

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

Weekly Notices
28th October 2018
Bible Sunday

This Week's Activities

Sunday: 2.30 pm Revd Fran's photo exhibition in St James' Harvington in aid of Mission Morogoro (*see back cover for more details*)

Tuesday: 8.30 am Prayers at Rous Lench

Wednesday: 10.30am RBL coffee morning at the "Wheelbarrow Castle," Radford

Friday: 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: 8.30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Harvington Baptist Church – please contact Michael (*****@*****, *****) if you wish to attend (so he can purchase sufficient supplies)

6.30 pm Firework Extravaganza at The Lenches Club, Church Lench

Future Activities: November

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

Wednesday 7th 2.00 pm 'Live music for little ones' at St James', Harvington

Thursday 8th 7.00 pm GLADS "1918...and All That" at Rous Lench Village Hall

Friday 9th 7.00 pm GLADS "1918...and All That" at Rous Lench Village Hall

6.00 pm Fireworks evening at Harvington Village Hall and playing field in aid of Harvington First School PTFA

Saturday 10th 9.00 am Benefice prayers at The Rectory, Harvington

7.00 pm GLADS "1918...and All That" at Rous Lench Village Hall

7.30 pm "A Night to Remember" concert at Inkberrow Village Hall

Next Week's Services

Sunday 4th November 2018: **All Saints' Sunday**

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

Today's Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 Holy Scripture and all those involved in its writing
and translation

Pray for the Government to organise Universal Credit in such a way
that it provides proper support for those in need

Give thanks for the iSingPOP team and the message of love and hope
they bring through their songs to school children and families

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

Give thanks for half term holidays, that rest and family time
will be enjoyed

This 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 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.

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: *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

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 continued

inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that 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.

This 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. ⁴³**I 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

John 5:36-47 continued

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.

⁴⁷But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?’

Next Week’s First Reading: *Isaiah 25:6-9*

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Next Week’s Psalm: *Psalms 24:1-6*

- 1 **The earth is the Lord’s and all that fills it, the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.**
- 2 For he has founded it upon the seas and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 **‘Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, or who can rise up in his holy place?’**
- 4 **‘Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie;**

Psalm 24:1-6 continued

- 5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
- 6 Such is the company of those who seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Next Week's Second Reading: *Revelation 21:1-6a*

¹I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁶Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

Next Week's Gospel Reading: *John 11:32-44*

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.'

John 11:32-44 continued

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Revd Fran's Photo Exhibition

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 this afternoon at 2.30 pm in St James', Harvington.

Donations to Mission Morogoro welcome but not essential.