

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

Weekly Notices

27th June 2025

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Collect

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you
in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week's Services: Sunday 3rd August

10.00 am	Harvington	<i>Joint Service at Harvington Baptist Church</i>
11.00 am	Abbots Morton	Benefice Family Communion

*Please remember **Caring Hands** while you're shopping and add an extra item or two to your basket. They need toiletries and toilet rolls, tins and dried goods, and items that can be cooked via a kettle, single-ring hob or microwave.*

For Prayer

Faithful God, You created a beautiful world for us to enjoy and treasure and you surround us with Earth's gifts to sustain us. Though our planet is damaged by greed and our destructive choices and the resources meant for everyone to share are exploited by a few; your healing is seen in the small steps we make towards more equal sharing. Forgive our short-term thinking and inspire us in the work needed to renew the Earth and fill us with gifts of compassion, bravery, joy and love for your world as we seek to challenge the deep structural injustices and build a fairer and more sustainable future.

We are hungry for hope and so we call to you: **Feed us with the bread of life.**

Faithful God, Your forgiveness towards us is limitless and though we often fail you, you give us strength to start again. We pray for a world in which we hold on to the things that unite us and where we seek the best for other people. We pray for our communities to be places of radical inclusion, where we look not on appearances but on the heart. May we show the same loving kindness to others that you have shown to us. May we be slow to judge other people and generous in our opinions of them.

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Faithful God, Your generosity to us is endless and you give us much more than we need or deserve. We cry to you on behalf of all who do not know where their next meal is coming from; we cry for victims of a massacre claimed to have been carried out by Syrian forces at a hospital in Suweida city; we cry for the seemingly endless deaths of civilians, especially children, at food aid sites in Gaza and for the horror of people being killed there as they seek the essentials for survival. We pray for urgency in ending this war; we pray for Palestinians risking their lives daily just to find food; we pray for strength to carry on for all aid workers and medical staff in Gaza and for humanitarian aid to be swift and generous. May there be justice for earth's suffering and starving peoples.

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Faithful God, Your love for us is unending and you are with us every step of life's journey. Though we walk through life's troubles you give us the strength we need to face each day's challenges. We pray for all in our community who are suffering in body or mind asking that you would surround them with your peace. In the quiet we name to you the people we know who are in particular need today and ask for courage and peace as they face illness or adversity.

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For Prayer (continued)

Faithful God You restore us and give us rest. As school terms end and holiday season begins, we pray for relaxation, peace of mind and fun for teachers, parents and students for time to think and to focus on what matters and for new energy to face the challenges of life as summer moves towards autumn. We are hungry for hope and so we call to you: **Feed us with the bread of life.**

This Week's First Reading: *Hosea 1:2-10*

²When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, 'Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD.' ³So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. ⁴And the LORD said to him, 'Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. ⁵On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.'

⁶She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, 'Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. ⁷But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.' ⁸When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. ⁹Then the LORD said, 'Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.'

¹⁰Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people', it shall be said to them, 'Children of the living God.'

This Week's Psalm: *Psalm 85:1-7*

- 1 Lord, you were gracious to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- 2 You forgave the offence of your people and covered all their sins.
- 3 You laid aside all your fury and turned from your wrathful indignation.
- 4 Restore us again, O God our Saviour, and let your anger cease from us.
- 5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? Will you stretch out your wrath from one generation to another?
- 6 Will you not give us life again, that your people may rejoice in you?
- 7 Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

This Week's Second Reading: *Colossians 2:6-15*

Brothers and sisters, ⁶as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the

Colossians 2:6-15 continued

power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

This Week's Gospel Reading: *Luke 11:1-13*

¹He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' ²He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

⁵And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." ⁷And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds,

Luke 11:1-13 continued

and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

Next Week's First Reading: *Hosea 11:1-11*

Hear the word of the Lord, O people.

¹When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

²The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. ³Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. ⁴I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.

⁵They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. ⁶The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. ⁷My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

⁸How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. ⁹I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. ¹⁰They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. ¹¹They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalm 107:1-9*

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, for his steadfast love endures for ever.
- 2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say this, those he redeemed from the hand of the enemy,
- 3 And gathered out of the lands from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some went astray in desert wastes and found no path to a city to dwell in.
- 5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul was fainting within them.
- 6 So they cried to the Lord in their trouble and he delivered them from their distress.
- 7 He set their feet on the right way till they came to a city to dwell in.
- 8 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness and the wonders he does for his children.
- 9 For he satisfies the longing soul and fills the hungry soul with good.

Next Week's Second Reading: *Colossians 3:1-11*

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Next Week's Gospel Reading: *Luke 12:13-21*

¹³Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' ¹⁴But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' ¹⁵And he said to the crowd, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" ¹⁸Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'"²⁰But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'