



Sunday 19th July
Seventh Sunday after Trinity



Today's Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and forever.

Next Week Services: Sunday 26th July

8:30am	Rous Lench	Holy Communion
10:00am	Harvington	Holy Communion
10:00am	Norton & Lenchwick	Church @10
11:00am	Church Lench	Church @11
3:30-5:30pm	<i>Church Lench</i>	<i>Messy Church</i>

Notices

- Wednesday Communions at St James' with begin again on Wed 2nd Sept, 11am.
 - St Egwins Coffee Mornings on WEDNESDAY's are on hold.
- Comments on draft South Lenches Neighbourhood Plan should be sent to Wychavon district Council by Monday 3rd August 2026.

Events

- Patronal Festival at St James the great, Harvington – Saturday 25th July
- Bimble Car Drive out on 8th August – Contact Tina Hill, tinahill18@hotmail.com for tickets!
- Next Coffee Morning in St Egwin's - Saturday 15th August.
- Kington Flower Fest – 24th, 25th, 26th July.

This Week's First Reading: *Isaiah 44.6-8.*

⁶ Thus says the Lord , the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸ Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.



This Weeks Psalm: *Psalm 86.11-end.*

This Week's Second Reading: *Romans 8.12-25.*

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if in fact we suffer with him so that we may be glorified with him. ¹⁸ The pain that you've been feeling can't compare to the joy that is coming ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were

saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This Week's Gospel Reading: *Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43.*

²⁴ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.

²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?"

²⁸ He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹ But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' ³⁷ He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Next Weeks Readings: *1King 3.5-12, Psalm 119.129-136, Romans 8.26-end, Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52.*

Prayer of Intercession

We give thanks to all those around us, pouring our hearts into growing minds and forgiving those who have given into temptation. Let us guide one another whole heartedly, reflecting God's love and share hope across nations. As we take time in the holidays to reflect, we surrender all our plans, hopes, and desires into Your loving hands.

Lord, lead us on the right path so we may live by your ruling, maintaining clarity amongst those who wish to test our love and faith in you.

We pray for peace, justice, and reconciliation in all areas of the world torn by conflict or hardship. We plead you to give courage to the person worthy of government leadership, so that our futures may be led with wisdom, integrity and compassion.

Lord God, We pray you bring unity where there is division, and peace where news brings anxiety.

We also intercede for the sick, the lonely, and those who have lost hope at this time. Pour out Your healing grace upon all who mourn, and grant them the peace that passes understanding. Let your presence be refuge, and Your promises a light in the darkness.

We also pray for our emergency services facing busy shifts met with worried or grieving families. Provide them with the strength to meet patients in their suffering, to pour out Your healing grace, and help provide comfort during this time.

May July become a season of abundant grace, divine favor, and open doors. We entrust the days ahead to Your providence in heaven, confident that You will never leave nor forsake us.

In Jesus' name. **Amen.**