

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,
Moreton and Norbury
Sunday 15th February. (Sunday Before Lent)**

Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Exodus 24: 12-end

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

2 Peter 1: 16-end

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice

come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Matthew 6: 1-6; 16-21

'Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

'So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

'And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Staffordshire Border Group of Churches are committed to Safeguarding and has adopted the National and Diocesan Safeguarding Policies. Our Benefice Safeguarding Officer is Adie Harris and can be contacted on 01785 284027.

In an emergency where there is imminent risk of harm to a child or vulnerable adult, please contact the police on 999 or your local social services department.

In our year's mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we remember: Sybil Mary Sproston, Geoff Ellis, George Lewis Green.

Notices

This Week's Services- 15th February

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion
10:30am Holy Communion
4pm Messy Church
Knightley 9:30am Holy Communion
Norbury 11am Holy Communion

Next Week's Services- 22nd February

Ash Wednesday Services: Norbury at 11am and Gnosall at 7pm.

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion
10:30am Morning Worship
High Offley 9:30am Holy Communion
Adbaston 9:30am Morning Worship
Norbury 11am Holy Communion
Moreton 11am Morning Worship

A Moment of Prayer.

Join us as we meet together to pray for those who are unwell or finding life difficult at the moment. Thursday 19th February 2pm at Christchurch, Knightley. Everyone welcome. If you are unable to join us but like us to pray for a particular person or situation please contact Adie. 01785 284027
adieharris13@btinternet.com

Bingo and Bangers

Saturday 28th February 7.15pm for 7.30pm start Norbury Village Hall. Admission £6.00 (children £3.00) Price includes 2 books and Hotdog in the interval. Please bring own drinks and glasses
Proceeds to Church funds. Contact 01785 284463.

Thank you

A thank you to everyone who provided cake for the collation service and to all those who helped to make everyone feel so welcome, especially the team serving refreshments.

Thank you also to everybody who donated to the Bishop's Ordinands Fund. £400 was raised. Thanks so much, Rachael.

Lent Get-Togethers

Rachael would like to invite you to join her for coffee, cake and prayer at 11am on each of the Fridays during Lent. There will be an opportunity to explore this year's theme of 'Life Giving Habits for Lent' and the sessions include conversation, prayer and a short time of worship. Do come along! Friday 27th February 11am Millennium Hall, Moreton

Friday 6th March 11am Jubilee Rooms, Adbaston
Friday 13th March 11am St Peter's, Norbury
Friday 20th March 11am Woodseaves Village Hall
Friday 27th March 11am The Vestry at Gnosall.

Lent Resources

The Church of England's theme for Lent 2026 is 'Draw Near: Life-Giving Habits for `Lent.`' For each of the days of Lent, there will be a reflection exploring a different aspect of Christian discipleship, helping us to learn how we can cultivate the habits and practices that will draw us nearer to God. A booklet containing all 40 daily reflections is available from Church House Publishing. You can also download the Everyday Faith app to access free daily reflections. These are also complimented by the Archbishop of Canterbury's 2026 Lent Book, 'Dancing to the Heartbeat of God' (SPCK) which contains stories of discipleship from across the Anglican Communion. For more information, visit the Church of England website.

Lent Course

There will be a Lent course run by Rev Christopher for five weeks each Tuesday starting on Tuesday 24th at 2.00pm in the Methodist Church. All are welcome. If you cannot make daytime sessions, please let Eric know as there may be additional Wednesday evening sessions depending on demand.

Ash Wednesday

Please join us for our special Ash Wednesday services. There are two services of Communion



Gnosall



Adbaston



Norbury

Just Giving Pages

with Imposition of Ashes: Norbury at 11am, and Gnosall at 7pm. All Welcome.

out more and sign up at climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast/

World Day of Prayer.

Friday 6th March, St Lawrence Church, 2pm.
The focus of this year's service is Nigeria and the theme is 'I will give you rest, come.' In our frantic and tired world, Jesus' invitation seems more poignant than ever. Do join us for this special service. All are welcome.

Contact Details for the Church Office.

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Office hours: Tuesday and Wednesday 9-12.00,
Friday 9-1:00. When the office is not staffed,
leave a message and someone will reply as soon
as possible.

Prayer Diary

Please contact Ruth Finister if you would like the name of someone to be added to the benefice prayer diary. Please make sure that you obtain their consent before passing on their details. You can contact Ruth on (ruthfinister@gmail.com) or telephone (01785 823232). The name of the person given will remain on the prayer list for a period of 3 months. If you wish someone to stay on the prayer list beyond 3 months, you will need to contact Ruth again to request they be added. We hope that this will make the task of maintaining an up to date prayer diary more manageable. Sincere thanks to Ruth for helping us to pray regularly for those in need.

Coffee and Chat

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

Eco Church

This Lent, take part in Climate Steward's Carbon Fast. Lent is a time when Christians traditionally fast and focus on God. The Carbon Fast will help you consider ways to live more simply, give you new ideas to cut your carbon footprint and invite you to focus on God and consider the whole of his creation. Beginning on 5 March, you'll receive a weekly email containing key facts, suggestions for how you could reduce your carbon footprint and a prayer to lead you through this Lenten season. Each week features a different theme designed to help us take climate action in manageable ways that bear witness to a God who has promised to restore all of his creation. Find



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