

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

Weekly Notices

10th September 2017

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

This Week's Activities

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

7.30 pm Faith Today at 2 St James Close, Harvington

Tuesday: 8.30 am Prayers at Abbots Morton

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

Thursday: Home communions

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

Saturday **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**

10.00 am Quiet Day with Jane Mortimer – contact Revd Richard for more information

12.00 noon Tabletop sale and expo at Rous Lench Village Hall

7.30 pm Inkberrow Sinfonia 15th Annual Orchestral Concert at St

Peter's, Inkberrow, in aid of the Chernobyl Children's Project and church rebuilding fund

Future Activities: September

Monday 18th 7.30 pm Lenches WI meeting at Church Lench Village Hall

Friday 29th 9.00 am **Macmillan coffee morning** at the "Golden Cross", Harvington

Saturday 30th 10.00 am Harvington Art Group Annual Exhibition at village hall

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Next Week's Services: Sunday 17th September 2017

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

Today's Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, 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 South Asia and the USA,
and for a good response from those able to help

In the light of our Exodus reading, pray for those being abused and
threatened, especially the Rohingya in Myanmar. Pray also
for those doing the abusing

Pray for all those returning to work and school after the holidays

Pray for those affected by Hurricane Irma and preparing for
further assaults from Hurricane Jose and more

Pray for those who need healing – physical and emotional

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

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁴If 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. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³The 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.

Exodus 12:1-14 continued

¹⁴This 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.

This Week's Psalm: *Psalms 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.

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

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments,

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'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.'

¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides 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; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Jesus spoke to his disciples. ¹⁵**'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. ¹⁶But 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. ¹⁷If 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. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for

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you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Next Week's First Reading: *Exodus 14:19-31*

¹⁹The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of **Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers.** ²⁴At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. **The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.'**

²⁶**Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.'** ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

³⁰Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalm 114:1-8*

- 1 When Israel came out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of a strange tongue,
- 2 Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea saw that, and fled; Jordan was driven back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you were driven back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams, you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turns the hard rock into a pool of water, the flint-stone into a springing well.

Next Week's Second Reading: *Romans 14:1-12*

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether **we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's**. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do

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you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹**For it is written, ‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.’** ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Next Week’s Gospel Reading: *Matthew 18:21-35*

²¹Peter came and said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’

²²Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.’

²³For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.

²⁶**So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.”** ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, **“Pay what you owe.”** ²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, **“Have patience with me, and I will pay you.”** ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, **“You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?”** ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not **forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’**