

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

Weekly Notices

8th June 2025

Pentecost

Today's Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week's Services

Sunday 15th June 2025: Trinity Sunday

9.30 am	Harvington	Holy Communion+
11.00 am	Church Lench	Morning Service
11.00 am	Abbots Morton	Holy Communion+

July/August issue of the *ARCH Messenger*

The stop date for the combined July/August issue of the *ARCH Messenger* is **tomorrow, Monday 9th June**

For Prayer

Heavenly Father, on this day of Pentecost, we ask that your Church here and all over the world will know a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. May we as Christians be unafraid to tell others about Jesus.

Loosen our tongues, Lord, to tell your wondrous story!

We pray that you will help us to speak in ways that those in our communities understand. May we be clear in our message of love, hope, and faith.

Loosen our tongues, Lord, to tell your wondrous story!

We ask that your Holy Spirit will be with us, bringing down any barriers which divide us.

Loosen our tongues, Lord, to tell your wondrous story!

Father, we pray for a world where divisions so often lead to warfare. Today we think particularly of the Middle East, where our faith began, different yet sharing things in common with other faiths; and we pray for peace among all the descendants of Abraham.

Lord, let there be peace

And we pray for the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, asking that common humanity might be recognised and common ground be found.

Lord, let there be peace

In all places where weapons wield unholy power, may your Holy Spirit break down barriers and bring peace. **Amen**

We think of all the things which divide us as Christians, Lord and we pray that we might learn to value this rich diversity for the blessing it is. As we picture in our minds all the churches within our community, we pray for empowerment in our common purpose to bear witness to you. May we be aware this day and always that our prayers rise as one to the God who listens to his children.

Therefore, hear us, O Father, as we pray for those who are unwell at this time, and for the bereaved, and for those who are vulnerable in our community; may we know how to reach out and touch them with your love, for the Holy Spirit has come among us in gentleness as well as power.

Hear our prayers, O Lord, and may the Holy Spirit open our ears as well as our lips, so that we listen to what you have to say to us in this day and age, your people ever walking onwards in the Way of Jesus. **Amen**

This Week's First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and

Acts 2:1-21 continued

your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This Week's Psalm: *Psalm 104:26-36, 37b*

- 26 O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 27 There is the sea, spread far and wide, and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.
- 28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan which you have made to play in the deep.
- 29 All of these look to you to give them their food in due season.
- 30 When you give it them, they gather it; you open your hand and they are filled with good.
- 31 When you hide your face they are troubled; when you take away their breath, they die and return again to the dust.
- 32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.
- 33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works;

Psalm 104:26-36. 37b continued

- 34 He looks on the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will make music to my God while I have my being.
- 36 So shall my song please him while I rejoice in the Lord.
- 37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia.

This Week's Second Reading: *Romans 8:14-17*

¹⁴All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

This Week's Gospel Reading: *John 14:8-17*

⁸Philip said to Jesus, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the

John 14:8-17 continued

works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

Next Week's First Reading: *Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31*

¹Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? ²On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: ⁴"To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

²²The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth — ²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalm 8:1-10*

- 1 O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!
- 2 Your majesty above the heavens is praised out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
- 3 You have founded a stronghold against your foes, that you might still the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have ordained,
- 5 What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them; mere human beings, that you should seek them out?
- 6 You have made them little lower than the angels and crown them with glory and honour.
- 7 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands and put all things under their feet,
- 8 All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!

Next Week's Second Reading: *Romans 5:1-5*

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Next Week's Gospel Reading: *John 16:12-15*

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹²'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'