

The Parishes of Adbaston, Gnosall, Knightley & High Offley, Moreton and Norbury
Weekly News and Notices

Sunday 10th May 2020 *Fifth 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!

May this time be good for us in body, mind and spirit.

As we gather in the presence of God who made us and loves us and will never leave us.

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

May God, who is full of love, forgive you
and free you, heal you and strengthen
you to live the new life of Jesus
in the strength of the Spirit. **Amen**

The Collect

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

GOSPEL READING

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

John 14: 1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going. Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.'

Jesus answered: 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you O Christ**

Reflection

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 Karyn Godwin and Robert Nicholls.

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

June Pearman, Tony Ransom and Mary Corbett. *May they know your peace.*

In our year's mind we remember -

John (Jack) Jones and Marian Foster.

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

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.

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He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ of which we are members. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, 'I am the Bread of Life'.

Act of Spiritual Communion

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'. Be with me today, as I offer myself to you. Hear my prayers for others and for myself, and keep me in your care. Amen.

O God, help me to trust you, help me to know that you are with me, help me to believe that nothing can separate me from your love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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**

Hymn

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.

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Stay at home, and stay safe to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

NOTICES

Our buildings are closed but the church is the people and our church is still here and relevant. We are holding services each Sunday on the telephone and via ZOOM.

9am on Sunday to join in a service on your telephone land line.

10am on Sunday by computer, tablet/iPad or iPhone

If you haven't managed to join us yet do persevere, it would be so good to see and hear you- we have a practice session on Saturdays at 4pm and will very happily talk you through the process. Just ring Kathryn (822820) or Tina (823881) anytime. Also every evening at 9.30pm for Night Prayer. On Tuesday mornings at 9.30am we have Morning Prayer. If you would like to know more about joining with these services please contact Rev Kathryn (822820) or Tina Henderson (823881)

Have you heard about the Church of England's 'Daily Hope' phone line?

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

The line – which is available 24 hours a day on [0800 804 8044](tel:08008048044) – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

More details on the CofE website:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-parishes/daily-hope-phone-line>

Do please pass this information on to anyone who you think may be interested.

St Lawrence 100+ Club May winners

Ken Walker £25
Beryl Hockley £15
Denise Jones £10
Stuart Richardson £5

Norbury 100 Club April winners

Kate McNamara £30
Sam Ross £19
Karl & Sharon Davies £10

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Tom Saunders £30
Sonja Barratt £19
George Marginson £10

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

Envelopes can be left at the Vicarage or I am happy to call and collect them if you let me know.

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

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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.

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

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