

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

Weekly Notices

14th October 2018

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

This Week's Activities

Monday: 7.00 pm Lenches WI meeting at Church Lench Village Hall

Tuesday: 8.30 am Prayers at Rous Lench

6.30 pm HYP:CAS at Harvington Baptist Church

Thursday: Home communions

6.30 pm HYP:Adventurers at Harvington Baptist Church

Friday: Pub night at Rous Lench Village Hall

Saturday: 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: 11.00 am Autumn Fayre at Harvington Village Hall in aid of Harvey Bears Nursery & Pre-School

Future Activities: October

Monday 22nd 7.30 pm **Lenches garden club meeting** at "*****," Low Rd Church Lench

Friday 26th Pumpkin carving competition and bingo night at Rous Lench VH

Saturday 27th 9.00 am Benefice prayers at The Rectory, Harvington

Wednesday 31st 10.30am **RBL coffee morning** at the "Wheelbarrow Castle," Radford

Next Week's Services: Sunday 21st October 2018

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

Today's Collect

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us
eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the
joys of eternal life; 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 those in America affected by the recent hurricane

Pray for those involved with the Brexit negotiations for a fair
agreement to be arrived at

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 preparing for the imminent arrival of Universal
Credit in Worcestershire – with an anticipated increase
of 56% in food bank use

This 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.

This Week's Psalm: *Psalms 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.

Psalm 90:13-17 continued

17 May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our hands.

This 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.

This 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.'

²¹Jesus, 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.**'

²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

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

²⁸Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' ²⁹Jesus 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, ³⁰who 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. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

Next Week's First Reading: *Isaiah 53:4-12*

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalms 91:9-16*

- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge and the Most High your stronghold,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your tent.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Psalm 91:9-16 continued

- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.
- 14 Because they have set their love upon me, therefore will I deliver them; I will lift them up, because they know my name.
- 15 They will call upon me and I will answer them; I am with them in trouble, I will deliver them and bring them to honour.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy them and show them my salvation.

Next Week's Second Reading: *Hebrews 5:1-10*

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was **appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you';** ⁶as he says also in another place, **'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'**

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Next Week's Gospel Reading: *Mark 10:35-45*

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, **'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.'**

³⁶And he said to them, **'What is it you want me to do for you?'** ³⁷And they

Mark 10:35-45 continued

said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.'³⁸ But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?'³⁹ They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom **it has been prepared.**'⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.⁴² **So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know** that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to **give his life a ransom for many.'**