



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

Weekly Notice – 3rd August 2025
Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Today's Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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.

Today's Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and forever.

Next Week's Services: Sunday 10th August

10:00 am	Harvington	Christian Unity Service
10:00 am	Church Lench	Benefice Communion

*Please remember **Caring Hands** (charity supporting local poverty), whilst shopping to add an extra item or two to your basket. They need toiletries, toilet rolls, tins, dried goods, and items that can be cooked via a kettle, single ring hob or microwave.*

Prayer

We pray for those needing food when the cupboards are bare, or when crops fail to grow with little to spare. We pray for countries seeking aid overseas and Foodbank organisations universally. No one should go hungry and yet they do, so help us to do all we can to support those left hungry.

God of abundance: **hear our prayer.**

For those hungry for love, hungry for care, hungry for compassion, hungry for purpose, may they find what they need and what they seek from the abundance of your richness to the world.

For those who don't seek abundance, but simply seek a shelter to surround them, a roof to protect them, a place to call home, a place to belong, a place to be the best they can be.

God of abundance: **hear our prayer.**

For the fearful and the frightened, the bewildered and bemused as the pace of life overtakes them. For those feeling like they no longer belong where they used to, or no longer understand what they used to. For the NHS and Social Care and Social Workers striving to see people as a whole and to meet their needs when surrounded with pressures and cutbacks and shortages and complaints.

God of abundance: **hear our prayer.**

For universal leaders having to re-adjust to life's changing needs and demands. May they have open eyes to see the real needs, open ears to hear the real cries, open hands to reach out in compassion, and open minds to change their minds and policies when needed.

God of abundance: **hear our prayer.**

For ourselves that we may live fruitful, helping the lives of others and respecting others' dignity, fairness and worth. Loving as we are loved, and as Jesus commanded.

God of abundance: **hear our prayer. Amen.**

This Week's First Reading: *Hosea 11.1-11*

“When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.² But the more they were called, the more they went away from me.^[a] They sacrificed to the Baals and they burned incense to images.³ It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realize it was I who healed them.⁴ I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love. To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them.⁵ “Will they not return to Egypt and will not Assyria rule over them because they refuse to repent?⁶ A sword will flash in their cities; it will devour their false prophets and put an end to their plans.⁷ My people are determined to turn from me. Even though they call me God Most High, I will by no means exalt them.⁸ “How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? How can I treat you like Admah? How can I make you like Zeboyim? My heart is changed within me; all my compassion is aroused.⁹ I will not carry out my fierce anger, nor will I devastate Ephraim again. For I am God, and not a man— the Holy One among you. I will not come against their cities.¹⁰ They will follow the Lord; he will roar like a lion. When he roars, his children will come trembling from the west.¹¹ They will come from Egypt, trembling like sparrows, from Assyria, fluttering like doves. I will settle them in their homes,” declares the Lord.

This Week's Psalm: *Psalm 107.1-9*

1. Give thanks to the lord, for he is good, and his mercy endured forever.
2. Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
3. He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
4. Some wandered in desert wastes; they found no way to a city where they might dwell.
5. They were hungry and thirsty; their spirits languished within them.
6. Then they cried to the lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.
7. He put their feet on a straight path to go to a city where they might dwell.
8. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children.
9. For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

This Weeks Second Reading: *Colossians 3.1-11*

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry).

Continuing: *Colossians 3.1-11*

⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things— anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

This Weeks Gospel Reading: *Luke 12:13-21*

¹³Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ ¹⁴But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ ¹⁵And he said to the crowd, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” ¹⁸Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’” ²⁰But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you.

Continuing: *Luke 12:13-21*

And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

Next Weeks First Reading: *Isaiah 1:1, 10-20*

¹The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! ¹¹What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

¹²When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; ¹³bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation – I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

¹⁴Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. ¹⁵When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. ¹⁶Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, ¹⁷learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

¹⁸Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. ¹⁹If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; ²⁰but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Next Weeks Psalm: *Psalm 50:1-8, 23-end*

1. The Mighty One, God, the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to where it sets.
2. From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.
3. Our God comes and will not be silent a fire devours before him, and around him tempest rages.
4. He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may judge his people:
5. “Gather to me this consecrated people, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”
6. And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for he is a God of justice.
7. “Listen, my people, and I will speak; I will testify against you, Israel: I am God, your God.
8. I bring no charges against you concerning your sacrifices or concerning your burnt offerings, which are ever before me.
23. Those who sacrifice thank offerings honor me, and to the blameless I will show my salvation.”

This Week's Second Reading: *Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

¹Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old— and Sarah herself was barren— because he considered him faithful who had promised.

Continuing: *Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Next week's Gospel Reading: *Luke 12:32-40*

Jesus said to his disciples, ³²'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'