

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

Sunday 14th June. (Trinity 2)

Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Genesis 18: 1-15

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' The Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a

son.' But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

Romans 5: 1-8.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Matthew 9: 35-10:8

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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: Pamela Mary Morrison, Pauline Wood.

Notices

This 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

Next Week's Services- 21st June

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion
10:30am Holy Communion to include the blessing of a new Roll of Honour for Gnosall Memorial Village Hall
2pm The installation of the memorial at the Village Hall
Knightley 9:30am Morning Worship
Norbury 11am Morning Worship

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

Please take this pew sheet with you at the end of the service to help you in your prayers this week.

Prayer diary for this week:

Monday St Lawrence PCC as they meet this evening
Tuesday Victoria in the benefice office
Wednesday Those in our communities who are lonely or housebound
Thursday The Open the Book team as they share a Bible story with the children at St Lawrence school this morning
Friday For Joyce, Joan, Olive and Jessie who will receive Holy Communion at home today, and for Ruth as she takes it to them
Saturday Gnosall Carnival organising team, volunteers and all those who will attend the event
Sunday The installation of a new Roll of Honour at Gnosall Memorial Hall

Weekly Diary

Monday 15th 7.30pm St Lawrence PCC meeting in the vestry
9.30pm Compline on Zoom. Please contact the office if you would like the code to join any of our online services.
Tuesday 16th 9.30am Morning Prayer on Zoom
Wednesday 17th 9.30pm Compline on Zoom
Thursday 18th 10.15am Open the Book in St Lawrence CE Primary School
Friday 19th 9.30pm Compline on Zoom
Saturday 20th 1.15pm onwards Gnosall Carnival
Sunday 21st 2.30pm Ploughman's Lunch at Woodseaves Village Hall

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.

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.

Phone: 01785 822820 Benefice Administrator: Victoria Hainsworth
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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.



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