

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,
Moreton and Norbury
Sunday 12th July. (Trinity 6)**

Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Isaiah 55: 10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Romans 8: 1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!' 'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

In our year's mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we

remember: Eileen Gladys Mary Bradburn, Gerald Powell, Elizabeth Bentley, Charles Vincent Brown.

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.

Notices

This Week's Services- 12th July

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

Next Week's Services- 19th July

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion
10:30am Holy Communion
Knightley 9:30am Holy Communion

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 and Woodseaves Schools Year 6 Leavers Services
Tuesday Assembly at Woodseaves Primary School
Wednesday The Bible Society's work and mission
Thursday Assembly at St Lawrence Primary School
Friday A successful Canal Festival in Gnosall
Saturday All involved in the preparation of Norbury's salmon lunch
Sunday Baptism of Emma Cooke at St Lawrence Church

Weekly Diary

Contact the benefice office if you would like the code to join any of the services online.
Monday 13th 2pm Woodseaves Year 6 Leavers Service at Knightley
6pm St Lawrence Year 6 Leavers Service at Gnosall
9.30pm Benefice Compline service on Zoom.
Tuesday 14th 10.30am Assembly at Woodseaves CE Primary School
9.30am Morning Prayer on Zoom.
Wednesday 15th 9.30pm Benefice Compline service on Zoom
Thursday 16th 10.15am Assembly at St Lawrence CE Primary School
Friday 17th 9.30pm Benefice Compline on Zoom
Sunday 19th 12.30pm Salmon Lunch at Norbury Village Hall

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

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

St. Peter's Norbury - Cream Teas

Delicious homemade refreshments served in the Churchyard (or Church if wet).

SUNDAYS 9th and 16th AUGUST 2.30pm - 4.00pm

Tickets -£5.00

Please book at least 3 days before the date

Contact: 01785 284463

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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.



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