

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

Sunday 31st May 2020 Pentecost Sunday

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people **and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.

Renew the face of your creation, Lord, pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit,

And kindle in us the fire of your love.

For the creation waits with eager longing for the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and kindle in us the fire of your love.

CONFESSION

When we ignore you and go our own way, Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy**

When we forget your presence with us, and become like dry bones,

Christ have mercy, **Christ have mercy.**

When we do things in our own strength and not yours, Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy.**

Father forgive us through the death of Jesus, your Son, and strengthen us to live in the power of your Holy Spirit today and every day. **AMEN**

ABSOLUTION

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Collect

**Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the
face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

First Reading Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?'

Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.'

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

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

GOSPEL READING

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

John 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

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

Reflection

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God

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

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, Sam Pownall, Freda Dale and Grace Palmer and we remember the families of those who have recently died
June Pearman, Martin Watkins, Peggy Gould, Betty Wood Raymond Gee and Patricia Leighton

In our year's mind we remember Marjorie Alice Evans, Roland (Ellis) Griffiths and
Avis Mary Cooper

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.

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!

NOTICES

Funerals – Peggy Gould 1st June High Offley Churchyard, 2nd Betty Wood June at Stafford Crematorium, Patricia Leighton 4th June at Stafford Crematorium, Martin Watkins 8th June at Stafford Crematorium and Raymond Gee 15th June at Stafford Crematorium.

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

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
Treasurer - johnbridgeexpert@gmail.com or 07973778914

High Offley and Knightley

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

Norbury

Norbury PCC 54-10-36 acc no 08607540 Treasurer - bratton689@btinternet.com or 284714 or we have a 'Just giving' account set up which can be accessed through our Church website - www.achurchnearyou.com/norbury-st-peters/

Also envelopes can be handed in at 'Wentwood' High Meadow, Norbury, ST20 0PD

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PCC Moreton

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Treasurer - 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.

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.