

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

Weekly Notices
27th October 2024
Last Sunday after Trinity

Today's Collect

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may
enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of
his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your
heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true
and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Next Week's Services

Saturday 2nd November 2024: All Souls Day

5.30 pm	Church Lench	Tree of Light
6.30 pm	Harvington	All Souls & Tree of Light

Sunday 3rd November 2024: All Saints Day

8.30 am	Rous Lench VH	Holy Communion*
9.30 am	Harvington	Morning Service
11.00 am	Church Lench	Holy Communion+
6.30 pm	Harvington	Holy Communion*

For Prayer

We see God in the opportunity for children and schools to take a break and rest. We see God in the opportunities to relax, do different things and use our creativity. We give thanks. We see God in the changing seasons, the sun and rain, and the colours of the autumn leaves. We see God in the light at dawn and the autumn fruits. We give thanks. We have heard God, **and now we see God.**

We see God in the light of our world, the places of good news and joy and the people who bring light to us. We see God in the new creations that he breathes life into every day. We give thanks. We see God in the saints of the past – those well-known, and those who were saints for us. We see God in the example they give us, and the hope they shared. We give thanks. We have heard God, **and now we see God.**

We see God in the amazing advances and discoveries in science that help us understand the created world. We give thanks for things that are used to help people heal. We give thanks. We see God in the happiness of birthdays, celebrations and anniversaries. We give thanks for opportunities to gather with others and share good things. We give thanks. We have heard God, **and now we see God.**

We pray for our own church, town and community. We pray for the challenges faced by people who have difficult decisions to make and who face the unknown. We pray for the sick and the lonely, and all who feel unloved or abandoned. We pray for those who have life-limiting illnesses, that they may face them with strength and trust in you. We have heard and seen, **and now we pray to God.**

We pray for all those who work for justice, including the police, probation services and all those who work in the criminal justice system. As offending against others and causing harm seems to be on the rise, we pray for those who are sent to and who work in prisons, and those who are released and hope to change, and we ask that justice and mercy would be balanced in our society. We have heard and seen, **and now we pray to God.**

For Prayer (continued)

We pray for this time of the year, when it can seem that fun is being made out of things that are sacred and special. We pray for those disturbed and upset by the darkness and horror. We pray for those who hide in their homes, worried about 'trick or treat'. We pray that all people will look beyond the darkness and see the light of those who have gone before, whose light shines on us. **Amen**

Thank you to everyone for your generosity in supporting the food banks. Let us pray for those who volunteer at the food banks, ensuring the safety net is available, and for those who need the support. Pray for our Government to introduce measures that will make Food Banks redundant.

This Week's First Reading: *Jeremiah 31:7-9*

⁷For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.' ⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

This Week's Psalm: *Psalm 126:1-7*

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with songs of joy.
- 3 Then said they among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'
- 4 The Lord has indeed done great things for us, and therefore we rejoiced.
- 5 Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, as the river beds of the desert.
- 6 Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them.

This Week's Second Reading: *Hebrews 7:23-28*

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever.

²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which

Hebrews 7:23-28 continued

came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

This Week's Gospel Reading: *Mark 10:46-52*

⁴⁶As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' ⁵²Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Next Week's First Reading: *Isaiah 25:6-9*

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalm 24:1-6*

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For he has founded it upon the seas and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, or who can rise up in his holy place?'
- 4 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie;
- 5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
- 6 Such is the company of those who seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Next Week's Second Reading: *Revelation 21:1-6a*

¹I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁶Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

Next Week's Gospel Reading: *John 11:32-44*

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

