



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

Sunday 16th November

Twenty-second day after Trinity

Today's Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Today's Post Communion

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and forever.

Next Week Services: Sunday 23rd November

9:30am	Harvington	Holy Communion
11:00am	Rous Lench	Morning Service
11:00am	Church Lench	Family Communion

All are invited to the **licencing Service** for our new Rector Rev Glenn Reading at 3pm on Sunday 23rd November at Harvington Church. Refreshments and cash bar provided at the Coach and Horses afterwards.

Prayer of Intercession

We pray for all ages who are neglected, trafficked, abused, exploited, wrongly accused and marginalised, here and around the world. We pray for all people and organisations seeking to protect and support the vulnerable. Be with those organisations who walk our streets seeking to help the lost and the homeless escape a life of loneliness, danger, and emptiness.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Lord God, we pray for your church. Break down barriers. Where there are divisions bring unity, that we may see you and bring others to your truth and salvation. As Cop30 takes place in Brazil we lift before you all global climate issues. As our planet warms up, reducing polar ice caps, we see more winds, wild fires, droughts, and floods. We pray for the Philippines and Vietnam hit by typhoons. And for Jamaica still reeling from Hurricane Melissa.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Bring peace to areas of war and conflict. We think of Ukraine, Palestine, Syria, and Tanzania. **We ask your hand and guidance on all who attempt to bring peace. Help us all be better peacemakers.** May those in authority look to you and govern well in understanding of your law.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

We ask for your love on our local hospitals and the crises in A&E departments where people line corridors and ambulances. We lift before you all living in constant pain, be it physical or emotional. We pray for all in our communities exhausted from working two and three jobs just to make ends meet in today's financial turmoil.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer. Amen.

This Week's First Reading: *Malachi 4.1-2a*.

⁴ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ² But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

This Week's Psalm: *Psalm 98*,

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvellous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory.

² The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

⁸ Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for

joy

⁹ at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

This Week's Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13,

⁶ Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

This Week's Gospel Reading: Luke 21.5-19.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶ 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

Continued: *Luke 21.5-19.*

⁷ They asked him, ‘Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?’ ⁸ And he said, ‘Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and, “The time is near!” Do not go after them.

⁹ ‘When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.’ ¹⁰ Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² ‘But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Next Week’s First Reading: *Jeremiah 23.1-6.*

The Righteous Branch

1. “Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD.

Continued: *Jeremiah 23.1-6.*

² Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD. ³ “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number.⁴ I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD. ⁵ “The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

Next Week’s Psalm Reading: *Psalm 46.*

For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah. According to alamoeth, A song.

1. God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
2. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
3. though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.
4. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.
5. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.
6. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

Next Week's Psalm Continued: Psalm 46.

7. The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
8. Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.
9. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.
10. He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
11. The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Next Week's Second Reading: *Colossian 1.11-20.*

being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

Continued: *Colossian 1.11-20.*

¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Next Week's Gospel Reading: *Luke 23.33-43.*

³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.

³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they did not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. ³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. "

⁴³ Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."