

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,
Moreton and Norbury
Sunday 26th October. (Last After Trinity)**

Collect

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 18: 9-14

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke: **Glory to you O Lord.** He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.' This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you O Christ.**

In our year's mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we remember: John (Jack) Burnell, Harold Francis Moulton.

Notices

This Week's Services- 26th October

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion
10:30am Morning Worship
Adbaston 9:30am Morning Worship
Norbury 11am Holy Communion
Moreton 11am Morning Worship

Next Week's Services- 3rd November

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion
10am Zoom Benefice Worship

Vespers

The next Ecumenical Vespers led by the Roman Catholic community will be on Sunday 7th December at 6:30pm at Gnosall Church.

Messy Church- Change of date

October's Messy Church has been moved to Sunday 2nd November 10:30-12pm. The November Messy Church remains on 16th November.

Coffee and Chat

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

St Lawrence's, Gnosall, Heating Problems

The boiler at St Lawrence's is still not working reliably, despite the work that was done on it earlier in the year. Eric has made enquiries about a repair but has been advised that the part we need is not available immediately. In the meantime, there is still a supply of blankets in church and we also have the option of moving services into the vestry if the weather gets particularly cold.

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.

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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.

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.