

Sunday 15th February
Last Sunday Before Lent



Today's Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week Services: Sunday 22nd February

9:30am	Harvington	Holy Communion
10:00am	Norton & Lenchwick	Holy Communion
11:00am	Church Lench	Morning Prayer
11:00am	Abbots Morton	Morning Prayer
3:30pm	Harvington Village Hall	Messy Church

Mid Week Eucharist: 11:00 am Wednesday, St James, Harvington

World Day of Prayer - Friday 6th March
1:45 Service in St James' Church, Harvington
Written by the Christian women of Nigeria, all are welcome!

This Week's First Reading: Exodus 24.12-end.

¹² The Lord said to Moses, ‘Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.’

¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, ‘Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.’

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

This Week's Second Reading: 2 Peter 1.16-end,

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

This Weeks Psalm: Psalm 99.

- 1 The Lord is king: let the peoples tremble;
he is enthroned above the cherubim: let the earth shake.
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion and high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them praise your name, which is great and awesome;

Psalm 99 Continued...

the Lord our God is holy.

4 Mighty king, who loves justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

5 Exalt the Lord our God; bow down before his footstool,
for he is holy.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests
and Samuel among those who call upon his name;
they called upon the Lord and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them.

8 You answered them, O Lord our God;
you were a God who forgave them
and pardoned them for their offences.

9 Exalt the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill,
for the Lord our God is holy.

This Week's Gospel Reading: *Matthew 17.1-9.*

¹⁷ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'

⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!'

⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.'⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Next Weeks Readings: *Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5.12-19,
Matthew 4.1-11.*

Prayer of Intersession

For all who long to forgive a loved one. May our lives be rooted in the Father's mercy and love. May the Eucharist become the food of authentic forgiveness.

We pray to the Lord.

For all who wait in the bitter cold for shelter, food and clothing. May we reach beyond our selfish ways to help others with the basics of life. May hope be housed in every human being.

We pray to the Lord.

For people who live only in self-sufficiency and in entitlement. May we come to a new humility in Christ Jesus. May we surrender to God's healing love.

We pray to the Lord.

For all who bear the weight of depression and loneliness. May we not blame others for their disease or heartache. May forgiveness in life fuel our relationships with love and goodness.

We pray to the Lord.

For all who live with discouragement and fear. May we learn to support others in their quest for faith and justice. May hope be born in every human heart.

We pray to the Lord.

For prisoners and all who await trials and verdicts. May we all pursue right actions and lives of forgiveness. May hope be born in our waiting for justice.

We pray to the Lord

For all who grieve the loss of a loved one. May Christ redeem our losses on earth. May peace live in our hearts with wisdom, faith and compassion.

We pray to the Lord.

For all who have died. May our loved ones live forever in the glory of God's kingdom.

Help us keep your words in our hearts so we may not sin against you. **Amen**