

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

Sunday September 9th 2018

Collect

Lord God, defend your Church from all false Teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FIRST READING

James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favouritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, 'Here's a good seat for you,' but say to the poor man, 'You stand there' or 'Sit on the floor by my feet,' have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, 'Love your neighbour as yourself,' you are doing right. But if you show favouritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as law-breakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

15th Sunday after Trinity

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you O Lord

Mark 7:24-36

Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

'First let the children eat all they want,' he told her, 'for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.'

'Lord,' she replied, 'even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.'

Then he told her, 'For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.'

She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spat and touched the man's tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, 'Ephphatha!' (which means 'Be opened!'). At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosed and he began to speak plainly.

Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ.

Notices for the Coming Week

Monday September 10th

7.30pm Churches Together in Gnoall

Tuesday September 11th

Morning Prayer 9.30am, Gnosall Church Vestry.

Funeral of Kath Bradley at Gnoall

6.15-7.15pm Office Hour at Gnosall Vicarage to book baptisms and weddings.

7.45pm Messy Church meeting

Wednesday September 12th

9.30am Norbury Worship at the Village Hall.

Thursday September 13th

9.15am Holy Communion at Gnosall Church Vestry.

7.30pm Norbury PCC at the Vicarage.

Saturday September 15th

Bingo and bangers at Moreton Community Centre.

NOTICES

I am pleased to tell you that Revd Jules Walker has been offered the post of Rural Dean of Eccleshall and has accepted. She took on this role from 1st September and be licensed on Tuesday 18th September 7.30pm at Eccleshall.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Ride and Stride event last Saturday.

HELPING WITH COMMUNION

It would be good to train more people to assist our clergy in administering communion.

If this is something you would be interested in or would like to find out more about it please contact Rev Kathryn.

St. Peter's Church, Norbury-CHANGE OF DATE Saturday 22nd September,9.30am onwards

CLEAN & COBWEB! We have a volunteer who has kindly agreed to come and help get down some of the cobwebs that have accumulated in high places! If anyone can come along and help clear up the 'debris' for a short time, your time will be much appreciated. If you can bring brushes etc that would be really useful too. Thank you, Jane 01785 284463

Bingo, Woodseaves Village Hall

Saturday 22nd September 7.30pm

Supper included. Adults £7 under 15s £3.50 – includes two books. Proceeds to High Offley and Knightley Churches.

Gift Day, St Michael and All Angels, Adbaston

Saturday 29th September 10-4pm. Coffee and cakes in the morning, BBQ in the afternoon, also Table Top Sale. Any Donations of cakes and items for the

Table Top Sale would be very welcome! Kath 07989 043255.

OFFICE HOUR

To book baptisms and weddings, please call at Gnosall Vicarage, between 6.15 and 7.15pm on Tuesday evenings.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

It would be lovely to train more people to assist with the distribution of communion in our services at the various churches. If this is something that you would like to be involved with, or you would like to know more about it then please speak to Rev Kathryn or Rev Cathy.

BIBLE COURSE

We are running an 8 week course to help us all learn more about the Bible. The course will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 until 9pm at St Lawrence's Gnosall, starting on October 3rd. If you would like to know more about this, please speak to Rev Kathryn or Rev Cathy.

LOST PHONE

A mobile phone has been left at the vicarage, please call Rev Kathryn if it is yours.

PRAYER LIST

If you would like someone to be prayed for in church could you please contact one of the following people and ask for them to be included.

It would be good if you could also keep us informed of their progress and when their names can be removed.

Rev Kathryn rev.kathrynh@gmail.com 822820

Gwen Flavell flavell.p@sky.com 822898

Hayley Preece h_a_p@hotmail.co.uk

Items for the magazine can be sent to my email or still be sent to Zoe's email and we will pick them up.

Thank you. *Kathryn*

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU TO REMIND YOU OF THE READINGS AND NOTICES AND ALSO PLEASE TAKE ONE FOR ANYONE WHO YOU KNOW IS MISSING FROM TODAY'S SERVICE AND WOULD LIKE TO FEEL INCLUDED.

If there is anything that you would like including on next week's notice sheet please let Kathryn have it by Wed, either call on 01785 822820 or email:

rev.kathrynh@gmail.com