

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,
Moreton and Norbury
Sunday 19th October. (Trinity 18)**

Collect

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Luke 18: 1-8

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

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not

wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?' This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you O Christ.**

In our year's mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we remember: David Dukes, Lucy Joan Barnwell, Kenneth (Bob) William Sidbotham, Geoffrey Herbert Ellis Davies, Betty Nicholls, Joseph Leslie Windows.

Notices

This Week's Services-19th October

Moreton 10:30am Benefice Service of Holy Communion in the Millennium Hall.
6:30pm Vespers

Next Week's Services- 26th October

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

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 at Gnosall Church.

Messy Church- Change of date

October's Messy Church will not be on Sunday 19th October. Instead, it 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

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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.