

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

**Weekly Notices**

**20<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

**Today's Collect**

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit,  
and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Today's Post Communion Prayer**

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so  
peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully  
serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Next Week's Services: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July**

9.30 am	Harvington	Patronal Festival
11.00 am	Church Lench	Family Communion
11.00 am	Abbots Morton	Morning Service
3.30 pm	Harvington 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**

Loving God we place into your hands ourselves, our lives and our concerns for the world in which we live. As our attention is divided and our world becomes increasingly rushed and noisy and we feel the constant pressure to be doing more and more with fewer and fewer resources, we pray that we would find our still centre in you and that our actions would be rooted and grounded in your abundance.

Come close to us O God **Hear our prayer.**

As world leaders struggle to make and keep the peace, and the suffering caused by wars seems unending, we pray that you would keep alive our hope in a better future for all the people, remembering particularly the efforts to build a just and lasting peace in the Middle East and between Russia and Ukraine.

Come close to us O God **Hear our prayer.**

As social media scatters our attention and fragments society, and shouting replaces conversation, listening and debate, we pray that we would be disciplined in our use of technology and that we would pay attention to others and use our words to build up other people.

Come close to us O God **Hear our prayer.**

As areas of England move into drought following extreme heat and wildlife and crops are under threat, we pray for more careful stewardship of Earth's precious water resources and for accountability where water is polluted by carelessness or choices driven by greed.

Come close to us O God **Hear our prayer.**

As our rights to peaceful protest become increasingly limited and challenging the status quo comes at great cost, we pray for wisdom to discern the actions to which you are calling us and courage as we respond to issues that threaten life and stability on this planet.

Come close to us O God **Hear our prayer.**

As people struggle with life's challenges or are overwhelmed by trouble, and some we know are ill or in hospital we pray for peace in body, mind and soul for all who are suffering and strength for those who care for them.

Come close to us O God **Hear our prayer.**

As so many people are rootless and lonely in our communities and young and old seek a place to belong and to be heard we pray that our churches would be places of hospitality, where bread is broken and shared and friend and stranger find a welcome home.

Come close to us O God **Hear our prayer.**

## **This Week's First Reading: *Amos 8:1-12***

<sup>1</sup>This is what the Lord GOD showed me – a basket of summer fruit. <sup>2</sup>He 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. <sup>3</sup>The 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!'

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, <sup>5</sup>saying, '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, <sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.' <sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. <sup>8</sup>Shall 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?

<sup>9</sup>On that day, says the Lord GOD, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. <sup>10</sup>I 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. <sup>11</sup>The time is surely 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. <sup>12</sup>They 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.

## **This 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.

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

<sup>15</sup>Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for 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. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so

## *Colossians 1:15-28 continued*

that he might come to have first place in everything.<sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,<sup>20</sup>and 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.<sup>21</sup>And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,<sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him –<sup>23</sup>provided 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.

<sup>24</sup>I 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.<sup>25</sup>I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,<sup>26</sup>the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints.<sup>27</sup>To 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.<sup>28</sup>It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

## **This Week's Gospel Reading: *Luke 10:38-42***

<sup>38</sup>Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But 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.' <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

## **Next Week's First Reading: *Hosea 1:2-10***

<sup>2</sup>When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, 'Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD.' <sup>3</sup>So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said to him, 'Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. <sup>5</sup>On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.'

<sup>6</sup>She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, 'Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. <sup>7</sup>But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.' <sup>8</sup>When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD said, 'Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.'

<sup>10</sup>Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people', it shall be said to them, 'Children of the living God.'

## **Next Week's Psalm: *Psalm 85:1-7***

- 1 Lord, you were gracious to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- 2 You forgave the offence of your people and covered all their sins.
- 3 You laid aside all your fury and turned from your wrathful indignation.
- 4 Restore us again, O God our Saviour, and let your anger cease from us.
- 5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? Will you stretch out your wrath from one generation to another?
- 6 Will you not give us life again, that your people may rejoice in you?
- 7 Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

## **Next Week's Second Reading: *Colossians 2:6-15***

Brothers and sisters, <sup>6</sup>as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

## Next Week's Gospel Reading: *Luke 11:1-13*

<sup>1</sup>He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.'

<sup>2</sup>He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him."

<sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'