

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

Weekly Notices

30th July 2017

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

This Week's Activities

Tuesday: 8.30 am Prayers at Harvington

Wednesday: 10.30 am Lenches WI book club

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

Saturday: Revd Richard's 'Three Peaks Challenge'

Future Activities: August

Monday 7th Stop date for the September issue of the ARCH Messenger

Wednesday 9th 3.00 pm **CAMEO** tea at St James', Harvington

Saturday 12th 9.30 am **St James' gardening team working in church gardens**

7.30 pm Archers evening at Church Lench Village Hall

Thursday 17th Home communions

10.00 am Lenches WI trip to Gloucester

8.30 pm **Men's Night at the The Lenches Club, Church Lench**

Saturday 19th 9.00 am Benefice prayers at The Rectory, Harvington

Friday 25th - Monday 28th Beer and Cider Festival at The Lenches Club, Church Lench

Monday 28th **'Handmade and Homegrown' Fayre at The Lenches Club**

Want to publicise an activity here?

Details of weekly, monthly or one-off activities required

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Next Week's Services

Sunday 6th August 2017: Transfiguration of Our Lord

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

Today's Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

Please pray for a daily filling of the Holy Spirit
Prayer leaflet available to make it a daily prayer

Pray for Adam and Katie who were married on Thursday and
James and Catherine who were married yesterday

Pray for our government as it leads us through the tortuous
Brexit process, and for wise decisions to be made

Pray for those on holiday and for a good summer break to
be enjoyed by us all

Give thanks for a successful holiday club and for children exploring
new experiences and building up good memories for the future

Pray for a deepening trust between humanity and God in what
feels like uncertain times

This Week's First Reading: *Genesis 29:15-28*

¹⁵Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your **wages be?**' ¹⁶Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.

¹⁷**Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful.** ¹⁸**Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.'** ¹⁹Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to **any other man; stay with me.'** ²⁰So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. ²¹**Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.'**

²²So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. ²³But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. ²⁴(Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) ²⁵**When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?'** ²⁶Laban said, 'This is not done in our country giving the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven **years.'** ²⁸Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

This Week's Psalm: *Psalm 105:1-11*

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises, and tell of all his marvellous works.
- 3 Rejoice in the praise of his holy name; let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.
- 4 Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his face continually.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
- 6 O seed of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 7 He is the Lord our God; his judgements are in all the earth.
- 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, the promise that he made for a thousand generations:
- 9 The covenant he made with Abraham, the oath that he swore to Isaac,
- 10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, an everlasting covenant for Israel,
- 11 **Saying, 'To you will I give the land of Canaan to be the portion of your inheritance.'**

This Week's Second Reading: *Romans 8:26-39*

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 8:26-39 continued

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³**Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.** ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶**As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'** ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, ³⁹nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This Week's Gospel Reading: *Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

³¹Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' ³³He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.

⁴⁴The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵²And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Next Week's First Reading: *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14*

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalm 97:1-12*

- 1 The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- 3 Fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings lit up the world; the earth saw it and trembled.
- 5 The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declared his righteousness and all the peoples have seen his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in mere idols. Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced, because of your judgements, O Lord.
- 9 For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his faithful and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Psalm 97:1-12 continued

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous and joy for the true of heart.

12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous and give thanks to his holy name.

Next **Week's Second Reading:** *2 Peter 1:16-19*

¹⁶We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic **Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'**

¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Next **Week's Gospel Reading:** *Luke 9:28-36*

²⁸Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter **said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'** Peter did not know what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.

³⁵**Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!'** ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.