

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,  
Moreton and Norbury  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January. (Epiphany 1)**

**Collect**

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

**Acts 10: 34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.' This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

**Matthew 3: 13-17**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew: **Glory to you O Lord.** Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said,

'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you O Christ.**

**In our year's mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we remember:** Rachael Watkins, Ernest (Ernie) Weston, John Patrick Font, Bobby (Robert) Abbotts, Samuel David Myatt (Sam), Leonard Edward Smith, Harriet Ethel Margaret (Peggy) Burbridge, Kenneth Arthur Thomas.

**Notices**

**This Week's Services- 11<sup>th</sup> January**

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

**Next Week's Services- 18<sup>th</sup> January**

**High Offley 10:30am** Benefice Service of Holy Communion.  
**Gnosall 4pm** Messy Church

**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 Lawrence's Working Party**

This is an appeal for volunteers to help us prepare for the collation. The plan is to hold a working party on Saturday 10th January 9.30am-midday. There are tasks for all abilities, if nothing else come and give us some encouragement!

**Rev'd Rachael's Collation Service.**

The service will include Holy Communion and will be led by The Rt Revd Dr Michael Ipgrave, Bishop of Lichfield. It will be held on Wednesday 14th January at 7.00pm at St. Lawrence's Church, Gnosall. All Welcome.

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

The RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch (Friday 23-Sunday 25 January) is the world's largest garden wildlife survey! Last year, nearly 600,000 people took part and over nine million birds were counted. We've lost a staggering 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 60 years. With birds facing so many challenges, it's more important than ever to get involved in the Birdwatch. To take part, spend one hour counting the birds you see in one location – your garden, balcony or a local park. Submit your findings to the RSPB. You can download a free guide and ID chart to help you identify the birds you spot on the RSPB website. Find out more at: [rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch](http://rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch)

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.

### **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



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