

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,  
Moreton and Norbury  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June. (Trinity 1)**

**Collect**

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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*

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Genesis 12: 1-9**

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

**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.

**Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26**

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

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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.

**In our year's mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we remember:** Herbert John Marsh, Anne Elizabeth Ball, Jenny Scott.

## Notices

### This Week's Services- 7<sup>th</sup> June

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

### Next Week's Services- 14<sup>th</sup> 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 take this pew sheet with you 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.



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**St. Peter's Norbury Salmon Lunch**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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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