

**The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley,
Moreton and Norbury
Sunday 4th October. (Trinity 18)**

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

Amen.

Isaiah 5: 1-7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watch-tower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah

are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Philippians 3: 4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21: 33-end

Jesus said: 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes,

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what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”?’

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls. When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

remember: Alice Lucia Air, Lucy Irene Marsh, Richard Lloyd Cartwright, Rosa Jones, Barbara Ruth Welch Lewis.

Notices

This Week’s Services- 4th October

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion

10am Benefice Sunday Celebration

2pm Baptism

Next Week’s Services- 11th October

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

Weekly Diary

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

Monday 5th 7pm PCC Safeguarding training at the home of Jane Swinnerton

9.30pm Compline on Zoom

Tuesday 6th 9.30am Morning Prayer on Zoom

10.15am Assembly at Woodseaves School

Wednesday 7th 9.30pm Compline on Zoom

Thursday 8th 10.15am Open the Book at St Lawrence School

7pm Ministry Team meeting at the vicarage

Friday 9th 6.30pm Friends of St Lawrence Beetle Drive in church

9.30pm Compline on Zoom

Sunday 11th 2pm Baptism of Woody and Lando Clemson at St Lawrence

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 A successful Safeguarding session for Norbury PCC members

Tuesday Rev Rachael’s visit to Woodseaves school for assembly

Wednesday The safety and well-being of those who serve in the armed forces

Thursday Open the Book Team visiting St Lawrence School

Friday An enjoyable and successful Beetle Drive at St Lawrence Church

Saturday World Mental Health Day and those involved in raising awareness

Sunday Baptism of Woody and Lando Clemson at St Lawrence Gnosall

Heritage Help at St Lawrence

Lynn Podmore, a Heritage Consultant, is helping us to explore the interpretive potential of St Lawrence to support our mission, strengthen our role in the local community and attract a wider range of visitors. She would love to hear your personal stories about St Lawrence, what you love about the building and what you think are its hidden ‘gems’ that might interest and engage visitors. To this end, we would like to invite you to come and meet Lynn in church anytime between **2 and 3pm on Sunday 18th October**. There will be opportunity to share your thoughts, ideas and stories with Lynn and refreshments will be available. It will be an informal, drop-in session so please come along and contribute to this exciting project.

Coffee and Chat

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

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.



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Norbury

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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

Beetle Drive with Hotdogs

Friday 9th October in St Lawrence Church at 6.30pm
Tickets £10 adults/ £7 for under 11s from Helen 822347 Pauline 823407

Quiz Night at Moreton.

Please join us for a quiz night on Friday 23rd October in Moreton at the Millennium centre. We will start at 7-7:30pm. Teams of up to 4, £5 per person. All Proceeds to church.

Greening your home this Autumn.

Tackle climate change and reduce your heating bills by finding and reducing the draughts in your home. Find the gaps that let cold air in and warm air out (keyholes, letterboxes and gaps around windows, doors, loft hatches and floorboards for example). Do what you can to fix these gaps - there are lots of tutorials on how to do this online. It's also a good time to prepare for winter by putting radiator reflector foil or baking foil behind the radiator. This will reflect heat back into your room.

Children's Society:

If you are able, can you please drop boxes off at St Lawrence Church at service times, at my house 3 Pear Tree Close or wait for a pick up from your house. If you have any difficulties please give me a call on: 01785 824349. Can I, on behalf of all the vulnerable children the Society helps, thank you for your generosity. Thank You, Yvonne Cannell (Coordinator)

**Can you help raise money for
St Lawrence Church?**

Can you help to raise funds for our church by filling a jam jar for our Christmas Tombola?

-Any Size Jam Jar

-Fill it with sweets, chocolates or other small gifts such as toiletries, stationery or fidget toys

-Decorate with Christmas paper, ribbon or stickers

-Bring to the box at the back of church or hand to Revd. Rachael or Victoria.

Thanks in Advance for your help.



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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