

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

Sunday 21st September

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Collect

Almighty God, whose only son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in Spirit and in truth; 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

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of the bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week Services: 28th September

9:30am	Harvington	Holy Communion
11:00am	Church Lench	Family Communion
11:00am	Abbots Morton	Morning Service
15:00am	Harvington	Messy Church

Inkberrow will be running a Bishops Certificate course from Autumn 2025-2026. This will be led by Rev Ian Perry. If you are interested, please contact ian.pez@hotmail.co.uk or pippa@p1g.co.uk for more information.

Prayer of Intercession

We pray for our troubled world. Especially the city of Gaza where the situation is so dreadful. So much destruction, so many casualties of war. We pray for the safety and protection of all human life. We pray for those who live in fear of the harm others can do them. For those in fear of their lives. We pray for situations where life isn't valued as sacred. We pray also for those who have just found life too much, and not been able to cope any longer and for the families they leave behind.

O Lord, hear our prayer **And help us to be real, as we serve you.**

We pray for our royal family, especially during this time of cementing relationships with America. We pray for all powerful people, that they might have good advisors around them, helping to keep them rooted for the good of the real world. We pray for a world where people are often intolerant of each other's views, and struggle to live together in harmony.

O Lord, hear our prayer **And help us to be real, as we serve you.**

We pray for our government as they make financial decisions that may affect everyone. We pray for those who have little money, and struggle to make ends meet. For those who feel exploited. For those who don't have proper work contracts or can't even get a job. We pray for those who perhaps have too much, that they may use their resources wisely. Help us to be generous with our time and money.

O Lord, hear our prayer **And help us to be real, as we serve you.**

We pray for your blessing on each one of us gathered here, that we will represent you fully and faithfully in our daily lives. May we all be instrumental in making your world a better place. We think of those who suffer in mind, body or soul. We also remember those who have walked the great journey of life and who now sit embraced in your love.

O Lord, hear our prayer **And help us to be real, as we serve you.**

Remind us, O Lord, to pray continuously for the real world in which we live. And to be ready to be part of your answer. Amen.

This Week's First Reading: *Jeremiah 8.18 -9.1*

¹⁸ You who are my Comforter in sorrow, my heart is faint within me.¹⁹ Listen to the cry of my people from a land far away: "Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King no longer there?" "Why have they aroused my anger with their images, with their worthless foreign idols?"²⁰ "The harvest is past, the summer has ended, and we are not saved."

²¹ Since my people are crushed, I am crushed; I mourn, and horror grips me. ²² Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is there no healing for the wound of my people?

⁹ Oh, that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears! I would weep day and night for the slain of my people.

This Week's Psalm: *Psalms 79.1-9*

1.O God, the nations have invaded your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple, they have reduced Jerusalem to rubble.

2.They have left the dead bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the sky, the flesh of your own people for the animals of the wild.

3.They have poured out blood like water all around Jerusalem, and there is no one to bury the dead.

4.We are objects of contempt to our neighbors, of scorn and derision to those around us.

5.How long, LORD? Will you be angry forever? How long will your jealousy burn like fire?

6. Pour out your wrath on the nations that do not acknowledge you, on the kingdoms that do not call on your name;

7. For they have devoured Jacob and devastated his homeland.

8. Do not hold against us the sins of past generations; may your mercy come quickly to meet us, for we are in desperate need.

9. Help us, God our Savior, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins for your name's sake.

This Week's Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2.1-7

¹ I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— ²for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.⁷ And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

This Weeks Gospel Reading: Luke 16.1-13

Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ² so he called him in and asked him, 'what is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.' ³ The manager said to himself, 'what will I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm too ashamed to beg— ⁴ I know what I'll do so that, when I loose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses' ⁵ So he called in each one of his master's debtors.

He asked the first, 'how much do you owe my master?' ⁶ 'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.'

Continued: *Luke 16.1-13*

⁷ Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' 'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.' ⁸ The master commended the dishonest manager because he acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light.

⁹ I tell you, use the worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

¹⁰ Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹² And if you've not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? ¹³ No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

Next Week's Reading: *Jeremiah 32.1-3a 6-15.*

¹ This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. ² The army of the king of Babylon was then besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was confined in the courtyard of the guard in the royal palace of Judah. ³ Now Zedekiah king of Judah had imprisoned him there, saying, "Why do you prophesy as you do? You say, 'This is what the LORD says: I am about to give this city into the hands of the king of Babylon, and he will capture it.

⁶ Jeremiah said, "The word of the LORD came to me:⁷ Hanamel son of Shallum your uncle is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field at Anathoth, because as nearest relative it is your right and duty to buy it.' ⁸ "Then, just as the LORD had said, my cousin Hanamel came to me in the courtyard of the guard and said, 'Buy my field at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin.

Since it is your right to redeem it and possess it, buy it for yourself.’ “I knew that this was the word of the LORD;⁹ so I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out for him seventeen shekels of silver.¹⁰ I signed and sealed the deed, had it witnessed, and weighed out the silver on the scales. ¹¹ I took the deed of purchase—the sealed copy containing the terms and conditions, as well as the unsealed copy— ¹² and I gave this deed to Baruch son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel and of the witnesses who had signed the deed and of all the Jews sitting in the courtyard of the guard. ¹³ “In their presence I gave Baruch these instructions: ¹⁴ ‘This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Take these documents, both sealed and unsealed copies of the deed of purchase, and put them in a clay jar so they will last a long time.¹⁵ For this is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Houses, fields and vineyards will again be bought in this land.’

Next Week’s Psalm: *Psalm 91.1-6, 14-end.*

1. Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
2. I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”
3. Surely he will save you from the fowler’s snare and from the deadly pestilence.
4. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
5. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
6. nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.
14. “Because he loves me,” says the LORD, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

15. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.

16. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

Next Week’s Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6.6-19.

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. ¹¹ But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

¹³ In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you¹⁴ to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords,¹⁶ who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen. ¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Next Week's Gospel Reading: Luke 16.19-end.

¹⁹ Now there was a certain rich man, and he clothed himself in purple and fine linen, making merry every day in splendor. ²⁰ And a certain beggar named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores ²¹ And longing to be satisfied with the things falling from the rich man's table; moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² And the beggar died, and he was carried away by the angels into Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried. ²³ And in Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham from afar and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁴ And he called out and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in anguish in this flame. ²⁵ But Abraham said, Child, remember that in your lifetime you fully received your good things, and Lazarus likewise bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides all these things, between us and you a great chasm is fixed, so that those wanting to pass from here to you cannot, neither from there to us may *any* cross over. ²⁷ And he said, Then I ask you, Father, to send him to the house of my father — ²⁸ For I have five brothers — so that he may solemnly testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment. ²⁹ But Abraham said, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. ³⁰ But he said, No, Father Abraham; but if someone *risen* from the dead would go to them, they will repent. ³¹ But he said to him, If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.