

ARCH MESSENGER

OCTOBER 2026 | HARVEST FESTIVAL



— Pastoral

Pastoral Calls	Please contact Fr. Glenn in the first instance 07964 282278 <i>If you would like to meet with Fr. Glenn, please email to arrange a suitable time glenn.reading@gmail.com</i>
Caring Hands Foodbank	Please remember Caring Hands when doing your weekly shop and purchase an extra item or two for the foodbank: toilet rolls and toiletries, tinned and dried goods are always welcome. Items can be left in the donation boxes in our parish churches.

Confirmation

We welcome everyone to our Deanery Confirmation service on the 11th October at 4pm to be led by Bishop Martin at St James's Church Harvington. We offer pray for all candidates as they prepare for this milestone in their Christian life.

Baptism

We offer contratulations on the **Baptism** of Ivy-May Moran on the 13th September, born 8th April.

In Memoriam

George Marsden – Lenchwick – 8th September

*Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord,
And Let Light Perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace, and rise in glory. Amen.*

— *Thought for the month*

Tales of the Unexpected

Some of you may remember a television series of this name with its distinctively eerie theme music, which ran between 1979 and 1988. Real life events, as well as fantasy, can be full of the unexpected, from the wonderfully surprising and exciting, to the other extreme of what can be the traumatically sudden and sad.

Jesus Christ was a master storyteller in the form of parables and his own ministry experience was often dramatically unexpected, demonstrated as he turned water into wine at a wedding feast or fed thousands on five loaves and two small fish, which he'd blessed.

Jesus told the parable of the Sower who scattered his seed. Some did not root well, falling on the pathway, on stony soil or amongst thorns. Other seed did flourish. The unexpected meaning for those he taught was the seed representing the word of God, when allowed to flourish in the heart and mind of mankind and not to be blown away, discarded or picked off.

Farmers today have technically advanced machinery and systems to aid the accuracy of the planting process, but unexpected weather conditions are like many life events, still out of their control.

As we celebrate Harvest services we can give thanks for the dedicated work of the agricultural and fishing industries in increasingly extreme and changing seasons. Importantly we can remember that the creator God is also the one on whom we can lean for support. The unexpected or seemingly out of control can become points of sharing and flourishing for us all going forwards with God's blessing, and his words rooted in our hearts and minds.....

Gerry Foster

The Alleluia Prayer Room

For over six years a group of us have been meeting for prayer up to 11 times per week. The Zoom prayer group, renamed as the “239 Prayer Room” due to Jenny Dainty’s joyful exclamation of Allelulas, started during Covid in March 2020.

Based on Common Worship Monday to Friday mornings and evenings and the Northumbrian Morning Prayer on Saturdays a mixed group of us joined the Zoom meeting. Richard and Gill in Harvington, Jenny and Pauline in Church Lench, David from Abbots Morton (who sadly died just recently), Fred and Rosie in Evesham with Carol and myself. Others joined us for a time also including the much missed John Darby on Saturdays. Prayers from the Diocesan prayer diary and Mother’s union added to our daily intercessions.

While some of the technology and our mispronunciation of difficult names were a challenge we kept at it.

As well as being a neat start and end to the day, this “community of faith” supported those of us during bereavement and serious illness. As well as celebrating the joys of new beginnings, holidays and other life events.

On Friday 28th August, the group met for the last time joined by Richard and Gill from Seaford as Chris begins his teacher training and can no longer lead.

We celebrated this time with a final tea party hosted by Pauline. And vowed to continue our prayers for each other and our churches.

Thanks be to God.



William Tyndale – 500 years of influence

It is 500 years since William Tyndale printed the very first English translation of the New Testament. Today, hundreds of millions of people are still quoting him, though they don't know it. For in 1526 Tyndale invented what would become some of the most famous idioms in the English-speaking world.

For instance –

“The salt of the earth”; “Go the extra mile”; “The powers that be”; “Eat, drink and be merry”; “A city on a hill”; “The apple of his eye”; “In the twinkling of an eye”; “Signs of the times”; “My brother's keeper”; “Fight the good fight”; “Broken-hearted”; “Fallen flat on his face.”

These phrases were all invented by Tyndale, during his translation from the original Greek of the New Testament.

As a young Catholic priest in England, Tyndale had been inspired by Martin Luther's groundbreaking translation of the Bible into German, and he went to work doing the same for English speakers. No wonder that the Bible Society describes Tyndale as a ‘background radical’ during Henry VIII's reign (he's mentioned in Wolf Hall but doesn't get involved in the action).

Tyndale invented words, too, when he couldn't find a direct English equivalent for a Greek or Hebrew concept. Scapegoat: To describe the goat burdened with the sins of the people and sent into the wilderness. Atonement: Literally “at-one-ment”, created to describe being at one with God. Passover: Coined to describe the Jewish holiday where the angel of death passed over the homes of the Israelites. Busybody: Invented to describe someone who meddles in other people's business.

Tyndale's work has survived multiple revisions of the Bible down the centuries. It is found in the Authorised Version of the Bible, the RSV, the ASV or the ESV, among others.

St Edward the Confessor

13th October

The Bayeux Tapestry has come home to England for the first time in nearly a thousand years, and the crowds now filing through the British Museum will find that its story opens with an old king on his throne.

That king is Edward the Confessor, whose feast we keep on 13th October. The tapestry follows him to his deathbed and then to his funeral, where his body is carried into the newly consecrated Westminster Abbey while a workman is still fixing the weathercock to its roof. Edward rebuilt that church; he died within days of its consecration; and the crisis over who should succeed him is the whole subject of the famous embroidery.

Edward was born around 1003, the son of Ethelred the Unready and his Norman wife Emma, and he spent a quarter of a century in exile in Normandy before he came to the throne in 1042. He reigned for twenty-four years over a kingdom pulled between Danish, English and Norman ambitions, and historians still argue about how well he managed it. About his faith they argue much less. He was generous to the poor, accessible to petitioners, chaste in a marriage that produced no heir, and remembered for healing the sick by touch and prayer, a practice English monarchs kept up for six centuries afterwards.

Rome canonised him in 1161 as a 'confessor', a holy person who lived a blameless, non-violent life of faith without suffering martyrdom. For nearly two hundred years he served as the patron saint of England, and had a huge following amongst the English with the abbey playing a role as a major centre for pilgrimage and devotion. In 1348 Edward III turned instead to more gallant, if possibly less real, story of St George (It is worth noting that Edward III had a personal devotion to St Edward, the change was political as he fought his wars with France and needed to galvanise his knights around the culture of chivalry of the time and the creation of the Order of the Garter; a more worldly devotion to the King himself).

However, Edward's shrine still stands behind the high altar at Westminster Abbey, the only one in the country to have kept its saint through the Reformation due to some crafty monks, and every monarch since has been crowned in front of it, on his throne. The tapestry shows the end of his England; his abbey and the devotion to this monkish-king shows what outlasted it.

From 'St James the Least of All'

The Church of England still retains some singular parish clergy. Take the parish of St James the Least of All. Here the elderly vicar, Eustace, continues his correspondence to Darren, his nephew, a low-church curate recently ordained... (as imagined by the Revd Dr Gary Bowness).

My dear Nephew Darren

I am afraid we will never agree about the appropriate length of sermons. Your 50-minute exposition on the theology of St Paul concerning women wearing hats in church is, I am sure, of real interest to you. But as your sermon slowly unfolds, I suspect it will prompt quite a different concern among your congregation. Have they set the oven timer to come on too early?

Whenever I even hint that a matter of theological importance may be about to appear in one of my sermons, an expression of benign incomprehension comes over my congregation. You know the look, you see it on golden Labradors whenever they try and work out what their owners are telling them. There are certain sure signs that should warn you when you have preached for long enough. One is when members of the congregation reach for their prayer books to try to work out for the umpteenth time how the date for Easter is calculated.

There has only been one occasion when I preached for longer than my standard eight minutes. Our former organist was in the habit of taking his dog for a walk during the sermon. I knew I had to carry on preaching until I heard the latch on the vestry door for the second time. That meant he was back, and ready to play the last hymn. Unfortunately, one Sunday, his dog ran away. I spent the intervening two hours reading the greater part of Leviticus, discussing the food laws set forth in Deuteronomy, and arguing for a Deutero-Isaiah. I was headed for the Babylonian exile when we all heard the vestry door re-open.

After the Service, the congregation left looking as though they had just been rescued from a major shipwreck. And at the next church council meeting, we unanimously voted to buy our organist a stronger lead.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

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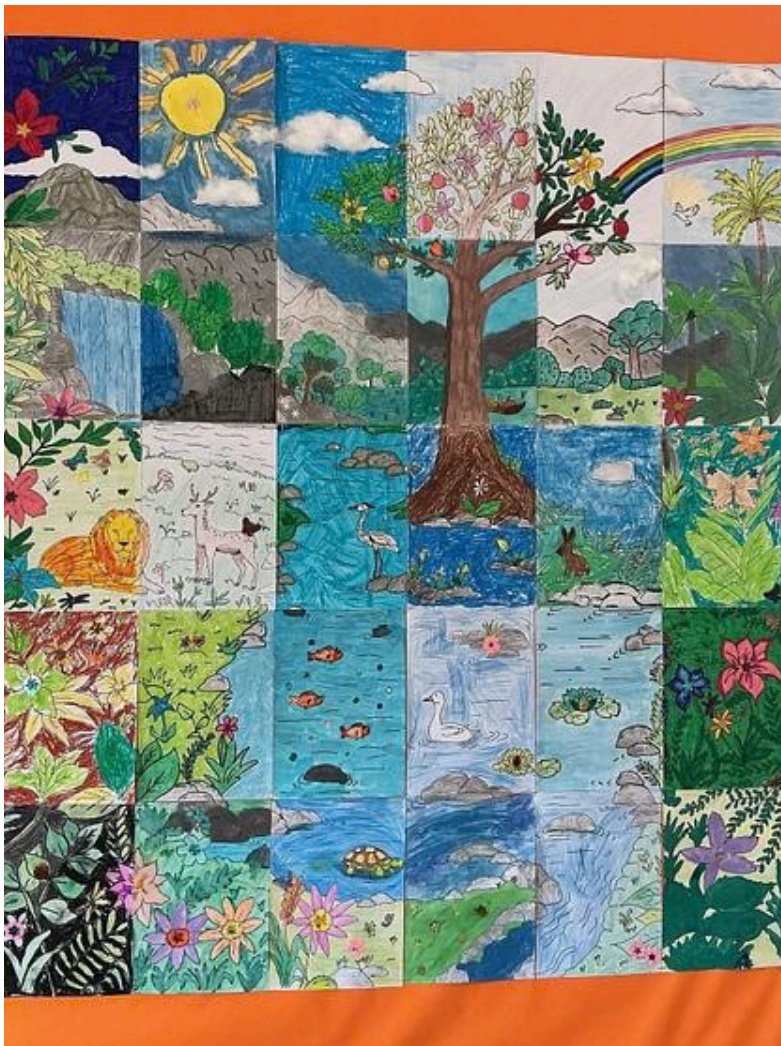
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Harvington First and Nursery School

We have had a lovely start to the year, welcoming our new children into Reception and Nursery and the rest of the school settling into their new classes.

At the start of the term, we had a PSHE day where children were learning about their new class routines and completing settling in activities. For our work on Understanding Christianity the whole school did some learning around the Creation Story. Each class looked at a different part of the story and created artwork for a whole school display.

This is the work Year 5 produced:



The first Friday back was science day, and we were lucky to welcome a company into do a science show all about bubbles. There were bangs, bubbles and excitement in the hall, the children and staff really enjoyed it and learnt lots of new facts.

We have lots of trips coming up this half term to enhance our learning including Leicester Space Centre, Bishops Wood, Compton Verney and Birmingham Museum.

Our focus value this half term is truthfulness - we are thinking about telling the truth and earning the trust of one another.

We look forward to sharing more of our learning with you soon.

— *Rous Lench*

HARVEST SUPPER - 24TH OCTOBER

Come along and celebrate the harvest with us at an evening of great food and some fun games. A delicious two-course home-cooked meal will be served (vegetarian option will be available on request) and the bar will be open. **Tickets cost £15** each so why not get a group of friends together and come along to Rous Lench village hall at 7pm. Proceeds in aid of St Peter's church.

Please contact Fran for tickets xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@gmail.com

LIZ'S QUIZ - FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER.

Sharpen your brain cells and join in this fun evening hosted by Liz and Dave Knight. £5 per person. Make a team up or just come along and join a team on the night. Please bring your own nibbles. Bar open. 7.30pm start Rous Lench village hall. Please contact Fran for tickets (details above)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Pub Nights - 2nd, 16th October, 13th (Quiz Night) and 27th Nov

Pub opens at 7.30pm unless otherwise advertised. Pop in for a drink and a chat and warm yourself by the log burner now that the nights are drawing in. **All welcome.**

FAMILY HALLOWEEN NIGHT - 30TH OCTOBER

Pirate Theme starts at 6.30pm, Village Hall

ADVENT SERVICE - 29TH NOVEMBER 5.30PM

Cakes and hot drinks at the village hall followed by the service led by Pippa Heenan

CAROLS ON THE GREEN - 16TH DEC 6.30PM

Join us for this traditional village event to kick off the festive season. Candlelit Carol Service in St Peter's church - 20th December 6.30pm

— *Norton and Lenchwick*

FROM THE LYCHGATE

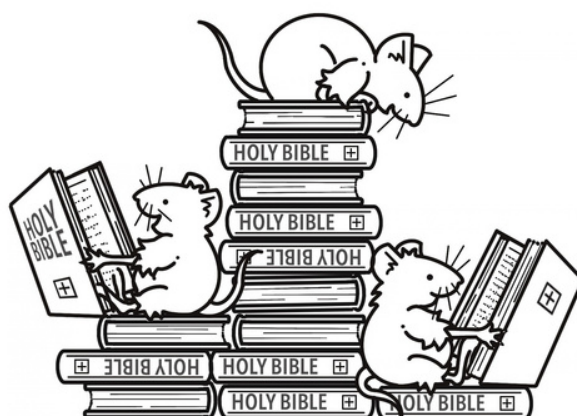
Last month saw a tower inspection at St Egwins and the annual clock service to include re instating one of the chimes which had been missing every time the clock struck the quarter hour. Drove those nearest to distraction!

The craft group met last month in church in the absence of village hall facility. Speaking of which, we are hopeful that the hall will be open again for next **Wednesday's village hall coffee morning on 30th September 10am-12pm** which has been sorely missed.

The **coffee morning at St Egwin's** is third Saturday 17th October 10-12 all welcome there too.

Now that the hall is reopening we are hoping to have the **Harvest Lunch** as usual following the **Harvest Service**. 12.30pm for 1p.m Sunday 4th October. Usual price of £10 for 2 course and a glass of wine.

St Egwin's will also be joining the **Messy Church** circuit probably some time in the new year. I will be finding out as and when the hall is available. More informatin to come on that nearer the time.



— *Abbots Morton Village Hall*

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

HARVEST SUPPER – October 16th see page 16 for details.

HALLOWEEN QUIZ NIGHT – October 23rd, 7pm

Entrance fee to be £7.50, and includes 'Heads & Tails', snacks and nibbles, there will be a raffle (donations of prizes are gratefully received) bring your own drinks. And please dress up! Tickets from Sue Bunce, payment by BACS is preferred.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA – DECEMBER 12TH

We are planning an evening of traditional seasonal entertainment, featuring local musicians and artistes. And we are expecting an early visit from Santa. Please get in touch if you would like to perform.

REGULAR EVENTS

Community Coffee Morning, first Tuesday of every month in the Village Hall with the next one being on Tuesday 6th October. 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. As regulars will know, we wait with anticipation to see what theme Hilary will use for her Cake of the Month! Donations to the "Power Pot" help to pay for electricity and are gratefully received.

Lindsay Reynolds, will be continuing her well-being classes that began in September. October's sessions will be on 1st and 8th.

Tai Chi Wednesdays 10am – 11am.

Tai Chi is run by Andrew Lowe as 7 week sessions. Please contact Andrew on 07495 206178 or via his website taichiworcestershire.com

Yoga Sessions Monday mornings, 9.45–10.45am

Amy Hoang-Jones is running her yoga class in the Village Hall on Monday October are 5th and 26th. Please call Amy on 07745 713493.

EASYFUNDRAISING

We've raised £16.21 in the last 30 days through #easyfundraising, and you can help us raise even more Please use this link to join:
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READ THIS FAR?**

**THEN WE NEED YOU TO DO
SOMETHING FOR US.**

**ACT
NOW**

**ACT
NOW**

**THE ARCH
MESSENGER
IS CHANGING,
BUT WE
WANT TO
KNOW WHO
READS IT.**

**TELL US
WHAT YOU
THINK**

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YOU THINK**

**TURN THE PAGE
TURN THE PAGE TO FIND OUT MORE.**



THE ARCH MESSENGER IS CHANGING

The Benefice, the group of churches and villages served by the Arch Messenger is increasing from four churches to five as we welcome Norton and Lenchwick.

This means this magazine will need to serve a further ~400 homes. This is not a small number and puts pressure on the costs to deliver this each month.

We are therefore trying to understand who reads us and what you want from the content. What is important, what could we change, what might you want to see?

By replying we will get a true representation of our readership, but we also get to change the magazine as people see fit.

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St Peter's, Abbots Morton

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest Supper will be on Friday the 16th of October at the Abbots Morton Village Hall

6.30 for 7pm Roast Pork Dinner with apple crumble and Custard
Table quiz for those who are interested and please bring a raffle prize.
£15 per ticket from either xxxxx@xxxxx.co.uk or Tina Hill

Harvest Service will be 11am on Sunday the 18th of October. Produce and gifts will be shared between Caring Hands in the Vale and Mill House. ALL WELCOME

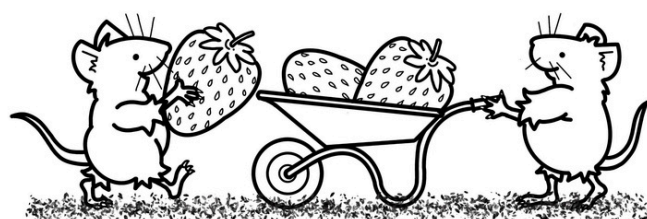
CHURCH YARD

There will be bulb planting at the end of October. Please see Martin for more details. We are still hoping to remove the Laylandii through the autumn. Please see Martin for more details.

After the removal of the Laylandi we will be planing a new hedge to include some traditional English Trees. If anyone would like to donate a tree to be planted in memorial within this hedge row then please talk to either Pippa or Martin.

We would like to give a big **thank you to Angel and Glyn** for donating funds towards the new church archway which Martin has so marvellously made and a new lantern so we don't fall over in the dark!

In November we will be celebrating **Remembrance Sunday** at Abbots Morton. If anyone has anyone request fro the service please can you let Pippa know.



— *Harvington*

CAMEO TEAS – Wednesday 14th October 3pm, St James's Church

Welcome to another Afternoon Tea and Cakes and a friendly chat in our lovely St. James Church. It was such a joy to see so many attending last month. So we are looking forward to see you again in October. For information please get in touch with Sophie

FAITH TODAY – Friday 16th October 10.00am Breslau

The theme for October is "Peter the Fisherman" which is led by Judith. This is a very well-known scripture in the bible and we are going to look at it from today's point of view. We are a friendly group who enjoy discussing various subjects to support each other on our life's journey. Newcomers are always welcome. Refreshments are served. For information please contact Sophie

PHOENIX LADIES – 7th October 7.45pm, Harvington Village Hall

Harvington Phoenix Ladies Group met at the beginning of the month to hear all about Glorious Gems from Helen Plumb who told us all about how she got into gems and brought some amazing samples, it was a fascinating talk. This month we also had a trip to Beckford Silk, one of only three silk printing companies in the UK, and still very much a family business. We had a very interesting tour followed by lunch in their cafe. Well worth a visit, if only for their coffee and a little retail therapy!

Next month, on the **7th October** we have Matt Strict coming from The Vale Wildlife Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre to tell us all about the wonderful work that they do. Our meetings are open to all ladies and we meet at 7.45 at the Village Hall. If you would like more information please phone Lesley

St James's Church Harvington



ST JAMES'S CHURCH PRESENTS

CRAFT WITH COMMUNITY

- Pop in for a coffee, tea, squash, cake and a catch up with friends & neighbours.
- Colour, make, create - lots of different crafts to suit various abilities (child suitable activities will be available on the Saturday afternoon)

Thursday 5th November
10.30am - 12.30pm

Saturday 14th November
2 - 4pm

St James's Church, Harvington

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SAVE THE DATES



11th
OCT

11am - HARVEST SERVICE - followed by bring & share lunch
St James's Church, Harvington



31st
OCT

4pm - 6pm - LIGHT PARTY - fun activities and more
St James's Church, Harvington



5th
NOV

10.30am- 12.30pm - CRAFT WITH COMMUNITY -
craft, chat, coffee & cake
St James's Church, Harvington



14th
NOV

2-4 pm - CRAFT WITH COMMUNITY -
craft, chat, coffee & cake
St James's Church, Harvington



12th
DEC

11am-2pm - CHRISTMAS FAIR
Harvington Village Hall

Please look out for more details about each event in further copies of the
Arch Messenger and on our events Facebook page St James's Events

TREE OF LIGHT

The Tree of Light Service will again be held at St James's Church in **Harvington at 6.30pm on Monday 2nd November 2025**, All Souls' Day, Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. After the service, the tree lights will be turned on. We hope and pray that you will find comfort in this act of remembrance.

To have the name of your loved one(s) written on our Commemorative Scroll, which will be displayed in the Prayer Corner of the church, please contact Elliot Grainger, Langton House, 19 Village Street, Harvington, or email elliott@ Alternatively please use the form enclosed within.

If you wish to make a donation to the work of the church in memory of your loved one, please make cheques payable to Harvington St James PCC, include cash with your form, or contact Elliot for BACS payments.

— *Church Lench*

HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 4th October, 12.15pm in the Village Hall

A reminder that there is just enough time to purchase tickets for the Harvest Lunch. The 2 course meal is priced at £15.00 per adult and as usual there will be a bar and raffle. Tickets are available from Lyndall Bagnall, Celia Hall and Nadine Woakes

CHURCH LENCH BIG BREAKFAST

Saturday October 24th, 9am to 1030am, Village Hall

Come and join us for our Big Breakfast, with fresh fruit, Danish pastries, and the Full English with Toast & Preserves, Tea & Coffee, Juice or a glass or bubbles.

£10pp, Under 12's £5

Tickets from – Celia Hall, Anne Cain, Lisa Seabourne or any member of the CLVH committee.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please put the following November dates on your calendar!!

Tuesday 10th November

Autumn Bring and Buy Coffee Morning , 10.00am at the home of Celia Hall

Saturday 28th November

Christmas Fayre, 2-4pm in the Village Hall

The Lenches

THE LENCHES LADIES

The Lenches Ladies kicked off their new session with a holiday-themed evening. Members shared their memorable holiday experiences, from hilarious to heartwarming. A holiday quiz added friendly competition before the evening ended with delicious ice cream sundaes.

We look forward to our next meeting on Tuesday, 13th October at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. The venue is still to be confirmed. The Tool Shed, a charity that refurbishes and recycles garden tools, will be joining us. It promises to be an interesting and informative evening.

For more information contact Lisa or Helen

THE LENCHES TENNIS CLUB

The Club has formed an exciting new partnership with Encompass Coaching to offer enhanced coaching opportunities at our courts in Church Lench. Encompass run the coaching at Pershore Tennis Centre and at two other local clubs and will be laying on coaching for the Lenches from September. You don't need to be a member to take part. For more info contact info@encompasscoaching.co.uk

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November Service Rota

1st November All Saints

Readings: Revelation 7. 9-end, Psalm 34. 1-10, 1 John 3. 1-3, Matthew 5. 1-12

3pm	Norton	All Souls Service	CG
10am	Harvington	Church @10	GR
12.00pm	Harvington	Baptism	GR
11am	Church Lench	Eucharist	AG
11am	Abbots Morton	Church @11	PH
6.30pm	Harvington	Holy Communion BCP	GR

8th November Remembrance Sunday

10am	Norton	Remembrance Eucharist	Andy
10.30am	Harvington	Remembrance	Glenn
10.50am	Church Lench	Remembrance	CS
10.45am	Abbots Morton	Remembrance	CG
4pm	Norton	Benefice Eucharist	Glenn

15th November Safeguarding Sunday

Reading: Zephaniah 1. 7, 12-end, Psalm 90, 1-8, 1 Thessalonians 5. 1-11, Matthew 25.14-30

10am	Norton	Church @10	CS
10am	Harvington	Church @10	JL
11am	Church Lench	Holy Communion BCP	GR

22nd November Christ the King

Reading: Ezekial 34. 11-24, Psalm 95. 1-7, Ephesians 1. 15-end, Matthew 25. 31-end

10am	Norton	Eucharist	AG
10am	Harvington	Eucharist	CG
11am	Church Lench	Church @11	CS
8.30am	Rous Lench	Holy Communion BCP	GR

29th November Advent Sunday

Readings: Isaiah 64. 1-9, Psalm 80. 1-8, 1 Corinthians 1. 3-9, Mark 13. 24-end

10am	Norton	Eucharist	AG
10am	Harvington	Eucharist	GR
11am	Church Lench	Eucharist	CG
6.30pm	Rous Lench	Advent Reflection	Pippa

Mid-week Eucharist: 11.00 am Wednesdays at St James The Great, Harvington

October Service Rota

4th Oct 18th Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Isaiah 5. 1-7, Psalm 80. 8-16, Philippians 3. 4-14, Matthew 21. 33-end
OR

Harvest: Deuteronomy 8. 7-18, Psalm 65, 2 Corinthians 9. 6-end, Luke 12. 16-30

10am	Norton	Harvest Eucharist	CG
10am	Harvington	Church @10	JL
11.00	Church Lench	Harvest Eucharist	GR
11.00	Abbots Morton	Church @ 11	PH
6.30pm	Harvington	Holy Communion Trad Lang	GF

11th October 19th Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Isaiah 25. 1-9, Psalm 23, Philippians 4. 1-9, Matthew 22. 1-14
OR

Harvest: Deuteronomy 8. 7-18, Psalm 65, 2 Corinthians 9. 6-end, Luke 12. 16-30

10am	Norton	Church @10	AG
11am	Harvington	Harvest Eucharist	GR
11.00am	Church Lench	Lay Led (Church @ 11)	lay
8.30am	Rous Lench	Holy Communion	CG

18th October 20th Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Isaiah 45. 1-7, Psalm 96. 1-9, 1 Thessalonians 1. 1-10, Matthew 22. 15-22
OR

Harvest: Deuteronomy 8. 7-18, Psalm 65, 2 Corinthians 9. 6-end, Luke 12. 16-30

10am	Norton	Eucharist	CG
10am	Harvington	Church @10	CS
11am	Church Lench	Holy Communion	GR
11am	Abbots Morton	Harvest	PH

25th October Last Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Leviticus 19. 1-2, 15-18, Psalm 1, 1Thessalonians 2. 1-8, Matthew 22. 34-end
OR

Harvest: Deuteronomy 8. 7-18, Psalm 65, 2 Corinthians 9. 6-end, Luke 12. 16-30

10am	Norton	Church @10	ST
10am	Harvington	Eucharist	+R
11am	Church Lench	Church @11	PH
10am	Rous Lench	Harvest Eucharist	GR
3.30pm	Harvington	Messy Church	MCT

Mid-week Eucharist: 11.00 am Wednesdays at St James The Great, Harvington

Key: CW: Common Worship Holy Communion Service, BCP: Book of Common Prayer Service

October Events Diary

Across the Lenches, Norton and Harvington

To add your events to the diary, please contact the Editor

Harvest Festival 2026

- Sun. 4th Oct. **Church Lench**, Service at 11am, Harvest Lunch 12.15pm
Norton and Lenchwick, Service at 10am, Harvest Lunch 12.30pm
- Sun. 11th Oct. **Harvington**, Service at 11am followed by Bring and Share Lunch
- Fri. 16th Oct. **Abbots Morton**, Harvest Supper at 6.30m
- Sun. 18th Oct. **Abbots Morton**, Service at 11am
- Sat. 24th Oct. **Rous Lench**, Harvest Supper at 7pm
- Sun. 25th Oct. **Rous Lench**, Service at 10am



- Fri. 2nd Oct. **Rous Lench** Pub Night, Rous Lench Village Hall, 7pm
- Tue. 6th Oct. **Abots Morton**, Coffee Morning, AM Village Hall, 10am – 12pm
- Wed. 7th Oct **Harvington**, Phoenix Ladies, Harvington Village Hall – 7.45pm
- Tue. 13th Oct. **Rous Lench** Quiz Night, Rous Lench Village Hall, 7.30pm
Lenches Ladies Venue TBC – see inside, for detials, 7.15pm
- Wed. 14th Oct. **Harvington**, CAMEO Teas, St James's Church 3pm
Harvington, Men's Night, Coach and Horses, 8pm
- Fri. 16th Oct. **Harvington**, Faith Today, Breslau, 10am
Rous Lench Pub Night, Rous Lench Village Hall, 7pm
- Sat. 17th Oct. **Norton**, St Egwin's Coffee Morning, St Egwin's 10am – 12pm
- Fri. 23rd Oct. **Abots Morton**, Halloweed. Quiz Night, Village Hall, 7pm
- Sat. 24th Oct. **Church Lench**, Big Breakfast, Church Lench Village Hall, 9am
- Sun. 25th Oct. **Harvington**, Messy Church, Harvington Village Hall, 3.30 – 5.30pm
- Sat. 31st Oct. **Harvington**, Light Party, St James's Church 4–6pm

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DEADLINE for November Edition: Monday 12th October