

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,  
Moreton and Norbury  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December. (Advent 3)**

**Collect**

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**James 5: 7-10**

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. This is the word of the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Matthew 11: 2-11**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew: **Glory to you O Lord.** When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than

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

**In our year's mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we remember:** Kimberley Patricia Allman, Norman Frederick Windows, Pamela Boyd Grace, George (Peter) Hughes, Ronald James Bames, Laura Mary Winfield.

**Notices**

**This Week's Service- 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**Gnosall 8am** Holy Communion  
**10:30am** Morning Worship  
**High Offley 9:30am** Morning Worship  
**Norbury 9:30am** Morning Prayer for Tree Festival  
**Moreton 3pm** Carol Service- Hall

**Next Week's Services- 21<sup>st</sup> December**

**Gnosall 8am** Communion by Extn  
**10:30am** Holy Communion  
**Norbury 3pm** Crib and Carols  
**Adbaston 3pm** Crib and Carols  
**Knightley 6:30pm** Carol Service

**Coffee and Chat**

Join us for Coffee and Chat 10:30-12:30 at St Lawrence Church. 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month. All Welcome.

**St. Peter's Church, Norbury**

**Christmas Tree Festival. Theme - Christmas Songs Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am - 4.00pm** Entry Free (donations appreciated) Refreshments available. Everyone will be very welcome.  
Please park at Church Farm.

**St. Lawrence Church Flowers**

We will decorate the Church for Christmas on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December from 9am to 11am. Please bring your own flowers and greenery. Everyone welcome. Donations for flowers may be given to Helen Air.

### **Churches Together Carol Service**

This will be in Gnosall - 6.30pm at the Methodist Chapel on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>. Please join us.

### **Thank you**

Christian Food is grateful to everyone across the Gnosall Benefice who contributed to the generous harvest donations this autumn. Your generosity means that we can face the winter able to support struggling families and individuals with some confidence. Our prayers and thanks, Cathy Lister

Saint Lawrence School has offered to do a further collection to help us with our Christmas packages. School families will be donating not just the essentials but some treats to pop into individual and family bags for the hungry in the Stafford area over Christmas. If you are attending Vespers please consider bringing along a gift for Christian Food Help –Christmas chocolates, sweets or biscuits, nice soap or other ‘luxury’ donations. We shall add them to the school contributions.

### **Annual Christmas Globetrotters’ Run**

This Christmas, we are working again with the Gnosall Globetrotters and are looking for donations of food or toiletries for the Gnosall Globetrotters Food Bank Run Tuesday 16th December 7pm. We can pick up from your home on the night (more running for the runners) or in advance if that is not convenient. Please let me know Sarah 07792764117. Collections will be taken to the vicarage where runners will receive a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. All donations go to the House of Bread.

### **Eco Tip of the Month**

This season, let’s reflect on the story that we wish our actions and choices to tell. Consider A Rocha UK’s blog on journeying towards a zero-waste Christmas [arochoa.org.uk/journeying-towards-a-zero-waste-christmas](http://arochoa.org.uk/journeying-towards-a-zero-waste-christmas). May our hearts and our celebrations align with the simplicity and beauty of the Christmas story

### **Just Giving Pages**

We have a Just Giving page for 3 of our churches so far. Please scan the correct QR code if you would like to donate this way. 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.

Gnosall



Adbaston



Norbury



### **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.