

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,  
Moreton and Norbury  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. (Lent)**

**Collect**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7**

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

**Romans 5: 12-19**

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore, just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

**Matthew 4: 1-11**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a

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stone.” Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, ‘All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”’ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

**In our year’s mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we remember:** J Roger Kelly, Charles Frederick Cooper, Betty Woods, Martin Rhodes, John Sprsoton.

### Notices

#### This Week’s Services- 22<sup>nd</sup> February

**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

#### Next Week’s Services- 1<sup>st</sup> March

**Gnosall 8am** Holy Communion

**10am** Benefice Zoom Service

#### Bingo and Bangers

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.*

#### 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 27<sup>th</sup> February 11am Millennium Hall, Moreton  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 11am Jubilee Rooms, Adbaston  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 11am St Peter’s, Norbury

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 11am Woodseaves Village Hall  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### World Day of Prayer.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### 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](mailto: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.

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