

# To show our love for God and You October 2025



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ARCH Benefice: Parishes of Abbots Morton, Rous Lench, Church Lench

and Harvington

Rector: Interregnum

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# Readings

**5th October** Habbakuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4, Psalm 37.1-9, 2 Timothy 1.1-14, Luke 17. 5-

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**12th October** Jeremiah 29.1 4-7, Psalm 66. 1-11, 2 Timothy 2.8-15, Luke 17. 11-19

**19th October** Jeremiah 31. 22-24, Psalm 119/97-104, 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5, Luke

18.1-8

**26th October** Joel 2.23—end, Psalm 65, 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18, Luke 18.9-14



**Editorial:** 

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# Thought for the month

# We plough the fields and scatter

These comforting and familiar words are heard in churches across the country at harvest. Interestingly, though, the first recognisable harvest service in church, as we would recognise it today, wasn't until 1843, at a church in Morwenstow, Cornwall. That's not to say that harvest hasn't been celebrated and thanks given before this. Even the Ancient Greeks had a God of the Harvest. As Christians we believe that everything was created by God and it is to God we give thanks but saying 'Thank You' shouldn't be limited.

It has been a dry hard year for our famers and our thanks to them for their hard work can never be enough. But I would also like to say thank you to all those whose work goes unseen and unappreciated. Many work in jobs which are crucial to the way we live and how our society functions. Let us this harvest say 'Thank You' for all God's produce: those from the land, those from our labours and those from our community.

Harvests are celebrated at different times around the world, so there is never a wrong time to say 'Thank you'. Please come and join us as we celebrate and say thank you in services, lunches and suppers.

No matter what time of year it is, I pray that we never take our bounty for granted but remember how lucky we are and say a big **THANK YOU**. Amen

Dr Pippa Heenan Licenced Lay Minister

Stop date for next issue: Monday 13th October

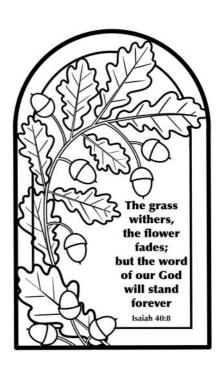
# Interregnum

Daily prayers: via Zoom – contact Revd Chris Sheehan for details

8.30am (e-mail chris@archbenefice.org.uk)

# Pastoral calls and contacts

During the interregnum period, please can any urgent pastoral requests or contact be made through Rev'd Chris Sheehan, or by contacting a member of your local church community.



# From the Registers

#### Church Lench

16th August Wedding 30th August Wedding

Any additional services in September will be included in the next edition

# A Message from the new Rector

As I sit to write this short article on a Saturday evening early in September, a change is in the air. The nights are drawing in and the evening has a chill to its edge, even the trees seem to be preparing for the changing of the seasons as the odd leaf falls here and there.



As we prepare for our move to the ARCH Benefice, I find myself pausing. I reflect on my last 13 years as a Team Vicar in the Christ the King team with the people of Headless Cross, Crabbs Cross, Astwood Bank and Feckenham with fond memories and thankful for all that has been. While at the same time I look ahead with huge excitement and a little apprehension to the next chapter as Rector of the ARCH Benefice. Some of you I have met already and have assured me of your prayers for me and the family. Thank you for holding us in prayer at this time of change and moving to new pastures.

Likewise, we are holding you in our prayers and we look forward to being with our brothers and sisters in Christ as we journey together the next chapter of mission and ministry in this place.

I am looking forward to meeting you all soon. When I am not leading worship or chairing meetings, I enjoy talking with people over tea and cake (lemon drizzle or jam sponge). When not working I enjoy reading non-fiction, watching re-runs of 1980's TV and anything with a spaceship in, the music of Jackson Browne, American Football (go Seattle Seahawks) and the odd bottle of beer.

We are excited to be joining you just before Christmas and the chance to celebrate with you the birth of a baby that changed the world.

The first half of this decade has led us along a tumultuous road we could not have anticipated, and the future may seem difficult to discern, but we face an unknown future with a known God; we trust in the leading of the Spirit and promises he gives us in Jesus his Son.

May God bless you and those you love, and we'll see you soon. Fr Glenn

## **Benefice News**





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# Welcome!

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October Harvington Village Hall, 3.30 - 5.30pm Crafts, story, song and a FREE 2-course meal. All welcome!

# Caring Hands foodbank – please keep it going

Please remember Caring Hands when doing your weekly shop and purchase an extra item or two for the foodbank; toilet rolls. toiletries, tinned and dried goods are always welcome.

Items can be left in the donation boxes in our parish churches.





# The Prayer at Midnight

As we remember St Luke this month, let's note that one of the major themes in his gospel is prayer. Jesus tells the *Parable of the Friend at Midnight* (Luke 11:5-8) in the context of teaching His disciples to pray (1).

#### **Pray Shamelessly:**

In the parable a man approaches his friend at midnight and asking: 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him' (5-6). Despite the hour, the rules of hospitality mean that this is not an unreasonable request. Jesus says, 'though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will rise and give him whatever he needs' (8). Jesus is telling us to approach our heavenly Father in 'shameless boldness' with our needs. As adopted children we should have no hesitancy in coming to talk with our Father. It is not God who is reluctant to answer, but we to ask. Do we pray with shameless boldness?

#### **Pray Persistently:**

Like children we should be persistent in our requests: 'Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.' (9). All three verbs indicate a continual habit: 'Keep on asking...seeking...knocking'. We will not be content simply to ask once and then move on. Jesus tells us to bring our prayers to God persistently. Do we give up too easily in prayer?

#### Pray Expectantly:

'For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.' (10). Are we expectant in our prayers, believing that God delights in meeting our requests? Why not begin this adventure of prayer today!

#### - Canon Paul Hardingham



# The Nicene Creed: The Holy Spirit

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

This month we are considering what the Nicene Creed says about the Holy Spirit.

'We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life': The original version of the Nicene Creed ended simply 'We believe in the Holy Spirit.' However, the phrase 'the Lord, the giver of life' was added to counter the teachings of Macedonius (Bishop of Constantinople), who viewed the Holy Spirit as a creation of the Son. The Holy Spirit is part of the Trinity who shapes us, according to Christ's image, through His fruit and gifts: 'the Spirit gives life...we are being transformed into His image with everincreasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.' (2 Corinthians 3:6,18).

'who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified': In the late 6th century the Latin churches added the phrase 'and the Son' (the Filioque Clause), which was rejected by the Orthodox Churches. Augustine described the Spirit as 'love proceeding' from the Father and the Son, so we can know God: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, He will testify about me.' (John 15:26).

The Creed is clear that the Holy Spirit is due equal status and worship with the Father and the Son, as a distinct divine person: 'May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.' (2 Corinthians 13:14).

'He has spoken through the Prophets': Why does the Creed include this activity of the Spirit? It is not just referring to the OT prophets, but the whole of Scripture. He has inspired Scripture, so that we have God's word communicated by human writers: 'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness' (2 Timothy 3:16). When we read the Bible, the Spirit enables us to hear what God is saying to us.

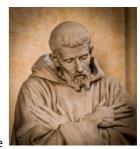
In what areas of life have you felt the Holy Spirit at work in you?

- Canon Paul Hardingham

# Saint of the Month

#### 4th October - Feast of St Francis and the Life of Simplicity

Just about the only thing most people know about Francis of Assisi is that he talked to the birds. Church-goers also know the popular hymn based on his famous prayer, 'Make me a channel of your Peace', which was sung at the funeral of Princess Diana.



However, Italy's patron saint, whose feast day is this month (the

4th) was a more complex, and some would say controversial character. His life spanned the end of the 12th and beginning of the 13th centuries. He was born into a very wealthy family, but after what he called his 'conversion' standing before a crucifix, he renounced all his possessions. In fact, he stripped himself of his of his wealthy garments in a public square in his hometown, Assisi.

For the rest of his life, he and his followers, including his feminine counterpart, St Clare, longed, prayed and worked for a life of simplicity — a lifestyle without luxury or privileges. For the Franciscan brothers and the Poor Clares, this meant no private possessions at all. Francis saw that many poor people without these things, actually seemed to live happier and more fulfilling lives than the ambitious rich. He spoke of a simple life not shaped by money or power but by love and mutual concern. As his hymn says, 'it is in giving of ourselves that we receive'.

Of course, poverty, in our modern western world, is seldom a matter of blissful simplicity, as present-day Franciscans recognise. For too many it is a matter of poor diet, over-crowded rooms, rough sleeping and unemployment. The call of today's followers of Francis and Clare is that those who are better-off should 'live more simply, so that others can simply live'. Christians follow a Master who said that He came with 'good news for the poor'. They believe that many of us today can be that good news.

#### **Prayer of St Francis**

Make me an instrument of your peace: Where there is hatred, let me sow your love; Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord; And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

## From St James' The Least

My dear Nephew Darren,

So, you are being encouraged to look at adverts for parishes for that happy day when you will have charge of your own church. You wonder if you should look to moving to another part of the country; I suspect it may be better if you look to moving to another planet, as your reputation may not yet have travelled that far.

Reading the specifications that parishes provide, giving a picture of life in their community, need to be read in the same way as estate agents' specifications for houses for sale. Both demonstrate a triumph of optimism over reality. Let me help you decode some of the statements you will find:

"We look to grow our Sunday School" – We do not have a Sunday School.

"We have an enthusiastic choir" – We have a choir totally out of control.

"Our youth group is always eager to learn" - Our youth group experiments with some strange substances.

"While cherishing our traditions, we see the need for change" – We always see the need for change, but alter anything at your peril.

"Plans for church renovations are in hand" – The building is in imminent danger of collapse.

"We have a large range of church groups" – You will have to run a large range of church groups singlehandedly.

"The vicarage is being refurbished" – The vicarage is a death trap. Its rising damp and dangerous electrics will not be fixed for many months yet.

"There is opportunity for developing ecumenical relations" – No one in living memory has ever spoken to clergy of other denominations in our town.

My dear nephew, caveat emptor. Let the buyer beware! Your loving uncle, Eustace

# St Peter's, Rous Lench

#### ST PETER'S

Come and join us at Rous Lench Village Hall on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October for a **supper to celebrate harvest time**. There will be a delicious home-cooked two course meal plus some entertainment and a prize raffle. Tickets cost just **£15** each. Please contact \*\*\*\*\* for tickets. The bar will be open from 7pm. All proceeds in aid of St Peter's church funds.

#### **VILLAGE HALL**

The village pub will be open on the following dates (all Fridays 7.30pm onwards unless stated otherwise):

10<sup>th</sup> October 24<sup>th</sup> October – 6.30pm start 7<sup>th</sup> November 21<sup>st</sup> November (6.30pm start)

5<sup>th</sup> December

Please come along, the atmosphere is great and it's a lovely way to spend an evening. Please note the early starts on 24<sup>th</sup> October and 21<sup>st</sup> November. This is to encourage families to come along and join in the fun.

## Date for your diary Curry and Quiz night – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

\*\*\*\*\* will be testing our knowledge with one of her fun quizzes and a warming curry will be served. More details to follow soon



# Rous Lench Parish Council

#### **ROUS LENCH PARISH COUNCIL**

The next meetings of the Parish Council are:

25 November 2025 at 7pm 20 January 2026 at 7pm 24 March 2026 at 7pm

All meetings are held at Rous Lench Village Hall and the public are welcome to attend.

Clerk to the Parish Council: <a href="mailto:rouslenchpc@gmail.com">rouslenchpc@gmail.com</a>

# ROYAL BRITISH LEGION ROUS LENCH AND INKBERROW BRANCH POPPY APPEAL COFFEE MORNINGS 2025

Saturday, 04th October, The Bulls Head, Inkberrow \*
Saturday, 18th October Lenches Club, Church Lench \*
Saturday, 15th November, Th Boot Inn, Flyford Flavell
1030 am -12 noon

Raffle , Rollover Raffle, Homemade Cakes and more. \* and Tombola

Entrance £2 includes light refreshment

All Welcome. Proceeds to RBL Poppy Appeal

**PLUS** Wednesday 29th October
Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning at the Wheelbarrow Castle, Radford. 10.30 to 12 noon.





# All Saints, Church Lench

#### Flower Rota

4th October 18th October 1st November Combined effort Harvest Festival

#### **HARVEST LUNCH**

Sunday 5th October, 12.15pm in the Village Hall

A reminder that there is still just time to purchase your tickets for the Harvest Lunch. The 2-course meal is priced at £15.00 and there will be a bar and a raffle. Further information or tickets are available from members of the PCC,

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please put the following November dates in your diary!!

Wednesday 12th November: Autumn Coffee Morning at the home of Saturday 29th November: Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall

Further information about both of these events can be obtained by contacting



## **Church Lench First School**

#### Welcome Back!

It has been lovely to see the children returning to school this week – they have settled back in so well and are enjoying reconnecting with their friends.

This term, we have an exciting range of learning planned for our pupils. Our younger children will be exploring "Seaside: Past and Present." They will develop important geographical vocabulary linked to coastlines and discover how Victorian families spent their days at the seaside compared with the present day.

Our Year 2 and Year 3 pupils will be learning about the Great Fire of London in Pudding Lane. They will explore how firefighting equipment has changed over time and study the famous diaries of Samuel Pepys.

Our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils will be immersed in the fascinating world of the Vikings, learning why and how they settled in Britain. To bring their learning to life, the topic will conclude with an exciting visit to Bishops Wood in December, where pupils will experience life aboard a Viking ship!

#### **New Education Trust**

Our trust has now been renamed as the New Education Trust which we are part of along with Bengeworth CE First School and Bretforton Village First School.

We are also very excited to announce that we are part of the 'Great Teaching School' this year which will provide excellent CPD for staff based on evidence-based education. This in turn will improve practice and provide excellent learning opportunities for all of our pupils.

# **Great Teaching** School



#### **Owl in our Grounds**

Our eagle-eyed children spotted a poorly tawny owl in the hedge on our field recently at lunchtime. Vale wildlife came out to swiftly to collect him and updates from the centre have confirmed he is safe and well although a little undernourished! This year we have decided to split our harvest contributions between Caring Hands and the Vale Wildlife Centre.

Mrs S Price Headteacher

## **South Lenches Parish Council**

#### Could You Be a Parish Councillor?

South Lenches Parish Council is looking for new councillors to join our team.

- Do you care about your community?
- Do you want to help shape the future of our parish?
- Do you enjoy working with others to make a difference?

Becoming a parish councillor is a rewarding way to:

- Give back to your community and help improve local life
- Have a say in the decisions that affect our villages and residents
- Work on projects that matter from green spaces and footpaths to local events and planning
- Learn new skills and meet new people

You don't need any special qualifications – just enthusiasm, ideas, and a willingness to listen and work together. The Parish Council meets 6 times a year, so the time commitment is easily managed.

# THE LENCHES TENNIS CLUB KEEP FIT CARDIO TENNIS SESSIONS

We are running these every Tuesday at 6.30pm
Everyone is welcome. Membership is not necessary
You don't need to be skilled at tennis, it is not too strenuous
For 1 hour you run around, gets your heart pumping

Coach is £5 per session

To join the Whats App group

Contact





# St James's Church, Harvington

# SAVE THE DATES

5th

Harvest Service - 11am, followed by bring and share lunch.
St James's Church, Harvington

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6th NOV Craft, Cards, Coffee & Chat - 10.30 am -12.30pm St James's Church, Harvington

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15th NOV

Craft, Cards, Coffee & Chat - 2-4pm St James's Church, Harvington

13th DEC

Christmas Fair with Santa's Grotto, Games, Cafe & more 11am - 2pm - Village Hall, Harvington

\*any items you wish to donate for the Tombola stall, will be gratefully received, there will be a box in the church, by the children's corner from 1st October.\*

Please look out for more details about each event in further copies of the Arch Messenger and on our events Facebook page St James's Events

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# St James's Church, Harvington

#### TREE OF LIGHT

The Tree of Light Service will again be held at St James' Church in Harvington at 6.30pm on Sunday 2nd November 2024, All Souls' Day, Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. After the service, the tree lights will be turned on.

To have the name of your loved one(s) written on our Commemorative Scroll, which will be displayed in the Prayer Corner of the church, please send to \*\*\*\*\*, or use the insert to be dropped off at

We hope and pray that you will find comfort in this act of remembrance. If you wish to make a donation to the work of the church, in memory of your loved one, please pay by bank transfer in the usual way or make cheques payable to Harvington St James PCC

# FAITH TODAY 17th October 10am Breslau

The focus which we are concentrating on for October is the <u>Nicene Creed.</u>
During the Church Service on Sundays we always say <u>the Creed!</u>
"We believe in God the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen ......"

David Foster will be leading us through this very interesting subject which goes back 1700 years.

We hope you will be able to join us as it should be a very informative morning. The discussion group always enjoys newcomers.

Refreshments are served.

For further information please contact:

#### **CAMEO TEAS**

Wednesday, 8th October, at the church, 3pm

All welcome for tea, coffee, cake and a chat! We look forward to seeing you.

# **Harvington First School**

It has been a great pleasure to join Harvington CE First and Nursery School this September. The school community has been incredibly welcoming and I have been impressed each and every day by the children's positive attitude to their learning.

We have enjoyed a wonderful start to the new academic year. In Nursery, children have been busy exploring their classroom, making new friends, singing songs and having lots of lots of fun playing.

Our new Reception class has been sharing some great books like Handa's Surprise and The Very Hungry Caterpillar. They have been preparing for our Harvest Festival and comparing the past to the present.

Year 1 has enjoyed an amazing day trip to Bishops Wood, near Stourport. They have been exploring what we see when the seasons change and have been putting together some rather funky dances in PE.

In Year 2 the children have been learning about what the space race was and went to Leicester Space Centre to learn all about space travel.

Year 3 have been to Birmingham Museum to support their learning all about the Ancient Egyptians. They have loved finding out about pyramids, and how mummies were made!

The children in Year 4 have been learning about where our food comes from and have tried their hand at producing their own animations in their computing lessons.

And finally, Year 5 enjoyed a fascinating trip to Compton Verney to experience what life was like for Vikings.

As you can see, it's been a busy start to the year!

Mr Holdstock Headteacher Harvington CE First and Nursery School





# Harvington

# Harvington Community Support Group (07591 377367)

The Community Support Group is a small team of DBS checked volunteers who are able to help Harvington residents who might need a hand. We are often able to assist with, for instance, transport for appointments, occasional shopping, small DIY jobs, helping with admin such as form-filling etc, or just a friendly visit or to sit-in while a carer takes a short break.



For bigger concerns we may be able to give advice or point you in the right direction. So, if you need any help, please contact the co-ordinators, , on . (Leave a message if we don't answer and we **will** get back to you

# Financial emergency? Extra help needed? Live in Harvington?

St James' Church manages an emergency fund on behalf of the community. If you need a little financial assistance, please call **07703 988208** and we will offer what support we can.

If you are in a position to top up the funds, we would be very grateful!

#### **Phoenix Ladies**

Phoenix Ladies group meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall, Harvington at 7.45pm. All ladies are welcome and details of membership will be available on arrival. A £5 charge will be made for non-members attending.

The group organises a variety of interesting talks, activities and trips. Some recent events have included a Pickleball evening, a garden party with a cream tea included for members and our last talk at the meeting in August was given by Ruth Lowe on the topic of 1960s fashion.

# Abbots Morton St Peter's Church (www.abbotsmorton.info/st-peters-church)

#### **HARVEST SUPPER**

The **HARVEST SUPPER** will be in Abbots Morton Village Hall on Friday the 10th October. This year we will have having a traditional **PORK ROAST CARVERY** (Pork carved by Winston). Tickets will be **£15** for Carvery and Pudding. Bring your own drinks. 6.30pm for 7pm start. Raffle and good cheer on offer.

To book a place please contact

#### **BRING AND SHARE LIBRARY**

Following a request from the Parochial Parish Council St Peters Abbot Morton is proud to announce the opening of a **BRING and SHARE Library**. If you would like to buy rather than borrow any of the books there will be a donation slot onto of the cupboard, all proceeds to church funds. There is a glass fronted book case at the back of the church, and the beautiful prayer corner has moved to the left of the font. Please bring your old books to share and borrow new ones to enjoy. The church is **open every day** to enjoy the quiet space and moment of reflection. All are welcome.



...if you have been affected by any of the issues raised in this sermon...

# **Abbots Morton Village Hall**

(www.abbotsmorton.info/abbots-morton-village-hall)

Follow us on Facebook for up to date information. If you would like to be added to The Friends of AMVH whatsapp group, please drop us an email with your details.

#### Abbots Morton 'Bimble' Worcestershire Car Drive Out.

Saturday 4th October, 1.30pm. To meet at The Old Bull, Inkberrow and follow a planned route, returning to Abbots Morton Village Hall for 4.30pm where tea & coffee will be served, followed by a talk and a small exhibition. Hot food will be served at 6.30pm. BYOB. Car themed raffle. All car types are welcome. £12.50 pp. Please contact for further info and tickets.

CAR THEMED RAFFLE donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully received. Please hand them to Debra Carew-Cox, or any committee member.

Community Coffee Morning, first Tuesday of every month. Tuesday 7th October, 10am to 12 noon.

If you haven't been to one of our coffee mornings yet, please drop by anytime between 10am and 12 noon. It's absolutely free and a lovely opportunity to spend a couple of hours with others in the community. Please join us - you'll get a warm welcome. Donations to the Power Pot are gratefully received.

**Tai Chi** Wednesdays 10am - 11am. Tai Chi is run by

**Yoga Sessions** Monday and Thursday mornings, 9.45-10.45am Amy from Astwood Bank now runs two yoga classes in the Village Hall on Monday and Thursday mornings. If you would like to join please call Amy on .

**Pilates with Allyson** on the following Wednesdays 3rd September, 10th September, 24th September, 8th October, 15th October and 22nd October.

#### **FUTURE EVENTS**

**Christmas Quiz Night** our next quiz night will be on **Friday 28th November.** Bunce will again be our quizmasters, and tickets will include a glass of Willingale mulled wine and festive nibbles! Further details to follow

**CPR Session.** On **Saturday 17th January 2026** Antony will be holding a CPR Session at **2pm**. This time has been chosen to allow families to attend and will be **FREE** of

## **Abbots Morton**

**CPR Session.** On **Saturday 17th January 2026** Antony will be holding a CPR Session at **2pm**. This time has been chosen to allow families to attend and will be **FREE** of charge. There will be an opportunity for donations to be shared equally between **AMVH** and **The Vale of Evesham Community First Responders**.

#### **Easyfundraising**

We have 28 supporters to date. The Village Hall has benefitted from the scheme by almost £1,400 thanks to our supporters. By joining you can help to raise funds for your Hall every time you shop online at NO cost to yourself. Just go to <a href="https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/abbotsmortonvillagehall">www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/abbotsmortonvillagehall</a> and sign up to help the Village Hall every time you shop online.

#### ABBOTS MORTON PARISH COUNCIL

All parishioners are welcome to attend our Parish Council meetings. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 27th November at 8pm in Abbots Morton Village Hall.

Further details and agendas can be found at www.abbotsmorton.info. Residents are invited to put forward any ideas, concerns or queries during public question time.

If you cannot attend in person then please raise issues with the Clerk at abbotsmortonpc@gmail.com.

There are currently two vacancies on Abbots Morton Parish Council. These two posts will be filled by the co-option process through the Parish Council. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor please contact the Clerk at abbotsmortonpc@gmail.com for more information.



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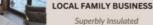


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VH Village Hall

BCP Book of Common Prayer Service

All other communion services use the Common Worship liturgy

# 10:30am Remembrance Service 9.30am Holy Communion (CW) 3:30pm Messy Church 3.00pm Installation of Communion (CW) **09:30am Holy** Family Service Rev Reading Harvington Tree of Light 9.30am 6:30pm **ARCH Benefice November 2025** Holy Communion BCP Communion (CW) **Church Lench** 11am Family Service Remembrance 11am Lay Led Service Benefice 10:50am Service 8.30am 10am 11am Holy Communion BCP 11am Morning Service 11am Morning Service **Rous Lench Abbots Morton** Remembrance Service 11am Morning Service 10:50am 2nd November 9th November November November 30th November (key on p26) **16th**

# **ARCH Benefice October 2025**

(key on p26)	Abbots Morton	Rous Lench	Church Lench	Harvington
5th October		8:30am Holy Communion (BCP)	11:00am Harvest Festival	11:00am Harvest Festival 6:30pmHoly Communion (BCP)
12th October	11:00am Harvest Festival		11:00am Lay-led Service	9:30am Holy Communion (CW)
19th October		11:00am Harvest Festival	8:30am Holy Communion (BCP)	9:30am Family Service
26th October	11:00am Morning Service		11:00am Family Service	9:30am Holy Communion (CW) 3:30pm Messy Church