

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

Weekly News and Notices

Sunday 17th May 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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 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**

Collect

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

GOSPEL READING

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

John 14:15-21

'If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me any more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.'

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, Robert Nicholls, Karyn Godwin and Sam Pownall.

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

Mary Corbett, June Pearman, Martin Watkins, Betty Gold and Betty Wood. *May they know your peace.*

In our year's mind we remember -

Lucy Millicent Dawson, Rosa Gwendoline Reynolds, Francis John (Jack) Cope,

Brian Geoffrey Callard, Patricia Kathleen Malon, George William Wiggin, Jessica Alice Littleton and Constance Jones

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.

Offering Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, thank you that you have plans for us that are for our good and your glory. You said, "Give, and it will be given to you; for in the same measure as you give, it will be given to you again". We give to you today as a response to your goodness to us. We ask that you receive our offerings and continue to supply all our needs. May your peace be in our hearts, your grace be in our words, your love be in our hands and your joy be in our souls. In your mighty name, **Amen.**

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**

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

TWO NEW APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments have been announced

Fr Richard Peers has been appointed as Sub Dean of Christ Church Oxford University.

We are delighted to hear this news and congratulate Richard though he and Jim will be sorely missed by us all and in Norbury in particular.

Revd Mark Bridgen has been appointed as Team Rector of the newly formed West Sevenoaks Team Ministry in the Diocese of Rochester. Mark hopes to take up the appointment at the end of July.

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.

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

Adbaston and Moreton

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PCC Moreton

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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.