

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

Weekly Notices

15th June 2025

Trinity Sunday

Today's Collect

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Today's Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.

Next Week's Services: Sunday 22nd June 2025

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

*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

Heavenly Father, on this Trinity Sunday which is also Father's Day, we pray for fathers everywhere, that in you they might find the perfect Father, and that in your son Jesus Christ they might see the perfect pattern of humanity. May the wisdom of your Holy Spirit guide all their ways as parents, so that they will love their children with the same love that comes from you.

We pray also for those who are about to become fathers, and for those who long to be fathers, that you will be with them in their hopes and fears for the future. And we bring before you those who have been bereaved of their fathers, for whom this day is difficult; and we pray also for those who are fathers to children who are now in your embrace rather than their own.

Heavenly Father, please help us to know how to reach out to all these kinds of fathers, and indeed all families, with the love that comes from you. We pray that we, your children here in your Church family, will always have arms open in welcome, to aid with grace and compassion all those who need support.

Lord God, we pray for your Church in changing times. For those churches with missing generations, we pray that people of all ages might find their way to the door and discover a welcome there. Please help your Church in each community to reach out and bear witness to you and your welcoming love.

Father, we live in difficult times when community has never been more needed. We pray for the needs of our communities in a world of economic, political and social upheavals, a world which is also struggling with climate change and continuing warfare. In our communities, may we be strengthened to look out for one another, and to reach out where we see need.

We ask healing for all who are sick in body or mind. We ask comfort for those who are grieving. We ask guidance and support for all those who struggle in any way.

Father, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, and through the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers. **Amen**

This Week's First Reading: *Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31*

¹Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? ²On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: ⁴'To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

²²The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth – ²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

This Week's Psalm: *Psalms 8:1-10*

- 1 O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!
- 2 Your majesty above the heavens is praised out of the mouths of babes at the breast.

Psalm 8:1-10 continued

- 3 You have founded a stronghold against your foes, that you might still the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have ordained,
- 5 What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them; mere human beings, that you should seek them out?
- 6 You have made them little lower than the angels and crown them with glory and honour.
- 7 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands and put all things under their feet,
- 8 All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!

This Week's Second Reading: *Romans 5:1-5*

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

This Week's Gospel Reading: *John 16:12-15*

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹²'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

Next Week's First Reading: *1 Kings 19:1-15a*

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' ³Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁰He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am

1 Kings 19:1-15a continued

left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

¹¹He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁴He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.'

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalm 42:1-14*

- 1 As the deer longs for the water brooks, so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God; when shall I come before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my bread day and night, while all day long they say to me, 'Where is now your God?'
- 4 Now when I think on these things, I pour out my soul: how I went with the multitude and led the procession to the house of God,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, among those who kept holy day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 7 O put your trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 42:1-14 continued

- 8 My soul is heavy within me; therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, and from Hermon and the hill of Mizar.
- 9 Deep calls to deep in the thunder of your waterfalls; all your breakers and waves have gone over me.
- 10 The Lord will grant his loving-kindness in the daytime; through the night his song will be with me, a prayer to the God of my life.
- 11 I say to God my rock, 'Why have you forgotten me? and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresses me?'
- 12 As they crush my bones, my enemies mock me; while all day long they say to me, 'Where is now your God?'
- 13 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 14 O put your trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Next Week's Second Reading: *Galatians 3:23-29*

²³Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ; ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Next Week's Gospel Reading: *Luke 8:26-39*

²⁶Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' – ²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.