

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,  
Moreton and Norbury  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March. (Mothering Sunday)**

**Collect**

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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*

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Exodus 2: 1-10**

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as

her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

**Colossians 3: 12-17**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Luke 2: 33-35**

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

**In our year's mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we remember:** George Edward Hutchinson, Florence Sarah Babb, George Albert Palmer, James Patrick Meadon.

**Notices**

**This Week's Services- 15<sup>th</sup> March**

**Gnosall 8am** Holy Communion

**10:30am** Holy Communion

**4pm** Messy Church

**Knightley 9:30am** Holy Communion

**Adbaston 9:30am** Family Worship

**Norbury 11am** Holy Communion

### Next Week's Services- 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**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

### Vespers

The next Ecumenical Vespers led by the Roman Catholic community will be on Palm Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March in St. Lawrence's at 6.30 pm.

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> March 11am Woodseaves Village Hall

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 11am The Vestry at Gnosall.

### House of Bread

We still take deliveries fortnightly to the House of Bread. The collection box is outside the vicarage, or you can hand in to us at any service.

There is still a great need, so any food or toiletries will be gratefully received.

House of Bread will be hosting a concert with Eccleshall Singers at Gnosall Methodist Church at 7:30pm on 25<sup>th</sup> April. Tickets are £10. Available from: Tony Gee: 01785-824868 or 07805-433852  
William Morris: 01785-332413, Nancy Rae: 01785-822808

### Mothering Sunday Flowers

This year, we have decided to use Mothering Sunday as an opportunity to connect with people in our local communities. Rather than distributing flowers in the service, there will be an opportunity to take a bunch away with you to give to someone who doesn't usually come to church. We hope this will be a good way of sharing God's love with them. We will also be

taking bunches of flowers to local organisations and groups, including our schools. We want people to know that we are grateful for all that they do to support our communities, and to remind them that they are always welcome at our churches. I will let you know where the flowers are distributed and will share any feedback we receive. Rev Rachael

### Quiz Night

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April, Norbury Village Hall 7.15 - for 7.30pm start. Admission -£6.00 (children £3.00) Includes light refreshments. Please bring own drinks and glasses. *Proceeds to St. Peter's Church, Norbury*

### 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).

### Dementia Prayer Week 12<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> March

Dementia Prayer Week invites us to pause, pray, and stand in solidarity with those living with dementia, their families, and all who care for them. It highlights the dignity of every person, reminding us that each life remains precious and loved by God, even when memory fades. You might like to pray this prayer:

Loving God, Be close to all who live with dementia and those who care for them. When memories fade, hold them fast in Your faithful love. May Your peace dwell where words are few, and Your presence be deeply felt. Amen.

### Contact Details for the Church Office.

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