

Sunday 21st June
Third Sunday after Trinity

Today's Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 forever.

Post Communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: Show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Next Week Services: Sunday 28th June

10:00am	Harvington	Holy Communion
10:00am	Norton & Lenchwick	Church @10
11:00am	Church Lench	Church @11
3:30pm	Harvington	Messy Church
6:30pm	Rous Lench	Songs of Praise

Mid-week Eucharist: 11:00am Wednesdays at St James', Harvington

Events

- Rous Lench **Annual Pig Roast**– 27th June. Willing helpers can contact Fran on Herdmanfrances@gmail.com.
- **Annual Flower Festival WEEKEND** – 26th to 28th June, Theme is 'A Journey Through Time', If you'd like to take part, please contact pippa@p1g.co.uk or look at the website for more information.
- **Flower Fest Concert!** –26th June, 7:30pm, All Saints Church, Church Lench. Tickets £10, Kids under 12 FREE. Contact Lyndall on 8719325 for more info.
- **Harvington Singers Concert** – 26th&27thJune, 7:30pm,St.James' Harvington
 - **Bring & Share Lunch**– 28th June,12:30pm, Abbots Morton Village Hall.
- **Annual Pig Roast** – 27th June, 5-10pm, Rous Lench Village Green. Fabulous Evening of fresh food, drinks, music, tombola & raffle. Great Family Occasion!

This Week's First Reading: *Jeremiah 20.7-13.*

⁷ O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹ If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰ For I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. 'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.'

¹¹ But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten.

¹² O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. ¹³ Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

This Weeks Psalm: *Psalms 69.8-11.*

⁸ For your sake have I suffered reproach; shame has covered my face.

⁹ I have become a stranger to my kindred, an alien to my mother's children.

¹⁰ Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn given to you has fallen upon me.

¹¹ I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.

This Week's Second Reading: *Romans 6.1b-11.*

⁶ What are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

⁴ Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in his death, we will certainly be united with him in his resurrection. so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been

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united with him in his death, we will certainly be united with him in his resurrection. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ He died to sin, for all; but he lives in God's honour. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This Week's Gospel Reading: *Matthew 10.24-39.*

²⁴ 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple and teacher to be alike. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what is whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall unperceived by your Father. ³⁰ Even the hairs of your head are counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴ 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a son against his father, and a daughter against her mother; ³⁶ one's foes will be members of one's own household. ³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me, is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more me, is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and whoever doesn't take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Next Weeks Readings: *Jeremiah 28.5-9, Psalm 89.1-4, 15-18, Romans 6.12-end, Matthew 10.40-end.*

Prayer of Intercession

Brothers and sisters, the Lord tells us: “Do not be afraid”. Trusting in the Father’s loving care for His children this fathers day, let us bring our prayers before him.

We pray the Holy church proclaim the Gospel with courage, never fearing opposition, and faithfully bearing witness to Christ before the world. Let all who preach the Gospel be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, so that we may lead God’s people in truth, holiness, and in hope.

Lord have mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For Christians who suffer prosecution throughout the world: we pray they remain steadfast in faith, and know the strength and consolation of Christ. Let us also pray that the leaders of our nation are able to govern with wisdom, integrity and sincere concern for justice and the common good.

Lord have mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We hear all those burdened by fear, loneliness or uncertainty about the future: we pray they find trust in the Lord who knows, and loves each one of his children. Let all those suffering in mind and spirit allow the Lords healing presence to bring them strength, peace and comfort.

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We pray that having shared Christ’s victory over sin and death, the faithfully departed may rejoice forever in the kingdom of heaven. And that those who mourn find comfort knowing their loved ones have taken refuge by Gods side.

Heavenly Father, hear the prayers we offer with confidence and grant them according to your holy will. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.