

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,  
Moreton and Norbury  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June. (Trinity 4)**

**Collect**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord 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*

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

**Genesis 22: 1-14**

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw

a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

**Romans 6: 12-end**

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Matthew 10: 40-end**

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

**In our year's mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we remember:** Marjorie Marsden, Linda Powell, Charles Bates, John Edmund Floyd, Maurice Silvester Darke, Phyllis Griffiths, Thomas Henry Parker.

### Notices

#### This Week's Services- 28<sup>th</sup> June

**Gnosall 8am** Holy Communion  
**10:30am** Morning Worship  
**High Offley 9:30am** Holy Communion  
**Adbaston 9:30am** Morning Worship  
**Norbury 11am** Holy Communion  
**Moreton 11am** Morning Worship

#### Next Week's Services- 5<sup>th</sup> July

**Gnosall 8am** Holy Communion  
**10am** Benefice Zoom Worship

**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:** All who will gather for the burial of ashes at Gnosall and Tina as she officiates

**Tuesday:** For a happy and restful holiday for Rev Rachael

**Wednesday:** Those who deliver home care to the sick or housebound

**Thursday:** The Open the Book team as they share a Bible story with the children at St Lawrence School

**Friday:** Those who arrange flowers in our churches and those who prepare rotas

**Saturday:** Those who unlock and lock our churches each day

**Sunday:** Those who provide refreshments after worship.

#### Weekly Diary

Rev Rachael is on holiday this week. Please direct any queries to the benefice office.

Contact the benefice office if you would like the code to join any of the services online.

**Monday 29th June 3.30pm** Interment of ashes at Gnosall

**9.30pm** Benefice Compline service on Zoom.

**Tuesday 30th June 9.30am** Morning Prayer on Zoom.

**Wednesday 1st July 9.30pm** Benefice Compline service on Zoom

**Thursday 2nd July 10.15am** Open the Book team in St Lawrence school

**Friday 3rd July 9.30pm** Benefice Compline on Zoom

#### 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**

#### North West Pinnacle, St Lawrence church tower

The ropes that were secured to the NW pinnacle have been removed following consultation with the church architect. In 2021, a high-level inspection took place and repairs carried out including fitting a stainless steel dowel and some pointing work. The rope was put in place while the pinnacle was monitored. The repairs have consolidated the stonework and the pinnacle is therefore stable. The architect has deemed it safe to remove the ropes. Many thanks to our Churchwarden Eric for undertaking this task.

#### 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.

#### Gnosall Carnival

Many thanks to all who helped with Gnosall Carnival. It was a wonderful day and was well attended by many villagers. Space and Beyond was a fantastic theme which saw many space ships and aliens descend on Gnosall for the day. Full write up will be in the GPN next month.

#### Contact Details for the Church Office.

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