

Sunday 28th June
Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week Services: Sunday 5th July

10:00am	Harvington	Church @10
10:00am	Norton & Lenchwick	Holy Communion
11:00am	Church Lench	Holy Communion
11:00am	Abbots Morton	Church @11
6:30pm	Harvington	Holy Communion Trad Lang
Mid-week Eucharist: 11:00am Wednesdays at St James', Harvington		

Events

- 8th July – Cameo Teas, 1:30pm, Harvington School
- 10th July + 14th August, 7:30 for 8pm, Norton & Lenchwick VH.
- 25th July – Patronal Festival, St James the Great
- 26th July – Messy Church, 3:30-5:30pm, Church Lench VH
- 8th August – BIMBLE, Abbots Morton
- 10th August – September Arch Messenger requests due.

This Week's First Reading: *Jeremiah 28.5-9.*

⁵ Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles.

⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people.⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms.⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.'

This Weeks Psalm: *Psalms 89. 1-4, 15-18.*

- 1 My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord:
with my mouth will I proclaim faithfulness throughout all generations.
- 2 I will declare that your love is established for ever;
you have set your faithfulness as firm as the heavens.
- 3 For you said: 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 "Your seed I'll establish forever, building your throne for all generations."
- 15 Happy are the people who know the shout of triumph:
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.
- 16 In your name they rejoice all the day long and are exalted in your
righteousness.
- 17 For you are the glory of their strength; in your favour you lift our heads.
- 18 Truly the Lord is our shield; the Holy One of Israel is our king.

This Week's Second Reading: Romans 6.12-end,

¹² Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions.¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death

Continued: *Romans 6.12-end.*

to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness.¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted,¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.²¹ So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death.²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life.²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This Week's Gospel Reading: *Matthew 10.40-end.*

⁴⁰ 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous;⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

Next Weeks Readings: *Zechariah 9.9-12, Psalm 145.8-15, Romans 7.15-25, Matthew 11.16-19,25-end.*

Prayer of Intercession

Almighty God, as we come together to celebrate the patronal flower festivals, we pray for all Christian churches throughout the world as they meet to worship. We particularly pray for the safety of Christians who are persecuted because of their faith, and for organisations such as Open Doors as they support them. We pray for your blessing on our Benefice, that your joy and love will flow freely in and through us to reach out to the people in need.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we pray for places in the world suffering from conflict, hatred, and deep division. We pray for the victims of violence, and poverty. Soften the hearts of leaders and nations, and bring a lasting peace based on justice and mutual respect. We pray for reconciliation between all faiths that exist throughout the world. Bless those who work hard to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we pray for our local community here, asking that you bless our schools, workplaces, and families. Help us to look out for our neighbours and support one another in times of need.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we lift up to you all who are going through sorrow, pain, or distress. We pray for those who are facing serious illness, those awaiting test results, and those struggling with their mental health. Almighty God, We pray that difficult decisions be guided with strength and love as we collectively ask you to share your healing presence to provide peace and comfort for all those who may need it at this time.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we remember before You those who have died, either recently or at this time of year, and pray that they are now experiencing the light of Christ which shines eternally and brings hope and comfort to the bereaved. Please also bring peace and comfort to those who mourn.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer. Amen**