

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

## Weekly Notices

**2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

## **This Week's Activities**

Tuesday: 8.30 am Prayers at Abbots Morton

Wednesday: 12.30pm **Workers' lunch** at Ellenden Farm Shop café

2.00 pm 'Live music for little ones' at St James', Harvington

Lenches WI book group

Thursday: 7.30 pm **Harvington Singers rehearsal** in St James', Harvington

Saturday: 9.00 am Benefice prayers at The Rectory, Harvington

6.00 pm **Village 'Thank You' picnic and BBQ** in St James' churchyard, Harvington

## Future Activities: September

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Stop date for October issue of the ARCH Messenger

7.30 pm **Faith Today meeting** at "\*\*\*\*\*," \*\*\*\*\* , Harvington

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm Lenches Ladies meeting

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 3.00 pm **CAMEO tea** at St James', Harvington

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Home communions

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

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am **St James' gardening team** working in church gardens

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 12.00 noon **Big Lunch** at "\*\*\*\*\*," 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 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018

8.30 am	Abbots Morton	Holy Communion*
9.30 am	Harvington	Holy Communion+
11.00 am	Rous Lench	Morning Service
11.00 am	Church Lench	Morning Service
6.30 pm	Harvington	Healing Service

## Today's Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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

God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit,  
we give you thanks

Give thanks for the local support that our churches receive from the community and that this year is being thanked through a BBQ next Saturday evening at Harvington

Pray for Church communities to be watchmen,  
messengers and stewards of the Lord

Pray for Street Pastors and for the people they encounter,  
offering care and protection to the vulnerable

Pray for the Government and its system of Universal Credit which  
is struggling to provide the timely support for the vulnerable

Pray for Jacob who is being baptised today, and for  
Theodore being baptised next week

**Pray for God's healing power to be released today and every day**

**This Week's First Reading:** *Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9*

Moses spoke to the people; he said: <sup>1</sup>So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>4</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear **all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!'** <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? <sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

**This Week's Psalm:** *Psalms 15:1-8*

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may rest upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads an uncorrupt life and does the thing that is right;
- 3 Who speaks the truth from the heart and bears no deceit on the tongue;
- 4 Who does no evil to a friend and pours no scorn on a neighbour;

*Psalm 15:1-8 continued*

- 5 In whose sight the wicked are not esteemed, but who honours those who fear the Lord.
- 6 Whoever has sworn to a neighbour and never goes back on that word;
- 7 Who does not lend money in hope of gain, nor takes a bribe against the innocent;
- 8 Whoever does these things shall never fall.

**This Week's Second Reading:** *James 1:17-27*

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does **not produce God's righteousness**. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be

*James 1:17-27 continued*

blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

**This Week's Gospel Reading:** *Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

<sup>1</sup>When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, **'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?'** <sup>6</sup>He said to them, **'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; <sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."**

<sup>14</sup>**Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.'** <sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder,

*Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 continued*

<sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

**Next Week's First Reading:** *Isaiah 35:4-7a*

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

**Next Week's Psalm:** *Psalms 146:1-10*

- 1 Alleluia.  
Praise the Lord, O my soul: while I live will I praise the Lord; as long as I have any being, I will sing praises to my God.
- 2 Put not your trust in princes, nor in any human power, for there is no help in them.
- 3 When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth; on that day all their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong and bread to those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord looses those that are bound; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

## *Psalm 146:1-10 continued*

- 8 The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous;
- 9 The Lord watches over the stranger in the land; he upholds the orphan and widow; but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.
- 10 The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Alleluia.

## **Next Week's Second Reading:** *James 2:1-17*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,' <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. <sup>11</sup>For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery,' also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

## *James 2:1-17 continued*

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>**and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,’ and yet you do not supply their bodily needs,** what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

## **Next Week’s Gospel Reading:** *Mark 7:24-37*

<sup>24</sup>Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>**He said to her, ‘Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’** <sup>28</sup>**But she answered him, ‘Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.’** <sup>29</sup>**Then he said to her, ‘For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.’** <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, **‘Ephphatha,’ that is, ‘Be opened.’** <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, **saying, ‘He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.’**