

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

Weekly Notices

11th June 2017

Trinity Sunday



This Week's Activities

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

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

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: 1.30 pm CAMEO tea at St James', Harvington

Thursday: Home communions

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

Friday: 4.15pm St James' Children's Choir rehearsal at St James', Harvington

Saturday: 9.00 am Benefice prayers at The Rectory, Harvington

9.30 am St James' gardening team working in church gardens

Future Activities: June

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

Friday 30th 7.30pm Harvington Singers concert "A Handful of Songs" at St James', Harvington

Want to publicise an activity here?

Details of weekly, monthly or one-off activities required

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Next Week's Services:

Saturday 17th June 2017

4.00 pm Harvington Father's Day Family Service

Sunday 11th June 2017

8.30 am Church Lench Holy Communion*

10.30 am Rous Lench Family Service

6.30 pm Harvington Evensong

Today's Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 available to make it a daily prayer

Give thanks for the fact that we live in a stable democracy and have the opportunity to appoint our political leaders

Pray for our new government and newly-appointed MPs, that **they may fulfil their calling under God's anointing**

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

Pray for Fathers as they fulfil their important role of being a loving and caring parent to their children

This 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.

This Week's Psalm: *Psalm 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.
- 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: *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.

This 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.'**

Next Week's First Reading: *Genesis 18:1-15*

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³**He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant.** ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – **since you have come to your servant.'** **So they said, 'Do as you have said.'** ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to **Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.'** ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹**They said to Abraham, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.'** ¹⁰**Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.'** And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹²**So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old,**

Genesis 18:1-15 continued

and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" ¹⁴Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.'
¹⁵But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalm 116:9-17*

- 9 I believed that I should perish for I was sorely troubled; and I said in my alarm, 'Everyone is a liar.'
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord for all the benefits he has given to me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant, your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the house of the Lord, in the midst of you,
O Jerusalem. Alleluia.

Next Week's Second Reading: *Romans 5:1-8*

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.**

Romans 5:1-8 continued

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Next Week's Gospel Reading: *Matthew 9:35-10:8*

³⁵Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷**Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'**

¹Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵**These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near."**

⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.