

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



Weekly Notices
6th August 2017
Transfiguration of Our Lord



This Week's Activities

Monday: Stop date for the September issue of the ARCH Messenger

Tuesday: 8.30 am Prayers at Harvington

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

Saturday: 9.30 am **St James' gardening team working in church gardens**
7.30 pm Archers evening at Church Lench Village Hall

Future Activities: August

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

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

Next Week's Services: Sunday 13th August 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	Taste of Taizé

Today's Collect

Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; 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 the American, Chinese and all governments neighbouring North Korea to be given wisdom on how to reduce warmongering in the area

Pray for those on holiday and those serving the holiday makers; that all may enjoy the season of leisure

Pray for our farmers and all those involved in bringing in the harvest from fields and, in due course, orchards

Pray for those who are angry and fearful since the Grenfell fire, and for those who are trying to bring about justice and appropriate resolution

This 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.

This Week's Psalm: *Psalms 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.

Psalm 97:1-12 continued

- 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.
- 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.

This 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.

This 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.

Next Week's First Reading: *Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28*

¹Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ²This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his **brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives;** and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. ¹²**Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem.**

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 continued

¹³And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' ¹⁴So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, ¹⁵and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' ¹⁶'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.'

¹⁷The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan."' So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹**They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.'** ²¹But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.'

²²Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him' – that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; ²⁴and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶Then Judah said to his **brothers, 'What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood?**

²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, **for he is our brother, our own flesh.'** And his brothers agreed. ²⁸When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalm 105:1-10*

- 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,

Next Week's Second Reading: *Romans 10:5-15*

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that **'the person who does these things will live by them.'** ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, **'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"** (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or **"Who will descend into the abyss?"** (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸**But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart'** (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹**The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.'** ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³**For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'**

Romans 10:5-15 continued

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Next Week's Gospel Reading: *Matthew 14:22-33*

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, ²²Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

²⁸Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'