

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

Weekly Notices

13th June 2025

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Collect

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Today's Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week's Services: Sunday 20th July

8.30 am	Church Lench	Holy Communion (BCP)
9:30 am	Harvington	Family Service
11.00 am	Rous Lench	Morning Service

*Please remember **Caring Hands** while you're shopping and add an extra item or two to your basket. 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

God of all: we pray for places where neighbouring peoples and countries are at war, asking that a just peace will overcome deep-seated fear and hatreds. May we be faithful in prayer for the Middle East where neighbours are driven by historic mistrust and deepening violence; for dialogue leading to lasting peace between Russia and Ukraine; for co-operation between nations on the biggest challenges facing our world, including climate change, asylum and migration. We turn to you, O Lord. Fill our hands with gifts to share.

Send us out to share your love.

God of all: we pray for our relationships with our friends, families and colleagues that we would show your love in daily acts of kindness. May we be generous in our opinions of others. May we break down barriers and see beyond narrow expectations of other people and may we be prepared to go beyond the limits of our own patience and care, trusting in the resources of your Holy Spirit. We turn to you, O Lord. Fill our hands with gifts to share.

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God of all: we pray for all on the edges of our communities who are sometimes not heard and whose opinions are overlooked. May we hear the voice of people of all ages and from every background and may we remember that Jesus placed a child in the midst showing us the upside-down values of your kingdom where the smallest is greatest and the outsider belongs at your table.

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God of all: we pray for people who are suffering from sickness or distress of any kind; for bereaved people, remembering especially the flood disaster in Texas; for all people fleeing war and conflict and for all victims of bullying, racial hatred, violence and injustice. May we have the holy imagination to see the pain in our world and be prepared to respond to it with whatever resources we have. We pray for people who work at the frontline of caring: medical staff; first responders; social workers, teachers, parents; and people whose life ministry is about binding up the wounds that life inflicts; and we place into your hands the people we know who are in need of your healing today.

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God of all: we pray for your peace and grace to guide our actions and for your love to shape us as we walk day by day with you. May we be strong, patient and joyful in serving you and faithful in loving our neighbour.

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This Week's First Reading: *Amos 7:7-17*

⁷This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words.'

¹¹For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land." ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel." ¹⁶Now therefore hear the word of the LORD. You say, "Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac." ¹⁷Therefore, thus says the LORD: "Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parcelled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land."'

This Week's Psalm: *Psalm 82:1-8*

- 1 God has taken his stand in the council of heaven; in the midst of the gods he gives judgement:
- 2 'How long will you judge unjustly and show such favour to the wicked?
- 3 'You were to judge the weak and the orphan; defend the right of the humble and needy;
- 4 'Rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.
- 5 'They have no knowledge or wisdom; they walk on still in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 'Therefore I say that though you are gods and all of you children of the Most High,
- 7 'Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals and fall like one of their princes.'
- 8 Arise, O God and judge the earth, for it is you that shall take all nations for your possession.

This Week's Second Reading: *Colossians 1:1-14*

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, ⁶the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on

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your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

This Week's Gospel Reading: *Luke 10:25-37*

²⁵A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ²⁶He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' ²⁷He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' ²⁸And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' ³⁰Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.'

³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when

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he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' ³⁷He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Next Week's First Reading: Amos 8:1-12

¹This is what the Lord GOD showed me – a basket of summer fruit. ²He said, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A basket of summer fruit.' Then the LORD said to me, 'The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. ³The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,' says the Lord GOD; 'the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!'

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.' ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. ⁸Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

⁹On that day, says the Lord GOD, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. ¹⁰I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. ¹¹The time is surely

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coming, says the Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. ¹²They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalm 52:1-9*

- 1 Why do you glory in evil, you tyrant, while the goodness of God endures continually?
- 2 You plot destruction, you deceiver; your tongue is like a sharpened razor.
- 3 You love evil rather than good, falsehood rather than the word of truth.
- 4 You love all words that hurt, O you deceitful tongue.
- 5 Therefore God shall utterly bring you down; he shall take you and pluck you out of your tent and root you out of the land of the living.
- 6 The righteous shall see this and tremble, they shall laugh you to scorn, and say:
- 7 'This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, but trusted in great riches and relied upon wickedness.'
- 8 But I am like a spreading olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the goodness of God for ever and ever.
- 9 I will always give thanks to you for what you have done; I will hope in your name, for your faithful ones delight in it.

Next Week's Second Reading: *Colossians 1:15-28*

¹⁵Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the

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body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – ²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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³⁸Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'