

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

Sunday 19th July. (Trinity 7)

Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

Isaiah 44: 6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one..

Romans 8: 12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in

hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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

remember: Jeremy Douglas Wassell, Ronald Phillip Grace, Margaret Betty Parker, Gladys Dorothy Hughes, Eileen May Thompson, Samantha Louvaine Russell.

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- 19th July

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion

10:30am Holy Communion

Knightley 9:30am Holy Communion

Next Week's Services- 26th July

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion

10:30am Morning Worship

Knightley 9:30am Holy Communion

Adbaston 9:30am Holy Communion

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: Places where wildfires occur and the emergency services dealing with them

Tuesday: Teachers, school staff and pupils as the Summer holidays begin

Wednesday: The proper protection of MPs and other public officials

Thursday: Farmers as they cope with the lack of rain for crops

Friday: Those who crew lifeboats around our shores

Saturday: A successful Gnosall Singers Summer Concert at Moreton

Sunday: Baptism of Matilda Morris at St Peter's, Norbury

Online Services

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

There will be no Compline on Monday 20th or Wednesday 22nd.

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

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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Friends of St Lawrence Church

An Extravaganza of Puddings, wine and entertainment ... in the Church on Sat 15th August at 7pm Tickets £12, available from Sandy Redfern 01785 822440.

Vespers

The next Service of Vespers, led by the Roman Catholic community will be on Sunday 6 September at 6.30pm in St Lawrence's Church.

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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