

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,  
Moreton and Norbury  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April. (Easter 4)**

**Collect**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;

for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

**Acts 2: 42-end**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the

proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

**John 10: 1-10**

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

**In our year's mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we remember:** Betty Laura Summers, Margaret Rose Darke, David Arthur Barker, William Edward Duncombe, Peter Cooper, George Barnwell, cliff Blunt.

**Notices**

**This Week's Services- 26<sup>th</sup> April**

**Gnosall 8am** Holy Communion

**10:30am** Morning Worship

**High Offley 9:30am** Holy Communion

**Adbaston 9:30am** Morning Worship

**Moreton 11am** Morning Worship

**Norbury 11am** Holy Communion

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*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.*

### Next Week's Services- 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**Gnosall 8am** Holy Communion  
**10am** Benefice Zoom Service

### Flower Rota

The new flower rota is now on the notice board at the back of Church. Please sign up if you would like to do the flowers on a special date. I would welcome more help with the weekly flowers too. Many thanks, Helen Air

### 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).

### Gnosall Carnival

Carnival is fast approaching and Messy Church are making a float. We need pop bottles (2 litre if possible) and kitchen roll middles for our making session on Saturday 9th May. Thank you!

### PCC Members

In May, we will be holding our annual church meetings at which we appoint members to serve on our Parochial Church Councils (PCCs). PCCs help support and promote the wider mission of the Church and they meet around four times a year to discuss matters relating to a range of issues including maintenance of our buildings, finance, worship and outreach. As churches have charitable status, they are required to have a PCC in order to continue as places of worship. We therefore need people to serve on our PCCs, initially for a 3-year term. If you are interested, please speak to Rev Rachael for more information. It is vital that we have enough people to serve on our PCCs if we want our churches to remain open.

### Singalong with the Newport Ukulele Band

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May from 7:30pm. Tickets £10 please contact Sandy 822440, Helen 822347 or Margaret 822507 or pay on the door.

### Praying for our Benefice

Rev Rachael is looking for volunteers who might be able to help her develop and enrich the prayer life of our benefice. She isn't yet sure what this might look like, but is looking forward to the ways in which God might lead us towards deepening our prayerfulness as a worshipping community. Please pray if you might be one of the people she is looking for! And if you think God might be nudging you in this direction, please let her know!

### Coffee and Chat

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

### Eco Tip of the Month

Celebrate new life this Easter and have a go at growing something! April is the perfect time to try to grow something edible or, if you are a seasoned gardener, to encourage someone else to try. Salad leaves or herbs are a great place to start and will reduce your reliance on those oh-so-convenient supermarket salad bags. For indoor space, try 'micro-greens' (vegetable leaves harvested soon after they open) For greenhouses, try sowing salad leaf seed mixes. For outdoors, beetroot, lettuce, onion and pea plants are frost-resistant so can all be planted outside in April. As you sow, thank God for the opportunity to grow food, and pray for those communities that are facing food shortages and famine.

### Contact Details for the Church Office.

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