

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

Weekly Notices

30th September 2018

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

This Week's Activities

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

Tuesday: 8.30 am Prayers at Rous Lench
6.30 pm HYP: CAS at Harvington Baptist Church

Wednesday: 2.00 pm 'Live music for little ones' at St James', Harvington
Lenches WI book group

Thursday: 6.30 pm HYP: Adventurers at Harvington Baptist Church

Friday: Pub night at Rous Lench Village Hall

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

Sunday: 12.15 pm Harvest Lunch at Church Lench Village Hall

Future Activities: October

Monday 8th Stop date for the November issue of the ARCH Messenger
7.30 pm **Faith Today at "*****," *******, Harvington

Tuesday 9th 7.30 pm Lenches Ladies meeting

Wednesday 10th 12.30pm **Workers' lunch at Ellenden Farm Shop café**
3.00 pm **CAMEO tea in St James', Harvington**

Friday 12th 7.30 pm Harvest Supper at Abbots Morton Village Hall

Saturday 13th 7.30 pm Autumn quiz at The Lenches Club, Church Lench

Monday 15th 7.00 pm Lenches WI meeting at Church Lench Village Hall

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Next Week's Services: Sunday 7th October 2018

8.30 am	Rous Lench	Holy Communion*
9.30 am	Harvington	Morning Service
11.00 am	Abbots Morton	Harvest Service
11.00 am	Church Lench	Harvest Service
6.30 pm	Harvington	Holy Communion*

Today's Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 the police who are increasingly called to offer care and
protection to the vulnerable

Give thanks for the arrival of the harvest despite difficult weather

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

Pray for wisdom in food labelling laws; that they offer
security and good sense

This Week's First Reading:

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

⁴The rabble among the people had a strong craving; and the **Israelites also wept again, and said, 'If only we had meat to eat!**

⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this **manna to look at.'**

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹**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? ¹²Did 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? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, "Give us meat to eat!" ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If 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.'**

¹⁶**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.'**

²⁴So 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. ²⁵Then 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.

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

²⁶Two 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. ²⁷And a young man ran and told **Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.'** ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, **'My lord Moses, stop them!'** ²⁹**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!'**

This 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.
- 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.

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

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are 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.

¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

¹⁶Therefore 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. ¹⁷Elijah 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. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you 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.

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

³⁸John 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.' ³⁹But 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. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For 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.

⁴²If 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. ⁴³If 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. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it

Mark 9:38-50 continued

off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And 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, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt 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.'**

Next Week's First Reading: *Genesis 2:18-24*

¹⁸The LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³**Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.'** ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalms 8:1-10*

- 1 O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!
- 2 Your majesty above the heavens is praised out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
- 3 You have founded a stronghold against your foes, that you might still the enemy and the avenger.

Psalm 8:1-10 continued

- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have ordained,
- 5 What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them; mere human beings, that you should seek them out?
- 6 You have made them little lower than the angels and crown them with glory and honour.
- 7 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands and put all things under their feet,
- 8 All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!

Next Week's Second Reading: *Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12*

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.

³**He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being,** and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶**But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?'** ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, ⁸subjecting all things **under their feet.'** **Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing** outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 continued

everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, **'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'**

Next Week's Gospel Reading: *Mark 10:2-16*

²Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' ³He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' ⁴They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' ⁵But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, **"God made them male and female."** ⁷**"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,** ⁸**and the two shall become one flesh."** So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.' ¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.

¹¹Jesus said to them, **'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'**

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, **he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.'** ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.