

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

Weekly Notices
4th November 2018
All Saints' Sunday

This Week's Activities

Monday: 10.00 am Quiet Day at Holland House, Croptorne
Tuesday: 8.30 am Prayers at Church Lench
6.30 pm HYP: CAS at Harvington Baptist Church
Wednesday: 2.00 pm 'Live music for little ones' at St James', Harvington
Thursday: 6.30 pm HYP: Adventurers at Harvington Baptist Church
7.00 pm **GLADS: "1918...and All That"** at Rous Lench Village Hall
Friday: 6.00 pm Fireworks evening at Harvington Village Hall and playing field in aid of Harvington First School PTFA
7.00 pm **GLADS: "1918...and All That"** at Rous Lench Village Hall
Saturday: 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
Sunday: Remembrance Day and WWI Conclusion Lunch at Church Lench VH

Future Activities: November

Monday 12th Stop date for December/January issue of the ARCH Messenger
7.30 pm Faith Today at *****, Harvington
Tuesday 13th 7.30 pm Lenches Ladies meeting
Wednesday 14th 3.00 pm **CAMEO tea in St James', Harvington**
Thursday 15th 6.30 pm **"What do you think God is doing in Harvington"**
discussion at Ellenden Farm Shop café
Craft evening at Rous Lench Village Hall
Friday 16th 7.00 pm Film night at Harvington Village Hall
Pub night at Rous Lench Village Hall

Next Week's Services

Sunday 11th November 2018: Remembrance Sunday

10.30 am	Harvington	Remembrance Service
10.30 am	Abbots Morton	Remembrance Service
10.50 am	Church Lench	Remembrance Service
6.30 pm	Harvington	Remembrance Evensong
6.30 pm	Rous Lench	Remembrance Service

Today's Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

For Prayer

God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit,
we give you thanks

Give thanks for all the Saints and the spiritual legacy they have left us

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

Pray for all those who have suffered through war – the families
and the wounded

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

Pray for political leaders in all nations as they grapple with enormous
issues – the environment and increasing nationalism

This Week's First Reading: *Isaiah 25:6-9*

‘On 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.

This 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;**
- 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.

This 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.'**

This 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. ³⁴**He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.'** ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶**So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!'** ³⁷**But 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

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a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' 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.'

Next Week's First Reading: *Jonah 3:1-10*

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

⁶When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

⁷Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. ⁸Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence

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that is in their hands. ⁹Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.'

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalm 62:5-12*

- 5 Wait on God alone in stillness, O my soul; for in him is my hope.
- 6 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- 7 In God is my strength and my glory; God is my strong rock; in him is my refuge.
- 8 Put your trust in him always, my people; pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- 9 The peoples are but a breath, the whole human race a deceit; on the scales they are altogether lighter than air.
- 10 Put no trust in oppression; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 11 God spoke once, and twice have I heard the same, that power belongs to God.
- 12 Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay everyone according to their deeds.

Next Week's Second Reading: *Hebrews 9:24-28*

²⁴Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of

Hebrews 9:24-28 continued

himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Next Week's Gospel Reading: *Mark 1:14-20*

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, **'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'**

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And **Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.'** ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.