

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

Weekly Notice – 24th August 2025

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 forever.

Today's Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: Look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week's Services: Sunday 31st August

10:00am

Church Lench

Family Communion

*Please remember **Caring Hands** (charity supporting local poverty), whilst shopping to add an extra item or two to your basket. They need toiletries, toilet rolls, tins, dried goods, and items that can be cooked via a kettle, single ring hob or microwave.*

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, since you have taught us that we do not live by bread alone; feed us now and evermore with the bread which comes down from heaven, even your own self, our Saviour and our Redeemer. Sometimes we feel that our very best efforts are not appreciated, and we are left feeling discouraged. The same emotions must have troubled Jesus. Feed us with his strength and we try to live our lives as he taught us.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we pray for those less fortunate than ourselves, those for whom life is not easy, those for whom the struggle never seems to end. Let us recognise the bounty and joy in our lives and the opportunities you have given us to share with your people.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus in a world of pain and torture we ask for strength for those in power, those in leadership and those who follow even when they don't agree. Help us to see a world of peace and lead by your example, giving strength to those to strive to stand against injustice and greed.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we thank you for those we love who are close to us and support us in our lives. We think of those less fortunate than ourselves and those in need of knowing your true love. Be with all those who suffer in mind, body or soul, as you send your holy spirit to be with us all in the week ahead.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

This Week's First Reading: *Jeremiah 1.4-10*

⁴ The word of the Lord came to me, saying, ⁵ “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” ⁶ “Alas, Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

⁷ But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord. ⁹ Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

This Week's Psalm: *Psalms 71.1-6*

1. In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.
2. In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me; turn your ear to me and save me.
3. Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go; give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.
4. Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.
5. For you have been my hope, Sovereign LORD, my confidence since my youth.
6. From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb. I will ever praise you.

This Weeks Second Reading: *Hebrews 12.18-end.*

¹⁸ You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; ¹⁹ to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, ²⁰ because they could not bear what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.” ²¹ The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.” ²² But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, ²³ to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” ²⁷ The words “once more” indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our “God is a consuming fire.”

This Weeks Gospel Reading: *Luke 12.10-17.*

¹⁰ And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.¹¹ “When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say,¹² for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.”

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”¹⁴ Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” ¹⁵ Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’”

Next Week’s First Reading: *Jeremiah 2.4-13.*

⁴ Hear the word of the LORD, you descendants of Jacob, all you clans of Israel. ⁵ This is what the LORD says: “What fault did your ancestors find in me, that they strayed so far from me?

They followed worthless idols and became worthless themselves.

⁶ They did not ask, ‘Where is the LORD, who brought us up out of Egypt and led us through the barren wilderness, through a land of deserts and ravines, a land of drought and utter darkness, a land where no one travels and no one lives?’

⁷ I brought you into a fertile land to eat its fruit and rich produce. But you came and defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable. ⁸ The priests did not ask, ‘Where is the LORD?’ those who deal with the law did not know me; the leaders rebelled against me.

The prophets prophesied by Baal, following worthless idols.

⁹ “Therefore I bring charges against you again,” declares the LORD. “And I will bring charges against your children’s children.”¹⁰ Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and observe closely; see if there has ever been anything like this: ¹¹ Has a nation ever changed its gods? (Yet they are not gods at all.) But my people have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols.¹² Be appalled at this, your heavens, and shudder with great horror,” declares the LORD.¹³ “My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

Next Week’s Psalm: 81.1-11

1. Sing for joy to God our strength; shout aloud to the God of Jacob!
2. Begin the music, strike the timbrel, play the melodious harp and lyre.
3. Sound the ram’s horn at the New Moon, and when the moon is full, on the day of our festival;
4. this is a decree for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.
5. When God went out against Egypt, he established it as a statute for Joseph. I heard an unknown voice say:
6. “I removed the burden from their shoulders; their hands were set free from the basket.
7. In your distress you called and I rescued you, I answered you out of a thundercloud; I tested you at the waters of Meribah.
8. Hear me, my people, and I will warn you— if you would only listen to me, Israel!
9. You shall have no foreign god among you; you shall not worship any god other than me.
10. I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt. Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.
11. “But my people would not listen to me; Israel would not submit to me.

Next Week's Second Reading: *Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16*

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters.² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.³ Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.⁴ Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."⁶ So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.¹⁶ And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Next Week's Gospel Reading: *Luke 14.1,7-14*

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.⁷ When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable:⁸ "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited.⁹ If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.'

Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place.

¹⁰ But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests.

¹¹ For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." ¹² Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."