

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

Weekly Notices

6th July 2025

Third Sunday after Trinity

Today's Collect

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Today's Post Communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Next Week's Services: Sunday 13th July

9:30 am	Harvington	Morning Service
11:00am	Abbots Morton	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Church Lench	Morning Service

Thank you SO much and Farewell

A fond farewell from Gill and I as we make our way to the South Coast. Thank you for your kindness and generosity which has been shown to us in innumerable ways over the last 24 years. Our prayers will remain with you as we carry memories of our journey together: the laughter, tears, joys and sorrows, fond memories of absent friends, and the delight of meeting new ones both young and a little older.

THANK YOU — LOVE AND BLESSINGS TO ALL

For Prayer

Save us, O Lord: from all that harms us and damages our relationships; from arrogance and pride and thinking we can go it alone; from protecting our own interests at the expense of the needy. We pray for kindness to guide our choices and that we would know our need of you. May your Spirit inspire us to put other people first and lead us to share what we have without counting the cost.

Generous and life-giving God **Heal our hurts and hear our prayer.**

Save us, O Lord: from failing to hear the cry of a suffering planet and from leaders who ignore the crises of a heating world; from turning off the news because it is too much to bear; from thinking our actions and choices are too small to matter. We pray for fresh determination to make a difference in the world and the ability to pay attention to what matters most. May your Spirit strengthen us for the work you call us to do in the world.

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Save us, O Lord: from weariness in doing what you ask of us; from closing our hearts to the need that is all around us; from ignoring the simple acts of love that we can do. We pray that you would give us strength to face our own troubles and courage to hear the cries of a broken world. May your Spirit renew our faith in your promise that you will never let us go.

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Save us, O Lord: from despair when things are tough; from loneliness and hopelessness; from failing to protect the most vulnerable in society. We pray for people we know who are struggling with illness, pain or distress; and all peoples of the earth whose daily life is a struggle for survival. May your Spirit show us how to respond and keep us faithful in prayer and joyful in serving others.

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Save us, O Lord: from looking for the spectacular and failing to notice the ordinary; from ignoring voices from the margins; from trying to fix problems instead of being faithfully present to others. We pray for the daily witness of our communities; and give thanks for gifts shared and hearts that are open to one another. May your Spirit open new ways for us to serve our neighbours and may we have the courage to do the humble acts of service you ask of us.

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This Week's First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-14

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.'

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.'

⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash,

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and be clean”?’ ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

This Week’s Psalm: *Psalm 30:1-12*

- 1 I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have raised me up and have not let my foes triumph over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you and you have healed me.
- 3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored me to life from among those that go down to the Pit.
- 4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; give thanks to his holy name.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour for a lifetime. Heaviness may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.
- 6 In my prosperity I said, ‘I shall never be moved. You, Lord, of your goodness, have made my hill so strong.’
- 7 Then you hid your face from me and I was utterly dismayed.
- 8 To you, O Lord, I cried; to the Lord I made my supplication:
- 9 ‘What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- 10 ‘Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper.’
- 11 You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness;
- 12 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

This Week’s Second Reading: *Galatians 6:7-16*

⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the

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Spirit. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised – only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

This Week's Gospel Reading: *Luke 10:1-11, 16-20*

¹The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹"Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you.

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Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.”

¹⁶Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.’

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!’ ¹⁸He said to them, ‘I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.’

Next Week’s First Reading: Amos 7:7-17

⁷This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb-line.’ Then the Lord said, ‘See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.’

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, ‘Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, “Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.”’ ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, ‘O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.’

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, ‘I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”’ ¹⁶Now therefore hear the word of the LORD. You say, “Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.” ¹⁷Therefore, thus says the LORD: “Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parcelled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.”’

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalm 82:1-8*

- 1 God has taken his stand in the council of heaven; in the midst of the gods he gives judgement:
- 2 'How long will you judge unjustly and show such favour to the wicked?
- 3 'You were to judge the weak and the orphan; defend the right of the humble and needy;
- 4 'Rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.
- 5 'They have no knowledge or wisdom; they walk on still in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 'Therefore I say that though you are gods and all of you children of the Most High,
- 7 'Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals and fall like one of their princes.'
- 8 Arise, O God and judge the earth, for it is you that shall take all nations for your possession.

Next Week's Second Reading: *Colossians 1:1-14*

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, ⁶the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you

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grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Next Week's Gospel Reading: *Luke 10:25-37*

²⁵A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ²⁶He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' ²⁷He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' ²⁸And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'

³⁰Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' ³⁷He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'