each one, available from the office.

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.

Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms.

The funeral of Elsie Potham will be on Tues 16th, 11am Stafford Crematorium

The funeral of Alan Johnson will be on Fri 19th, 11am Stafford Crematorium

The Baptism of Eden Roeton will be at Gnosall Church on Sunday 14th April at 12 noon.

Diary Dates

Mon 15th Adbaston PCC

Tues 16th Moreton Midweek Service 11am

Wed 17th Norbury PCC

Sat 20th Norbury Quiz Night

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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.

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 April:

Creator God, as we are encouraged to be faithful in the small things (Luke 16:10), we pray for ourselves and others seeking to live sustainable lives. We offer the small acts of recycling, walking and not driving, planting, carrying reusable bottles and many more to you as acts of our faithfulness. Please would you encourage us not to grow weary in doing good and remind us our small acts matter. Amen

Eco lifestyle tip for the month:

Fit more active travel into your day and daily routine. As the weather warms up, it's worth considering what journeys can be made by walking or cycling. Could you get off a stop early to walk the rest of your journey, take a relaxing stroll home, or hop on a bike and enjoy a cycle friendly route? If you prefer exploring outdoors on foot, find out if there's a local Ramblers group. For more eco-tips, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email at: arocha.org.uk/wild-christian

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