The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley, Moreton and Norbury Sunday 13th July (4th After Trinity).

Collect

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Colossians 1: 1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

Luke 10: 25-37

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke: **Glory to you O Lord.** Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.' This is the Gospel of the Lord: Praise to you O Christ.

In our year's mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we remember: Gerald Powell, Elizabeth Bentley, Charles Vincent Brown, Jeremy Douglas Wassell, Ronald Phillip Grace, Margaret (Betty) Parker.

Notices

This Week's Services- 13th July

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion 10:30am Communion by Extn Messy Church 4pm. Vespers 6:30pm High Offley 9:30am Morning Worship Adbaston 9:30am Family Communion by Extn Norbury 11am Morning Worship Moreton 11am Holy Communion

Next Week's Services- 20th July

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion10:30am Morning WorshipKnightley joint service with Norbury 10:30amHoly Communion by Extn.

Vespers

The next Vespers will be held on 13th July at 6:30pm at St Lawrence Church.

Messy Church

Please note that Messy Church has been moved this month to 13th July.

Sunday Cream Teas.

St. Peter's Churchyard **Norbury** (or Church if wet) **3rd and 17th August** 2.30pm - 4.00pm Tickets £5.00.

Please book at least 2 days in advance

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Friends of St Lawrence Event

The Friends of St Lawrence invite you to 'An Extravaganza of Puddings, Wine and Entertainment' at St Lawrence Church on Saturday 2nd August at 7pm. Tickets are £12 and are available from Sandy Redfern 822440, Helen Air 822347, Margaret Winfield 822507, Pauline Peters-Brown 823407

Food Bank Donations

If you are able to please make a food donation to the House of Bread. We appreciate whatever you can give. The donation box is at the Vicarage but anybody who would prefer can bring donations to any service or pass to a Church Warden.

Eco Church

Eco lifestyle tip for the month:

Plastic Free July. This is a great opportunity to review where you might be able to reduce singleuse plastics in your life. Being part of Plastic Free July will help you find great alternatives that can become new habits forever. Paying attention to what we consume and its effect on God's earth, can lead us not into guilt, but into action and prayerful determination to see change where it's possible. Read more about the effects of plastic at arocha.org.uk/plastic-summer.

St Lawrence Just Giving Page

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