

Sunday 6th September
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Collect

Holy and eternal God, you are the Maker of heaven and earth,
you are the Word through whom all things were made, and you
are the Spirit, the giver of life: draw us into the mystery of your
love, that with all creation we may proclaim your praise,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the
heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart
of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your
table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's
cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Next Week Services: Sunday 13th September

10.00am	Norton & Lenchwick	Church @ 10
10.00am	Harvington	Holy Communion
11.00am	Church Lench	Lay Led (Church @ 11)
10.00am	Rous Lench	Church @10

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

Events

- St. James' Church Harvington CAMEO teas 9th September 3pm.
- Rous Lench Family Pub Night 18th September 6:30pm.
- Harvest Suppers in October :
 - 16th Oct – Abbots Morton HS, 6:30-7pm. Pippa: pippa@p1g.co.uk.
 - 24th Oct – Rous Lench HS, 7pm. £15 entry. Fran: herdmanfrances@gmail.com.
 - 11th Oct – St. James' Harvington Bring & Share Harvest Lunch, 11:45am.

This Week's First Reading: *Ezekiel 33. 7-11.*

⁷ “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸ When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. ⁹ But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

¹⁰ “Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?”’¹¹ Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’

This Weeks Psalm: *Psalms 119. 33-40.*

33 Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart.

35 Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.

36 Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.

37 Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, so that you may be feared.

39 Take away the disgrace I dread, for your laws are good.

40 How I long for your precepts! In your righteousness preserve my life.

This Week's Second Reading: *Romans 13. 8-end.*

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Continued: *Romans 13. 8-end*

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

This Week's Gospel Reading: *Matthew 18. 15-20.*

Dealing with Sin in the Church

¹⁵ "if your brother or sisters sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen, you have won them over.

¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses'

¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be lost in heaven.

¹⁹ "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in Heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Next Weeks Readings: Readings: Genesis 50. 15-21, Psalm 103. 1-13, Romans 14. 1-12, Matthew 18. 21-35.

Prayer of Intercession

We turn with confidence to our heavenly Father and place before him the needs of our community and the world in which we live.

We pray for the church, that she may be a place of reconciliation and healing, helping all people to encounter the mercy and love of Christ.

Lord God, **hear our prayer.**

Let the love within our parish community shape the way we speak, the choices we make and the way we care for one another.

May our families and communities experiencing division find the courage to forgive, seek peace and rebuild stronger relationships.

Lord God, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our children and young people beginning a new school or college year. We pray that they may grow in confidence, wisdom and compassion. That all children listen to what the world has to offer and find their own voice to contribute to society and help welcome in others.

Lord God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick, anxious or carrying heavy burdens: that they may know the closeness of Christ and experience the care of those around them. We also pray for all who live in fear because of war or violence, so that they may find safety, protection and hope.

Lord God, **hear our prayer.**

We give our love for those who have recently past away, that they may be welcomed into the fullness of life in God's presence. We pray that all those feeling left behind find the strength to continue to share God's love on earth as the Lord intended.

Lord God, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, hear the prayers we place before you and strengthen us to live faithfully in your love. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**