

Sunday 30th August
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week Services: Sunday 6th September

10.00 am	Norton & Lenchwick	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Harvington	Church @ 10
11.00 am	Church Lench	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Abbots Morton	Church @ 11
6.30pm	Harvington	Holy Communion Trad Lang

Mid Week Eucharist: 11:00 am Wednesday, St James, Harvington

Events

- Abbots Morton Coffee Morning 1st Sept
- Norton & Lenchwick Craft Group w. Phoenix Ladies 2nd Sept 2pm.
- St. James' Harvington CAMEO teas 9th September 3pm.
- Rous Lench Family Pub Night 18th September 6:30pm.
- Harvest Suppers coming up in October – Details are in September Arch Messenger!

This Week's First Reading: *Jeremiah 15.15-21*

¹⁵ O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

¹⁹ Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord.

²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

This Weeks Psalm: *Psalms 26.1-8*.

This Week's Second Reading: *Romans 12.9-end*

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as

it depends on you, live peaceably with all.¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'

²⁰ No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.'

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This Week's Gospel Reading: *Matthew 16.21-end*

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.'

²³ But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Next Weeks Readings: Ezekiel 33. 7-11, Psalm 119. 33-40, Romans 13. 8-end, Matthew 18. 15-20

Prayer of Intercession

Everlasting God, whenever we start to get offended by your generosity or open-mindedness, give us the grace to repent and join your rejoicing. Guard the Church against self-righteousness and all rules and limits which you would not own, but keep always before us the rule of love.

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

Creator God, increase in us love not only for the victims but for the perpetrators of evil and violence in our world; for all governments which run on corruption and fear. We pray for a change of heart and attitude, an awakening to a better way of living, and the courage to reject wrong principles.

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

Father God, we pray for our children and grandchildren who are returning back to school, colleges and universities to continue their education, help us pass on to them the wisdom that has been passed down to us from the generations before us. Help all students in their daily lessons; give them the wisdom to listen and learn. Help their teachers and give them patience and knowledge to teach well and help them all as together they learn the lessons of life.

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

Loving God, we pray for all offenders in prison, that on release they will not re-offend but find enough support to start a new life in the community. We pray for all who are vulnerable and unable to cope with the demands of life, for alcoholics, drug addicts and all who are sick in mind. We pray for proper, compassionate help for them.

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

Merciful God, we pray for those who have died alone, un-mourned and unnoticed. We pray for those who have committed suicide or died in accidents of their own making. We commend them, to your merciful love.

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

Faithful God, thank you for helping us to pray; deepen our loving so that as we pray through this coming week we may do it with your heart of compassion.

Merciful Father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**