



# The ARCH Messenger

*To show our love for God and You  
September 2019*



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## Readings

1 <sup>st</sup> September	Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1-11; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1,7-14
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-7; Philemon:1-21; Luke 14:25-33
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:11-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31
Harvest	Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100; Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137:1-6; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-11; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8
27 <sup>th</sup> October	Isaiah 45:22-25; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 15:1-6; Luke 4:16-24
Bible Sunday	

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## Thought for the month

### *One day*

The politics of hate is on the rise. The last few days have seen President Trump tell four American congresswomen to 'go home'; an Australian newspaper columnist has described the 16-year old climate activist Greta Thunberg, who has autism, as 'deeply strange'; the Labour party apparently has deep issues with anti-Semitism and British author Malorie Blackman says she has had more racist comments in the last three years than in the previous thirty.

As I write this, the Bible reading for today was from the book of Esther in the Old Testament, which tells the story of how Esther, a Jew married to a Persian king, saves her people from genocide plotted by a man who hated the Jews. Her courage is still remembered each year at the festival of Purim.

**Hate does not use logic.** A Northern Irish colleague of Richard's from the days when he was working in sales, described how he had been stopped late one night on the streets of Northern Ireland by an ugly group of men, who asked if he was Protestant or Catholic. The implication was that if he gave the wrong answer, he would regret it. He answered truthfully that he was Jewish, to which the reply was 'but are you a Protestant Jew or a Catholic Jew?'

We are told in the Old Testament that we have all been created in God's image. In Galatians 3:28 in the New Testament Paul writes, '*In Christ's family there can be no division into Jew and non-Jew, slave and free, male and female. Among us you are all equal.*' Or, as Martin Luther King Jr said, he had a dream that one day '*all God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God almighty, we are free at last!"*'

*Update:* Sadly, the day after I wrote this there were two mass shootings in the USA with many people of all ages killed and injured. At least one of these incidents is currently being treated as a hate crime.

*Gill Thorniley*

*Stop date for next issue: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September*

## Rector's Corner

Midweek Holy Communion (BCP):	Wednesdays, 11am	St James' Church, Harvington
Tuesday prayers: 8.30-9.30am	<i>September:</i> St Peter's, Abbots Morton	<i>October:</i> St Peter's, Rous Lench
Daily prayers: 8am	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday	St James' Church, Harvington
Home Communion: (please let me know in advance)	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	<i>No Home Communions in October or November</i>
Benefice prayers: 9-10am at The Rectory, Harvington	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	<i>No Benefice prayers in October or November</i>
<b>Men's Night:</b> 8.30pm (£10 for the kitty – includes ALL drinks)	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September Coach & Horses, Harvington	<i>October date and venue tbc</i>
Community Lunch 12.30pm (please let me know if you are coming)	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Ellenden Farm Shop café, Harvington

### The sign of the Cross

What is the significance of the Cross? People often put their initials or some sort of personal mark on something to show it belongs to them. The Cross is the personal mark of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we mark it on ourselves as a sign that we belong to him. Even in the book of Revelation, we read that the **servants of God are 'marked' on their foreheads as a sign that they are His.**

A preacher once put it this way: if you were explaining to someone how to make a cross, you would say, 'Draw an I.' That is you standing before the Lord, saying, 'here I am.' Then cancel that vertical stroke with a horizontal stroke – as if to say, 'Lord, I abandon my self-will and make you the centre of my life instead. I abandon myself to your love and service.'

## Notices

### Reverend Richard on Sabbatical

It's 10 years since my last sabbatical and I am now allowed to take another so I will be out of circulation from the middle of September until the end of November. My time will be spent with a little travelling, a pilgrimage and study – and I will report back on my time through conversations, pieces in the *ARCH Messenger* and sermons, and as a slightly changed person (I hope).

A great team will continue to continue to keep you in prayer (including me) and offer spiritual and practical support as usual in my absence.

My prayer for everyone is that wherever we are we will enjoy great adventures with God and continue to thrive and develop through what we learn and experience. May we all be blessed and be a blessing to one another and to the Kingdom.

*Richard Thorniley*

### Healing Service

The Christian Church has involved itself with prayer for healing from its earliest roots, and it remains an active part of its ministry today.

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September at the 6.30pm service at Harvington we will have a Service for Healing. Prayers will be offered for anybody who requires healing. If you would like to receive this prayer for yourself or someone else, please join us and receive a gift from God.

*Richard Thorniley*



## Notices

Heating oil delivery dates for the ARCH buying group

Evesons Fuels: 01905 775920

Thursdays: 12<sup>th</sup> September, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 12<sup>th</sup> December  
*Phone your order to Evesons by 5pm on the preceding Monday*



### Christian Aid in the Lenches



The totals collected in our villages are as follows:

Atch Lench	£218.43
Church Lench, Sheriffs Lench and Ab Lench	£396.60
Rous Lench	£110.82
Total	£725.85
Amount pledged in Gift Aid	£83.78
Grand total	£809.63

Thank you to everyone who took part, especially the village organisers: Jenny Dyer, Dave Knight and Katie Thorp, and their teams of collectors: Margueritte Bailey, Paukine Bamber, Beryl Berry, Jenny & Geoff Dainty, Jenny & John Fletcher, Gillian & Peter Fraser, Nikki Gossage, Steph Perkins and Nicki Wood. I would also like to thank the distributors who took out the envelopes with the *ARCH Messenger*. A great team effort for a worthy cause.

*David Chambers*

### Always on a Sunday

An irate customer called the newsagents, loudly demanding to know where the Sunday edition of the newspaper was. The newsagent replied patiently, 'We have not delivered your Sunday newspaper because today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered until tomorrow, on Sunday.'

There was a long pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a sigh of understanding. 'Ohhh ... so that's why no one was at church today.'

## Notices

# HARVINGTON YOUTH PROJECT 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!

We're turning 25  
And you're invited!

FAMILY FUN DAY  
SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPT

All our celebrations over this weekend will take place at Ellenden farm, see below for the low down!

2pm: Party starts!  
3pm: BBQ open  
5pm: Performances & Presentations  
7pm: Goodnight!

★ Climbing Wall ★ Inflatables ★ BBQ ★ Lawn Games ★ Face Painting ★  
★ Live Music ★ Circus Skills ★



JOINT CHURCH CELEBRATIONS  
SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPT

A family service of celebration for the life of the Youth Project - all are welcome!  
10:30am: Service at Ellenden.

Working together to enable the youth of Harvington and further to experience life in all its fullness. | Charity No: 1115635  
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## Jars of clay

The apostle Paul's understanding of resilient ministry is summed up in his second letter to the Corinthians, '*But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us*' (2 Corinthians 4:7).

Here is the great paradox of the Christian life: God has placed His treasure (the life of His Son communicated to us by the Spirit) in the hearts of weak and fallible human beings. God's treasure is wrapped in our humanity. This seems to be a risky strategy, but human weakness in its many expressions is no barrier to the power of God.

The imagery of jars of clay, or earthen vessels, reminds us that as human beings we are made of dust and therefore inherently weak and fallible (*Genesis 2:7, 3:19*). This may be a reference to the small pottery lamps, cheap and fragile, that were readily available in Corinth. More likely it is a reference to the earthenware jars that were commonly used for storage – rough, unglazed, without decoration and easily chipped or cracked. Roman generals returning triumphantly from their campaigns would often conceal their plunder in such unlikely containers.

During World War II the King ordered that the crown jewels be hidden away to stop them falling into enemy hands. They were placed in a secret vault under the floor of Windsor Castle, the location known only to a handful of trusted people. Some of the main jewels were removed from the collection, wrapped in cloth and placed in a biscuit tin for even safer keeping. A double bluff, and typically British!

That is what God has done by placing the light of the Gospel in our hearts, a most unlikely place to find the power of God at work.

*Tony Horsfall*

*(extracted from Resilience in Life and Faith – finding your strength in God by Tony Horsfall and Debbie Hawker)*

## Rapid growth

The fastest growing thing in nature is a fish – from the time the fisherman catches it until the time he can tell someone all about it.



Messy Church is coming!



## The Lenches and Harvington Messy Church

Messy Church is coming to The Lenches and Harvington this autumn.

Messy Church is about being church for families involving fun.

Our values are about being Christ-centred, for all ages,  
based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.

Our events will take place 3.30pm-5.30pm on the following dates  
and include a hot meal. Messy Church is free to attend.

Date	Venue
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Church Lench Village Hall
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Harvington Village Hall
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Church Lench Village Hall
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Harvington Village Hall

To find out more or volunteer, visit  
[www.chris19578.wixsite.com/website](http://www.chris19578.wixsite.com/website) or  
[www.facebook.com/The-Lenches-and-Harvington-  
Messy-Church-2414271721942245](https://www.facebook.com/The-Lenches-and-Harvington-Messy-Church-2414271721942245) or  
contact Chris on \*\*\*\*\* or [chris@archbenefice.org.uk](mailto:chris@archbenefice.org.uk)

## Too high a price?

In June we commemorated the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landings in the knowledge that many of the veterans would not see another major celebration of that remarkable event. It brought an added poignancy to the proceedings.

**I'm sure that, like me, you were touched by what many of the veterans had to say. 'We're not the heroes; the heroes are those who died or were terribly injured. We survived and have had another 70 years. We are not the heroes.'**

No one watching the TV coverage or reading the media could fail to be moved by the stories of sacrifice and bravery they had to tell, a generation of men and women for whom sacrifice and duty were instinctive. I was asked recently, 'Do you think the present generation would respond in the same way, with such self-sacrifice?'

I guess no-one can answer that question, but it did make me think about the costly call to discipleship that is at the heart of Christianity. We follow one who freely laid down His life to save us from our sin. *'No-one takes my life from me,' Jesus said, 'but I lay it down of my own accord' (John 10:18).* The Saviour calls us to a similar costly obedience: *'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34).*

Sacrifice is central to Christian devotion. We may not be asked to literally lay down our lives (although some are in other parts of the world) but we are asked to give God priority in our lives and to put His will before our own. This too can be very challenging and costly. Are we willing to pay the price?

*Tony Horsfall*

### Miscellaneous observations on life...

Before they invented drawing boards, what did people go back to?

Before you criticise someone, make sure you've walked a mile in their shoes.

That way, you're a mile away AND you have their shoes!

The hand that rocks the cradle is usually attached to someone who isn't getting enough sleep.

Children are a comfort in your old age – and they help you reach it faster!

## Making the most of your time

September is the time of year when we get back to a normal routine after the summer break. It's an opportunity to ask how God wants us to make the most of the time He gives us. Although we can't always choose how we use our time, we can control our attitude towards it. How can we use our time wisely?

See time as a gift from God: each day is an opportunity to know God better and serve Him. **Time isn't inexhaustible as some day our time on earth will end.** *'Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom' (Psalm 90:12).* The first thing we can do when we wake is thank God for the gift of another day.

Commit your time to God: time is not to be wasted, but to be used **for God's glory. We are accountable to God for the way that we use our time:** *'Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity (Ephesians 5:15-16).* We should ask God to help us organise our time more wisely, to reflect His concerns.

Set aside time for God, others and ourselves: how often do we go through a whole day without thinking about God or ignoring someone who needs our help? This is because we relegate God to our spare time, so He ends up at the **bottom of our list of priorities.** **Jesus said, 'Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness' (Matthew 6:33).** If we prioritise our time for God, people and our needs, the rest of life will fit around them.

*'I have so much to do today that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer.'*

(Martin Luther)

*Revd Paul Hardingham*

### Traffic report...

The M6 has just achieved an unenviable status: it is the worst road in Britain for delays. A recent analysis of government traffic and roadworks data by iprospect for Van Monster found that motorists on the M6 face delays on more than 210 million journeys during a three-year period of roadworks until December 2021. The worst A-road is the A14 with 39 million journeys facing delays until the completion of a £1.5 billion upgrade at the end of 2020.

## On old choir robes...

*Happily, the Church of England still retains some singular parish clergy. Take the parish of St James-the-Least, whose elderly Anglo-Catholic vicar, Eustace, continues his correspondence to his nephew Darren, a recently-ordained low-church curate...*

My dear Nephew Darren,

Your withering comments, saying our choir robes were 'surplice' to requirements, did not go down well at last week's practice. I will concede that Mr Baddeley's robes smell somewhat kippered and are laced with burns – but you can expect little less from 40 years of enjoying a final cigarette behind a gravestone before the start of Matins.

Certainly, Mr Timmin's surplice has a strange series of red and blue polka dots, but that is only because he uses his time in the choir stalls, when not singing, to catch up on marking his pupils' essays. The red gash on Miss Thripp's surplice may look as if the choirmaster has just stabbed her, but it was only a jam doughnut she ate just before that wedding five years ago.

Our robes are steeped in history – they have seen their way through the death of Queen Victoria, the relief of Mafeking, and two World Wars.

In an attempt to improve the look of the surplices, Mrs Wigg offered to starch them all. Unfortunately, her enthusiasm is only surpassed by her ineptitude. She worked on the principle that if one packet of starch was good, ten would be better. When the choir arrived the following Sunday, they found twenty surplices standing round the vestry floor looking like a circle of tents at a Scout camp.

Once the choir had struggled into them, they had to process up the aisle in single file, as they were all about 6 feet wide. The choir stood rigidly throughout the Service, knowing that any rapid movement risked severing a major artery.

But our style of choir dress has one advantage which yours can never equal. **Within our choristers' voluminous robes, there is ample space for peppermints, packs of cards, the Sunday newspapers and balls of wool and knitting needles.** Your music group in their jeans and tee-shirts must feel utterly bereft during the sermon.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

# Harvington St James' Church

## FLOWER FESTIVAL AND FETE

A very big thank you to everyone involved in our Celebration Weekend – your support and generosity is very much appreciated. It was a lovely weekend and many visitors enjoyed the lovely flower arrangements in Church. Thank you also to Revd Richard and Sally Livingstone for organising the *Songs of Praise* on Sunday evening and the attendance of the Harvington Singers. A great ending to the weekend. The total sum raised was £3,000 – well done everyone!

*Jean Spires & Sophie Dodds (Organisers)*

## FAITH TODAY

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm, at \*\*\*\*\*, \*\*\*\*\*. New members are welcome – just come along to the meeting or contact Sophie (\*\*\*\*\*, \*\*\*\*\*@\*\*\*\*\*).

## CAMEO GROUP

This month our CAMEO tea will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm in St James' Church. Come and join us for a cup of tea or coffee, a slice of homemade cake and a chat. For more information or to arrange a lift, please contact Sophie on \*\*\*\*\* or \*\*\*\*\*@\*\*\*\*\*.

## GARDENING TEAM

When you read this, the judges for the Best Kept Churchyard Competition will have already visited our gardens, but as I write I do not even know whether we got through the first round. However, I do know that everybody has worked hard this summer and I think the gardens look great. Thank you!

This month we are meeting on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September when the team will be in the gardens between 9.30am and 12noon. If you can spare an hour to join us, you will find a warm welcome from our friendly group as we work and enjoy a refreshment break around 11am when we can have a good chat.

*Clive Allen (\*\*\*\*\*, \*\*\*\*\*@\*\*\*\*\*)*

# Harvington

## HARVINGTON FILM NIGHT

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm in the Village Hall (cert 12)

Described as 'the feel good film of the year', our September offering concerns a fast-living, cynical London music executive (Danny Mays) who heads to a remote Cornish village (actually Port Isaac!) on a stag weekend, where he's tricked by his boss (Noel Clarke) into trying to sign a group of shanty singing fishermen (led by James Purefoy). He becomes the ultimate fish out of water as he struggles to gain the respect of the unlikely boy band and their families who value friendship and community over fame and fortune. As he's drawn deeper into the traditional way of life he's forced to re-evaluate his own integrity and question what success really means. Even if you've already seen it, it's definitely worth a second viewing!

*Doors open 7pm – screen illumination 7.30pm*

Buy a raffle ticket at the door for £2.50 and see the film for free!

Glasses & nibbles provided, but bring your own tippie

## HARVINGTON HANDBELLS

The team are looking for new members to join our friendly group. We are fast approaching our busiest time of the year (Christmas) and could do with more support to ease the workload. You don't have to read music, you just need to be able to count! If there are any ex-members who wish to return to help us, that would be fantastic. Nearer the time we will also be wanting help with collecting donations at our performances. Over the years we have raised thousands of pounds for charity and your help would be really appreciated.

If you are interested in playing or helping with the collections, please contact the team at \*\*\*\*\*@\*\*\*\*\*.



## HARVINGTON ART GROUP Annual Exhibition

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 10am-4pm  
Harvington Village Hall

*Refreshments available*

## Harvington



### Harvey Bears Annual Autumn Fair

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 11am-1pm  
Harvington Village Hall

Local stalls ~~50p~~ Raffle ~~50p~~ Teas, coffee and cake

We hope to see you there!

*In aid of Harvey Bears Preschool and Nursery (reg. charity no. 1030907)*



### PASTORAL SUPPORT NETWORK

Over the last few months we have been delighted to receive a steadily increasing number of requests for help. This is exactly what the network was set up for, but we are now in a position where we would welcome more volunteers, since inevitably existing team members are sometimes away or otherwise committed. The kind of help we offer is varied, but quite a lot is for the occasional lift to an appointment, or small bits of DIY etc.

If you feel you would like to get involved in any way, we would love to hear from you – please contact Wendy or Konrad Monks on \*\*\*\*\*. This is also the number to use if you need our help!

Harvington Diary		
Handbell Ringers	Mondays, 7.30pm	*****
Faith Today	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm	*****
CAMEO tea	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September, 3pm	Village Hall
Film Night	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September, 7pm	Village Hall
Gardening team	Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> September, 9.30am	Church gardens
Art exhibition	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> September, 10am	Village Hall
<i>Pastoral support network: contact Wendy and Konrad (*****)</i>		

# Abbots Morton

## St Peter's Church

### HARVEST SERVICE

Do come along to our Harvest service on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September, starting at 11am, when we'll celebrate this year's harvest and the tremendous work of our farmers. Please bring along some produce, either fresh or tinned, which we'll give to Caring Hands in Evesham.

### HARVEST SUPPER

Our Harvest Supper this year is a week earlier than usual on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, starting at 7.30pm in the village hall. Enjoy a fabulous two-course roast dinner for just £14 per adult; £5 per child (11 and under). The supper will also feature the Great Harvest Raffle with tremendous prizes to be won. Booking is essential: contact Lynne on \*\*\*\*\* or Peggy on \*\*\*\*\*. Do get in early!

### FRENCH DRAINS PROJECT

Work is expected to begin this autumn on the project to improve the drainage around the church. Because of damp threatening the church walls, we are replacing the plastic guttering and drainpipes and the 1950's concrete gullies which have cracked, letting water reach the walls, with a 'French Drain' gravel soakaway system to keep the walls dry. The new guttering will be cast iron, in keeping with the Grade-1 listed building. Any donations towards the £10,000 cost would be very much appreciated. If you would like to contribute, please contact Revd Richard Thorniley on 870527 or [rector@archbenefice.org.uk](mailto:rector@archbenefice.org.uk).

There is a display in the church explaining the detail of the scheme. Please feel free to go and have a look.

Abbots Morton Diary		
Tea for Tinnitus brunch	Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> September, 11am	Village Hall
Pop-up restaurant	Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September, 12noon	Village Hall
Harvest supper	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm	Village Hall



# Abbots Morton

## VILLAGE HALL

([www.abbotsmorton.info/abbots-morton-village-hall](http://www.abbotsmorton.info/abbots-morton-village-hall))

New eco-lights are in!

The old fluorescent lights have been replaced with energy-efficient LED strips which will bring electricity savings of around 70%. The project cost £2,653 and we are very grateful for grants and gifts from Wychavon District Council (£1,359), Abbots Morton Parish Council (£500), County Councillor Anthony Hopkins (£300) and Sarah Dykes (£150). The village hall funds contributed £344.50.

*Thank you to everyone who supported the project in our public consultation.*

Wi-Fi is coming

**A significant upgrade to the hall's facilities is on its way with the upcoming installation of Wi-Fi.** We thank the Parish Council for a 'one-off' grant of £200 to help with the cost of installation and a proportion of the monthly charges.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 11am: *Tea for Tinnitus* brunch

Join us for a bacon or Lashford sausage sandwich and a cup of tea or coffee at our second *TEA FOR TINNITUS* brunch. Delicious smells will emerge from the kitchen for two hours from 11am-1pm, and there'll be a raffle. Do drop in!

*Proceeds to the British Tinnitus Association and the village hall.*

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 12noon: Sunday roast

The Clean Plate Catering Company will be hiring the hall on one Sunday each **month to provide a 'pop-up restaurant' with a two-course menu** available from 12noon to 2.30pm. For details visit [www.cotswoldcaterer.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldcaterer.co.uk). To book call Claire on \*\*\*\*\* or \*\*\*\*\* or e-mail \*\*\*\*\*@\*\*\*\*\*.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November: Quiz night

Save the date! After a break last year, the quiz night is back. Do get a team together. All proceeds will be shared between a charity and village hall funds.

EasyFundraising and Amazon

Our 22 EasyFundraisers have now raised £611 for the hall. You can join them by going to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and following the prompts to register Abbots Morton Village Hall as the cause you wish to support. If you are shopping with Amazon, they will pay 0.5% of your purchase to the hall if you start your purchase at [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) and select Abbots Morton Village Hall as your cause.

## Rous Lench **St Peter's Church**

### BIG LUNCH

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September from 1pm

The annual Big Lunch will take place in the gardens of Liz and Dave Knight's home, \*\*\*\*\* (or in the Village Hall if wet).

This is a community get-together for ALL the Lenches' residents and their friends and families. It is the only event of the year that is not trying to raise money and is a good excuse to share a meal and catch up with friends and neighbours.

Bring food and drinks to share and your own crockery, cutlery and glasses. We will provide tables and chairs, and hopefully some live music!

### ROUS LENCH VILLAGE HALL

([www.rouslench.com](http://www.rouslench.com))

Hall hire for private events

Rous Lench Village Hall is available for hire for private events such as parties, anniversaries, receptions, etc. For conditions and prices, please look on our website under the hall hire section, call \*\*\*\*\* or e-mail [info@rouslench.com](mailto:info@rouslench.com).



*ROYAL BRITISH LEGION*  
*ROUS LENCH AND INKBERROW BRANCH*

**Poppy Appeal Coffee Mornings 2019**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October: Old Bull, Inkberrow, WR7 4DZ  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October: Boot Inn, Flyford Flavell, WR7 4BS  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October: Wheelbarrow Castle, Radford, WR7 4LR

10.30am-12noon

*Entrance £2 includes light refreshment*

## Church Lench **All Saints' Church**

### FLOWER ROTA

7 <sup>th</sup> September	Jane Tinson
21 <sup>st</sup> September	Betty Bowron
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Celia Hall

### FLOWER FESTIVAL

The PCC Social Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the extremely successful Flower Festival Weekend. The truly imaginative floral arrangements in the church, open gardens, scarecrows, plant sales, craft stalls and refreshments once again proved to be wonderful attractions for the hundreds of visitors who came to the village. Thanks to this enthusiastic effort and support by so many people over the whole weekend, we raised £3,320.

### HARVEST LUNCH

This year's Harvest Lunch will take place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 12.15pm in the Village Hall. There will be a 3-course meal, licensed bar and raffle. Tickets (£12) may be purchased from any member of the PCC and further information can be obtained from Lyndall Bagnall (\*\*\*\*\*) or Nadine Woakes (\*\*\*\*\*).

### CALLING ALL LENCHES LADIES

The Lenches Ladies group meets at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month apart from August. We take it in turns, in pairs, to host and arrange the evening. Recent evenings have included a variety of speakers, wine tasting, a **trip to an auction house and a 'Pudding' evening, and in December we have a Christmas meal.** We ask for a small annual subscription of £10, mainly to enable us to hire the village hall if needed, and to subsidise the wine at Christmas.

**If you are interested please come along to a meeting and have a 'taste'. For more information, contact Donna Hill (\*\*\*\*\*@\*\*\*\*\*) or Lucy Hobbs (\*\*\*\*\*@\*\*\*\*\*).**

## Church Lench

### SOUTH LENCHES PARISH COUNCIL ([www.southlenchesparishcouncil.org](http://www.southlenchesparishcouncil.org))

Following elections in May five members were elected: Mr Shore, Mr Ball, Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Harwood and Mr Seabourne. Two further members, Dr Murray and Mrs Tyrell, have since been co-opted to bring the Council up to its full number.

#### News from the July meeting

Handgate Lane bus shelter: following a request to move the bus shelter to the corner of the junction of Evesham Road and Handgate Lane, the area has been visited by a Highways Officer and an engineer. Due to its condition, the shelter cannot be moved but a site for a hard standing at the junction has been agreed. A diagram is being prepared for the Road Safety Officer to approve which will then be programmed for work.

Wychavon Community Legacy Grants: the Lenches Sports & Recreation Club has asked the Council to support a project to install terraces on the slope behind the tennis courts so open air events can be held and to extend the pavilion to improve security and add storage. The club will gather all the information so the Council can submit an Expression of Interest application.

Next meeting: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm in Church Lench Village Hall. Information on the Council, minutes, notices, road closures, funding opportunities for organisations plus much more can be viewed on the parish council website.

Church Lench Diary		
Lenches Ladies	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm	<i>Members' homes</i>
Parish council meeting	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September, 8pm	Village Hall
Lady Dodd: <i>My Life with Ken</i>	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> September, 7pm	Village Hall
Lenches WI	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September, 7pm	Village Hall
Pre-loved sale	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October, 10am	Village Hall
Harvest lunch	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October, 12.15pm	Village Hall

## Church Lench

### THANK YOU

I would like to thank my family, neighbours and friends in the Lenches for all the cards, messages of goodwill, prayers and love I received during my 11 weeks in hospitals in Tenerife. It was a very difficult time for Mike and myself, which was made easier because of all your support.

*Brenda Whitehead*

### VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm: Lady Dodd *My Life with Ken*

An evening with Lady Dodd, the wife of the late Sir Ken Dodd, starting at 7pm for 7.30pm. There will be a light supper, puddings, raffle and licensed bar

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### LENCHES WI

([www.facebook.com/thelencheswi](http://www.facebook.com/thelencheswi))

This month we meet on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at Church Lench Village Hall, beginning at 7pm with a social half hour of tea, coffee and refreshments.

Our speaker is Colin Millett, an enthusiastic collector of Worcester Porcelain for over 40 years. His talk will detail some of his amusing experiences as he travelled the length and breadth of the country to add to his collection. Colin will also talk about some of the painters and their skills which were responsible for establishing Royal Worcester as one of the finest ceramic manufacturers in the world.

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October, the WI is holding a Pre-Loved Sale at Church Lench Village Hall between 10am and 12noon. If anyone has unused or only slightly used items they would like to sell, tables are available to hire for the morning. We will be serving drinks and cakes, and there will be cakes for sale. For more information, please contact Gill Proops (\*\*\*\*\*) or a member of the WI.

## Church Lench

### THE LENCHES CLUB

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Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 6-8pm: Halloween Kids Disco Party  
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Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 7pm: Bonfire Night  
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	Abbots Morton	Rous Lench	Church Lench	Harvington
(key on p30)				
6 <sup>th</sup> October	11am (CH) Morning Service	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	11am (CH) Harvest Service	9.30am Morning Service 6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)
13 <sup>th</sup> October	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	11am Morning Service	11am Morning Service	9.30am Holy Communion
20 <sup>th</sup> October	11am Morning Service	10.30am Family Service	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30am (CH) Family Harvest Service 6.30pm (CH) Harvest Evensong
27 <sup>th</sup> October Bible Sunday	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)		11am Holy Communion 3.30pm Messy Church in Church Lench Village Hall	9.30am Holy Communion

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## ARCH Benefice September 2019

(Key on p30)	Abbots Morton	Rous Lench	Church Lench	Harvington
1 <sup>st</sup> September	11am (CH) Morning Service	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	11am (CH) Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Service 6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)
8 <sup>th</sup> September	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	11am Morning Service	11am Morning Service	9.30am Holy Communion 6.30pm Healing Service
15 <sup>th</sup> September	11am Morning Service	10.30am (CH) Family Service	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	10.30am (CH) Youth Project 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service at Ellenden Farm 6.30pm Evensong
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	10am Benefice Service			
29 <sup>th</sup> September	11am Harvest Festival		11am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong

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