

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

## Weekly Notices

18<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**First Sunday after Trinity**

## **This Week's Activities**

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

7.30 pm Harvington Handbell Ringers rehearsing in school hall

Tuesday: 8.30 am Prayers at Rous Lench

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

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

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

10.30 am Scarecrow judging in Church Lench

12 noon onwards Open gardens, scarecrow trail in Church Lench

plus refreshments, craft and plant sales in Church Lench Village Hall

7.00 pm Pig roast on Rous Lench Village Green

Sunday: 12.30 pm Flower festival lunch at Abbots Morton Village Hall

12 noon onwards Open gardens, scarecrow trail in Church Lench

plus refreshments, craft and plant sales in Church Lench Village Hall

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

## Future Activities: June/July

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

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm Harvington Singers concert "A Handful of Songs" at St James', Harvington

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 12.00 noon **Big Lunch** at "\*\*\*\*\*," Rous Lench

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am Lenches WI book club

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

## **Next Week's Services**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017: Flower Festival Sunday

9.30 am	Harvington	Holy Communion+
11.00 am	Abbots Morton	Flower Festival Morning Service
11.00 am	Church Lench	Flower Festival Holy Communion+
6.30 pm	Harvington	Evensong
6.30 pm	Rous Lench	Flower Festival of Praise

## **Today's Collect**

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 all those affected by the Grenfell Tower Block fire; for the homeless, those searching for victims, those involved in looking after the bereaved, the emergency services and for those identifying why and what next?

Pray for Fathers those who are in still in post and those who can do no more

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

<sup>1</sup>The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He 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. <sup>3</sup>**He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. 'Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 'Let 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.'** <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, **'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.'** <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then 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. <sup>9</sup>**They said to Abraham, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.'** <sup>10</sup>**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. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, **'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?'** <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, **'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?"** <sup>14</sup>Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' <sup>15</sup>**But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'**

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

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us,

*Romans 5:1-8 continued*

**because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.**

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

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

<sup>35</sup>Then 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. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>**Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These 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; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: **'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of**

## *Matthew 9:35-10:8 continued*

Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim the good news, “The kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>8</sup>Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

### **Next Week’s First Reading:** *Ezekiel 3:22-27*

<sup>22</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me there; and he said to me, Rise up, go out into the valley, and there I will speak with you. <sup>23</sup>So I rose up and went out into the valley; and the glory of the LORD stood there, like the glory that I had seen by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face. <sup>24</sup>The spirit entered into me, and set me on my feet; and he spoke with me and said to me: Go, shut yourself inside your house. <sup>25</sup>As for you, mortal, cords shall be placed on you, and you shall be bound with them, so that you cannot go out among the people; <sup>26</sup>and I will make your tongue cling to the roof of your mouth, so that you shall be speechless and unable to reprove them; for they are a rebellious house. <sup>27</sup>But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, ‘**Thus says the Lord GOD’; let those who will hear, hear; and let those who refuse to hear, refuse; for they are a rebellious house.**

### **Next Week’s Psalm:** *Psalms 125:1-5*

- 1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 As the hills stand about Jerusalem, so the Lord stands round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 The sceptre of wickedness shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous turn their hands to evil.
- 4 Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are true of heart.
- 5 Those who turn aside to crooked ways the Lord shall take away with the evildoers; but let there be peace upon Israel.

## Next **Week's Second Reading:** *Acts 12:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. <sup>2</sup>He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. <sup>3</sup>After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) <sup>4</sup>When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. <sup>5</sup>While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. <sup>6</sup>The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. <sup>7</sup>Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped **Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists.** <sup>8</sup>**The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.'** <sup>9</sup>Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. <sup>10</sup>After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. <sup>11</sup>Then Peter came to himself and said, **'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'**

## Next **Week's Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 16:13-19*

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, **'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?'** <sup>14</sup>And they said, **'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'** <sup>15</sup>He said to them, **'But who do you say that I am?'** <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, **'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'** <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, **'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.** <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my

*Matthew 16:13-19 continued*

church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

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