

The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, Knightley & High Offley, Moreton and Norbury

Sunday 7th June (1st Sunday after Trinity)

As we gather this day, each of us brings something to worship

We bring the burdens of the week.

We bring prayers of hope, and prayers of anguish.

We bring our voices, and our offerings, and our questions.

We bring our faith, tattered or whole as it may be.

We bring all this to God, whom we worship today. Amen

Lord, awaken us to your glory. Open our eyes to your presence; open our ears to your call.

Open our hearts to your love, that we may proclaim that you are among us.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CONFESSION

God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Yet, still we make our confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts in confidence of His love and forgiveness.

For not loving you with all our heart:

Forgive us and make us whole

For not loving our neighbour as ourselves:

Forgive us and make us whole

For the times we forget you and rely on our own strength

Forgive us and make us whole

For being less than you created us to be:

Forgive us and make us whole

ABSOLUTION

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins; heal and strengthen us by his Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. The Lord reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment.

Let us give thanks to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

Before the world was made, God chose us in Christ,

that we might be holy and blameless before him.

Let us praise God for the glory of his grace,

for the free gift he gave us in his dear Son.

To Father, Son and Holy Spirit

give praise and dominion, honour and might, for ever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Psalm 118

God is good! Give thanks all you people; his faithful love endures forever. Whom shall I fear if God is on my side?

He heard my cry and set me free: though enemies swarmed around me on every side, God gave me the victory; the rejected one became the cornerstone.

The Lord is my strength and song; in him alone I take refuge.

Give thanks: praise him in the sanctuary, praise him in your hearts; praise him always. His faithful love endures forever.

1st Reading: Romans 4: 13-end

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of

his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God:

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

INTERCESSIONS

We bring our prayers using the response: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer: As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen**

THE PEACE

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father. Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace. Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver. The peace of the triune God be always with you:
and also with you.

PRAYER OF OFFERING

Creator of abundance, Spirit of wisdom, may you use the gifts of the church and the gifts of our lives that your kingdom may come and your will be done through Christ, Lord of extravagant love.
Amen

CONCLUSION

**Spirit of truth, fill our minds. Spirit of Christ, fill our hearts. Spirit of power and holiness, revive your church. Spirit of love, bind us together in Christian fellowship.
Spirit of justice and peace, lead all nations into your kingdom. In the name of Jesus Amen**

May we go forward through the change and chance of time with the light of eternity in our eyes, the inspiration of truth in our minds, the song of the gospel in our hearts and the strength of well-doing in our hands. But above all, may we go forward with Christ by our side; the way, the truth and the life. **Amen**

BLESSING

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing ...

Let us go in peace to Love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ Amen

Notices

This Week's Services- 7th June

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion
10am Benefice Zoom Worship
12 noon Baptism of Freddie Chell at St Lawrence Church

Next Week's Services- 14th June

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

Please save this pew sheet to help you with your prayers this week.

Prayer diary for this week:

Monday Our Deanery Synod reps as they meet this evening
Tuesday Knightley and High Offley PCC and Sheila as she undertakes the role of Churchwarden for Knightley
Wednesday Those attending the funeral of Trevor Counsell tomorrow, and for John who will be officiating
Thursday Adbaston PCC as they meet this evening
Friday Students sitting exams and those who are supporting them
Saturday Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers
Sunday Sarah as she leads Messy Church

Weekly Diary

Monday 8th June 7pm Deanery Synod at St Lawrence
Tuesday 9th June 10.30am Assembly at Woodseaves CE Primary School
7pm Knightley and High Offley PCC meeting at The Vicarage
Thursday 11th June 10.15am Assembly at St Lawrence CE Primary School
2pm Funeral of Trevor Counsell at High Offley
7pm Adbaston PCC in the Jubilee Room

St Lawrence Church Carnival, Saturday, 20th June 2026

Carnival Day is fast approaching, the church's biggest fundraiser for the maintenance of our beautiful Church. We need cakes for the refreshments and if you are able to provide any, please complete the form at the back of the Church or alternatively phone Margaret Winfield 07716153419.

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.

St. Peter's Norbury Salmon Lunch

Sunday 19th July - 12.30 for 1.00pm Norbury Village Hall Salmon, hot new potatoes, and a variety of homemade salads, followed by delicious homemade desserts. Tickets: Adults-£16.00, Children (12 years and under)- £8.00_

Please bring own drinks

Early booking advised - contact 01785 284463

Gnosall Singers Summer Concert

Saturday 25th July, Moreton Millennium Village Hall, 7:30pm. Tickets £10. Please contact Pat Tweed 01785 822523 or Pat Simcock 01952 971010

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.

Contact Details for the Church Office.

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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.