# The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, High Offley & Knightley, Moreton and Norbury
# Sunday 15th November (Safeguarding Sunday)

**Collect**
Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

*Post Communion*
Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
**Amen.**

**Zephaniah 1:7, 12-end**
Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
'The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm.'
13 Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The Great Day of the Lord
14 The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth

**1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11**
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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**Matthew 25: 14-30**

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

**In our year's mind (St Lawrence, Gnosall) we remember:** Roger Michael Peters, Margaret Urwin, Robert James (Bob) Winfield, Dennis George Penson, Arthur James Wykes, Nancy Margaret Dodd, Patricia Oldroyd, Henry Nicholls, Douglas Owens.

**Notices**

**This Week's Services- 15th November**
**Safeguarding Sunday**

**Gnosall 8am** Holy Communion
**10:30am** Morning Worship
**4pm** Messy Church
**Woodseaves 9:30am** Breakfast Church
**Norbury 11am** Morning Worship

**Next 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

**Weekly Diary**

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

**Monday 16th 2pm** Christingle preparation at Moreton Millennium Centre
**9.30pm** Compline on Zoom
**Tuesday 17th 9.30am** Morning Prayer on Zoom
**10.15am** Assembly at Woodseaves School
Wednesday 18th 7.30pm Friends of St Lawrence AGM in the vestry
**9.30pm** Compline on Zoom
**Thursday 19th 10.15am** Assembly at St Lawrence School
**1.30pm** Memory Lane cafe in the vestry at St Lawrence. All welcome.
**Friday 20th 9.30pm** Compline on Zoom

**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 getting together to prepare for Christingle
**Tuesday** Children and staff gathered for Assembly at Woodseaves School
**Wednesday** A sociable AGM of the Friends of St Lawrence
**Thursday** All attending the first Memory Lane Café at St Lawrence Gnosall

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**Friday** Those facing the challenges of World Children's Day
**Saturday** All affected by the latest and deadliest Ebola outbreak in DRC
**Sunday** For generous donations to 'Life Sucks without Socks' campaign

**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.

**Moreton Church**

'Poppies Galore' in St Marys Church – 1st November until 15th November inclusive – open every day 10am – 4pm
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.

**Memory Lane Cafe**

Thursday 19th November, 1.30-3.30pm in the vestry at St Lawrence. A place for people in the community who have been bereaved to come together, share memories and reflect. Free refreshments. No need to book – just come along. Hosted by A. Walker and Sons Funeral Directors.

**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
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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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