

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,
Moreton and Norbury
Sunday 30th August. (Trinity 13)**

Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Jeremiah 15: 15-21

O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.
Therefore, thus says the Lord:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the Lord.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Romans 12: 9- end

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.
Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16: 21-end

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'
Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?'
'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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.

In our year's mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we remember: Ivor Spencer-Thomas, Leslie Weston Wilkins, Alice Irene (Rene) Edwards, James Edwards, Linda Joan Keeley, Queenie Elizabeth Ashley.

Notices

This Week's Services- 30th August

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

Next Week's Services- 6th September

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion
10:00am Zoom Worship

Weekly Diary

There are no midweek Zoom services this week. The next online service will be at 10am on Sunday 6th September.

Monday 31st Bank Holiday

Tuesday 1st September 7pm Knightley and High Offley PCC at Adie's house

Thursday 3rd Woodseaves Coffee Morning

7pm Adbaston PCC in the Jubilee Room

Friday 4th 11am Holy Communion at Gingercroft Care Home

Saturday 5th Coffee and Chat St Lawrence

Sunday 6th Vespers 6:30pm

Rev Rachael will be on annual leave from Saturday 5th September to Saturday 12th September. Please contact Victoria in the benefice office with any enquiries whilst she is away.

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 Workers who collect our refuse

Tuesday Knightley & High Offley PCC meeting

Wednesday Adbaston PCC meeting

Thursday Those returning to and those attending for the first time at Gnosall & Woodseaves Schools

Friday Residents of Gingercroft Care Home receiving the Eucharist

Saturday The humanitarian catastrophe caused by the war in Sudan

Sunday Young adults leaving care as they adapt to living independently.

Funeral of Miriam Leese

The Service for Miriam will take place on Saturday 12th September at 11am at Adbaston Church.

Church Decorating for Harvest Festival at St Lawrence

We shall decorate the Church on Sat 26th Sept from 9am - 11am. Please bring your own flowers and greenery. Everyone welcome.

Harvest Tea at St. Lawrence Church

Sat 26th Sept at 3pm. You are invited by the Trustees of the Friends to view the Harvest flowers and enjoy afternoon tea. Tickets £10 from Sandy 822440, Helen 822347 or Pauline 823407.

St. Peter's, Norbury Harvest Lunch

SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER 12.30pm for 1.00pm Norbury Village Hall. Hot Roast Gammon Dinner (Vegetarian option available) followed by delicious home-made puddings (Bring your own drinks)

Admission by ticket: Adults- £16.00 Children (under 12) - £8.00) *** Please book as soon as possible ***

Contact: 01785 284463 j_swinerton29@hotmail.com

All proceeds to Church funds

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.) Refreshments included. Pay on the day at Church.

Confirmation Service with Bishop Matthew

Sunday 13th September, 10.30 at St Lawrence

You are warmly invited to join us for this service as we gather to support Amy, Sandy and Kev as they take this important step in their journey of faith. At the service, a collection will be taken for the Bishop's Ordination Candidates Fund, to support ordinands in training and their families, and UNICEF which works to support the rights and well-being of children around the world. Donations can be made in cash or using the card reader.

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.

Contact Details for the Church Office.

Phone: 01785 822820 Benefice Administrator: Victoria
Office email: churchofficegnosall@gmail.com

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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