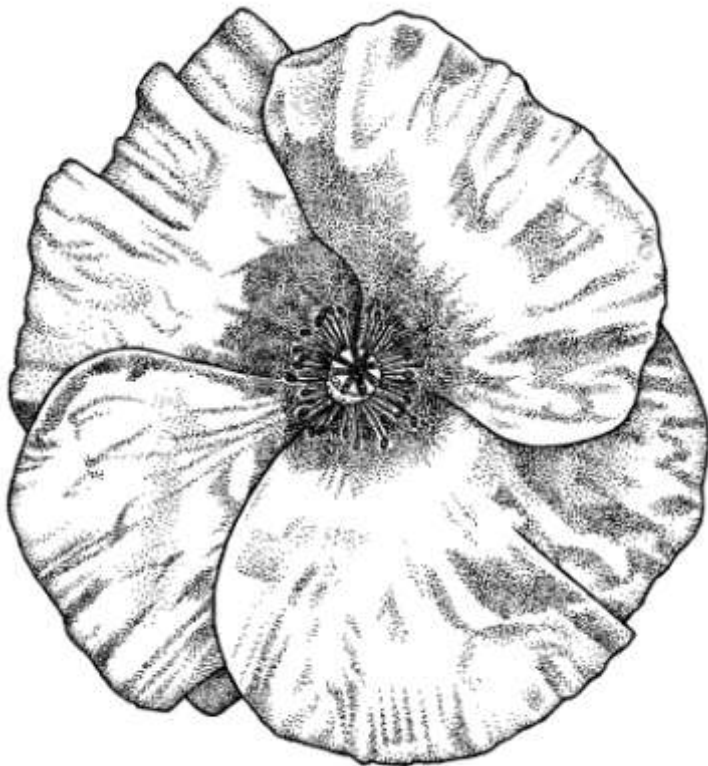


ARCH Group's aim: *“To show our love for God and You”*

Weekly Notices
12th November 2017
Remembrance Sunday



This Week's Activities

Monday: 10.00 am World Kindness Day: coffee, cake and chat at The Lenches Club, Church Lench

7.30 pm Faith Today at *****, Harvington

Tuesday: 8.30 am Prayers at Church Lench

6.30 pm HYP:CAS at Harvington Baptist Church

7.30 pm WWI presentations at The Lenches Club

Wednesday: 8.45 am Open the Book Assembly at Harvington School

12.30 pm **Workers' lunch at Ellenden Farmshop's Farmhouse**

Kitchen café

Thursday: Home communions

10.35 am Open the Book Assembly at Church Lench

6.30 pm HYP:Adventurers at Harvington Baptist Church

8.30 pm **Men's Night at the "Wheelbarrow Castle", Radford**

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

Future Activities: November/December

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 VH

Friday 24th 8.00 pm Pub night at Rous Lench Village Hall

Saturday 25th 9.00 am Benefice prayers at The Rectory, Harvington

7.00 pm **Birmingham Community Gospel Choir performing at All Saints', Church Lench, followed by a winter warmer meal in the Village Hall.**

Tickets £16 available from Kerrith Powell (*****), Judith Selcuk or Jane Powell (*****). **Proceeds to All Saints' Church Disability Access fund**

7.30 pm American evening with quiz at Rous Lench Village Hall

Thursday 30th 7.30 pm Craft evening: *Christmas ornaments* at Rous Lench VH

Saturday 2nd 12.00 noon Christmas Fayre at Harvington Village Hall

2.30 pm Christmas Fayre at Church Lench Village Hall

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Next Week's Services: Sunday 19th November 2017

8.30 am	Church Lench	Holy Communion*
9.30 am	Harvington	All Age Service
10.30 am	Rous Lench	All Age Service <i>at Beam Hall</i>
11.00 am	Abbots Morton	Morning Service
6.00 pm	Harvington	Taizé Service and refreshments

Today's Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; 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 the Rohingya people in the refugee camps in Bangladesh and those still in Myanmar, and for the aid agencies trying to help them

Remember those who have fought and fallen in war

Pray for those who serve in our armed services

Pray for those who work in our emergency services and put their lives at risk to keep us well and secure

Remember the lonely and the bereaved

Taizé Service next Sunday Evening

We will gather at 6.00 pm for a rehearsal and then enjoy hot or cold refreshments before the service begins at 6.30 pm. The service will include opportunities for reflection and candle light.

This 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.

This 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.

This 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 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.

This 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. ⁶**But 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. ⁸**The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out."** ⁹**But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers**

Matthew 25:1-13 continued

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.’

Next Week’s First Reading: *Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18*

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who **rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, ‘The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.’** ¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. ¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save **them on the day of the LORD’s wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed;** for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalm 90:1-8*

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were formed, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- 3 **You turn us back to dust and say: 'Turn back, O children of earth.'**
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, which passes like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep them away like a dream; they fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
- 8 You have set our misdeeds before you and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

Next Week's Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

¹Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When **they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will** come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Next Week's Gospel Reading: *Matthew 25:14-30*

Jesus said to his disciples, ¹⁴**The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.**

¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, **bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents."** ²¹His master said to him, **"Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."** ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, **saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents."** ²³His master said to him, **"Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."**

²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, **saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours."** ²⁶But his master replied, **"You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."**