

Sunday 25th October
The Last Sunday after Trinity

Today's Collect

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and forever.

Next Week Services: Sunday 1st November

10am	Harvington	Church @10
11am	Church Lench	Eucharist
11am	Abbots Morton	Church @11
12pm	Harvington	Holy Communion BCP
3pm	Norton & Lenchwick	All Souls Service
6.30pm	Harvington	Holy Communion BCP

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

Events

25th Oct – Messy Church 3:30-5:30pm Harvington VH.

30th Oct – Family HALLOWEEN Night, 6:30pm Rous Lench VH.

31st Oct – 🎭 LIGHT PARTY 4-6pm St James' Church, Harvington.

2nd Nov – 🌟 Tree of Light Service 6pm Harvington.

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This Week's First Reading: *Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18.*

¹⁹ The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: ² Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. ¹⁵ You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord .

¹⁷ You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

This Weeks Psalm : *Psalms 1.*

- 1 Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper.
- 4 As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement,
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish.

This Week's Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 2.1-8.*

2 You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain,² but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition.

³ For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery,⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.

⁵ As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with

Continued: *1Thessalonians 2.1-8.*

words of flattery or with a pretext for greed;⁶ nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others,⁷ though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children.⁸ So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

This Week's Gospel Reading: *Matthew 22.34 - end.*

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together,³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

³⁶ 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?'

³⁷ He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment.³⁹ And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question:⁴² 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.'

⁴³ He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,⁴⁴ "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' "?

⁴⁵ If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?'

⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Next Weeks Readings: *Revelation 7. 9-end, Psalm 34. 1-10, 1 John 3. 1-3, Matthew 5. 1-12.*

Prayer of Intercession

We pray for the Church during this month of October, following Bishop Hughs' vision last Wednesday. As we welcomed in his renewed mission, to reach the margins of our world with Christ's message of faith, mercy, and unconditional love.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for global leaders and policymakers. For new seasons and new challenges this autumn, may we be granted the wisdom to protect the vulnerable, foster international cooperation, and safeguard the fruits of the earth for all generations.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As we think about our growing parishes, local communities, and families, we pray that we may use this time of year to deepen our faith, practice intentional kindness, and be an active source of comfort to those facing financial, emotional, or spiritual difficulties.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick, the elderly, and all who face chronic suffering, so they may feel the comforting presence of God in their trials and receive compassionate care from their families and medical professionals.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

May all students, teachers, and families be blessed with perseverance, curiosity, and safe environments that continue to nurture both knowledge and character. We pray that all children may have support and nourishment needed to flourish, that they may feel peace in times of chaos. May we lead them with stories and wisdom to grow strong.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the recently deceased and anniversaries which occur this month. That they may rest in the fullness of God's heavenly peace, and that those who mourn their passing may be comforted by the promise of the resurrection.

Lord have mercy, **Accept these prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**