

The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, Knightley & High Offley, Moreton and Norbury

Sunday 5th October (16th Sunday after Trinity)

Opening prayer

We gather, as God's people, bringing our fears and pain:

Father, rekindle the gift of faith in us.

We gather, as God's people, bringing our grief and sorrows:

Father, rekindle the gift of faith in us.

We gather as God's people bringing our disappointments and failures:

Father, rekindle the gift of faith in us.

We gather, as God's people, as we hunger for healing and hope:

Father, rekindle the gift of faith in us.

Father, rekindle the gift of faith in us and make us joyful to serve you.

Amen.

CONFESSION

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:

fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:

fill us with your Spirit.

Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:

fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

ABSOLUTION

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of this name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

COLLECT

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

1st Reading

2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life which is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I thank God whom I serve with a clear conscience, as did my fathers, when I remember you constantly in my prayers. As I remember your tears, I long night and day to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you.

Hence I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control. Do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago, and now has manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, and therefore I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus; guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

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

Luke 17: 5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" And the Lord said, "If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this sycamore tree, 'Be rooted up, and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Will any one of you, who has a servant ploughing or keeping sheep, say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down at table'? Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and gird yourself and serve me, till I eat and drink; and afterward you shall eat and drink'? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that is commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you O Christ**

REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God:

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen

We bring our prayers using the response: Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen

Peace

Do good, be rich in good works, generous and ready to share, love in peace with all.

The peace of the Lord be always with you: **and also with you.**

Offering Prayer

Lord we thank you for your faithfulness. Out of your great mercy you give to us abundantly and so we ask you to bless the ways in which we give back to you, whether financially or with the talents you have blessed us with. Take what we offer you and use it for your kingdom and your glory. We ask this in the powerful name of Jesus.

Amen.

Act of Spiritual Communion

The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ of which we are members. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, 'I am the Bread of Life'.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'. Be with me today, as I offer myself to you. Hear my prayers for others and for myself and keep me in your care. Amen.

O God, help me to trust you, help me to know that you are with me, help me to believe that nothing can separate me from your love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O Lord and heavenly Father, we your humble servants entirely desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching you to grant, that by the merits and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all your whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

Amen

Blessing

Grace, mercy and peace be yours, from God who abounds in love for you and all people; and the blessing.....

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ, Amen.**

Notices

This Week's Services- 5th October

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion
10am Benefice Zoom Worship

Next Week's Services- 12th October

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

Vespers

The next two Ecumenical Vespers led by the Roman Catholic community will be on Sunday 19th October and Sunday 7th December at 6:30pm.

Coffee and Chat

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

Children's Society

Calling all Box Holders. October is the month when I shall be collecting in the boxes for counting. If you are able, can you please drop them off at St Lawrence's Church at service times i.e. Sundays @ 8.00 and 10.30 am (except first and fifth Sunday in the month), at my house 3 Pear Tree Close or you can wait for a pick up from your house. If you have any difficulties please feel free to give me a call on Tel: 01785 824349.

Can I, on behalf of all the vulnerable children the Society helps, in anticipation thank you for your generosity.

Yvonne Cannell (Coordinator)

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



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.iustgiving.com/page/st-lawrence-](https://www.iustgiving.com/page/st-lawrence-gnosall)

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Eco Tip of the Month

Taste the difference! Local and seasonal food not only tastes great but is better for the planet too. Think about incorporating locally grown produce into your diet and shopping list throughout the seasons, as it is harvested at its peak ripeness ensuring superior flavour, compared to imported alternatives that have travelled thousands of miles. If saying grace before a meal is a regular practice in your household, include giving thanks for your local food producers this month.

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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.