

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

Weekly Notices

28th July 2024

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Collect

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week's Services: Sunday 4th August 2024

8.30 am	Rous Lench	Holy Communion*
10.00 am	Harvington	Joint Service Holy Communion+
11.00 am	Church Lench	Holy Communion+
6.30 pm	Harvington	Holy Communion*

Family Service Workshop – POSTPONED

**NOW PLANNING FOR Saturday 14th SEPTEMBER,
2.00 pm at All Saints', Church Lench**

For Prayer

God of justice and truth, We pray for those who are suffering in our world today because of the terrible and brutal decisions of others: those who have lost their savings because of the deception of others; those who have lost their homes, their lands, or their livelihoods because of the greed of others; those who have lost hope because of the abusiveness of others; those who are suffering because of the selfishness of others.

Lord it is not fair, but receive our prayer and bring change.

We pray for those whose integrity has cost them their jobs and their lives: journalists, activists, film makers, whistle-blowers; those whose names the world knows and those known only to their families and you. We pray for places around the world where the abuse of power is being challenged; for political prisoners, and for the work of organisations who highlight human rights abuses. And we pray for an end to violence; we remember especially the unrest in Bangladesh.

Lord so much isn't fair, but receive our prayer and bring change.

We pray for those injured and killed on the roads; those involved in terrible accidents and those killed because of the reckless decisions of others. We pray for all in the emergency services called to deal with traumatic incidents day after day.

Lord so much isn't fair, but receive our prayer and bring strength.

We pray for those with big decisions to make: the people of America, the leaders of the world, our churches and our communities... We pray for those tasked with tackling knife crime; for those who are afraid every time they go out; and for the victims of violent crime and their families.

Lord so much isn't fair, but receive our prayer and bring strength.

Bring strength, bring change, bring hope, bring healing, and help us all to contribute to a fairer world for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

This Week's First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴²A man came bringing food from the first fruits to Elisha, the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.'

⁴³But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and have some left."' ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

This Week's Psalm: Psalm 145:10-19

- 10 All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your mighty power,
- 12 To make known to all peoples your mighty acts and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The Lord is sure in all his words and faithful in all his deeds.
- 15 The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand and fill all things living with plenty.

Psalm 145:10-19 continued

- 18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving in all his works.
- 19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, to all who call upon him faithfully.

This Week's Second Reading: *Ephesians 3:14-21*

¹⁴I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

This Week's Gospel Reading: *John 6:1-21*

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus

John 6:1-21 continued

said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Jesus, ⁹'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' ¹⁰Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' ¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

Next Week's First Reading: *Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15*

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.'

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining."' "

¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God."' "

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.'

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalms 78:23-29*

23 So he commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven.

24 He rained down upon them manna to eat and gave them the grain of heaven.

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; he sent them food in plenty.

26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and led out the south wind by his might.

Psalm 78:23-29 continued

- 27 He rained flesh upon them as thick as dust and winged fowl like the sand of the sea.
- 28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp and round about their tents.
- 29 So they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they desired.

Next Week's Second Reading: *Ephesians 4:1-16*

¹I, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' ⁹(When it says, 'He ascended,' what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Next Week's Gospel Reading: *John 6:24-35*

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were at the place where Jesus had given the bread, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' ²⁶Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' ²⁸Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?'

²⁹Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' ³⁰So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' ³⁴They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

³⁵Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'