

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

## Weekly Notices

**3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017**

**Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

## **This Week's Activities**

Sunday: 5.00 pm **Charity concert at St Peter's, Inkberrow, featuring Michael Gieler** (principal viola of the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, Amsterdam) with Lauretta 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

Tuesday: 8.30 am Prayers at Abbots Morton

Wednesday 10.30 am Lenches WI book group

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

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

## Future Activities: September

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

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 3.00 pm **CAMEO tea at St James', Harvington**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Home communions

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

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> **Revd Fran's sky dive in aid of the Alzheimer's Society**

9.00 am Benefice prayers at The Rectory, Harvington

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

12.00 noon Tabletop sale and expo at Rous Lench Village Hall

7.30 pm Inkberrow Sinfonia 15<sup>th</sup> **Annual Orchestral Concert at St Peter's, Inkberrow, in aid of the Chernobyl Children's Project and rebuilding fund**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm Lenches WI meeting at Church Lench Village Hall

## Next Week's Services: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 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	Healing Service

### Today's Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 affected by the floods in Texas, Louisiana and elsewhere in the world, and for a good response

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 returning to work and school after the holidays

Pray for those involved in the Brexit negotiations for wise and just decisions to be made

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

Pray for our pets and other animals, that we may treat them with care and responsibility

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

<sup>1</sup>Moses 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. <sup>2</sup>There 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. <sup>3</sup>**Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.'** <sup>4</sup>When 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.'** <sup>5</sup>**Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.'** <sup>6</sup>**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.

<sup>7</sup>**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, <sup>8</sup>and 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. <sup>9</sup>The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.'** <sup>11</sup>**But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?'** <sup>12</sup>**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.'**

<sup>13</sup>**But 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?'** <sup>14</sup>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."'** <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, **'Thus you shall**

*Exodus 3:1-15 continued*

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.’

**This 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.

*Psalm 115:1-18 continued*

- 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.

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

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

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the **wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'** <sup>20</sup>**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.'** <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

<sup>21</sup>From 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. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' <sup>23</sup>But 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.'

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

<sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For 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?

<sup>27</sup>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.

<sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

## **Next Week's First Reading:** *Exodus 12:1-14*

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night;

## *Exodus 12:1-14 continued*

they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

## **Next Week's Psalm:** *Psalm 149:1-9*

- 1 Alleluia. O sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.
- 3 Let them praise his name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and lyre.
- 4 For the Lord has pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with salvation.
- 5 Let the faithful be joyful in glory; let them rejoice in their ranks,
- 6 With the praises of God in their mouths and a two-edged sword in their hands;
- 7 To execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with fetters of iron;
- 9 To execute on them the judgement decreed; such honour have all his faithful servants. Alleluia.

## Next **Week's Second Reading:** *Romans 13:8-14*

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## Next **Week's Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 18:15-20*

Jesus spoke to his disciples. <sup>15</sup>'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

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