

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,  
Moreton and Norbury  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. (Easter 7)**

**Collect**

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Ezekiel 36: 24-28**

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

**Acts 1: 6-14**

When they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven?

This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

**John 17: 1-11**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

*The Staffordshire Border Group of Churches are committed to Safeguarding and has adopted the National and Diocesan Safeguarding Policies. Our Benefice Safeguarding Officer is Adie Harris and can be contacted on 01785 284027.*

*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.*

**In our year's mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we remember:** Lucy Millicent Dawson, Rosa Gwendoline Reynolds, Francis John Cope, Brian Geoffrey Callard, Patricia Kathleen Maloney, George William Wiggin, Jessica Alice Littleton, Donald Bancroft, Constance Jones.

## Notices

### This Week's Services- 17<sup>th</sup> May

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

### Next Week's Services- 24<sup>th</sup> May

**10am Moreton** Benefice Communion

### Weekly Diary

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>** 7.30pm St Lawrence Gnosall APCM in the Lady Chapel  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Assembly at Woodseaves CE Primary School  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>** 7pm Wedding rehearsal at Adbaston  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>** 11am Funeral of Jenny Kirkland at Gnosall  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>** 7.30pm St Peter's Norbury APCM in church  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>** 10.15am Assembly at St Lawrence CE Primary School  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>** 12 noon Wedding at St Michael and All Angels Adbaston  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>** 7pm St Michael and All Angels Adbaston APCM

### 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, Westhead Avenue, Littleworth, Stafford ST16 3RP

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### APCM Dates

**Gnosall 18<sup>th</sup> May 7:30pm**  
**Norbury 20<sup>th</sup> May 7:30pm**  
**Adbaston 21<sup>st</sup> May 7pm**  
Please email the office if you would like to receive an electronic copy of the annual report for your church.

### Contact Details for the Church Office.

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