

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,  
Moreton and Norbury  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December. (Christmas 1)**

**Collect**

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love:  
gather the nations to be one family, and draw us  
into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel,  
our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Hebrews 2: 10-18**

It was fitting that God, for whom and through  
whom all things exist, in bringing many children  
to glory, should make the pioneers of their  
salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one  
who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all  
have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not  
ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,  
'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and  
sisters,

in the midst of the congregation I will praise  
you.'

And again,

'I will put my trust in him.'

And again,

'Here am I and the children whom God has given  
me.'

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and  
blood, he himself likewise shared the same  
things, so that through death he might destroy  
the one who has the power of death, that is, the  
devil, and free those who all their lives were held  
in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that  
he did not come to help angels, but the  
descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to  
become like his brothers and sisters in every  
respect, so that he might be a merciful and  
faithful high priest in the service of God, to make  
a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the  
people. Because he himself was tested by what  
he suffered, he is able to help those who are  
being tested. This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks  
be to God.**

**Matthew 2: 13-23**

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

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord  
appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up,  
take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt,  
and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is

about to search for the child, to destroy  
him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his  
mother by night, and went to Egypt, and  
remained there until the death of Herod. This was  
to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord  
through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called  
my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the  
wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and  
killed all the children in and around Bethlehem  
who were two years old or under, according to  
the time that he had learned from the wise  
men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken  
through the prophet Jeremiah:

'A voice was heard in Ramah,

wailing and loud lamentation,

Rachel weeping for her children;

she refused to be consoled, because they are  
no more.'

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly  
appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and  
said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and  
go to the land of Israel, for those who were  
seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got  
up, took the child and his mother, and went to  
the land of Israel. But when he heard that  
Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his  
father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after  
being warned in a dream, he went away to the  
district of Galilee. There he made his home in a  
town called Nazareth, so that what had been  
spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled,  
'He will be called a Nazorean.'

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

**In our year's mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we**

**remember:** Victor Charles Bentley, Colin  
Venables, Betty James, Paul Bentley, Canon Alan  
Pearcey, Hannah Elizabeth Ffello, Jean Elizabeth  
Bentley, James (Jim) Winfield, Joan Richardson.

## Notices

### This Week's Service- 28<sup>th</sup> December

**Adbaston 10:30am** Benefice Service of Holy Communion

### Next Week's Services- 4<sup>th</sup> January

**Gnosall 8am** Holy Communion

**10am** Benefice Zoom Worship

### 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.

### 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 [arocha.org.uk/journeying-towards-a-zero-waste-christmas](http://arocha.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



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Norbury



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