

Weekly News and Notices

Sunday 5th March 2020 Palm Sunday

Sadly the Diocese have advised us not to distribute palm crosses this year but instead they suggest that we make a cross and perhaps decorate it and put it in our window as we enter Holy Week and look towards the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Perhaps you could send a photo to us



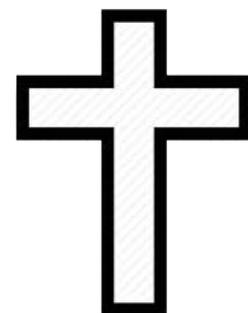
The Collect

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen

Psalm 118:19-24

Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes. The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**



GOSPEL READING

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

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.' This took place to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet: 'Say to Daughter Zion, "See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."' The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!' 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!' 'Hosanna in the highest heaven!' When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, 'Who is this?' The crowds answered, 'This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Hallelujah!

When the Lord of life was dead, day had turned to blackest night It seemed as though the whole world bled, drained of hope and joy and light. Yet it wasn't long before they heard this song

Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Night is ended. Day is breaking. Hallelujah! Christ is Lord!

When disciples met in fear, huddled in an upper room, Jesus came and showed his wounds; peace and joy dispersed their gloom. And it wasn't long before they sang this song;

Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Night is ended. Day is breaking. Hallelujah! Christ is Lord!

We are going through the darkest night, threatening shadows all around, yet catch a glimpse of radiant light, feel the beat of distant sound. Then it won't be long before we'll hear this song

Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Night is ended. Day is breaking. Hallelujah! Christ is Lord!

We believe in God the Father; from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Our Prayers

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Be close to us now, in the middle of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us think that we are invulnerable to a disease that has no borders. Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those families who have family and friends in hospital or in their own homes with the virus and are unable to be with them. Comfort them as they ache to be with the people they love.

Be with the families of those who. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. We pray for those on our prayer list -

Audrey Downes, Janette Ibbs, Jacqueline Hunt, Michael Johnson, Bill Nunn, Michael Butler, Ted Talbot, Sybil Johnson, Ann Roberts, Martin Watkins, Robert Nicholls, Brian Gregory, Edward Harrison and Michael Pope

and we remember the families of those who have recently died

Margaret Whittall, Gerald Bates, Helen Turner and Pat Kilvert *May they know your peace.*

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who are trying so hard to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

We pray for those couples who were looking forward to being married in the coming weeks. Strengthen their relationships and bless them we pray.

We pray for those who are very worried about their financial situation and their employment. Those who are trying to work from home and teach their children. Those who are anxious about college courses and postponed exams. May this be a time for families to grow together and find new ways of sharing their time. We especially pray for those who feel even more isolated than normal and those with existing health conditions who worry about how to receive the care they need.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

During this difficult time when we long to worship together and support one another, help us to find every way we can to care for those in need while being responsible in making sure we take every precaution to stay safe.

Jesus Christ, heal us.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our Saviour Jesus Christ

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.

Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ AMEN



Year's Mind

Edith May Keay
Alice Mary Goring
George Henry Lakin
Robert John (Bob) Edwards

PRAYER CHAIN

Please remember that we have a prayer co-ordinator who every fortnight sends around names of people to be included in our prayers .If you would like to receive this list then please contact Hayley h_a_p@hotmail.com

CHRISTIAN AID

A message from Gerry and Freda Dale. A lot of people have very kindly offered to sponsor Gerry and Freda for their annual walk in support of Christian Aid. Unfortunately the walk will not go ahead and they want all those who have already made a donation to be assured that they will be refunding them as soon as possible and they are very grateful to those who offered to contribute.

ST LAWRENCE'S GNOSALL

Our churchwardens are trying to compile a list of those who hold keys to the church. If you have keys could you let Eric know please.

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. Post or deliver to the Vicarage in Gnosall.
2. Make a monthly donation on line.
3. 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
Envelopes can be delivered to – Wentwood, High Meadow Norbury, ST20 0PD

Adbaston and Moreton

Adbaston PCC

PCC Moreton

sort code

52-41-10

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acct no

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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

Following the Prime Minister's announcement of 23rd March, the Archbishops have written to clergy in support of the measures, requiring that churches must now close both for private worship and public services.

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.

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. 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



Social distancing baptism!

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

WINNERS OF APRIL MONTHLY DRAW



£25

Louise Bucknall

£15

Anthony Main

£10

Jim McGregor

£5

Diane Richardson