

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

Weekly Notices

7th October 2018

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

This Week's Activities

Sunday: 12.15 pm Harvest Lunch at Church Lench Village Hall

Monday: Stop date for the November issue of the ARCH Messenger

7.30 pm **Faith Today** at "*****," ***** , Harvington

Tuesday: 8.30 am Prayers at Rous Lench

6.30 pm HYP:CAS at Harvington Baptist Church

7.30 pm Lenches Ladies meeting

Wednesday: 12.30pm **Workers' lunch** at Ellenden Farm Shop café

3.00 pm **CAMEO tea** in St James', Harvington

Thursday: 6.30 pm HYP:Adventurers at Harvington Baptist Church

Friday: 7.30 pm Harvest Supper at Abbots Morton Village Hall

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

Future Activities: October

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

Thursday 18th Home communions

Friday 19th Pub night at Rous Lench Village Hall

Saturday 20th 9.00 am Benefice prayers at The Rectory, Harvington

9.30 am **St James' gardening team** working in church gardens

10.00 am **Macmillan coffee morning** at "*****," Rous Lench

10.30am **RBL coffee morning** at "The Boot Inn," Flyford Flavell

7.30 pm "**Grill a Bishop**" in the "Coach and Horses" function room, Harvington

7.30 pm **Shindig: 'Men in General'** at Church Lench Village Hall

Sunday 21st 11.00 am Harvey Bears Autumn Fayre at Harvington Village Hall

Next Week's Services: Sunday 14th October 2018

8.30 am	Abbots Morton	Holy Communion*
9.30 am	Harvington	Holy Communion+
11.00 am	Rous Lench	Morning Service
11.00 am	Church Lench	Morning Service

Today's Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 couples and families, that relationships are kept strong
with love, respect and endless forgiveness

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 all those affected by the tsunami in Sulawesi, those bringing
help and those planning for rebuilding homes and towns

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This 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.

This 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.
- 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;

Psalm 8:1-10 continued

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!

This 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. ³He 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. ⁶But 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

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

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 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, ¹²**saying, ‘I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.’**

This 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, ⁸and 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.’

Mark 10:2-16 continued

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹**Jesus 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.

Next Week’s First Reading: *Amos 5:6-7, 10-15*

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins – you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalm 90:13-17*

- 13 Turn again, O Lord; how long will you delay? Have compassion on your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us with your loving-kindness in the morning; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- 15 Give us gladness for the days you have afflicted us and for the years in which we have seen adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works and let your glory be over their children.
- 17 May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our hands.

Next Week's Second Reading: *Hebrews 4:12-16*

¹²The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Next Week's Gospel Reading: *Mark 10:17-31*

¹⁷As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ¹⁸Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.'" ²⁰He

Mark 10:17-31 continued

said to Jesus, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.'²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.'²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.'²⁹ Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields – but with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life.

³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'