

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

Weekly Notices

9th July 2017

Fourth 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 NO prayers at Church Lench

6.30 pm 10+ youth group at Harvington Baptist Church

Wednesday: 1.30 pm CAMEO tea at Harvington First School

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

Thursday: 6.30 pm 7+ **“Adventurers”** group at Harvington Baptist Church

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

6.30 pm Big Village Party at The Lenches Sports Club

Sunday: 1.00 pm FRAME festival at the Lenches Sports Club

Future Activities: July

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**

Saturday 22nd 9.00 am Benefice prayers at The Rectory, Harvington

4.00 pm **RBL garden party at “*****,” Rous Lench**

Tuesday 25th - Thursday 27th Holiday club at *****

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Next Week's Services: Sunday 16th July 2017

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

Today's Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this,
heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, 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 those working for the NHS as they try to provide good outcomes for all while feeling under financial and patient pressure

Pray for Syria and all the nations involved in their civil war,
and for a just peace to be achieved

Give thanks for the Harvington School Fair that took place on Friday
and for the Village Party and FRAME festival coming up at Church
Lench next weekend – a great chance to enjoy summer fun

Pray for our forthcoming holiday club that the preparations will go
well and that we will get good weather and a good team of helpers

This 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. ³⁶And 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.'

⁵⁸And 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

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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 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.

This Week's Psalm: *Psalms 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.**

Psalm 45:11-17 continued

17 'I will make your name to be remembered through all generations; therefore shall the peoples praise you for ever and ever.'

This 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!

This 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

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 continued

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.'**

Next Week's First Reading: *Genesis 25:19-34*

¹⁹**These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac,** ²⁰and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²²**The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the LORD.**

²³**And the LORD said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.'** ²⁴When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. ²⁶Afterwards his **brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob.** Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰**Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.)** ³¹Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' ³²Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' ³³Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau

Genesis 25:19-34 continued

despised his birthright.

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalm 119:105-112*

- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path.
106 I have sworn and will fulfil it, to keep your righteous judgements.
107 I am troubled above measure; give me life, O Lord, according to your word.
108 Accept the freewill offering of my mouth, O Lord, and teach me your judgements.
109 My soul is ever in my hand, yet I do not forget your law.
110 The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I have not strayed from your commandments.
111 Your testimonies have I claimed as my heritage for ever; for they are the very joy of my heart.
112 I have applied my heart to fulfil your statutes: always, even to the end.

Next Week's Second Reading: *Romans 8:1-11*

¹There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to **God; it does not submit to God's law** – indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God

Romans 8:1-11 continued

dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Next Week's Gospel Reading: *Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

¹Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in **parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow.** ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!

¹⁸Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and **yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'**