

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

**Weekly Notices**

**14<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**Second Sunday of Epiphany**

**This Week's Activities**

Tuesday: 8.30 am Prayers at Abbots Morton

6.30 pm HYP: CAS at Harvington Baptist Church

Wednesday: 12.30 pm **Workers' lunch** at Ellenden Farmshop's  
Farmhouse Kitchen café

Thursday: Home communions

6.30 pm HYP: Adventurers at Harvington Baptist Church

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

**Future Activities: January/February**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 7.00 pm **"Parlour Concert with Mr Keith"** at Church Lench Village Hall

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 9.00 am Benefice prayers at The Rectory, Harvington

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30 pm Mumbo Jumbo concert at Rous Lench Village Hall

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Stop date for the March issue of the ARCH Messenger

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Big Breakfast at Church Lench Village Hall

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 12.00 noon Abbots Morton Village Hall 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party

Want to publicise an activity here?

Details of weekly, monthly or one-off activities required

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## Next Week's Services: Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018

8.30 am	Church Lench	Holy Communion*
9.30 am	Harvington	All Age Service
10.30 am	Rous Lench	All Age Service
10.30 am	Abbots Morton	All Age Service
6.30 pm	Harvington	Evensong

### Today's Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through 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 Christian Unity

Pray for those trapped in slavery as victims or exploiters

Pray for our new Government Ministers as they learn their new roles

Pray that we may continue to improve on our care for the environment

Give thanks for the life of Norman Badger, Pip Stone and Pamela Savage who died recently – pray for their families and friends mourning their loss

Pray for those who feel a lack of purpose

Pray for the underemployed

Pray for all those working in the NHS and for the difficult decisions they are making in very busy conditions

## **This Week's First Reading:** *1 Samuel 3:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

## **This Week's Psalm:** *Psalm 139:1-9*

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You mark out my journeys and my resting place and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You encompass me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, so high that I cannot attain it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand shall lead me, your right hand hold me fast.

## **This Week's Second Reading:** *Revelation 5:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; <sup>2</sup>and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, **'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?'** <sup>3</sup>And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>4</sup>And I began to weep bitterly

because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup>**Then one of the elders said to me, ‘Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.’** <sup>6</sup>Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup>When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>They sing a new song: **‘You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; <sup>10</sup>you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.’**

### **This Week’s Gospel Reading:** *John 1:43-51*

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip **and said to him, ‘Follow me.’** <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said **to him, ‘We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.’** <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, **‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’** Philip said to him, **‘Come and see.’** <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, **‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’** <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, **‘Where did you come to know me?’** Jesus

## *John 1:43-51 continued*

answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

## **Next Week's First Reading:** *Genesis 14:17-20*

<sup>17</sup>After Abram's return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). <sup>18</sup>And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. <sup>19</sup>He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; <sup>20</sup>and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

## **Next Week's Psalm:** *Psalms 128:1-6*

- 1 Blessed are all those who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of the toil of your hands; it shall go well with you, and happy shall you be.
- 3 Your wife within your house shall be like a fruitful vine; your children round your table, like fresh olive branches.
- 4 Thus shall the one be blest who fears the Lord.
- 5 The Lord from out of Zion bless you, that you may see Jerusalem in prosperity all the days of your life.
- 6 **May you see your children's children and may there be peace upon Israel.**

## Next **Week's Second Reading:** *Revelation 19:6-10*

<sup>6</sup>I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, **crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.** <sup>7</sup>Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; <sup>8</sup>to her it has been **granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure** – for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

<sup>9</sup>And the angel said to me, **'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'** And he said to me, **'These are true words of God.'** <sup>10</sup>Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, **'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'**

## Next **Week's Gospel Reading:** *John 2:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, **'They have no wine.'** <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, **'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.'** <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, **'Do whatever he tells you.'** <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, **'Fill the jars with water.'** And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, **'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.'** So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, <sup>10</sup>**'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.'** <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

