

**ARCH Group's aim:** *"To show our love for God and You"*

**Weekly Notices**

**23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018**

**Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

**This Week's Activities**

Monday: 7.30 pm Lenches Garden Club meeting at "\*\*\*\*\*," Low Rd,  
Church Lench

Tuesday: 8.30 am NO Prayers at Abbots Morton

Friday: 9.00 am Macmillan Coffee Morning at the "Golden Cross,"  
Harvington

Saturday: 10.00 am Harvington Art Group exhibition at Harvington VH  
10.00 am North Avon Group/ARCH Benefice walk starting from St  
**Peter's Church car park, Inkberrow**

11.00 am "Tea for Tinnitus" at Abbots Morton Village Hall

Sunday: **Deadline for submissions to "A Year in the Lenches 2019"**  
calendar

**Future Activities: October**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Lenches WI book group

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am Benefice prayers at The Rectory, Harvington

10.30 am **RBL coffee morning at "The Old Bull," Inkberrow**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Stop date for November issue of the ARCH Messenger

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm Lenches Ladies meeting

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Harvest Supper at Abbots Morton Village Hall

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## **Next Week's Services: Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

10.00 am

Church Lench

Benefice Eucharist

### **Today's Collect**

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

### For Prayer

God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit,  
we give you thanks

Give thanks for Caring Hands and other providers of support  
to those in need

Pray for Church communities to be watchmen, messengers and  
stewards of the Lord— and the recent example of the Archbishop  
of Canterbury speaking about economic justice

Pray for Street Pastors and for the people they encounter,  
offering care and protection to the vulnerable

Pray for those rebuilding homes and communities after the  
hurricanes in America and typhoons in Asia

**Pray for God's healing power to be released today and every day**

Give thanks for all those who are called to the caring professions

## **This Week's First Reading:** *Jeremiah 11:18-20*

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that **they devised schemes, saying, 'Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!'** <sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

## **This Week's Psalm:** *Psalms 54:1-7*

- 1 Save me, O God, by your name and vindicate me by your power.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; give heed to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless seek after my life; they have not set God before them.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who upholds my life.
- 5 May evil rebound on those who lie in wait for me; destroy them in your faithfulness.
- 6 An offering of a free heart will I give you and praise your name, O Lord, for it is gracious.
- 7 For he has delivered me out of all my trouble, and my eye has seen the downfall of my enemies.

**This Week's Second Reading:** *James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a*

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. <sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

**This Week's Gospel Reading:** *Mark 9:30-37*

After leaving the mountain <sup>30</sup>Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, **'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will**

*Mark 9:30-37 continued*

**rise again.'** <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the **house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?'** <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called **the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.'** <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>**'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'**

**Next Week's First Reading:**

*Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29*

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among the people had a strong craving; and the Israelites **also wept again, and said, 'If only we had meat to eat!'** <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, **and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.'**

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>**So Moses said to the LORD, 'Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favour in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me?'** <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, **"Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,"** to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to **all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, "Give us meat to eat!"** <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy

## *Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 continued*

for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once – if I have found favour in your sight – and do not let me see my misery.’

<sup>16</sup>**So the LORD said to Moses, ‘Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.’**

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>**And a young man ran and told Moses, ‘Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.’** <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, ‘My lord Moses, stop them!’ <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, ‘Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!’

## **Next Week’s Psalm:** *Psalm 19:7-14*

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb.

## *Psalm 19:7-14 continued*

- 11 By them also is your servant taught and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often they offend? O cleanse me from my secret faults!
- 13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins lest they get dominion over me; so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offence.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

## **Next Week's Second Reading:** *James 5:13-20*

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. <sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

## **Next Week's Gospel Reading:** *Mark 9:38-50*

<sup>38</sup>John said to Jesus, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.'  
<sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever

## *Mark 9:38-50 continued*

is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.

<sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at **peace with one another.**'