

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

Pew Sheet for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent)

## Collect

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son; give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Isaiah 12: 2-end

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. <sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. <sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup> Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

This is the word of the Lord:

## Thanks be to God

## Luke 3: 7-18 (NRSV)

Hear the Gospel according to Luke:

## Glory to you O Lord

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise

up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup> Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

<sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" <sup>11</sup> In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." <sup>12</sup> Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" <sup>13</sup> He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." <sup>14</sup> Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>18</sup> So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

## Praise to you O Christ

**In St Lawrence, Gnosall's year's mind we remember** Norman Frederick Windows and Pamela Boyd Grace

## Notices

Updated Government guidance mandates the use of face masks in public places, which we continue to endorse for all our church services, including when singing. All our churches have hand sanitiser available to use on entry and prior to receiving communion. Please respect the space of others as much as possible in the pews and whilst leaving church. We will continue to review and respond to the ongoing situation.

The local Catholic community is hosting an **Evensong/Vespers** at 6.30 pm today at St Lawrence, Gnosall. Please support this local ecumenical service if you are able to.

### **Diary Dates for the Coming Week**

**Daily:** Moreton Miniature Nativity Display  
**Sat 11-Sun 12 Dec:** Norbury Christmas Trees  
**Sat 11 Dec:** Norbury Christmas Concert  
**Sun 12 Dec:** High Offley Christmas Concert  
**Wed 15 Dec:** Carol Singing at Gingercroft  
**Thurs 16 Dec:** Adbaston Church cleaning

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICES (19<sup>th</sup> December, 2021)**

Gnosall 7.45am Holy Communion, Revd Cathy  
6.30pm Carol Service, Revd Cathy & Tina  
Moreton 11am **Benefice Holy Communion**,  
Revd Alison  
Norbury 3.00pm Crib and Carol Service,  
Revd Alison  
Adbaston 3.00pm Carol Service, John  
Knightley 6.30pm Carol Service, Revd Alison

**Night Prayer** takes place every Monday– Friday evening at 9.30pm on Zoom.

**Morning Prayer** is every Tuesday morning at 9.30am on Zoom. Please contact the Church Office if you need the connection details.

### **Ann Wetton Singers Christmas Concert**

St Mary's Church, High Offley, **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm**. Tickets £5 on door

**Moreton Miniature Nativity Display** can be viewed at St Mary's Church every day through December from 10am-4pm.

### **Carol Singing at Gingercroft**

At 10.30am on Wed 15 December we will be carol singing outside Gingercroft in Gnosall for half an hour. Please do join us if you can.

**'A Church Near You'** Each church in the parish has its own website on the Church of England site. These are being regularly updated with our Pewsheets, Weekly Reflections and information about upcoming services. To find your church, simply type 'a church near you Adbaston' or 'a church near you Knightley' etc. into the search engine. Have a look and let me know what you think! Revd Alison

### **St Peter's Norbury Christmas Tree Festival**

**Sat 11-Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** 10.00am-4.00pm.

Admission – free (donations welcome)  
Refreshments available.

### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm**

**'Christmas Concert'** free admission (parking available at Church Farm)

**Win a Christmas Hamper** (Raising funds for St Peter's Norbury) Take part in our Christmas Quiz. Sheets cost £3.00 each. Available from Jane - 01785 284463, Wentwood, Norbury or [j\\_swinerton29@hotmail.com](mailto:j_swinerton29@hotmail.com)

**Adbaston Church Cleaning and Coffee**

Please join us if you can to help clean the church ready for our Carol Service. We will meet at 10am on Thursday 16 December to clean and end with refreshments.

**Church Office** Sue Belyavin, our Benefice Administrator works from 9am-12noon Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Phone 01785 822820 or email [churchofficegnosall@gmail.com](mailto:churchofficegnosall@gmail.com)

**Gnosall Church Flowers for Christmas**

We shall continue doing flowers at home and bringing them in, BUT now, if you prefer, you may arrange in Church individually. The Church is open everyday from 10am - dusk. I suggest delivering or arranging on Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> or Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> and placing them where you like. (3 pedestals and the old font bowl are already assigned). Please help yourselves to all equipment.... this is behind the organ and there is a notice above the sink directing you to the correct cupboard! I am trying (for the environment) to cut down on the use of oasis, so if you can use a vase or bowl with chicken wire or a pinholder all the better. Please bring your own flowers and greenery and I will reimburse you from the Flower Fund. Thank you all in advance and a very Happy Christmas. Helen (822347)

If there is anything that you would like including on next week's Pew Sheet please let the Church Office have it by 9am Thursday, either email: [churchofficegnosall@gmail.com](mailto:churchofficegnosall@gmail.com) or phone 01785 822820

On behalf of **The Children's Society** can I thank everyone for the generous donations from the box holders who raised the amazing sum of £1,450 this year. It even surpassed that raised last year. If anyone would like to change their giving to a Direct Debit as we become more 'cash less' please contact me and I will get a form to you. The box collections really do change children's lives everyday by providing funding to maintain the Society's vital services. This year as it was last year the donations will really make a difference as other forms of fundraising have been curtailed. Can I also thank the box collectors whose help I greatly appreciate every year. Yvonne Cannell (Coordinator)

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