

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,
Moreton and Norbury
Sunday 24th August (10th After Trinity).**

Collect

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1 Corinthians 4: 9-15

For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day.

I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 22: 24-30

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

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. 'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat

and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you O Christ.**

In our year's mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we remember: Percy Malcolm Griffiths, Christine Winifred Francis, Vera Clarke.

Notices

This Week's Services- 24th August

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

Next Week's Services- 31st August

Adbaston Benefice Service with Bishop Matthew
10:30am

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals

The Baptisms of Max Brian Michael Swinnerton is on Sunday 31st August at Norbury Church at 12:30pm.

Coffee and Chat

Join us for Coffee and Chat at St Lawrence Church. 1st Saturday of every month. All Welcome.

Harvest Lunch

Sunday 5th October 12.30 for 1.00pm
NORBURY VILLAGE HALL
Hot roast gammon dinner (vegetarian option available)
followed by homemade puddings
Please bring own drinks
Tickets: Adults - £15.00 Children (12yrs and under) - £7.00
Early booking recommended
Contact Jane 01785 284463
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Proceeds to St. Peter's Church Norbury

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:

We can take action to care for plants, wildlife and soil in the places where we live and around our churches. Caring for the earth was the first instruction God gave to humans. This doesn't mean we all need to be professional gardeners, but perhaps try to learn one new thing this month that you can do for a garden space. Read more about nature-friendly gardening at www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2024/04/environmentally-friendly-gardening-10-top-tips.

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



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Office hours: Tuesday and Wednesday 9-12.00, Friday 9-1:00. During the Benefice Vacancy please contact Gnosall Vicarage by phone or email with enquiries related to regular services and funerals or to book weddings or baptisms. When the office is not staffed leave a message and someone will reply as soon as possible.

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