

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,
Moreton and Norbury
Sunday 4th January. (Epiphany)**

Collect

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Ephesians 3: 1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 2: 1-12

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew: **Glory to you O Lord.** In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this,

he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler

who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

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

remember: Sydney Cuttell, Emily Johnson, Jacqueline Freeman, Ena McGregor, John Jones, Kingsley M.G. Mitchell, Charles Joynson, Edith Rosemary Jenkins, Rachael Watkins.

Notices

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>This Week's Services- 4th January</u> Gnosall 8am Holy Communion 10am Benefice Zoom Worship</p>

Next Week's Services- 11th 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

Coffee and Chat

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

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

Just Giving Pages

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Gnosall



Adbaston



Norbury



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