

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,  
Moreton and Norbury  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September (13<sup>th</sup> After Trinity).**

**Collect**

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**1 Timothy 1: 12-17**

I urge you, as I did when I was on my way to Macedonia, to remain in Ephesus so that you may instruct certain people not to teach any different doctrine, and not to occupy themselves with myths and endless genealogies that promote speculations rather than the divine training that is known by faith. But the aim of such instruction is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith. Some people have deviated from these and turned to meaningless talk, desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make assertions. Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it legitimately. This means understanding that the law is laid down not for the innocent but for the lawless and disobedient, for the godless and sinful, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their father or mother, for murderers, fornicators, sodomites, slave-traders, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to the sound teaching that conforms to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of

the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. I am giving you these instructions, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies made earlier about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, having faith and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, certain persons have suffered shipwreck in the faith; among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have turned over to Satan, so that they may learn not to blaspheme. This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

**Luke 15: 1-10**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke: **Glory to you O Lord.** Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.' This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you O Christ.**

**In our year's mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we remember:** John Holmes, John Emmerson Davies, Philip Jones, Marjorie Faith Duncombe, John Edward Reynolds (Ted).

## Notices

### This Week's Services- 14<sup>th</sup> September

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

### Next Week's Services- 21<sup>st</sup> September

**Gnosall 10:30am** Benefice Service of Holy Communion  
**4pm** Messy Church

### Baptisms, Weddings, funerals

The Baptism of Lily Grace Leah is at Gnosall Church on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 12:30pm.

### Vespers

The next two ecumenical Vespers led by the Roman Catholic community will be on Sunday 19 October and Sunday 7 December.

### Coffee and Chat

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

### St Lawrence Church Decorating.

We shall decorate the Church for Harvest on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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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Or Janet - 01952 812617

*Proceeds to St. Peter's Church Norbury*

### Harvest Donations

Please leave donations of non-perishable food for harvest at the back of the Church by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

### 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.



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