

## ARCH Group Notices: 4<sup>th</sup> September 2011

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

### **This Week's Activities**

Monday: 7.15 pm Harvington Handbell Ringers rehearsal in school hall

Tuesday: 8.30 am Prayers at Rous Lench

Thursday: 7.30 pm Church Lench Christmas Fayre stallholders meeting in Church Lench Village Hall

Saturday: 9.30am **St James' Gardening Team working in church gardens**  
7.30 pm Abbots Morton Village Hall social evening: Quiz & Supper

### Future Activities: September

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Stop Date for October edition of the ARCH Messenger  
7.00 pm Church Lench Parish Council meeting in Village Hall

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am Coffee morning at Rous Lench Village Hall  
3.00 pm **CAMEO tea at St James' Church, Harvington**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm VVASP social evening in Church Lench Village Hall  
Band Night at the Lenches Club supporting Lenches Pre-School fund-raising

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 7.00 pm **Post-confirmation group at St James' Harvington**  
7.15 pm Harvington Handbell Ringers rehearsal  
7.30 pm Bible Discussion Group at Breslau, Leys Rd, Harvington  
Church Lench WI meeting

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 7.30 pm Harvington Village Meeting in Village Hall  
Abbots Morton Garden Club meeting

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Home communions  
8.00 pm Abbots Morton Parish Council meeting in Village Hall  
8.30 pm **Men's Night at the Lenches Club**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 am Harvington Art Group exhibition in the Village Hall. Admission free. Refreshments available

Want to publicise an activity here?

Details of weekly, monthly or one-off activities required  
Send details to Cathy Davies at [arch@harvington.net](mailto:arch@harvington.net) or phone 870153

## Next Week's Services: 11<sup>th</sup> September 2011

8.30 am	Abbots Morton	Holy Communion*
9.30 am	Harvington	Holy Communion+
11.00 am	Rous Lench	Morning Service
11.00 am	Church Lench	Morning Service
6.30 pm	Harvington	Celtic Evensong

### Today's Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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. Amen

### For Prayer

Pray for the Libyan people as they rebuild their country

Pray for school and children as they begin a new term

Pray for our lives to enjoy a Christian flavour

Pray for the Philips family and all those recently affected by bereavement – *we have had a lot of funerals in recent weeks, especially in Church Lench*

Pray for those you plan to bring to church on 25<sup>th</sup> September

### **“Back to Church” Sunday – 25<sup>th</sup> September**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September is “Back to Church” Sunday.

This is a national initiative that has worked very well across the country. It is an opportunity to invite a friend(s) along to church with you on this Sunday. It especially appeals to those who have not come to church for a while. So please pray about who you would like to bring back to church.

A warm welcome will be offered and refreshments at the end.

## **This Week's First Reading:** *Exodus 12:1-14*

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

## **This Week's Psalm:** *Psalm 149:1-9*

- 1 Alleluia. O sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.
- 3 Let them praise his name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and lyre.
- 4 For the Lord has pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with salvation.
- 5 Let the faithful be joyful in glory; let them rejoice in their ranks,
- 6 With the praises of God in their mouths and a two-edged sword in their hands;
- 7 To execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with fetters of iron;
- 9 To execute on them the judgement decreed; such honour have all his faithful servants. Alleluia.

## **This Week's Second Reading:** *Romans 13:8-14*

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, **'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'**

<sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

## *Romans 13:8-14 continued*

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### **This Week's Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 18:15-20*

Jesus spoke to his disciples. <sup>15</sup>**If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.** <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>**For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'**

## **Next Week's First Reading: *Exodus 14:19-31***

<sup>19</sup>The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. <sup>20</sup>It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

<sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup>The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all **of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers.** <sup>24</sup>At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. <sup>25</sup>He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, '**Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.**'

<sup>26</sup>**Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.'** <sup>27</sup>So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. <sup>28</sup>The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup>But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

<sup>30</sup>Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup>Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

## **Next Week's Psalm:** *Psalm 114:1-8*

- 1 When Israel came out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of a strange tongue,
- 2 Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea saw that, and fled; Jordan was driven back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you were driven back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams, you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turns the hard rock into a pool of water, the flint-stone into a springing well.

## **Next Week's Second Reading:** *Romans 14:1-12*

<sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. <sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether **we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's**. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

## *Romans 14:1-12 continued*

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. <sup>11</sup>**For it is written, ‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.’** <sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

### **Next Week’s Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 18:21-35*

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’

<sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, **“Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.”** <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, **“Pay what you owe.”** <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, **“Have patience with me, and I will pay you.”**

<sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, **“You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?”** <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’