

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

Weekly Notices

2nd July 2017

Third Sunday after Trinity

This Week's Activities

Sunday: 12.00 noon **Big Lunch** at "*****," Rous Lench

Monday: 7.30 pm Harvington Handbell Ringers rehearsing in school hall

Tuesday: 8.30 am NO prayers at Church 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

Future Activities: July

Wednesday 12th 1.30 pm CAMEO tea at Harvington First School

7.00 pm Memorial cycle race starting/finishing at Abbots Morton VH

Saturday 15th 9.30 am **St James' gardening team working in church gardens**

6.30 pm Big Village Party at The Lenches Sports Club

Sunday 16th 1.00 pm **FRAME** festival at the Lenches Sports Club

Monday 17th 2.30 pm Harvington pastoral support team meeting

Lenches WI garden party

Thursday 20th Home communions

8.30 pm **Men's Night** at the "Wheelbarrow Castle," Radford

Want to publicise an activity here?

Details of weekly, monthly or one-off activities required

Please use the "Contact Us" page on the website to tell us

Next Week's Services: Sunday 9th July 2017

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

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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

Pray for our local authorities as they work hard to provide our essential services with ever more limited funding and staff

Pray for the enquiry now beginning into the Grenfell Tower Block tragedy and that good lessons are learnt

Pray for our schools as they come to the end of the academic year and leavers prepare for new futures

Give thanks for the Flower Festival weekend and the joy of gathering together as community and enjoying the decorated churches and services

Pray for our voluntary organisations as they work hard to fill gaps that cannot be provided otherwise

This Week's First Reading: *Genesis 22:1-14*

¹God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And Abraham said, 'Here I am.' ²God said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall **show you.**' ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away.

⁵**Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.'** ⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.

⁷**Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And Abraham said, 'Here I am, my son.'** Isaac said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' ⁸**Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.'** So the two of them walked on together.

⁹When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from **heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.'**

¹²**The angel said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.'** ¹³And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-

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offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place 'The LORD will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.'

This Week's Psalm: *Psalms 13:1-6*

- 1 How long will you forget me, O Lord; for ever? How long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long shall I have anguish in my soul and grief in my heart, day after day? How long shall my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look upon me and answer, O Lord my God; lighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- 4 **Lest my enemy say, 'I have prevailed against him,' and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.**
- 5 But I put my trust in your steadfast love; my heart will rejoice in your salvation.
- 6 I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt so bountifully with me.

This Week's Second Reading: *Romans 6:12-23*

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you

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present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This Week's Gospel Reading: *Matthew 10:40-42*

⁴⁰**'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous;** ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, **none of these will lose their reward.'**

Next Week's First Reading:

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

The servant whom Abraham had sent said to Laban: ³⁴**I am Abraham's servant.** ³⁵The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. ³⁶**And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has.**

³⁷**My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; ³⁸but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son."**

⁴²**I came today to the spring, and said, "O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! ⁴³I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' ⁴⁴and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also' – let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son."**

⁴⁵Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." ⁴⁶She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels. ⁴⁷Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. ⁴⁸Then I bowed my head and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. ⁴⁹Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.'

⁵⁸**And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.'** ⁵⁹So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. ⁶⁰And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, 'May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.' ⁶¹Then

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Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

⁶²Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. ⁶³Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. ⁶⁴And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, ⁶⁵and said to the servant, **'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?'** **The servant said, 'It is my master.'** **So she took her veil and covered herself.**

⁶⁶And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. ⁶⁷Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. **He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her.** So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalm 45:11-17*

- 11 So shall the king have pleasure in your beauty; he is your lord, so do him honour.
- 12 The people of Tyre shall bring you gifts; the richest of the people shall seek your favour.
- 13 **The king's daughter is all glorious within; her clothing is embroidered cloth of gold.**
- 14 She shall be brought to the king in raiment of needlework; after her the virgins that are her companions.
- 15 With joy and gladness shall they be brought and enter into the palace of the king.
- 16 **'Instead of your fathers you shall have sons whom you shall make princes over all the land.**
- 17 **'I will make your name to be remembered through all generations; therefore shall the peoples praise you for ever and ever.'**

Next **Week's Second Reading:** *Romans 7:15-25a*

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Next **Week's Gospel Reading:**

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

At that time Jesus said, ¹⁶**To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,** ¹⁷**“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”** ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, **“He has a demon”;** ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, **“Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.**

²⁵I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰**For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’**