

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,
Moreton and Norbury
Sunday 7th September (12th After Trinity).**

Collect

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own

hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you. Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow-workers. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 14: 25-33

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

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions. This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you O Christ.**

In our year’s mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we remember: Bernice Anne Blodwin Griffiths, Alexandra Gail Williams, Francis John Thomas Brumwell, Gillian Mary Clark, Kenneth Timmis.

Notices

This Week's Services- 7th September

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion

10am Benefice Zoom Service

Next Week's Services- 14th 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

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals

The funeral of Doreen Simcock is on 11th September at Knightley Church at 1pm.

The funeral of Maurice Charles Jones is on 12th September at High Offley Church at midday.

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

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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 26th September.

Eco Church

Eco lifestyle tip for the month:

The Season of Creation (1 September - 4 October) is dedicated to God as the creator. During this period many churches celebrate Harvest, thanking God for His provision. It's a time when churches and congregations are called to pay special attention to the responsibility of humanity for the Earth and to pray for our world. Explore A Rocha UK's season of creation resources at: arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/season-of-creation.

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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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.