

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,
Moreton and Norbury
Sunday 16th August. (Trinity 11)**

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.
And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.
Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you,

they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15: 10-28

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.' Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

remember: Don cooper, Maureen Ann Windows, Kathleen June Bradley, Llewellyn Phillip Evans.

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- 16th August

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion
10:30am Morning Worship
Woodseaves 9:30am Breakfast Church
Norbury 11am Morning Worship

Next Week's Services- 23rd August

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion
10:30am Holy Communion
Knightley 9:30am Holy Communion
Norbury 11am Morning Worship
Moreton 11am Holy Communion

Weekly Diary

Please contact the office if you would like the code to join any of our online services.

Monday 17th 7.30pm Remembrance Sunday planning meeting at St Lawrence
9.30pm Compline on Zoom
Tuesday 18th 9.30am Morning Prayer on Zoom
Wednesday 19th 9.30pm Compline on Zoom
Friday 21st 9.30pm Compline on Zoom

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: For refreshing rain to end the drought
Tuesday: For Those who serve on our Parish Councils
Wednesday: For the protection of humanitarian workers
Thursday: For Students receiving their GCSE results
Friday: For the work of charities and trusts that protect our wildlife
Saturday: For Adbaston Community Group & Concert Society
Sunday: For Those who will be leading worship

St. Peter's Norbury - Cream Teas

Delicious homemade refreshments served in the Churchyard (or Church if wet). **SUNDAY 16th AUGUST 2.30pm - 4.00pm** Tickets -£5.00 *Please book at least 3 days before the date* Contact: 01785 284463
j.swinnerton29@hotmail.com

House of Bread Donations

Donations can be made for the House of Bread either in the box located on the vicarage drive or in the labelled plastic box inside St Lawrence Church. The

church is open daily between 10am and 4pm.
Thank you.

Benefice Harvest Donations

As has been the practice in recent years, leaders of our benefice parishes have agreed to contribute all harvest donations to Christian Food Help. As you consider what you might donate to the harvest collection the following list may be of help. A typical family food parcel contains one or more of the following: pasta, rice, tinned meals - meat and fish - as well as tins of vegetables including potatoes, soup, baked beans, puddings and fruit. Also included are tea, long life milk and cereal. Christian Food Help is grateful for this continued and essential support. Please bring your donations to your church service on Sunday 27th September

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.



Breakfast Church Starts 16th August
9.30am
3rd Sunday of the Month
Woodseaves Village Hall
Breakfast served from 9.15am
Join us for fun and friendly worship for all ages
For more information contact Rev Rachael Rector of Knightley and High Offley Churches 01785 822820

Contact Details for the Church Office.

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