

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

Weekly Notices
26th November 2017
Christ the King



This Week's Activities

Tuesday: 8.30 am Prayers at Church Lench

6.30 pm Harvington Youth Project: CAS at Harvington Baptist Church

Thursday: 6.30 pm HYP: Adventurers at Harvington Baptist Church

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

Saturday: 12.00 noon Christmas Fayre at Harvington Village Hall

2.30 pm Christmas Fayre at Church Lench Village Hall

Future Activities: December

Tuesday 5th 6.30 pm HYP: CAS Christmas Party at Harvington Baptist Church

Thursday 7th 6.30 pm HYP: Adventurers Christmas Party at Harvington Baptist Church

7.00 pm **GLADS: "Trafford Tales" at Church Lench Village Hall**

7.30 pm Craft evening: *Cork horses* at Rous Lench Village Hall

Friday – Sunday: Caring Hands collection at The Lenches Club

Friday 8th 7.00 pm **GLADS: "Trafford Tales" at Church Lench Village Hall**

7.30 pm **Harvington Singers concert "Thrice Welcome Christmas" at St James', Harvington**

8.00 pm Pub night at Rous Lench Village Hall

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

12.00 noon **"Carols in the Club" at The Lenches Club, Church Lench**

2.30 pm **Harvington Singers concert "Thrice Welcome Christmas" at St James', Harvington**

7.00 pm **GLADS: "Trafford Tales" at Church Lench Village Hall**

Wednesday 13th 11.00 am **CAMEO Carol Service in St James', Harvington**

12.30 pm CAMEO Christmas Lunch at the Kings Court Hotel, Alcester

6.30 pm Carols on the Green in Rous Lench

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 December 2017

8.30 am	Rous Lench	Holy Communion*
9.30 am	Harvington	Morning Service
11.00 am	Abbots Morton	Morning Service
11.00 am	Church Lench	Holy Communion+
5.00 pm	Rous Lench	Advent Praise and Reflection

Today's Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King; keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

For Prayer

Christ is King, Hallelujah!

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 the Yemeni population caught by the Saudi blockade, and for those trying to bring in supplies

Pray for those whose incomes are affected by inflation and low productivity

Pray for those who work in Christian mission developing partnerships and sharing the good news of the gospel by example and prayer

Pray for our Diocesan partners—Morogoro in Tanzania and Magdeburg in Germany

Pray for carers, both professional and family

This Week's First Reading: *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

This Week's Psalm: *95:1-7*

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

Psalm 95:1-7 continued

- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving and be glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God.

This Week's Second Reading: *Ephesians 1:15-23*

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This Week's Gospel Reading: *Matthew 25:31-46*

Jesus said to his disciples: ³¹**“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”**

⁴¹**Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.”**

⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

Next Week's First Reading: *Isaiah 64:1-9*

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – ²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

⁵You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. ⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalms 80:1-8*

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock;
- 2 Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
- 3 Stir up your mighty strength and come to our salvation.
- 4 Turn us again, O God; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 5 **O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?**
- 6 You feed them with the bread of tears; you give them abundance of tears to drink.
- 7 You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 8 Turn us again, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Next **Week's Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

My brothers and sisters: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next **Week's Gospel Reading:** *Mark 13:24-37*

Jesus said to his disciples: ²⁴**In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.**

²⁸**From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.**

³²**But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: **Keep awake.****