

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

Weekly Notices

5th November 2017

All Saints' Sunday



This Week's Activities

- Monday: Stop date for the December/January issue of the ARCH Messenger
10.00 am Quiet Day at Holland House led by Bishop Michael Hooper
- Tuesday: 8.30 am Prayers at Church Lench
6.30 pm HYP: CAS at Harvington Baptist Church
- Wednesday: 10.30 am **RBL Poppy Appeal coffee morning at "The Wheelbarrow Castle", Radford**
3.00 pm **CAMEO tea in St James', Harvington**
- Thursday: 6.30 pm HYP: Adventurers at Harvington Baptist Church
7.30 pm Craft evening: *Bracelets* at Rous Lench Village Hall
- Friday: 7.30 pm IQ5 quiz at Abbots Morton Village Hall
8.00 pm Pub night at Rous Lench Village Hall
- Saturday: 9.00 am Benefice prayers at The Rectory, Harvington
7.30 pm **"A Night to Remember" RBL concert at Inkberrow VH**

Future Activities: November

- Monday 13th 10.00 am World Kindness Day: coffee, cake and chat at The Lenches Club, Church Lench
7.30 pm Faith Today at *****, Harvington
- Tuesday 14th 7.30 pm WWI presentations at The Lenches Club
- Wednesday 15th 12.30 pm **Workers' lunch at Ellenden Farmshop's Farmhouse Kitchen café**
- Thursday 16th Home communions
8.30 pm **Men's Night at the "Wheelbarrow Castle", Radford**
- Saturday 18th 9.30 am **St James' gardening team working in church gardens**
- Monday 20th 7.30 pm Lenches WI meeting at Church Lench Village Hall
- Thursday 23rd 7.30 pm Craft evening: *Anita's surprise!* at Rous Lench Village Hall

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Next Week's Services

Sunday 12th November 2017: Remembrance Sunday

9.30 am	Harvington	Remembrance Service
10.30 am	Abbots Morton	Remembrance Service
10.50 am	Rous Lench	Remembrance Service
6.30 pm	Harvington	Remembrance Evensong

Today's Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. 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 the Rohingya people in the refugee camps in Bangladesh and those still in Myanmar, and for the aid agencies trying to help them

Pray for Spanish and Catalonian governments as they negotiate a new relationship between region and nation state

Give thanks for those we have loved and lost, and pray for the bereaved

Pray for those tempted to follow the example of recent terrorist attacks with vehicles — that they will desist!

All Saints' Church, Church Lench, is closed
this week because of redecorating

This Week's First Reading: *Revelation 7:9-17*

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

¹⁰**They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'** ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹²**singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'**

¹³**Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?'** ¹⁴I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

This Week's Psalm: *Psalm 34:1-10*

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
- 3 O magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant and your faces shall not be ashamed.
- 6 This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.
- 8 O taste and see that the Lord is gracious; blessed is the one who trusts in him.
- 9 Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones, for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 Lions may lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

This Week's Second Reading: *1 John 3:1-3*

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

²**Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.** What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

This Week's Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:1-12*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Next Week's First Reading: *Amos 5:18-24*

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; ¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. ²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalms 70:1-6*

- 1 O God, make speed to save me; O Lord, make haste to help me.
- 2 Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confusion; let them be turned back and disgraced who wish me evil.
- 3 Let those who mock and deride me turn back because of their shame.
- 4 But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who **love your salvation say always, 'Great is the Lord.'**
- 5 As for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
- 6 You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay.

Next Week's Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 continued

heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Next Week's Gospel Reading: *Matthew 25:1-13*

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: ¹**The kingdom of heaven will be like this.** Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, **“Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.”** ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, **“Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.”** ⁹But the wise replied, **“No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.”** ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, **“Lord, lord, open to us.”** ¹²But he replied, **“Truly I tell you, I do not know you.”** ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.’