

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

Weekly Notices

21st October 2018

Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

This Week's Activities

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

Monday: 7.30 pm **Lenches garden club meeting** at "*****," ***** Church Lench

Tuesday: 8.30 am Prayers at Rous Lench

6.30 pm HYP: CAS at Harvington Baptist Church

Thursday: 6.30 pm HYP: Adventurers at Harvington Baptist Church

Friday: Pumpkin carving competition and bingo night at Rous Lench VH

Saturday: 9.00 am Benefice prayers at The Rectory, Harvington

Sunday: 2.30 pm **Revd Fran's photo exhibition** in St James' Harvington in aid of Mission Morogoro.

Future Activities: October/November

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

Friday 2nd 10.00 am **Coffee morning** at "*****," Church Lench

7.00 pm **All Souls' Service** at All Saints', Church Lench

Pub night at Rous Lench Village Hall

Saturday 3rd 6.30 pm **Firework Extravaganza** at The Lenches Club, Church Lench

Monday 5th 10.00 am **Quiet Day** at Holland House, Cropthorne

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Next Week's Services

Sunday 28th October 2018: Bible Sunday

8.30 am	Abbots Morton	Holy Communion*
9.30 am	Harvington	Holy Communion+
11.00 am	Church Lench	Family Service
6.30 pm	Harvington	Evensong

Today's Collect

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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 the Government to organise Universal Credit in such a way
that it provides proper support for those in need

Pray for the Prime Minister as she leads the Brexit negotiations,
and for those clamouring to advise her

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

Give thanks for our schools and the family support they offer

In August Revd Fran went with representatives of the charity Mission Morogoro to visit the charity's projects in rural Tanzania. Come and see her photos of the trip and enjoy a cuppa with biscuits next Sunday at 2.30 pm in St James', Harvington. Donations to Mission Morogoro welcome but not essential.

This 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.

This Week's Psalm: *Psalm 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.
- 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.

This 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

Hebrews 5:1-10 continued

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.

This 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 said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' ³⁸But 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?' ³⁹They 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; ⁴⁰but 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.'

Mark 10:35-45 continued

⁴¹When 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. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’**

Next Week’s First Reading: *Isaiah 55:1-11*

The LORD says this:

¹Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not

Isaiah 55:1-11 continued

return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

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.
- 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: *2 Timothy 3:14-4:5*

¹⁴Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 continued

everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

¹In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Next Week's Gospel Reading: *John 5:36-47*

Jesus said to the Jews: ³⁶**The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me.** ³⁷And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, ³⁸and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

³⁹You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. ⁴⁰Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. ⁴¹I do not accept glory from human beings. ⁴²But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. ⁴³I have come in my **Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him.** ⁴⁴How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? ⁴⁵Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. ⁴⁶If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. ⁴⁷**But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'**