

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,
Moreton and Norbury
Sunday 23rd August. (Trinity 12)**

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Isaiah 51 1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Romans 12: 1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Matthew 16: 13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

remember: Percy Malcolm Griffiths, Christine Winifred Francis, Vera Clark, Nicholas James Allcock, Kenneth Anthony Morris, Raymond John Norris.

Notices

This 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

Next Week's Services- 30th August

Gnosall 10:30am Benefice Communion
12:30 Baptism of Fern Archer.

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: World Water Week: uniting global leaders to commit to a water-secure future for all.

Tuesday: An end to the war between Ukraine and Russia

Wednesday: Prisons: Officers and those serving sentences

Thursday: Continuing support for the House of Bread charity

Friday: Parents finding it difficult to afford school uniforms ahead of the new school year

Saturday: The time and efforts of the Best Kept Village group

Sunday: Baptism of Fern Archer at St Lawrence Gnosall

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.

Coffee and Chat

All Welcome for Coffee and Chat 10:30-12:30 at St Lawrence Church. 1st Saturday of every month.

Gnosall Church Tower Open Day

The Church Tower open day returns on 12th September as part of the Gnosall Heritage event. Tickets are £5 for adults, £2.50 for children (must be over 8 years old.) We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible to support the church. Refreshments included. Pay on the day at Church.

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.

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

Christmas Craft Fayre

Stalls for the Gnosall Christmas Craft Fayre on 28th November are selling quickly. To book a spot, contact Victoria in the church office with what you would like to sell. Stalls are £20 each.

Eco tip of the Month

Looking after wildlife in the heat. Times of drought and dryness can be dangerous for wildlife. Provide water for birds and insects - put a dish of water out to help wildlife stay hydrated. Insects, small mammals, birds, and even badgers, foxes, and deer could benefit. A stone in a plant saucer helps bees to perch and drink without drowning. These small actions make a big difference and are just some of the ways we can live out our calling to care for God's creation. See our blog on looking after wildlife in the heat for more warm weather eco tips: arocha.org.uk/looking-afterwildlife-in-the-heat/.

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