

Weekly News and Notices

Sunday 26th April 2020 Third Sunday of Easter

A candle is lit to celebrate the light of Christ

The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.
Alleluia, Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed, alleluia!

We give thanks to God:

**Loving Lord,
fill us with your life-giving,
joy-giving, peace-giving presence,
that we may praise you now with our lips
and all the day long with our lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We bring our need for forgiveness:

We come to God to confess our sins -
in silence, in penitence and in confidence,
we ask to be made whole.
**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
That we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you our God. Amen**

God is good to all whose lives are open to change,
From guilt to grace, from darkness to light,
God pronounces his pardon and grants his peace. **Amen**

The Collect

Risen Christ

You filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14-41

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: **36** 'Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.' **37** When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' **38** Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptised, everyone of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.' **40** With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' **41** Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.
This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you O Lord.

Luke 24:13-35

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognising him. 17 He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?' They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' 19 'What things?' he asked. 'About Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied. 'He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.' 25 He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. 28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. 29 But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went into stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?' 33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread. This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you O Christ**

We say what we believe in the words of the Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Our Prayers

We bring our prayers using the response:

Risen Christ **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those on our prayer list -

Audrey Downes, Janette Ibbs, Michael Johnson, Bill Nunn, Michael Butler, Ted Talbot, Sybil Johnson, Ann Roberts
Martin Watkins and Robert Nicholls

and we remember the families of those who have recently died -

Brian Gregory, Brian Thomas, Cynthia Thomas, Joan Hughes, Jacqueline Hunt, June Smith and Grace Whittaker.

In our years mind we remember -

Betty Laura Summers, David Arthur Barker, William Edward Duncombe, Peter Cooper, George Barnwell and Cliff Blunt
May they know your peace.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

We say together:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said "Peace be with you." Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Act of Contrition

I love you, Jesus, my love above all things, and I repent with my whole heart of having offended you. Never permit me to separate myself from you again, grant that I may love you always, and then do with me what you will.

Act of Spiritual reception

In union, dear Father, with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the precious Body and Blood, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though I am exiled from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life I pray you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us. Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence.

O Lord and heavenly Father, we your humble servants entirely desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching you to grant, that by the merits and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all your whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. **Amen**

Blessing

May you find in Christ Jesus, risen from the dead, a sure ground for your faith, a firm support for your hope, the assurance of sins forgiven, and life that is eternal; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Stay at home, and stay safe to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURERS

While our worship on Sunday in church is suspended our income will reduce considerably.

Could I suggest that people may continue giving by one of the following methods -

1. Make a monthly donation on line.
2. Set up a monthly standing order. (We can let you have the form)

The bank details for each parish are as follows and if you would like help in any of these procedures please contact our treasurers or Rev Kathryn

Gnosall

St Lawrence PCC sort code 30.98.00 acc no 02947405 envelopes can be left at the Vicarage

johnbridgeexpert@gmail.com or 07973778914

High Offley and Knightley

PCC High Offley sort code 524110 account 11003111 contact details katharinetom@hotmail.co.uk or 302221

Norbury

Norbury PCC 54-10-36 acc no 08607540 bratton689@btinternet.com or 284714

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Adbaston and Moreton

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Adbaston PCC

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PCC Moreton

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roger.craven.t21@btinternet.com or 823332

IF YOU MAKE A PAYMENT DIRECTLY TO THE BANK ACCOUNT PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME

HOUSE OF BREAD

We are still collecting non-perishable food, clothing and toiletries for those who are homeless and in need. Items can be left in the containers at the Vicarage in Gnosall.

Sadly our church buildings are therefore now closed for public worship, private prayer and all other meetings and activities except for vital community services until further notice.

Funerals may now only happen at the Crematorium or at the graveside and not in church buildings. Only immediate family members can attend (if the crematorium allows) – that is, spouse or partner, parents and children, keeping their distance in the prescribed way. Please pray for our bereaved families during this difficult time for them and for our clergy trying to help them as best they can. Our buildings are closed but the church is the people and our church is still here and relevant. It is lovely to see the way people are keeping in touch and caring for one another. Let's continue to do that with phone calls, letters and prayer as well as the more technical ways. And by continuing to think of Acts of Kindness we can do for others to show that we care.

Annual Parish Meetings

In the light of the restrictions placed upon parishes by the current COVID-19 epidemic, the Bishop of Lichfield has signed an Instrument that extends the time for choosing churchwardens at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners to the 31st October 2020 and PCC and Deanery Synod members at the APCM to the same date. All those currently in these posts will continue until then.

Local News

As we don't have any events to advertise at the moment, it would be good to hear about all the initiatives in your parishes that are being done to look after people and connect with them. If you could let us know about these we can share the news with others each week.

If there is anything that you would like including on next week's notice sheet please let Kathryn have it by Wednesday, either call on 01785 822820 or email: rev.kathrynh@gmail.com

PLEASE TRY TO TAKE THIS SHEET TO ANY MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY WHO AREN'T ABLE TO ACCESS IT ELECTRONICALLY.