



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

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

**Today's Collect**

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Next Week Services: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

8:30am	Church Lench	Holy Communion
9:30am	Harvington	Family Service
11:00am	Rous Lench	Harvest Festival

*All are invited to the Licencing Service for our new Rector Rev Glenn Reading at 3pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> November at Harvington Church.  
Refreshments and cash bar provided at the coach and horses after.*

## **Prayer of Intercession**

Faithful God, we, your people, lift before you the world. Across the globe, there are so many places in conflict, torn apart by discord and violence. We pray for an end to these wars and for peaceful resolutions to be found. Give your guidance to world leaders who negotiate and oversee these changes. Lord, bring your gift of peace.

**Give us faith to know that you are at work in the world around us.**

Faithful God, we pray for those around the world who are marginalised. Those we are close to, those in our local communities, and the people groups around the world who are downtrodden and persecuted. We lift up the people of Afghanistan, where Taliban rule restricts their freedoms. For the women and young people who are barred from education, for those with restricted internet access that cuts off their communication, restricting their news of the outside world and their ability to run businesses. For those imprisoned for speaking out against the government.

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Faithful God, we lift before you the leadership of our country. We pray for all who are anxious about the decisions of the government. We pray for the discord that can exist in our society. Where discontent and fear turn people to divisiveness and blame. Help us to find ways to listen to one another. Impress upon us the importance of loving our neighbour and the stranger, even when they are entirely different from ourselves.

**Give us faith to know that you are at work in the world around us.**

Faithful God, we pray for those who are facing suffering; those living with chronic pain, terminal illness and those facing degenerative disease. For their loved ones who care for them and hate to watch them suffer. It can be hard to have hope in the midst of such difficulty. Bring your healing touch and your outpouring of love, so that those who suffer would know you as Christ who also suffered. Thank you for the scientific breakthroughs that are bringing healing and hope to those in need. Help those in research to find new ways to alleviate suffering.

**Give us faith to know that you are at work in the world around us.**

Amen.

**This Week's First Reading:** *Jeremiah 29.1, 4-7,*

<sup>29</sup> These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. <sup>4</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup> Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup> Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. <sup>7</sup> But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

**This Week's Psalm:** *Psalms 66.1-11,*

- 1 Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
- 2 Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.
- 3 Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds!  
Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.
- 4 All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.' Selah
- 5 Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.
- 6 He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him,
- 7 who rules by his might for ever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let the rebellious not exalt themselves. Selah

8 Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,

9 who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

10 For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

11 You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

**This Week's Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2.8-15,**

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

<sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup> Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. <sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

### **This Week's Gospel Reading: *Luke 17.11-19***

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' <sup>18</sup>Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

### **Next Week's First Reading: *Jeremiah 31.22-34***

<sup>22</sup>How long will you wander, unfaithful Daughter Israel? The Lord will create a new thing on earth—the woman will return to the man.” <sup>23</sup>This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: “When I bring them back from captivity, the people in the land of Judah and in its towns will once again use these words: ‘The Lord bless you, you prosperous city, you sacred mountain.’” <sup>24</sup>People will live together in Judah and all its towns—farmers and those who move about with their flocks. <sup>25</sup>I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint.”

**continued:** *Jeremiah 31. 22-34.*

<sup>26</sup> At this I awoke and looked around. My sleep had been pleasant to me. <sup>27</sup> “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will plant the kingdoms of Israel and Judah with the offspring of people and of animals. <sup>28</sup> Just as I watched over them to uproot and tear down, and to overthrow, destroy and bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant,” declares the Lord. <sup>29</sup> “In those days people will no longer say, ‘The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’<sup>30</sup> Instead, everyone will die for their own sin; whoever eats sour grapes—their own teeth will be set on edge.

<sup>31</sup> “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord. <sup>33</sup> “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the Lord. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

### **Next Week's Psalm: *Psalm 119.97 -104***

97. Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.

98. Your commands are always with me and make me wiser than my enemies.

99. I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes.

100. I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts.

101. I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word.

102. I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me.

103. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

104. I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.

### **Next Week's Second Reading: *2 Timothy 3.14- 4.5***

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup> and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**Continuing:** 2 Timothy 3.14- 4.5.

<sup>5</sup> having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

**Next Weeks Gospel Reading: Luke 18.1-8**

*The parable of the persistent widow.*

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. <sup>2</sup> He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. <sup>3</sup> And there was a widow in that same town who kept coming to him with a plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary’ <sup>4</sup> For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

<sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”