

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

Sunday 13th September. (Trinity 15)

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Genesis 50: 15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached^[a] Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept,^[b] fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Romans 14: 1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who

eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Matthew 18: 21-35

Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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: Gillian Mary Clarke, Kenneth Timmis, John Holmes, John Emmerson Davies, Philip Jones, Marjorie Faith Duncombe.

Notices

This Week's Services- 13th September

There will be no 8am service this week

10:30am Benefice Confirmation Service

Next Week's Services- 20th September

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion

10:30am Morning Worship

Woodseaves Village Hall 9:30am Breakfast Church

Norbury 11am Holy Communion

Weekly Diary

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Monday 14th 7.30pm St Lawrence PCC meeting in the vestry
9.30pm Compline on Zoom

Tuesday 15th 9.30am Morning Prayer on Zoom

10.30am Assembly at Woodseaves School

2pm St Mary's Moreton PCC meeting at the Millennium Community Centre

Wednesday 16th 7.30pm St Peter's Norbury PCC meeting at Jane's house

9.30pm Compline on Zoom

Friday 18th 9.30pm Compline on Zoom

Sunday 20th Baptism of Annabel Wilcox, High Offley.

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 St Lawrence Gnosall PCC Meeting

Tuesday St Mary's Moreton PCC Meeting

Wednesday St Peter's Norbury PCC Meeting

Thursday All those involved in education and the challenges they face

Friday Students preparing to begin their studies at university

Saturday For Sarah and the team as they prepare for Messy Church

Sunday Baptism of Annabel Wilcox at High Offley

Memorial Service for Miriam Leese

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Miriam Leese who passed away on the 5th August will be held at Adbaston Church, at 11am on Saturday 12th

September. Following the service everyone is warmly invited for refreshments and to continue to share memories at the Smithy in Eccleshall.

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

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.

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.



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Eco Tip of the Month

The Season of Creation (1 September-4 October) is dedicated to God as the Creator and sustainer of all life. Join A Rocha UK's Season of Creation prayer and reflection webinar on Wednesday 2 September to start this season with others. During this period of the church calendar, many churches celebrate Harvest, thanking God for his provision through the land and the food that it produces. If you are part of a church or community, suggest that a service or gathering has a Season of Creation focus. Prayers, worship, teaching and the offering could focus on creation. Could there be an activity with a creation focus too? Explore more Season of Creation resources at: arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/season-of-creation

Contact Details for the Church Office.

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