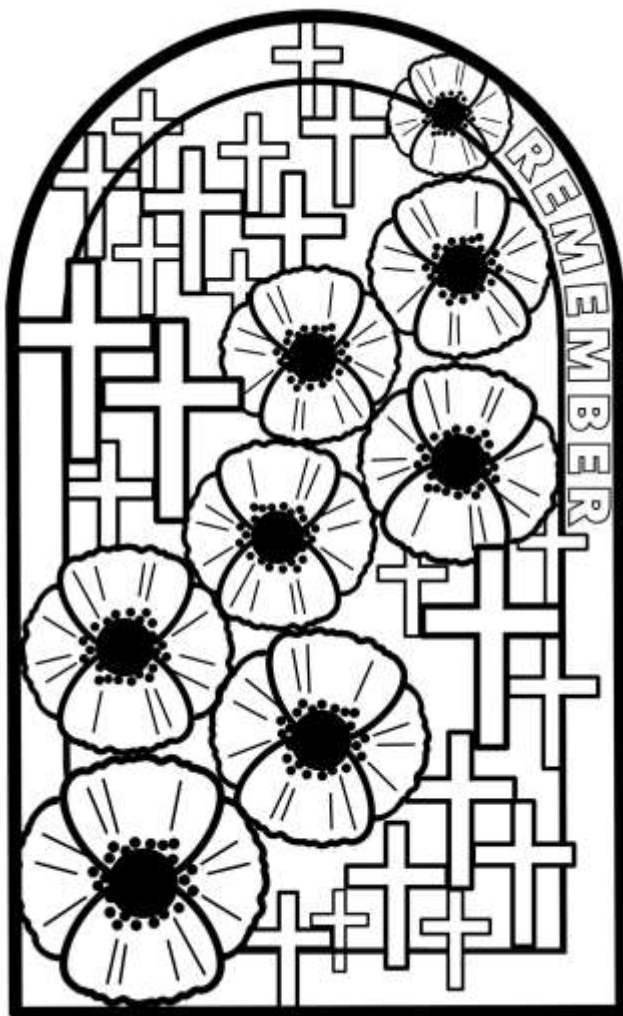


ARCH Group's aim: *"To show our love for God and You"*

Weekly Notices

10<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Remembrance Sunday



### **Today's Collect**

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Today's Post Communion Prayer**

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

### **Next Week's Services: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

8.30 am	Church Lench	Holy Communion*
9.30 am	Harvington	Family Service
11.00 am	Rous Lench VH	Morning Service
3.30 pm	Harvington VH	Messy Church

*Please remember **Caring Hands** while you're shopping THIS WEEK and add an extra item or two to your basket as we are taking a collection at our Harvest Service. They need toiletries and toilet rolls, tins and dried goods, and items that can be cooked via a kettle, single-ring hob or microwave.*

## For Prayer

Today we pause to think about those who gave beyond obligation during the two World Wars and many conflicts since. We thank you, Lord, for their dedication and service. We remember those who are in the armed forces today. Lord, protect them from harm as they seek to keep this world a safe place. And, Lord, more than anything, we pray for peace. May your Spirit hover over the earth and breathe peace into every continent, every nation, every group of people, every adult, every child. Lord, we pray for peace. We thank you that you gave beyond obligation to bring the world back to you. Lord, we pray for peace. **Amen.**

Lord, there are so many areas of your world where there is nothing we can physically do to help... but we can pray. We lift the troubled areas to you: Ukraine, the Middle East, Spain, so many parts of Africa. Lord, pour out your love and healing over these places of conflict and fear. Help us to remember to pray... perhaps as we walk, or travel. Lord, may your kingdom come. And, Lord, if we are able, help us to give aid where it is needed to help ease the suffering. Lord have mercy. And we pray for the people of the USA as their new President is announced. May the result bring stability not division. We pray for wise leadership that will impact the world for good.

Lord, the great giver of all good things **Help us to give of ourselves.**

Lord, we bring our church to you now. Give us wisdom and vision so that we know where to place our prayers and our energies. Fire us up with your love to be a worshipping community that is known for its ability to care and live out the good news of your kingdom in practical ways in our local community. Help us to be prepared to go above and beyond to serve the needs of those around us. Inspire us to work together as the family of God. We pray for the charities we support... and for those within our local area: the foodbanks, the homeless shelters, the soup kitchens, the after-school clubs  
Lord, the great giver of all good things **Help us to give of ourselves.**

Lord, we remember all those in our congregation who need a touch of your love right now. We pray for the sick, the sad, the anxious, the lonely, those waiting for hospital appointments or diagnoses. Come alongside them in their need. Show us where we can be the answer to our own prayers and give us the insight to know when to speak, when to act, when to just sit in companionable silence

Lord, the great giver of all good things **Help us to give of ourselves.**

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## **For Prayer (continued)**

Finally, Lord, we pray for ourselves. Sometimes we are so overwhelmed with busyness that we forget to pray. Or we forget to take care of ourselves or to find some space just to be. Lord, this week, as we think of all the things that need to be done, help us to find moments of calm and times to recharge our batteries. Show us ways in which we can give to ourselves so we become more fully the people you have created us to be. O Lord, who loves to give us good things, give us times of laughter and joy this week, times shared with friends, a meeting of minds, a joining of hands, a game well played or a meal enjoyed. Lord, as we give of ourselves, replenish us with yourself. Go before us into every situation and help us to see you in the eyes of everyone we meet.

Lord, we give ourselves to you. Thank you for giving yourself to us.

**Amen.**

## **This Week's First Reading: *Jonah 3:1-5, 10***

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying, <sup>2</sup>'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.'<sup>3</sup> So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

## **This Week's Psalm: *Psalm 62:5-12***

- 5 Wait on God alone in stillness, O my soul; for in him is my hope.
- 6 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- 7 In God is my strength and my glory; God is my strong rock; in him is my refuge.
- 8 Put your trust in him always, my people; pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- 9 The peoples are but a breath, the whole human race a deceit; on the scales they are altogether lighter than air.
- 10 Put no trust in oppression; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 11 God spoke once, and twice have I heard the same, that power belongs to God.
- 12 Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay everyone according to their deeds.

## **This Week's Second Reading: *Hebrews 9:24-28***

<sup>24</sup>Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup>Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; <sup>26</sup>for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, <sup>28</sup>so Christ, having been offered

## *Hebrews 9:24-28 continued*

once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

### **This Week's Gospel Reading: *Mark 1:14-20***

<sup>14</sup>After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

### **Next Week's First Reading: *Daniel 12:1-3***

In the third year of King Cyrus a word was revealed to Daniel. <sup>1</sup>'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.'

## **Next Week's Psalm: *Psalm 16:1-10***

- 1 Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge; I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord, all my good depends on you.'
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble in heart.
- 3 Though the idols are legion that many run after, their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, neither make mention of their names upon my lips.
- 4 The Lord himself is my portion and my cup; in your hands alone is my fortune.
- 5 My share has fallen in a fair land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 6 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel, and in the night watches he instructs my heart.
- 7 I have set the Lord always before me; he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.
- 8 Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my flesh also shall rest secure.
- 9 For you will not abandon my soul to Death, nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
- 10 You will show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

## **Next Week's Second Reading: *Hebrews 10:11-25***

<sup>11</sup>Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', <sup>13</sup>and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. <sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, <sup>16</sup>'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds', <sup>17</sup>he also adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.' <sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

## *Hebrews 10:11-25 continued*

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

## **Next Week's Gospel Reading: *Mark 13:1-8***

<sup>1</sup>As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'