

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

Weekly Notices

1st September 2019

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

This Week's Activities

Tuesday: 8.30 am Prayers at Abbots Morton

Friday: 7.30 pm Film night at Harvington Village Hall

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

Future Activities: September

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

Sunday 22nd 12.00 noon Pop-up restaurant serving Sunday roast 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 8th September 2019

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

Today's Collect

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Today's Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For Prayer

Pray for our young people and teachers returning to school
and preparing for a challenging future

**We are grateful for nature's bounty and pray for those who are
still working hard to bring in the harvest**

Pray for those have lost someone through suicide, for those who are
considering suicide and for organisations engaged with helping them

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

Pray for our Parliament as it makes important decisions about the
Government's future in the light of the extended prorogation

This 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. ⁸The priests **did not say, 'Where is the LORD?'** Those who 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.

This 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.

This 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

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 continued

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.'** ⁶So 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.

This 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**

Luke 14:1, 7-14 continued

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 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.'**

Next Week's First Reading: *Jeremiah 18:1-11*

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ²**'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.'** ³So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

⁵Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶**'Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.**

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalm 139:1-7*

- 1 I said, 'I will keep watch over my ways, so that I offend not with my tongue.
- 2 'I will guard my mouth with a muzzle while the wicked are in my sight.'
- 3 So I held my tongue and said nothing; I kept silent but to no avail.
- 4 My distress increased, my heart grew hot within me; while I mused, the fire was kindled and I spoke out with my tongue:
- 5 'Lord, let me know my end and the number of my days, that I may know how short my time is.
- 6 'You have made my days but a handbreadth, and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight; truly, even those who stand upright are but a breath.
- 7 'We walk about like a shadow and in vain we are in turmoil; we heap up riches and cannot tell who will gather them.'

Next Week's Second Reading: *Philemon:1-21*

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:
³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus.
⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.
⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.
¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that

Philemon:1-21 continued

he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self.

²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Next Week's Gospel Reading: *Luke 14:25-33*

²⁵Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶**'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.** ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰**saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish."** ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up **all your possessions.'**