The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley, Moreton and Norbury
Sunday 22nd November (Christ the King)

Collect
Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion
Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.
Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Ephesians 1: 15-end
I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Matthew 25: 31-end
'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him,

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"Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

In our year's mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we remember: Barbara G. Wilkins, Annie (Nancy) Elizabeth Yardley, Angela Mavis James, Percy William Flello, Terence Alan Ball, Olive Elizabeth Moulton, Patricia Ann Sidbotham, Barry Kemmel Marshall, Lisa Mary Forrester.

Notices

This Week's Services- 22nd November

Gnosall 8am Holy Communion
10:30am Holy Communion
Adbaston 9:30am Morning Worship
Knightley 9:30am Morning Worship
Moreton 11am Morning Worship
Norbury 11am Holy Communion

Next Week's Services- 29th November

Norbury 10:30am Benefice Communion
Moreton 3pm Christingle

Weekly Diary

Please contact the office if you would like the code to join any of our online services.
Monday 23rd 9.30pm Compline on Zoom
Tuesday 24th 9.30am Morning Prayer on Zoom
Wednesday 25th 12.30pm Funeral of Susan Cork at Adbaston
9.30pm Compline on Zoom
Thursday 26th 10.15am Open the Book at St Lawrence School
Friday 27th 7.30pm St Lawrence Bellringers AGM in the vestry
9.30pm Compline on Zoom
Saturday 28th 10am-4pm Christmas Craft Fayre at St Lawrence
7.15pm Bingo at Norbury Village Hall in aid of St Peter's

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 who work in palliative care
Tuesday For the work of prison chaplains
Wednesday All attending the funeral of Susan Cork at Adbaston
Thursday The Open the Book team as they visit Gnosall School
Friday St Lawrence Bellringers as they gather for their AGM
Saturday A successful Christmas Craft Fayre at St Lawrence, Gnosall
Sunday Young people living in care

Thank you

Christian Food Help wishes to thank everyone in the borders benefice, all parents and guardians of children at Saint Lawrence Primary School and many friends across Gnosall for hugely generous donations to our harvest collections. They are a significant contribution towards enabling us to begin the winter confident of feeding those in need.

St. Peter's Church Norbury

BINGO AND BANGERS
Saturday 28th November Norbury Village Hall 7.15 for 7.30pm start. Admission £6.00 (children £3.00)
Includes 2 books and Hotdog.
Please bring own drinks.
Proceeds to Church funds

St Lawrence Christmas Craft Fayre

The craft fayre is on Saturday 28th November 10-4pm. Please support us on the day. Please call Victoria in the Church Office for more information.

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Coffee and Chat

Change of date from Saturday Dec 5th to Saturday Dec 12th. Everyone welcome.

Moreton Church

Miniature Nativity exhibition in Church – 29th November until end of December – open every day 10am – 4pm. The Exhibition will be opened by Rev Rachael 3pm on 29th November followed by a Christingle Service led by Rev Rachael.

Vespers

The next Vespers will be on Sunday 6 December at 6.45pm. The change of time is to avoid the congestion caused by the annual Tractor Run.

Life Sucks Without Socks

This Advent, our benefice is supporting the Mother's Union campaign, *Life Sucks without Socks.* We are collecting donations of thick, warm socks, hats, gloves, scarves and pants for the homeless. We would love to collect 150 items to mark the 150th anniversary of Mother's Union. Bring your donations to church or drop them off in the House of Bread box on the vicarage drive throughout Advent.

Christmas is Coming!

Raising funds for St. Peter's Church, Norbury
WIN A CHRISTMAS HAMPER
Christmas Quiz sheets will be available from Saturday 28th November Completed sheets to be returned with £3.00 entry fee by 18th December
Contact Jane for further information 01785 284463
j_swinnerton29@hotmail.com

Thank you

On behalf of The Children's Society can I thank everyone for the generous donations and from the box holders who raised the sum of £774.30 this year. Any amount raised really does change children's lives everyday by providing funding to maintain the Society's vital services. Can I also thank the box collectors whose help I greatly appreciated this year.
Yvonne Cannell (Coordinator)

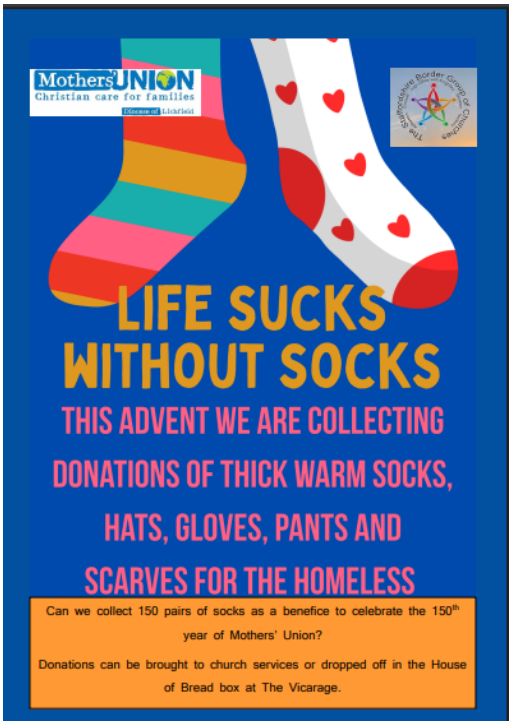
Blue Christmas Service

Wednesday 2nd December, 5pm, St Lawrence Church, Gnosall

Christmas can be a difficult time of year. If you are grieving, lonely, anxious or simply not feeling festive, you are warmly invited to join us for a quiet, reflective service of prayer, readings and music. Come as you are, and find a little space and comfort in the company of others. Hosted by Mother's Union. Everyone is welcome.

Advent Book Club

You are invited to join us to explore 'Walking with Angels' by Eleanor Sanderson, the Archbishop of York's Advent book for 2026.
The book club will meet at the vicarage on each of the 4 Mondays of Advent from 3-4pm, and each week we will focus on a chapter of the book as follows:
Monday 30th Nov: The First week of Advent ('The Lord is with you')
Monday 7th Dec: The Second week of Advent ('Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty')
Monday 14th Dec: The Third week of Advent ('Glory to God in the highest')
Monday 21st Dec: The Fourth week of Advent ('Come, Lord Jesus, come!')
Come to all of the sessions, or just the ones you can make. Each week is 'stand alone' so it won't matter if you can't make them all. The book is widely available, including from Amazon or Eden booksellers. Let Rachael know if you need help to obtain a copy.



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