

## Sunday 5th October

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

### **Today's Collect**

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 for ever.

### **Today's Post Communion**

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Next Week Services: Sunday 12th October

9:30am Harvington Holy Communion 11:00am Church Lench Lay-Led Service 11:00am Abbots Morton Harvest Festival

### **Harvest Suppers**

- o 5<sup>th</sup> Oct Harvington Bring and Share after service
- o **5**<sup>th</sup> **Oct** Church Lench 2 course Lunch after Harvest Holy communion. Tickets from PCC or Social committee members.
- o **10th Oct -** Abbots Morton Roast Pork Harvest Supper in Village Hall. Tickets from Pippa or Tina.
- 11th Oct Rous Lench Harvest Supper. Tickets from Fran or memeber of PCC.

### **Prayer of Intersession**

Lord God, in today's world, contentment often comes second to ambition. We pray for countries whose leaders pursue increasing power and wealth, where there is little understanding of the needs of the people on the street. Places where a blind eye is turned to poverty and hardship. We pray for countries that haven't the resources they need to even begin to live comfortably. Our hope is in God's lasting treasure.

#### We all fight the good fight of faith.

We pray for those in the public eye: The politicians, the celebrities, the influencers. That they might be just, honest and generous, preferring truth to the gimmicks of today's world. We pray for the church worldwide; that in every situation all who follow you will be generous to the best of their ability. We pray for those who don't realise that generosity comes from the nature of God and for those who ignore the teaching of Jesus. Our hope is in God's lasting treasure.

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In our country we pray for the work of food banks, for the businesses who give food, seeking not only to help the hungry, but also to end waste. We pray for people who rely on food banks, and are so appreciative, but also hate being so dependent on others. Our hope is in God's lasting treasure.

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We pray for people who would love to be generous but feel they haven't enough and for people who have not known generosity in their own lives. We pray for all who are generous with their talents and skills. For some it may be a paid job, or voluntary work or just a normal person acting normally. We pray your protection on them. Our hope is in God's lasting treasure.

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## This Week's First Reading: Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4,

- 1. ¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save? ³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴ So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgement comes forth perverted.
- 2. <sup>1</sup> will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he \* will answer concerning my complaint. <sup>2</sup> Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. <sup>3</sup> For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. <sup>4</sup> Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.\*

### This Week's Psalm: Psalm 37.1-9,

- 1. Do not vie with the wicked : or envy those that do wrong;
- 2. For they will soon wither like the grass : and fade away like the green leaf.
- 3. Trust in the Lord and do good : and you shall dwell in the land and feed in safe pastures.

Continue: Psalm 37.1-9

- 4. Let the Lord be your delight : and he will grant you your heart's desire.
- 5. Commit your way to the Lord: trust him, and he will act.
- 6. He will make your righteousness shine as clear as the light : and your innocence as the noonday.
- 7. Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him: do not be vexed when a man prospers, when he puts his evil purposes to work.
- 8. Let go of anger and abandon wrath: let not envy move you to do evil.
- 9. For the wicked shall be cut down: but those who wait for the Lord shall possess the land.

### This Week's Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1.1-14,

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

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For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace.

This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

## This Week's Gospel Reading: Luke 17.5-10

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' <sup>6</sup> The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

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<sup>7</sup> 'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? <sup>8</sup> Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? <sup>9</sup> Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!" '

## Next 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.

## Next Week's Psalm: Psalm 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;

# Next 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:

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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.

## **Next 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.'