

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

Sunday 21st June. (Trinity 3)

Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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

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 21: 8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Romans 6: 1b-11

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 10: 24-39

'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

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For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one's foes will be members of one's own
household. Whoever loves father or mother more
than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son
or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and
whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is
not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

**In our year's mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we
remember:** Kathleen Perry.

Notices

This 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

Next Week's Services- 28th 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

**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 Our PCC Secretaries, Barbara, Carol, Ben,
Jane and Eunice
Tuesday For Churchwardens as they are admitted to
office at the Visitation Service this evening
Wednesday Those who serve as Governors at our
primary schools
Thursday The care and maintenance of our
churchyards
Friday University graduates as they prepare to finish
their studies and look for work
Saturday Families attending the Teddy Bears Picnic at
Adbaston, and all those involved in organising the
event
Sunday Those leading worship across our benefice
today

Weekly Diary

Monday 22nd 9.30pm Compline on Zoom. Please
contact the office if you would like the code to join
any of our online services.
Tuesday 23rd 9.30am Morning Prayer on Zoom
10.30am Assembly at Woodseaves CE Primary School
7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation Service at St John the
Baptist, Littleworth
Wednesday 24th June 9.30pm Compline on Zoom
Thursday 25th June 10.15am Assembly at St Lawrence
CE Primary School
Friday 19th June 9.30pm Compline on Zoom
Saturday 27th June 12pm Teddy Bears Picnic at St
Michael and All Angels, Adbaston

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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9-1:00. When the office is not staffed, leave a message
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