

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,
Moreton and Norbury
24th Christmas Eve and 25th Christmas Day.**

Collect

Christmas Night

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Christmas Day

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. **Amen.**

Isaiah 9: 2-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.
This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 2: 1-20

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you O Christ.**

In our year's mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we remember: Emily Mary Cork, John Lloyd Powell, Patricia Marion Ellis, Sandra Botfield, Frank Cyril Jones, Nancy Mary Allcock, Elsa Mary Bancroft, Isabel Ray Gillard, Rebekkah Eve Smart, Richard Anthony Gough.

Notices

Christmas Services

24th December- Christmas Eve

Gnosall 4pm Messy Crib Service

Gnosall 11:15pm Christmas Communion

Moreton 3pm Christmas Communion

Adbaston 7pm Christmas Communion by Extn

Knightley 9pm Christmas Communion

25th December- Christmas Day

Gnosall 9am Holy Communion

Norbury 10:30am Holy Communion

Next Week's Service- 28th December

Adbaston 10:30am Benefice Service of Holy Communion

Coffee and Chat

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

Norbury Christmas Tree Festival

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Tree Festival at Norbury Church. The winning Tree was 'Little Donkey' by Messy Church. Second place was 'We Three Kings' by Woodseaves C of E and third was 'I want a Hippopotamus for Christmas; by Isabel Cope. Well done to all who took part and thank you to those who volunteered on the day.

Annual Christmas Globetrotters' Run

Thank you to all the runners and donators who took part in the third annual church foodbank run. We collected a large car full of food. All runners limped home happy and exhausted. The donations were taken to House of Bread the very next day by Sarah and Mark. Another successful run this year!

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. 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.

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