

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,  
Moreton and Norbury  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April. (Easter Day)**

**Collect**

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

*Post Communion*

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Jeremiah 31: 1-6**

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus, says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore, I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again, I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again, you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers. Again, you shall plant vineyard, on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.'

**Acts 10: 34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of

all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

**John 20: 1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman,

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why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**In our year’s mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we remember:** Joan Hughes, Edith May Keay, Alice Mary Goring, George Henry Iakin.

**Notices**

**This Week’s Services- 5<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Easter Day- Gnosall 8am** Holy Communion  
**10:30am** Morning Worship  
**High Offley 9:30am** Holy Communion  
**Adbaston 9:30am** Holy Communion  
**Moreton 11am** Holy Communion  
**Norbury 11am** Holy Communion

**Next Week’s Services- 12<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Gnosall 8am** Holy Communion  
**10:30am** Holy Communion  
**Knightley 9:30am** Morning Worship  
**Adbaston 9:30am** Morning Worship  
**Norbury 11am** Morning Worship

**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

**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.

**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

**Gnosall Singers Spring Concert**  
 Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm Grosvenor Centre. Tickets £10. Contact Pat Tweed 01785822523 or Pat Simcock 01952 971010

**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).

**Afternoon Tea**  
 Friends of St Lawrence Church are holding an afternoon tea and Easter bonnet Competition on Saturday 11th April in Church at 3pm. Tickets £10 from Sandy Redfern 822440 or Helen Air 822347.

**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*

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