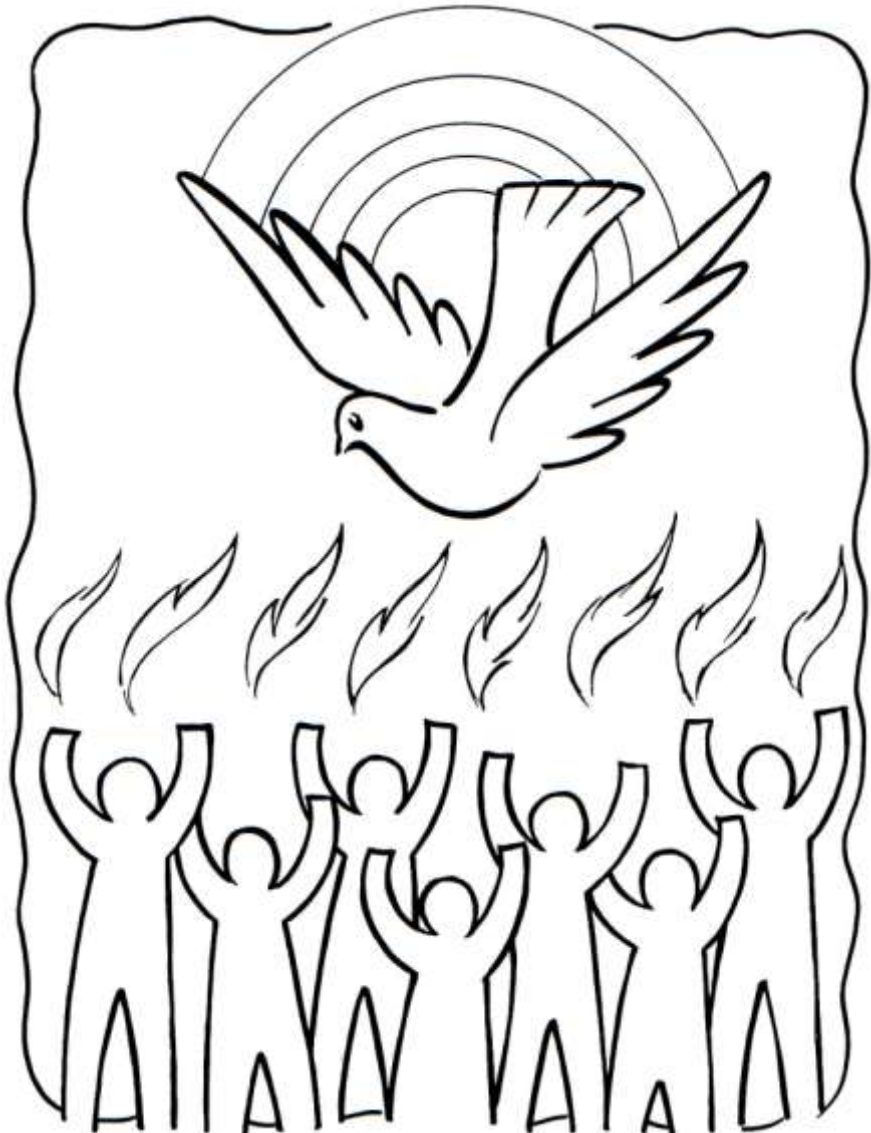


ARCH Group's aim: *"To show our love for God and You"*

Weekly Notices

4th June 2017

Pentecost Sunday



This Week's Activities

Monday: 7.30 pm Harvington Handbell Ringers rehearsing in school hall

Tuesday: 8.30 am Prayers at Rous Lench

6.30 pm 10+ youth group at Harvington Baptist Church

Wednesday: 10.30 am Lenches WI book club

11.00 am **RBL meeting at the "Wheelbarrow Castle," Radford**

Thursday: 6.30 pm 7+ "Adventurers" group at Harvington Baptist Church

8.30 pm **Men's Night at the "Coach & Horses," Harvington**

Saturday: 2.00 pm **St James' Summer Fair at Harvington Village Hall**

Future Activities: June

Monday 12th Stop date for the July/August issue of the ARCH Messenger

7.30 pm Faith Today at *****, Harvington

Wednesday 14th 1.30 pm **CAMEO tea at St James', Harvington**

Thursday 15th Home communions

Friday 16th 4.15pm **St James' Children's Choir rehearsal at St James', Harvington**

Saturday 17th 9.00 am Benefice prayers at The Rectory, Harvington

9.30 am **St James' gardening team working in church gardens**

Monday 19th 7.00 pm Lenches WI fashion show at Church Lench Village Hall

Friday 23rd 7.30 pm **Flower Festival concert in All Saints', Church Lench**

*Saturday 24th – Sunday 25th **Flower Festival at All Saints', Church Lench, St Peter's, Rous Lench and St Peter's, Abbots Morton***

Saturday 24th 8.00 am **Car boot sale in field behind All Saints', Church Lench**

10.30 am Scarecrow judging in Church Lench

7.00 pm Pig roast on Rous Lench Village Green

Sunday 25th 12.30 pm Flower festival lunch at Abbots Morton Village Hall

2.00 pm **Teas in the garden of "*****, Rous Lench**

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Next Week's Services:

Sunday 11th June 2017: Trinity Sunday

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

Today's Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

For Prayer

Pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit to inhabit us all.

Prayer leaflet enclosed with notices

Pray for those affected by recent terrorist attacks in Manchester and Kabul, and last year's attacks in Berlin and Nice

Pray for world's political leaders as they establish an agenda to limit climate change and recognise the potential for caring for the planet

Pray for our young folk who are taking exams and considering
"what next?" for their futures

Pray for us as a nation to make good use of our votes on Thursday

Pray for God's Kingdom to come into our lives and that of our communities and nations

Pray for our confirmation candidates Gill Barker and Sophie Curnock as they are confirmed in Worcester Cathedral today

This Week's First Reading: *Numbers 11:24-30*

²⁴Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and **told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.'**

²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his **chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!'** ²⁹But Moses said to him, **'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!'** ³⁰And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

This Week's Psalm: *Psalms 104:26-36*

26 O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

27 There is the sea, spread far and wide, and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.

28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan which you have made to play in the deep.

29 All of these look to you to give them their food in due season.

30 When you give it them, they gather it; you open your hand and they are filled with good.

31 When you hide your face they are troubled; when you take away their breath, they die and return again to the dust.

Psalm 104:26-36 continued

- 32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.
- 33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works;
- 34 He looks on the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will make music to my God while I have my being.
- 36 So shall my song please him while I rejoice in the Lord.

This Week's Second Reading: *Acts 2:1-21*

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, **'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?'** ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs – in our

Acts 2:1-21 continued

own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This Week's Gospel Reading: *John 20:19-23*

¹⁹It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive

John 20:19-23 continued

the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Next Week's First Reading: *Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-31*

¹²Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? ¹³Who has directed the spirit of the LORD, or as his counsellor has instructed him? ¹⁴Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? ¹⁵Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. ¹⁶Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. ¹⁷All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

²⁷**Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'?** ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Next 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.
- 3 You have founded a stronghold against your foes, that you might still the enemy and the avenger.

Psalm 8:1-10 continued

- 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!

Next **Week's Second Reading:** *2 Corinthians 13:11-13*

¹¹Brothers and sisters, put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Next **Week's Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 28:16-20*

¹⁶The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, '**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.** ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to **the end of the age.'**