

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,
Moreton and Norbury
Sunday 31st August (11th After Trinity).**

Collect

God of glory, the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside all that prevents us from
seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we
have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show
hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some
have entertained angels without knowing
it. Remember those who are in prison, as though
you were in prison with them; those who are
being tortured, as though you yourselves were
being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by
all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled;
for God will judge fornicators and
adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of
money, and be content with what you have; for
he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake
you.' So we can say with confidence,
'The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the
word of God to you; consider the outcome of
their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus
Christ is the same yesterday and today and for
ever. This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to
God.**

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke: **Glory to you O Lord.**
On one occasion when Jesus was going to the
house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal
on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.
When he noticed how the guests chose the
places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When
you are invited by someone to a wedding
banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour,
in case someone more distinguished than you has
been invited by your host; and the host who
invited both of you may come and say to you,
"Give this person your place", and then in
disgrace you would start to take the lowest
place. But when you are invited, go and sit down

at the lowest place, so that when your host
comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up
higher"; then you will be honoured in the
presence of all who sit at the table with you. For
all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and
those who humble themselves will be exalted.'
He said also to the one who had invited him,
'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not
invite your friends or your brothers or your
relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may
invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But
when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the
crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be
blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you
will be repaid at the resurrection of the
righteous.' This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise
to you O Christ.**

**In our year's mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we
remember:** Nicholas James Allcock, Kenneth
Anthony Morris, Raymond John Norris, Ivor
Spencer-Thomas Leslie Weston Wilkins, Alice
Irene (Rene) Edwards, James Edwards, Linda Joan
Keeley, Queenie Elizabeth Ashley.

Notices

This Week's Services- 31st August

Adbaston Benefice Service with Bishop Matthew
10:30am

Next Week's Services- 7th September

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion
10am Benefice Zoom Service

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.

St Lawrence Church Decorating.

We shall decorate the Church for Harvest on Saturday 27th September from 9 - 11am. Please bring your own flowers and greenery. Gifts of fruit and veg and flowers will be gratefully received too. Everyone welcome. More info from Helen Air 01785 822347

Harvest Tea Gnosall

The Trustees of the Friends of St Lawrence Church invite you to a Harvest Tea at 3pm on Saturday 27th September. Please come and enjoy the Harvest flowers in the Church. Tickets £10 from Helen Air 01785 822347, Sandy Redfern 01785 822440, Margaret Winfield 01785 822507

Harvest Afternoon Tea Moreton

Saturday 27th September at 2.30pm Moreton, Outwoods & Bromstead Community Centre. (MOBCC) Tickets £12 per person or £15 with prosecco. Tickets from Pat Lawley 01952 691 451

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
j_swinerton29@hotmail.com
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. 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

Contact Details for the Church Office.

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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.