

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,
Moreton and Norbury
Sunday 17th August (9th After Trinity).**

Collect

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hebrews 11: 29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 12: 49-56

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

‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’ He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time? This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you O Christ.**

In our year's mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we remember: Maureen Ann Windows, Kathleen June Bradley, Llewellyn Phillip Evans.

Notices

This Week's Services- 17th August

Gnosall 8am Communion by Extn
10:30am Holy Communion
4pm Messy Church
Norbury 10:30am combined Service of Holy Communion.

Next 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

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals

The Baptisms of Albert and Stephanie Bowers is on 17th August at 12 noon at Gnosall Church.

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

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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 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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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.