

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

**Weekly Notices**

**13<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**

**Today's Collect**

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Today's Post Communion Prayer**

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Next Week's Services: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

8.30 am	Church Lench	Holy Communion*
11.00 am	Harvington	Family Harvest & Lunch
11.00 am	Rous Lench	Harvest Thanksgiving

*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**

Do not be far from us, Creator God, when we look at the wonderful world you created. Help us to recognise the damage we have caused over centuries through greed for food and the rush for industry and vain progress. When we see the destruction of huge forests and the extinction of rare and precious species, we can't see you. When we see the seas warm and the ice melt, we can't see you. When we see temperatures rise and heatwaves, storms, floods and fires, we can't see you. Show us the small things we can do to bring change and help us to respect and enjoy all creation. Do not be far from us, for trouble is near.

**We are not silenced by darkness; we approach God's throne with confidence.**

Do not be far from us, Loving God, when we feel lost, powerless and unable to help in the face of the deep and damaging suffering of others. Help us to recognise the harm caused by abuse, addiction, poor family relationships and poverty. When we see people suffering because of lack of food or shelter, we can't see you. When we see children damaged and hurt in their homes and communities, we can't see you. When we see the result of conflict, war, hatred, mistrust and prejudice, we can't see you. Show us what to do to bring help and support and give us the words to say on behalf of those who have no voice. Do not be far from us, for trouble is near.

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Do not be far from us, Healing God, when we are feeling troubled, when we see sickness in others and when we face the loss of those we love. Help us to feel and know that you are always with us and walk alongside us through the hardest and most challenging times. When we see people suffering pain through illness and enduring difficult treatment, we can't see you. When we see those who have lost someone close to them and can't recover or see a future of hope and happiness, we can't see you. When we ourselves go through sickness and other personal struggles, we can't see you. Show us how we can share your love and healing hope with others, and teach us to trust you in all that we face. Do not be far from us, for trouble is near.

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## **This Week's First Reading: *Amos 5:6-7, 10-15***

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. <sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! <sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. <sup>11</sup>Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. <sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins – you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. <sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. <sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

## **This Week's Psalm: *Psalms 90:12-17***

- 12 So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Turn again, O Lord; how long will you delay? Have compassion on your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us with your loving-kindness in the morning; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- 15 Give us gladness for the days you have afflicted us and for the years in which we have seen adversity.

*Psalm 90:12-17 continued*

- 16 Show your servants your works and let your glory be over their children.
- 17 May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our hands.

**This Week's Second Reading: *Hebrews 4:12-16***

<sup>12</sup>The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**This Week's Gospel Reading: *Mark 10:17-31***

<sup>17</sup>As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit

## *Mark 10:17-31 continued*

adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.”<sup>20</sup> He said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.’

<sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’

<sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’<sup>24</sup> And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!<sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’<sup>26</sup> They were greatly astounded and said to one another, ‘Then who can be saved?’<sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.’<sup>29</sup> Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,<sup>30</sup> who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields – but with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life.<sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

## **Next Week's First Reading: *Isaiah 53:4-12***

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. <sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. <sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. <sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

## **Next Week's Psalm: *Psalms 91:9-16***

- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge and the Most High your stronghold,  
10 There shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your tent.  
11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.  
12 They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

## *Psalm 91:9-16 continued*

- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.
- 14 Because they have set their love upon me, therefore will I deliver them; I will lift them up, because they know my name.
- 15 They will call upon me and I will answer them; I am with them in trouble, I will deliver them and bring them to honour.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy them and show them my salvation.

## **Next Week's Second Reading: *Hebrews 5:1-10***

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

<sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

## **Next Week's Gospel Reading: *Mark 10:35-45***

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.'

<sup>36</sup>And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' <sup>37</sup>And they

## *Mark 10:35-45 continued*

said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' <sup>39</sup>They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' <sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'