

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

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July. (Trinity 5)

### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### Zechariah 9: 9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the warhorse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.  
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

### Romans 7: 15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my

members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

### Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end

'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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

**remember:** Neil McLeod, David Clive Richardson, Ian Westerman, Pat Fones.

### Notices

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

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

#### Next Week's Services- 12<sup>th</sup> 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

*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.*

**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 those affected by the earthquakes in Venezuela

**Tuesday** G G's Youth Club Leader, Megan, as she takes up a new appointment

**Wednesday** For a vaccine to halt the spread of the latest Ebola outbreak in the DRC and Uganda

**Thursday** Those who work in our local shops

**Friday** All who gather for the burial of ashes at Knightley and Tina as she officiates

**Saturday** For a successful week of GFest

**Sunday** For the Civic Service at St Lawrence Church

**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 6th July 9.30pm** Benefice Compline service on Zoom.

**Tuesday 7th July 9.30am** Morning Prayer on Zoom.

**Wednesday 8th July 9.30pm** Benefice Compline service on Zoom

**Friday 10th July 2pm** Interment of ashes at Knightley  
**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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