The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley, Moreton and Norbury Sunday 27th July (6th After Trinity).

Collect

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Colossians 2: 6-15

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. This is the word of the Lord: Thanks be to God.

Luke 11: 1-13

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke: **Glory to you O Lord.**He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted

to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!' This is the Gospel of the Lord: Praise to you O Christ.

In our year's mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we remember: Edward Stewart Keay, Simon Air, Kenneth Fowell, Gordon Alan McAllister.

Notices

This Week's Services- 27th July

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion
10:30am Holy Communion
High Offley 9:30am Morning Worship
Adbaston 9:30am Morning Worship
Norbury 11am Holy Communion by Extn
Moreton 11am Morning Worship

Next Week's Services- 3rd August

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion
10:30am Morning Worship
Knightley joint service with Norbury 10:30am
Holy Communion by Extn.

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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NORBURY 100 CLUB

Be in it to win it! If you would like to be a member for the 2025/26 season, please pay £12.00 subscription for each number as soon as you can. Cash or cheque - make payable to 'Norbury 100 Club' Please hand to a member of Church Council Bank Transfer - 'Norbury 100 Club' Sort Code: 20-81-00 Account: 80681784 If you prefer this method - Please email - j_swinnerton29@hotmail.com

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 single-use 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

We have a Just Giving page which can be accessed by a web-link or simply by scanning the QR code using your mobile phone. Giving via Lichfield Diocese means Gift



Aid is reclaimed on behalf of the church and all donations are passed to us without any fees or commission.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-lawrence-gnosall

Prayer for the Appointment of a Rector

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your faithfulness in guiding and guarding the Benefice in this period without a Rector. Lord Jesus, we know that you have plans for us and that these plans are good. Lay on the heart of people seeking the next step for their ministry the challenges and opportunities here in the Benefice; and guide those involved in appointing the right priest to be our next Rector. Holy Spirit, make us ready to welcome and support the person appointed. Help us to find and follow your way for the future and work together to grow your kingdom in our churches and communities, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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