

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,  
Moreton and Norbury  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April. (Easter 2)**

**Collect**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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*

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Zephaniah 3: 14-end**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,

he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,

so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

And I will save the lame

and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,

at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the Lord.

**Acts 2: 14, 36-41**

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

**Luke 24: 13-35**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our

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chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**In our year's mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we remember:** Olivia Bowell, Selwyn Arthur Onions, Rosemary Jones, Eileen Elizabeth Tabbenor, Walter Frederick Barnwell, Frederick Bickley, Jeanette Ann Brown, Glyn Jones, Sylvia June Edwards, Wilfred Chesters.

## Notices

### **This Week's Services- 19<sup>th</sup> April**

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

### **Next 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

### **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

### **House of Bread**

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 £10. Available from: Tony Gee: 01785-824868 or 07805-433852 William Morris: 01785-332413, Nancy Rae: 01785-822808

### **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).

### **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,



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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.

### **Contact Details for the Church Office.**

Phone: 01785 822820 Benefice Administrator:  
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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.

### **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.



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