



The ARCH Messenger

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March 2026



Abbots Morton, Rous Lench, Church Lench & Harvington
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Readings

1 March, 2nd Lent *Genesis 12. 1-4a – Psalm 121 – Romans 4.1-5, 13-17 – John 3. 1-17*

8 March, 3rd Lent *Exodus 17.1-7 – Psalm 95 – Romans 5.1-11 – John 4. 5-42*

15 March, 4th Lent ***Mothering Sunday***, *1 Samuel 16. 1-13 – Psalm 23 – Ephesians 5. 8-14 – John 9*

22 March, 5th Lent *Ezekiel 37. 1-14 – Psalm 130 – Romans 8. 6-11 – John 11. 1-45*

29 March, Palm Sunday *Liturgy of the Palms: Matthew 21. 111
Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50. 4-9 – Psalm 31. 9-16 –
Philippians 2. 5-11 –
Matthew 26.14 – end of 27*



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Thought for the month

January often feels like the longest of months—defined by short days, biting cold, and an oppressive grey. Yet, against this bleak backdrop, the Church celebrates Epiphanytide. We recall the Magi, those wise travellers whose arrival signalled that Jesus was not for one people alone, but for the whole of humanity.

On February 2nd, we reach Candlemas. As Mary and Joseph bring the infant Jesus to the Temple, we witness the aging Simeon holding the promise of God in his arms. It is a "hinge" moment: we look back one last time at the wonder of the Nativity before turning our gaze toward what lies ahead.

March brings the season of Lent. The infant of Bethlehem is now a man beginning his journey toward the Cross. As Christians, we walk this path with him through prayer, fasting, and service. It is a season of restraint and self-reflection that leads us eventually into the shadows of Holy Week—a week of trial, humiliation, and the apparent silence of Good Friday.

That first Easter weekend must have felt like a long January: cold, dark, and devoid of hope. But we hold the faith because we know the end of the story. Easter Sunday is a bursting from the tomb—a marvellous resurrection where hope is reborn. As Psalm 30 beautifully reminds us: *"Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning."*

Whether you are a regular face in our pews or someone looking for a place to begin, you are welcome here this Lent and Easter. God's good news is for everyone—no caveats, no small print. Just a place in the family.

God bless you and those you love, **Fr. Glenn**



*Stop date for March issue: **Monday 9th March***

Pastoral

Daily prayers:
8.30am

via Zoom – contact either Fr Glenn or Rev'd Chris for details
(e-mail rector@archbenefice.org.uk
chris@archbenefice.org.uk)

Pastoral calls and contacts

Please telephone Fr Glenn in the first instance:

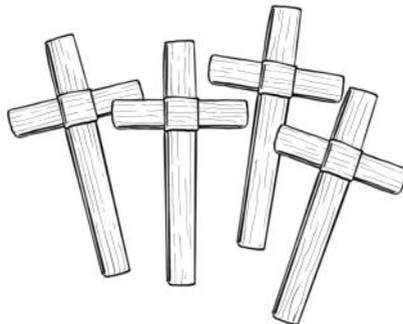
If you would like to meet with Fr Glenn, please email to arrange a suitable time.

From the Registers

13th February, St James

Funeral

Alan Harding



Benefice News

LENT COURSE

Our lent course this year is titled: **LOVE IN ACTION**

It involves a journey around all the churches in the benefice as we investigate what love means to us.

We continue with:

04.03.26 - Love in Dark places - Norton - Bible study and panel discussion

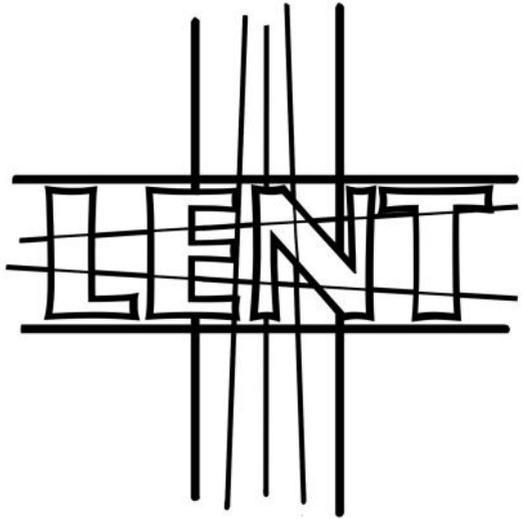
11.03.26 - Love expressed in Music - Harvington - A walk through sacred and non-sacred music with Sally Livingstone and guests

18.03.26 - Surviving Grief – Church Lench - Bible study and panel discussion

25.03.26 - Jesus and how to touch the ultimate love – Rous Lench - Steve Tilley

We are still looking for panel members who would like to share some of their stories so if you think you have something God is calling you to share then please contact Pippa on *****

We look forward to seeing you all for love, laughter and reflection. Being together through the Lent season is a huge highlight of our year.



Men's Night...
... will return at Easter!

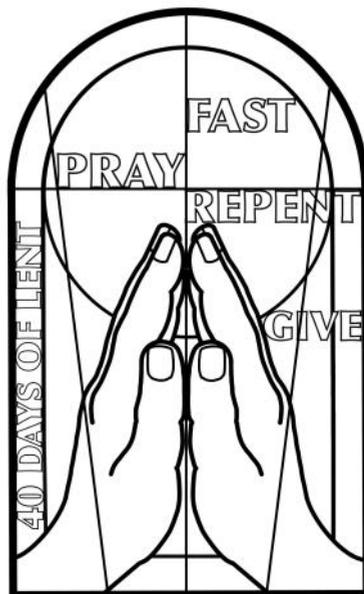


Benefice News

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2026

Confirmation preparation for 2026 will be done in the Deanery (Rev' Chris will be involved). Confirmation courses are a wonderful opportunity to explore Christian faith over ten weekly sessions, together with others.

The course may be in preparation for your Confirmation, or, the course may be a refresher about the Christian Faith for you or. A Confirmation Service is a service where the promises made at your baptism are now affirmed by you as an adult and you receive the laying on of hands and anointing with oil by a bishop confirming you in the Christian faith. (If you have not been baptised, this may happen during the confirmation service at in your parish before the Confirmation Service.)



The course will ten one hour sessions from 7-8pm. The venue will be at Church House next to All Saints Church in Evesham.

Dates: 20, 27 April, 11, 18 May (missing bank holidays), 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 June, 6 July

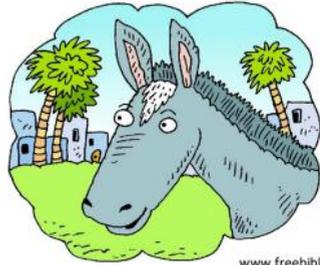
If you are thinking of being Confirmed or you wish to do the course as a refresher, do speak to Father Glenn or Rev Chris.

Caring Hands foodbank – please keep it going

Please remember Caring Hands when doing your weekly shop and purchase an extra item or two for the foodbank: toilet rolls, toiletries, tinned and dried goods are always welcome.

Items can be left in the donation boxes in our parish churches.

Benefice News



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The Donkey's Day

Sunday 22nd March

CHURCH LENCH Village Hall, 3.30 - 5.30pm

Crafts, story, song and a

FREE 2-course meal.

All welcome!



Help Needed

The Arch Messenger reaches 1200 houses in The Lenches and Harvington. Supported by several of the parish councils and run by the ARCH Benefice, it is currently the only regular newsletter delivered to our villages.

We are looking for a new editor to take the ARCH Messenger forwards. The duties are light: a few evenings a month. If you would be interested in learning more, please contact either Fr Glenn, or Tom, the current editor (details at the front).

From the New Bishop of Worcester

Dear friends,

It has been 3 weeks since my installation service at the Cathedral, and I have been blown away by the warmth and generosity of the welcome that you have all shown me. From rural church communities and meals in the local pub; to worship in the oldest church building in Worcester, where children told us how to live 'in heaven on earth'; to visits to primary and secondary schools, where I was asked questions as diverse as 'What is your favourite Tesco's meal deal?' and 'What is the place of religion in politics?'. I've had a morning spent with clergy and LLMs on our response to the climate crisis; a lunch with our wonderful retired clergy; an evening with ordinands training for ministry; and important conversations about how we build a diocese that puts children and young people at the centre of everything.

All of this (and that's just a few of the highlights!) has given me so many opportunities to listen and learn, and to start to get to know this wonderful diocese.

And there's still so much for me still to discover; so many people to meet, churches to join for worship and hopes and worries for me to hear. If you'd like to see what I'm discovering as I get out and about, I'm putting out a brief video every week or so, and you can find it on Facebook or Instagram.

In all of this, the thing that has struck me most, is the deep faithfulness of the church across the Diocese. In all the joys, and in the midst of challenges too – and I'm hearing about them as well – there are people serving their schools, churches, workplaces and communities with astonishing generosity and commitment.

It has been such a privilege to start getting to know you all. I look forward to meeting many more people, churches and communities in the months to come – and do please invite me along.

Please keep praying for me, as I continue to pray for you.

God bless

Hugh



The Way of the Cross

'Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Me.' (Luke 9: 23)

These words of Jesus are spoken at a turning point in the gospel. Jesus challenged the disciples about His identity and their commitment to Him: *'who do the crowds say I am?'* (Luke 9:18). It is at this point that He *'resolutely set out for Jerusalem'* (9:51). On our journey through Lent, as we look to the events of Good Friday and Easter, what are our priorities as Jesus' disciples?

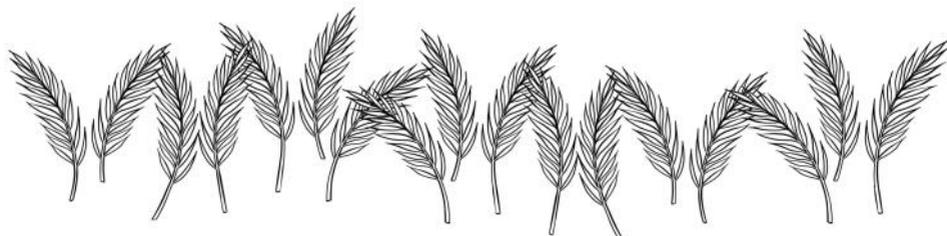
To deny ourselves: this means to saying *No* to ourselves and *Yes* to God, as we humbly submit our will to His. Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane *'not My will but Yours be done.'* (Luke 22:42). It means putting Jesus first in everything: our work, family, ambitions, possessions, marriage, finance and future. We will not be guided by self-interest, but by allowing God to show us how to live in His way.

To take up our cross: this reminds us that the disciple is not immune from suffering, as we follow Jesus along the way of the cross. Just as He carried His cross to Golgotha, we cannot avoid experiencing suffering in a fallen world. Every day we are to live in way that demonstrates to everyone that we have died to ourselves, our selfish ways and ambitions, and seek to live for God. It means breaking old selfish habits and ways of thinking, as we allow God to renew us by His Spirit.

Perhaps that is something we should learn—to wait for Jesus our Master, to be always obedient to Him, to serve Him with all our hearts, and to bear the mark of His grace in our lives.

In all of this we cannot lose, because like Jesus, it is only through death that we find God's new life. *'He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain that which he cannot lose.'* (Jim Elliot).

- Canon Paul Hardingham



Saint of the Month: St Patrick / Padraig, 17th March

St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. If you've ever been in New York on St Patrick's Day, you'd think he was the patron saint of New York as well... the flamboyant parade is full of American/Irish razzmatazz.

It's all a far cry from the hard life of this 5th century humble Christian who became in time both bishop and apostle of Ireland. Patrick was born the son of a town councillor in the west of England, between the Severn and the Clyde. But as a young man he was captured by Irish pirates, kidnapped to Ireland, and reduced to slavery. He was made to tend his master's herds.

Desolate and despairing, Patrick turned to prayer. He found God was there for him, even in such desperate circumstances. He spent much time in prayer, and his faith grew and deepened, in contrast to his earlier years, when he "knew not the true God".

Then, after six gruelling, lonely years he was told in a dream he would soon go to his own country. He either escaped or was freed, made his way to a port 200 miles away and eventually persuaded some sailors to take him with them away from Ireland.

After various adventures in other lands, including near-starvation, Patrick landed on English soil at last, and returned to his family. But he was much changed. He had enjoyed his life of plenty before; now he wanted to devote the rest of his life to Christ. Patrick received some form of training for the priesthood, but not the higher education he really wanted.

But by 435, well-educated or not, Patrick was badly needed. Palladius's mission to the Irish had failed, and so the Pope sent Patrick back to the land of his slavery. He set up his see at Armagh and worked principally in the north. He urged the Irish to greater spirituality, set up a school, and made several missionary journeys.

Patrick's writings are the first literature certainly identified from the British Church. They reveal sincere simplicity and a deep pastoral care. He wanted to abolish paganism, idolatry, and was ready for imprisonment or death in the following of Christ.

Patrick remains the most popular of the Irish saints. The principal cathedral of New York is dedicated to him, as, of course, is the Anglican cathedral of Dublin.

From St James' The Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren,

Clearly, the sight of your vicar running out of the room halfway through your last church council meeting, saying he should have stayed as a traffic warden, where he was universally liked, has unnerved you. It would have unnerved me too, since a universally popular traffic warden is an exceptional creature.

But perhaps it is necessary to give you some advice for the day when you do have to chair your first church council meeting.

1. Consider every agenda issue carefully beforehand and decide what you would like to do. Then, at the meeting, consult widely, listen to every opinion, weigh all the arguments, and then do precisely what you had decided before the meeting ever took place.
2. Never, ever, let council members discuss hymns, which avoids getting blood on the carpets.
3. Arrange the seating in rows, all facing the front, so that everyone must respond directly to you. The last thing you want is for council members to be able to discuss matters freely with one another.
4. Start smoking a pipe. At those times when you are faced with an issue when you really are unsure of how to respond, taking out your pipe, dismantling it, searching for a pipe cleaner, squinting down the stem to see if it is clean, mopping out the goo in the bowl, searching for your tobacco pouch, filling the pipe, tamping it down, asking if you can borrow matches and attempting to light it several times over, will give you more than sufficient time to formulate a reply. Once you have perfected the routine, the silence will have been so protracted, that most of the committee will have long forgotten what the question was anyway.
5. If someone is talking too long, consult your diary, noisily and obsessively, about next month's appointments, or write a note to a committee member who is at the back of the room and get it passed to him. The speaker should soon get the message.

These are the simpler techniques of committee management. The advanced procedures must wait until you are strong enough to bear them.

Your loving uncle, Eustace



St James's, Harvington



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY 6th MARCH 2026



ST JAMES'S CHURCH, HARVINGTON

TIME - 2pm

A service prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria
"I will give you rest: Come"

For further information please contact us on eventssjch@outlook.com or
message on Facebook at St James's Events ,

Refreshments will be served before and after the service
All welcome

CAMEO TEAS 11th March 3.00pm at St. James Church

We are now meeting again at church as we leave the winter quarters behind and greet the warm taw of Spring Sunshine to enjoy tea and cakes and a chat.

We would love to see you all for a fun afternoon.
For information, please contact Sophie: *****

FAITH TODAY Friday 20th March 10.00am, Breslau

The subject we are going to discuss this time is **"The Lord is my Shepherd"**! Gerry Foster will be leading and guide us through this very familiar and famous Bible passage which we all love.

In this troubled and lost world we need a loving Shepherd to hold on to.

We are a friendly group and always like to receive newcomers.
Refreshments are served.
For information, please contact Sophie: ****

Harvington

Harvington Community Support Group

Hello everyone.

I hope you're not finding this winter weather too tedious. Just a reminder that our team of volunteers are always around to lend a helping hand to Harvington villagers. So if you are stuck for transport to an appointment, need help with admin or occasional shopping, have minor DIY tasks etc, do feel free to give us a ring. We can be contacted on *****, and if you don't get an answer do please leave a message - we check the phone regularly and will get back to you.

Best wishes Wendy and Konrad Monks, (co-ordinators)

PHOENIX LADIES

Phoenix were delighted with the great turnout for their last meeting - a visit by two of our local PC's Alex and Calum. They gave a great insight into modern day policing, reassuring us that there still is a manned police station in Evesham, even if not open to the public. Their talk highlighted what we can do to protect ourselves and belongings as well as when to call them, highlighting the need for everyone to sign up for Neighbourhood Matters and telling us about Operation Snap. It was a very informative meeting and enjoyed by all present.

Our next meeting on 4th March is Worcestershire & Warwickshire Place Names with Dr Richard Churchley - this is open to anyone interested. We are also organising a social lunch at the pub during March too.

Anyone interested in joining Harvington Phoenix Ladies or wanting further details please call Lesley on *****

Financial emergency? Extra help needed? Live in Harvington?

St James' Church manages an emergency fund on behalf of the community. If you need a little financial assistance, please call ***** and we will offer what support we can.

If you are in a position to top up the funds, we would be very grateful!

Harvington CE First School

In Harvington CE First School this term, we have been up to lots of exciting events like: The year 5 Residential, year 2 Victorian day, Chinese New Year food tasting for Nursery and Reception, year 3 Celtic day and last but not least the year 4 Synagogue visit.

The year 5 Residential was a wonderful trip to Malvern with many opportunities to build teamwork and independence. The year 3s made delicious Celtic bread and painted each other's faces blue during their Celtic Day. The year 2s had an amazing time learning and pretending to be Victorians. Nursery and Reception had a magnificent time learning about Chinese New Year and had a platter of Chinese food. Year 4 visited the synagogue to learn about Judaism and had a lot of fun learning some new facts.

- Bebee Hunt & Willow Kavanagh-Godwin, School Prime Minister and Deputy



**Abbots Morton
St Peter's Church**
(www.abbotsmorton.info/st-peters-church)

MOTHERING SUNDAY

We will be having our traditional Mothering Sunday Service on **Sunday 15th March**. All are welcome to come and celebrate Mothers with posies and love.

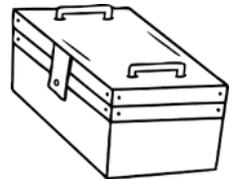


CHURCH CLEAN UP



We are having a Church Clean Up on **Monday 30th March from 10am**. All help gratefully received to tidy through and get to those hard-to-reach bits. We have had a few furry visitors to the vestry and the bottom of our large **metal fire box**, which contains all our important and old documents, has rusted through.

If anyone has a large metal fire box that they would like to donate to the church, we would be very grateful.... Before the documents are eaten!



CHURCH YARD

Martyn Whalton and his growing team are taking over the care of our beautiful churchyard. If you would like to join in then please contact Marty Walton or Pippa Heenan, *****



Abbots Morton Village Hall

(www.abbotsmorton.info/abbots-morton-village-hall)

Year in Review and Looking Ahead

The past year has been one of resilience, recovery, and renewed community spirit for Abbots Morton Village Hall. Following the sad loss of Colin Pemberton, the Hall faced significant challenges, but thanks to strong teamwork, committed volunteers, and community support, it has continued not only to operate but to grow. Regular hires and popular fundraising events have been well attended, while new activities have broadened the Hall's appeal. The Hall strives to remain financially healthy.

Looking forward, the Committee aims to build on this momentum by developing a clear events calendar, expanding regular hires, delivering further community events, and exploring ways to reduce running costs and enhance the Hall's facilities. We warmly encourage others to get involved—whether by volunteering at events, joining the committee, or sharing new ideas—to help shape the future of the Village Hall and ensure it continues to thrive at the heart of village life.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Abbots Morton Village Hall in what ever way, we're excited about the year ahead and look forward to seeing you soon.

HIRE Please consider hiring our lovely hall for your next party or event. It is light and airy and very well equipped. To discuss further, please contact the VH Bookings officer, Sue Bunce via the VH email (address above).

REGULAR EVENTS

Community Coffee Morning, first Tuesday of every month in the Village Hall with the next one being on Tuesday 3rd March. Please drop by anytime between 10am and 12 noon. It's absolutely free and a lovely opportunity to spend a couple of hours with others in the community. Donations to the "Power Pot" help to pay for electricity and are gratefully received.

Tai Chi Wednesdays 10am - 11am.
Andrew Lowe runs 7 week sessions: *****

Yoga Sessions Monday mornings, 9.45-10.45am
Amy Hoang-Jones : *****

Abbots Morton

NEWS & FUTURE EVENTS

The CPR Session held on Saturday 17th January was attended by 28 people and raised £96.50 for The Vale of Evesham Community First Responders Charity. A big thank you to everyone for coming.

We have a full calendar of events planned for 2026
Friday 27th March 7pm. "Eggheads" Easter Quiz. £6.00 per person to include nibbles. Bring your own drinks. Pre book tickets from Sue Bunce on 07841 602806 Antony and Sue Bunce will be quizmasters and Easter themed wear will be very much encouraged!

28th June Flower Festival
2nd October Harvest Supper
27th November Christmas Quiz night

Bimble 2 Following on from the success of last year's inaugural Bimble event, we will hold our second one in the Summer of 2026. Watch this space for the date and more information!

EASYFUNDRAISING

We have 28 supporters to date. The Village Hall has benefitted from the scheme by almost £1,400 thanks to our supporters. By joining you can help to raise funds for your Hall every time you shop online at NO cost to yourself. Just go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/abbotsmortonvillagehall and sign up to help the Village Hall every time you shop online.

Abbots Morton Parish Council

All parishioners are welcome to attend our Parish Council meetings. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 19th March at 8pm in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Further details and agendas can be found at www.abbotsmorton.info. Residents are invited to put forward any ideas, concerns or queries during public question time. If you cannot attend in person then please raise issues with the Clerk at abbotsmortonpc@gmail.com.

There are currently two vacancies on Abbots Morton Parish Council. These two posts will be filled by the co-option process through the Parish Council. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor please contact the Clerk at abbotsmortonpc@gmail.com for more information.

Rous Lench

Pub Nights

Come along and enjoy a drink and a chat and possibly some tasty nibbles in front of the fire. All ages welcome. The pub will be open on the following dates (all Fridays):

13th Feb – 7.30pm

27th Feb – Family night doors open at 6.30pm

13th March – 7.30pm

27th March – family night doors open 6.30pm

Spring Supper 11th April 7pm onwards

Come and join us for a delicious home cooked supper at the village hall in aid of church funds. We will be serving a two course meal featuring some locally made puddings. Some fun games and a raffle will add to the entertainment and make this a great night out. Tickets cost just £15 per head.

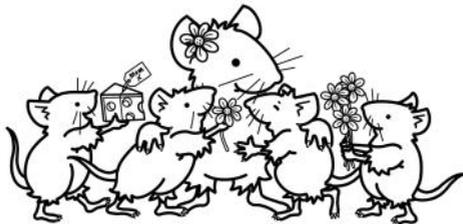


Please contact Fran on ***** or ***** to book your place.

ROUS LENCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7pm on 24 March 2026 at the Village Hall.

Residents are welcome to attend and the Clerk, Michelle Marriner can be contacted at info@rouslenchparishcouncil.gov.uk



All Saints, Church Lench

LENT LUNCHES

Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March, 12noon-1.30pm

Our Lent Lunches will continue to take place this month in the Lenches Club. On the 4 Wednesdays a selection of homemade soups followed by cheese and biscuits will be available for just £7.00. The bar will be open for the sale of hot and cold refreshments and there will also be a raffle. No booking required.

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday 26th, Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th June:
Annual Flower Festival Weekend

Arrangements are well under way for this year's Flower Festival Weekend commencing with an evening of Entertainment in All Saints' Church. Attractions throughout the weekend will include the Open Gardens and Scarecrow Trail.

Further information about all the events taking place can be obtained from Lyndall ***** or Nadine (woakesn@hotmail.com) but if you are interested in opening your garden please contact Lara for more details (*****)

THE LENCHES BOULES CLUB

Do you fancy joining our friendly inclusive Boules Club?

The Lenches Boules Club play in Church Lench and are currently looking for people to join the 2026 league.

No experience needed, we play couples and singles competitions during the spring and summer months, membership is £10 per person and allows you to play in both leagues.



Our Boules league is a fantastic social group and we would love to see people of all ages.

If you're interested in playing, please email *****

Church Lench

VILLAGE HALL

The Church Lench Village Hall Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 30 March at 7pm. All community residents are welcome to attend.

We are lucky to have a village hall that is loved and well-used. Every weekday Church Lench Pre-School hires the hall from 8:30-5:30pm, and it is hired by other groups and exercise instructors four nights during the week. And then we have one-off hires at the weekend. When these people hire the hall, they also pay for use of the carpark. These car parking spaces are few and precious. Therefore, we are unable to offer our car park to community residents and/or their guests as an alternative to street parking. Thank you for your cooperation.

Interested in hiring the hall? For booking enquiries, please contact Bev Gillis at clvillagehallbookings@gmail.com and see our pages on www.thelenches.org.uk website.

THE LENCHES TENNIS CLUB

KEEP FIT CARDIO TENNIS SESSIONS

We are running these every Tuesday at 6.30pm

Everyone is welcome. Membership is not necessary.

You don't need to be skilled at tennis; it is not too strenuous.

For 1 hour you run around, gets your heart pumping.

Coach is Alex Ritchie £5 per session

To join the Whats App group,

contact Paddy Twist

on *****



South Lenches Parish Council

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION UPDATE

Our warmest thanks to all the members of our Community who have provided feedback and comments in support of the Neighbourhood Plan.

As part of our community consultation in November / December 2025, we sent to every household an Executive Summary of the Neighbourhood Plan, a feedback form (in paper format) and a letter explaining what we were doing and our purpose. We also provided the opportunity for every resident in the Parish to complete our feedback form online via a Survey Monkey form.

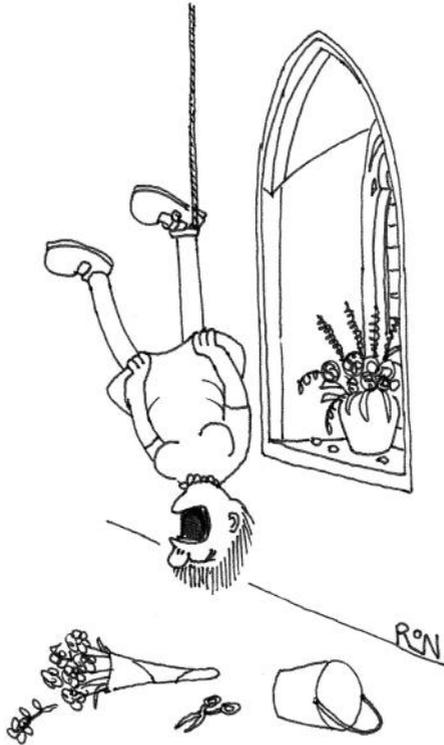
As this consultation asked for very specific feedback about ways to improve and change the Neighbourhood Plan, we expected fewer responses and in total, we received 20 replies. All our responses received were in favour of the Plan and many provided suggestions about ways to improve. We are required to take all comments into account and this will be reflected in the next iteration of the Neighbourhood Plan document.

The Parish Council held a successful Open Day on November 15th when residents were given the chance to come and meet the Steering Group, read a printed version of the Plan and look at specific aspects of the Plan on display boards. Many thanks to everyone who came to speak with us. Your support means a lot to the Steering Group as we work on your behalf.

An important part of our Regulation 14 consultation is to send our Plan out to 50 Statutory Consultees. Of the 8 replies received, the most relevant was from Wychavon District Council. As with comments from our community, we are required to take all comments into account as we now update our Neighbourhood Plan. Wychavon's suggestions for improvement will be reflected in the next version of the Plan.

Our next steps are to update the Neighbourhood Plan with your comments and feedback in preparation for formal Submission (Regulation 15). This is in progress at the moment and we expect to present the updated Neighbourhood Plan document at the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 9th March. With the approval of the Parish Council, your Steering Group will go ahead and send our Neighbourhood Plan to Wychavon District Council as our formal Submission, Regulation 15 document.

Our next update to our Community will follow our expected formal Submission in March. Thank you for continuing to provide your support for our Neighbourhood Plan work.



Mrs Stebbings always did the flowers in the South Window, as Mrs Todger soon learned

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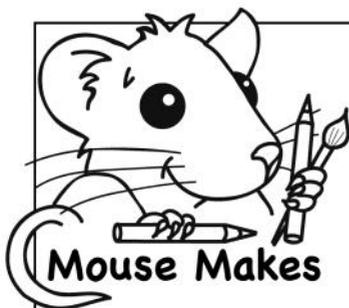
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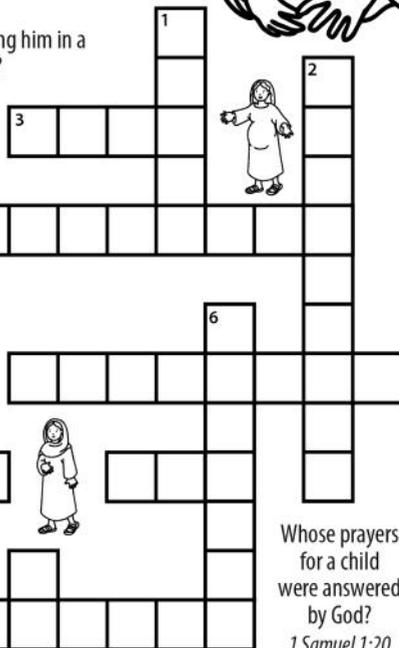


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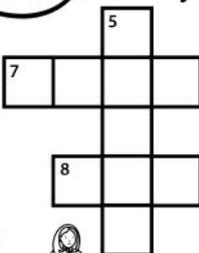


Who saved her baby by putting him in a basket in the river?

Exodus 2:1-3
and 6:20



Who was 90 years old when she had her son Isaac?
Genesis 17:19



Whose prayers for a child were answered by God?
1 Samuel 1:20

Across

- 3. **Obed's** mother
Matthew 1:5
- 4. **John's** mother
Luke 1:57-60
- 7. **Reuben's** mother
Genesis 29:32
- 8. **Joseph's** mother
Genesis 30:22-24
- 9. **Jesus' mother**
Acts 1:14

Down

- 1. **Boaz's** mother
Matthew 1:5
- 2. **Solomon's** mother
1 Kings 1:11
- 4. **Timothy's** mother
2 Timothy 1:5
- 5. **Ishmael's** mother
Genesis 16:15
- 6. **Jacob and Esau's** mother
Genesis 25:21-26



Who had two sons called Cain and Abel?
Genesis 4:1-2

Answer the questions then put them into the crossword

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1st March 2nd of Lent

Readings: Genesis 12. 1-4a – Psalm 121 – Romans 4.1-5, 13-17 – John 3. 1-17

8.30am	Rous Lench VH	Holy Communion Trad Lang
9.30am	Harvington	Morning Prayer
10am	Norton & Lenchwick	Holy Communion
11.00	Church Lench	Holy Communion CW
6.30pm	Harvington	Holy Communion Trad Lang

8th March 3rd of Lent

Readings: Exodus 17.1-7 – Psalm 95 – Romans 5.1-11 – John 4. 5-42

9.30 am	Harvington	Holy Communion
10.00am	Norton & Lenchwick	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Abbots Morton	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Church Lench	Morning Prayer

15th March 4th of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

Readings: 1 Samuel 16. 1-13 – Psalm 23 – Ephesians 5. 8-14 – John 9

11.00am	Church Lench	Holy Communion
9.30am	Harvington	Morning Prayer
10.00am	Norton & Lenchwick	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Rous Lench VH	Morning Prayer

22nd March 5th of Lent

Readings: Ezekiel 37. 1-14 – Psalm 130 – Romans 8. 6-11 – John 11. 1-45

9.30 am	Harvington	Holy Communion
10.00am	Norton & Lenchwick	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Church Lench	Morning Prayer
11.00 am	Abbots Morton	Morning Prayer
3.30pm	Harvington Village Hall	Messy Church

29th March Palm Sunday

Readings: Liturgy of the Palms: Matthew 21. 111
Readings: Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50. 4-9 – Psalm 31. 9-16 – Philippians 2. 5-11 – Matthew 26.14 – end of 27

10am	Harvington	Holy Communion
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Mid-week Eucharist: 11.00 am Wednesdays at St James, Harvington