

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

Weekly Notices

25th August 2019

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

This Week's Activities

Monday: Family entertainment at The Lenches Club, Church Lench

Tuesday: 8.30 am Prayers at Harvington

Future Activities: September

Friday 6th 7.30 pm Film night at Harvington Village Hall

Sunday 8th 1.00 pm Big Lunch in the gardens of *****, Rous Lench

Monday 9th Stop date for October issue of the ARCH Messenger

7.30 pm Faith Today at *****, *****, Harvington

8.00 pm South Lenches Parish Council meeting in Church Lench Village Hall

Tuesday 10th 7.30 pm Lenches Ladies meeting

Wednesday 11th 3.00 pm **CAMEO tea at St James', Harvington**

Monday 16th 7.00 pm Lenches WI meeting at Church Lench Village Hall

Saturday 21st 9.30 am **St James' gardening team working in church gardens**

11.00 am Tea for Tinnitus brunch at Abbots Morton Village Hall

Want to publicise an activity here?

Details of weekly, monthly or one-off activities required

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Next Week's Services: Sunday 1st September 2019

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	Holy Communion*

Today's Collect

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For Prayer

We pray for those looking forward to weddings in the coming weeks including the two weddings being held in the benefice. We pray for each couple and ask the Holy Spirit to help calm any nerves or worries about the preparations. And we pray for their families, friends and all the church community who will support them on their wedding day.

We pray for those who are experiencing illness whether long term or recently diagnosed. We ask that as they begin or continue treatments the love and care of God may continually be made known to them.

And bless those who care for the sick.

Pray for our farmers as they work hard around the weather to
bring in the harvest

Pray for us all that we make sure we get the rest we need and
that our bodies crave

This Week's First Reading: *Jeremiah 1:4-10*

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ⁵**'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'**

⁶Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' ⁷But the LORD said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.' ⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms.'

This Week's Psalm: *Psalms 71:1-6*

- 1 In you, O Lord, do I seek refuge; let me never be put to shame.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be for me a stronghold to which I may ever resort; send out to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence, even from my youth.
- 6 Upon you have I leaned from my birth, when you drew me **from my mother's womb; my praise shall be always of you.**

This Week's Second Reading: *Hebrews 12:18-29*

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, ¹⁹and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For **they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.'**

²¹**Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.'**) ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook **the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.'** ²⁷This phrase, **'Yet once more,'** indicates the removal of what is shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

This Week's Gospel Reading: *Luke 13:10-17*

¹⁰Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he **called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.'** ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the **sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.'** ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, **'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?'** ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from **this bondage on the sabbath day?'** ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Next Week's First Reading: *Jeremiah 2:4-13*

⁴Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. ⁵Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? ⁶**They did not say, 'Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?'** ⁷I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. ⁸**The priests did not say, 'Where is the LORD?'** Those who

Jeremiah 2:4-13 continued

handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

⁹Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your **children's children**. ¹⁰Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing.

¹¹Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. ¹²Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, ¹³for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalm 81:1-11*

- 1 Sing merrily to God our strength, shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
- 2 Take up the song and sound the timbrel, the tuneful lyre with the harp.
- 3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon, as at the full moon, upon our solemn feast day.
- 4 For this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob,
- 5 The charge he laid on the people of Joseph, when they came out of the land of Egypt.
- 6 **I heard a voice I did not know, that said: 'I eased their shoulder from the burden; their hands were set free from bearing the load.**
- 7 **'You called upon me in trouble and I delivered you; I answered you from the secret place of thunder and proved you at the waters of Meribah.**
- 8 **'Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**
- 9 **'There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not worship a foreign god.**
- 10 **'I am the Lord your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt; open your mouth wide and I shall fill it.'**
- 11 But my people would not hear my voice and Israel would not obey me.

Next Week's Second Reading: *Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16*

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, **and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.'** ⁶**So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'**

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Next Week's Gospel Reading: *Luke 14:1, 7-14*

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸**“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place,” and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.**

¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that **when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”;** then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who **humble themselves will be exalted.**’

¹²**He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives**

Luke 14:7-14 continued

or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, **for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'**