

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

Sunday 20th September. (Trinity 16)

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Jonah 3: 10-end of 4

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush,^[a] and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Philippians 1: 21-end

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Matthew 20: 1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no

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wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

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

remember: John Edwards Reynolds, Derek Roland Brown, Matthew John farmer, Mabel Bodley, Arthur Charles Cooper, Donald Douglas Hardy Bradley, Rosa Bache, Shelia M Dukes, Brian A Rowe.

Notices

This Week's Services- 20th September

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion

10:30am Morning Worship

Woodseaves Village Hall 9:30am Breakfast Church

Norbury 11am Holy Communion

Next Week's Services- 27th September

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion

10:30am Morning Worship

High Offley 9:30am Holy Communion

Adbaston 9:30am Morning Worship

Moreton 11am Holy Communion

Norbury 11am Morning Worship

Sunday Celebration Service

Join us for the first Sunday Celebration Service on 4th October, 10am and then the first Sunday of every month at St Lawrence Church, Gnosall. This is a fun and friendly service, everyone is welcome.

Weekly Diary

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

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Monday 21st 9.30pm Compline on Zoom

Tuesday 22nd 9.30am Morning Prayer on Zoom

2pm Safeguarding Training at Moreton Millennium Centre

Wednesday 23rd 9.30pm Compline on Zoom

Thursday 24th 10.15am Open the Book at St Lawrence School

Friday 25th 9.30pm Compline on Zoom

Saturday 26th 3pm Friends of St Lawrence Harvest Tea

Sunday 27th Harvest Festival celebrations across the benefice

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 Those called to jury service in our courts

Tuesday A successful Safeguarding training session for St Mary's Moreton

Wednesday Young people starting out in employment

Thursday For the Open the Book team at St Lawrence School

Friday Those forced to live in poor housing

Saturday For a successful Harvest Tea at St Lawrence Church Gnosall

Sunday For all the Harvest Festival celebrations across the benefice

Children's Society:

I am collecting the boxes in, so please drop them off if possible. Thank You, Yvonne Cannell (Coordinator)

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.swinnerton29@hotmail.com
All proceeds to Church funds

Harvest Donations

Please remember that Christian Food Help is grateful for your continued and essential support. Please bring your donations of tinned and dried goods to your church service on Sunday 27th September

Contact Details for the Church Office.

Phone: 01785 822820 Benefice Administrator: Victoria
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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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