

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

Sunday 20th February 2022 (Sunday before Lent)

Collect

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (NRSV)

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

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

Luke 9: 28-36 (NRSV)

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you O Christ

In our year's mind we remember

(St. Lawrence, Gnosall): Martin Rhodes, John Sproston, Cyril Charles Greenaway, Donald (Don) G. Smith, Brian Edward Hutchinson, Douglas Joseph Frank James, Robert Leslie (Les) Yeomans

Notices

Whilst the use of face coverings and the need to self-isolate are no longer mandatory, we do ask you to exercise caution and not attend in person services if you have Covid symptoms. 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 when leaving the church.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICES (6th March 2022)

Gnosall: 8 am Benefice Holy Communion
– Revd Alison
10.00 am Benefice Worship on Zoom

Diary Dates for the Week Ahead:

Mon 28th Gnosall PCC
Wed 2nd Ash Wednesday Service
Fri 4th Gingercoft Service
Fri 4th World Day of Prayer

Anyone is welcome to join our Benefice Zoom Services.

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.

A prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who live in the path of war, that you would grant protection and restoration of peace, and that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to all in danger. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

World Day of Prayer

This year's World Day of Prayer service will be held on Friday 4th March at Gnosall Methodist Chapel at 2pm. The service has been prepared by Christian women of England, Wales & Northern Ireland and the theme is 'I know the plans I have for you'.

House of Bread donations can continue to be left in the container by the garage of the Vicarage. If you are willing to join a rota to occasionally deliver the donations to Stafford, please let Sue in the office know.

Lent Diary Dates

Wed 2nd March – 7.30 pm Norbury - Service of Ashing and Holy Communion

Lent Reflections and Soup Lunch:

Tues 8th March 11 am Gnosall
Tues 15th March 11 am Woodseaves Village Hall
Wed 23rd March 10.30 am with HC – Adbaston
Wed 30th March 11.00 am Norbury Village Hall
Tues 5th April 11.00 am Moreton Millenium Centre
Lent Course: Tuesdays in Lent 7.30-9.00 pm on Zoom

Lent Scarf

For a copy of the pattern for this 40 day knitting journey please contact Sue in the Church Office.

Quiz Night Norbury Village Hall

Saturday, 26th March at 7.00pm
Admission -£5.00 (Including light refreshments)
Please bring your own drinks and glasses
Proceeds to St. Peter's Church, Norbury

Please note there are no longer toilet facilities available at High Offley Church

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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 or phone 01785 822820