

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

Weekly Notices

27th August 2017

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

This Week's Activities

Monday: 'Handmade and Homegrown' Fayre at The Lenches Club
Beer and Cider Festival at The Lenches Club

Tuesday: 8.30 am Prayers at Harvington

Sunday: 5.00 pm **Charity concert at St Peter's, Inkberrow, featuring** Michael Gieler (principal viola of the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, Amsterdam) with Laretta Bloomer in works by Bach, **Brahms and Prokofiev. In aid of the "With You in Mind" dementia-friendly café at Inkberrow Church Hall and St Peter's Roof Appeal**

Future Activities: September

Wednesday 6th 10.30 am Lenches WI book group

12.30 pm **Homeworkers' lunch at St James, Harvington**

Saturday 9th 9.00 am Benefice prayers at The Rectory, Harvington
Ride and Stride

Monday 11th Stop date for the October issue of the ARCH Messenger
7.30 pm Faith Today at 2 St James Close, Harvington

Wednesday 13th 3.00 pm **CAMEO tea at St James', Harvington**

Thursday 14th Home communions

8.30 pm **Men's Night at the "Golden Cross", Harvington**

Want to publicise an activity here?

Details of weekly, monthly or one-off activities required

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Next Week's Services: Sunday 3rd September 2017

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

Today's Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 those coming to terms with the car attack in Barcelona
and for those who are trying to protect us

In the light of our Exodus reading pray for those involved in slavery –
those who are enslaved and those who are enslaving, and that
it will come to an end

Pray for all those who have received exam results; that they make
wise decisions as to their futures

Pray for those who are subject to sexual abuse by predatory gangs,
and for those who think that it is OK

Pray that whatever situation we are in, we do not abandon
hope and faith in God

Pray for safe journeys for all those on holiday as well as
patience on the road

This Week's First Reading: *Exodus 1:8-2:10*

⁸Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹He **said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we.** ¹⁰Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and **fight against us and escape from the land.'** ¹¹Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹²But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, ¹⁴and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. ¹⁵The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶**'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.'** ¹⁷But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and **said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?'** ¹⁹**The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.'** ²⁰So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²²Then **Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.'** ¹Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood

Exodus 1:8-2:10 continued

at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she **saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. ‘This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,’ she said.** ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, ‘Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?’ ⁸Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Yes.’ So the girl went and called the child’s mother.

⁹Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.’ So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, ‘because’, she said, ‘I drew him out of the water.’

This Week’s Psalm: *Psalm 124:1-7*

- 1 If the Lord himself had not been on our side, now may Israel say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us alive when their anger burned against us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over our soul; over our soul would have swept the raging waters.
- 5 But blessed be the Lord who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 6 Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken and we are delivered.
- 7 Our help is in the name of the Lord, who has made heaven and earth.

This Week's Second Reading: *Romans 12:1-8*

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

This Week's Gospel Reading: *Matthew 16:13-20*

¹³When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷And 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. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I 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.**' ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Next Week's First Reading: *Exodus 3:1-15*

¹Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³**Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.'** ⁴When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, **'Moses, Moses!'** And he said, **'Here I am.'** ⁵**Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.'** ⁶**He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.'** And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷**Then the LORD said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.'** ¹¹But Moses said to God, **'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?'** ¹²**He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'**

¹³But Moses said to God, **'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you," and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?'** ¹⁴**God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.'** He said further, **'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I AM has sent me to you."'** ¹⁵**God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you": This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.'**

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalm 115:1-18*

- 1 Not to us, Lord, not to us, but to your name give the glory, for the sake of your loving mercy and truth.
- 2 **Why should the nations say, 'Where is now their God?'**
- 3 As for our God, he is in heaven; he does whatever he pleases.
- 4 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.
- 5 They have mouths, but cannot speak; eyes have they, but cannot see;
- 6 They have ears, but cannot hear; noses have they, but cannot smell;
- 7 They have hands, but cannot feel; feet have they, but cannot walk; not a whisper do they make from their throats.
- 8 Those who make them shall become like them and so will all who put their trust in them.
- 9 But you, Israel, put your trust in the Lord; he is their help and their shield.
- 10 House of Aaron, trust in the Lord; he is their help and their shield.
- 11 You that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord; he is their help and their shield.
- 12 The Lord has been mindful of us and he will bless us; may he bless the house of Israel; may he bless the house of Aaron;
- 13 May he bless those who fear the Lord, both small and great together.
- 14 May the Lord increase you more and more, you and your children after you.
- 15 May you be blest by the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
- 16 The heavens are the heavens of the Lord, but the earth he has entrusted to his children.
- 17 The dead do not praise the Lord, nor those gone down into silence;
- 18 But we will bless the Lord, from this time forth for evermore.
Alleluia.

Next **Week's Second Reading:** *Romans 12:9-21*

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, **'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'** ²⁰**No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.'** ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Next **Week's Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 16:21-28*

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

²²**And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.'** ²³But he turned and said to Peter, **'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'**

²⁴**Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?**

²⁷**For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'**