

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

**Weekly Notices**

**4<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

**This Week's Activities**

Tuesday: 8.30 am NO Tuesday prayers at Harvington

Friday: 7.30 pm Film night at Harvington Village Hall

**Future Activities: August**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Stop date for September issue of the ARCH Messenger

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 3.00 pm **CAMEO tea at St James', Harvington**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am **St James' gardening team working in church gardens**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 12.30 pm Community lunch at Ellenden Farmshop, Harvington

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Home communions

8.30 pm **Men's Night at The Golden Cross, Harvington**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>-Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Beer festival at The Lenches Club, Church Lench

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am Benefice prayers at The Rectory, Harvington

Live music evening at The Lenches Club, Church Lench

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Family entertainment at The Lenches Club, Church Lench

Want to publicise an activity here?

Details of weekly, monthly or one-off activities required

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## **Next Week's Services: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

8.30 am	Abbots Morton	Holy Communion by xtn*
10.00 am	<i>Harvington Baptist Church</i>	Morning Worship
11.00 am	Church Lench	Morning Service
6.30 pm	Harvington	Taste of Taize

### **Today's Collect**

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Today's Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

### For Prayer

Give thanks for holidays and for the opportunity of community and family refreshment

Come Holy Spirit, come and fill us this day and every day

Pray for our new Prime Minister and Cabinet as they make plans to take us towards a new future

Pray for Messy Church and the plans being made, and for volunteers

Give thanks for our hard working farmers – bringing in the harvest and for UK farmers concerned for the future

*Pray for those affected by hunger – especially during the school holidays when free school meals stop*

## **This Week's First Reading:** *Hosea 11:1-11*

Hear the word of the Lord, O people.

<sup>1</sup>When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. <sup>2</sup>The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. <sup>3</sup>Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. <sup>4</sup>I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.

<sup>5</sup>They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. <sup>6</sup>The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. <sup>7</sup>My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

<sup>8</sup>How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. <sup>9</sup>I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

<sup>10</sup>They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. <sup>11</sup>They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

## **This Week's Psalm:** *Psalm 107:1-9*

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, for his steadfast love endures for ever.
- 2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say this, those he redeemed from the hand of the enemy,
- 3 And gathered out of the lands from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some went astray in desert wastes and found no path to a city to dwell in.
- 5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul was fainting within them.
- 6 So they cried to the Lord in their trouble and he delivered them from their distress.
- 7 He set their feet on the right way till they came to a city to dwell in.
- 8 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness and the wonders he does for his children.
- 9 For he satisfies the longing soul and fills the hungry soul with good.

## **This Week's Second Reading:** *Colossians 3:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. <sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the

## *Colossians 3:1-11 continued*

wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

### **This Week's Gospel Reading:** *Luke 12:13-21*

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' <sup>15</sup>And he said to the crowd, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" <sup>18</sup>Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

## **Next Week's First Reading: *Isaiah 1:1, 10-20***

<sup>1</sup>The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! <sup>11</sup>What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

<sup>12</sup>When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; <sup>13</sup>bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation – I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. <sup>14</sup>Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. <sup>15</sup>When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. <sup>16</sup>Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, <sup>17</sup>learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

<sup>18</sup>Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. <sup>19</sup>If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; <sup>20</sup>but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

## **Next Week's Psalm: *Psalm 50:1-7***

- 1 The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth; our God comes and will not keep silence.
- 3 Consuming fire goes out before him and a mighty tempest stirs about him.

## *Psalm 50:1-7 continued*

- 4 He calls the heaven above, and the earth, that he may judge his people:
- 5 **'Gather to me my faithful, who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.'**
- 6 Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.
- 7 **Hear, O my people, and I will speak: 'I will testify against you, O Israel; for I am God, your God.'**

## **Next Week's Second Reading:** *Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

<sup>1</sup>Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, **descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'**

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

## **Next Week's Gospel Reading:** *Luke 12:32-40*

Jesus said to his disciples, <sup>32</sup>**Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.** <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup>Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup>But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'