

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

Weekly Notices

8th September 2019

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

This Week's Activities

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

Monday: 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 VH

Tuesday: 8.30 am Prayers at Abbots Morton

7.30 pm Lenches Ladies meeting

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

Future Activities: September

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

Monday 23rd 7.30 pm Rous Lench parish council meeting in the Village Hall

Saturday 28th 9.30 am Harvington Art Group annual exhibition at Harvington VH

Want to publicise an activity here?

Details of weekly, monthly or one-off activities required

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Next Week's Services: Sunday 15th September 2019

8.30 am	Church Lench	Holy Communion*
10.30 am	<i>Ellenden Farm</i>	Harvington Youth Project 25 th Anniversary Service
10.30 am	Rous Lench	Family Service
11.00 am	Abbots Morton	Morning Service
6.30 pm	Harvington	Evensong

Today's Collect

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

For Prayer

Pray for Revd Chris and the team as they prepare for Messy Church

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

Pray for those being affected by Hurricane Dorian and previous natural disasters

Pray that you may enjoy a close walk with God – today and every day

Pray for our Parliament and the Government as they try to make decisions over our future with Europe and the rest of the world

This 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.

This Week's Psalm: *Psalms 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.'

Psalm 139:1-7 continued

- 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.'

This 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

Philemon:1-21 continued

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 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.

This 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, ³⁰saying, "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.'**

Next Week's First Reading: *Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28*

¹¹At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert towards my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse – ¹²a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgement against them.

²²**'For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.'**

²³I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. ²⁴I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. ²⁵I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. ²⁶I looked, and lo,

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 continued

the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger.

²⁷For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. ²⁸Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalm 14:1-7*

- 1 **The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.'** Corrupt are they, and abominable in their wickedness; there is no one that does good.
- 2 The Lord has looked down from heaven upon the children of earth, to see if there is anyone who is wise and seeks after God.
- 3 But every one has turned back; all alike have become corrupt: there is none that does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, those evildoers, who eat up my people as if they ate bread and do not call upon the Lord?
- 5 There shall they be in great fear; for God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Though they would confound the counsel of the poor, yet the Lord shall be their refuge.
- 7 **O that Israel's salvation would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, then will Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.**

Next Week's Second Reading: *1 Timothy 1:12-17*

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full

1 Timothy 1:12-17 continued

acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Next Week's Gospel Reading: *Luke 15:1-10*

¹All the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus.

²**And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'**

³So he told them this parable: ⁴**'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?'** ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, **"Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost."** ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?

⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, **saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost."** ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'