

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,
Moreton and Norbury
Sunday 10th May. (Easter 6)**

Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

Genesis 8: 20-9:17

Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar. And when the Lord smelt the pleasing odour, the Lord said in his heart, 'I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done. As long as the earth endures,

seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,
summer and winter, day and night,
shall not cease.'

God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. The fear and dread of you shall rest on every animal of the earth, and on every bird of the air, on everything that creeps on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and just as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. Only, you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. For your own lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning: from every animal I will require it and from human beings, each one for the blood of another, I will require a reckoning for human life. Whoever sheds the blood of a human,

by a human shall that person's blood be shed;
for in his own image
God made humankind.

And you, be fruitful and multiply, abound on the earth and multiply in it.'

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Acts 17: 22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though

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indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

John 14: 15-21

Jesus said: ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

In our year’s mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we remember: John (Jack) Jones, Marian Foster.

Notices

This Week’s Services- 10th May

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion
10:30am Holy Communion
1pm Baptism of Beatrix Benson
Knightley 9:30am Morning Worship
Adbaston 9:30am Family Communion
Moreton 11am Holy Communion
Norbury 11am Morning Worship

Next Week’s Services- 17th May

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

Weekly Diary

Monday 11th 12.30pm Funeral of Ken Walker at St Lawrence
7.30pm Churches Together in Gnosall meeting at the Methodist Chapel
Tuesday 12th 10.30am Assembly at Woodseaves CE Primary School
Wednesday 13th 4pm Moreton APCM at the Millennium Centre
7pm Knightley and High Offley APCM at Christ Church, Knightley
Thursday 14th Ascension Day 10.15am Open the Book at St Lawrence CE Primary School
7pm Ministry Team meeting at the vicarage

Coffee and Chat

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

Archdeacon’s Visitation Service

ECCLESHALL, STAFFORD AND STONE DEANERIES:
 Date: Tuesday, 23rd June 2026
 Time: 6.45pm for 7.30pm
 Venue: St John the Baptist
 Address: Westhead Avenue, Littleworth, Stafford ST16 3RP

Confirmation Service

There will be a benefice confirmation service with Bishop Matthew at St Lawrence on Sunday 13th September. If you would be interested in being confirmed, please let Rev Rachael know.

Gnosall Carnival

Carnival bottle tombola - if you have any bottles that you would like to donate for our bottle tombola please get in touch. Either bring to the church during a service or contact Mark Smith for collection 07710623409. Thank you for your generosity.



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Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives: A Gospel Journey with the English Saints

This summer, the Church of England offers a new reflection campaign centred around pilgrimage. Running from the day after Pentecost (25 May) to 21 June, daily readings and reflections will explore eight places which were important in the spread of Christianity in England, and the stories of the saints who lived there. Each day will include a Bible reading, a prayer, a short reflection and a suggested action or reflective question.

The reflections – including contributions from Archbishops Sarah Mullally and Stephen Cottrell – are available as booklets to order from Church House Publishing and can also be accessed for free via the Everyday Faith app.

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) or telephone (01785 823232).

APCM Dates

Moreton 13th May 4pm

High Offley and Knightley 13th May 7pm (at Knightley)

Gnosall 18th May 7:30pm

Norbury 20th May 7:30pm

Adbaston 21st May 7pm

Please email the office if you would like to receive an electronic copy of the annual report for your church.

Singalong with the Newport Ukulele Band

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

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 the 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.

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!

Eco Tip of the Month

Support pollinators. Nothing says Spring like the buzz of a bee! But these precious pollinators are declining due to habitat loss, climate change and agricultural intensification. Wednesday 20th May is World Bee Day, so look around to see how you can improve habitats for bees and other pollinators. Read more about bees, butterflies and habitats that support them in our Target 25 resources at arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25. Sow a pollinator friendly seed mix, make or buy a bee hotel, let some wild flowers grow in your garden, and don't use pesticides. Pray that our pollinator populations will increase. For more about World Bee Day visit: awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/world-bee-day/.



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