

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

Weekly Notices
3rd November 2024
All Saints' Day



Today's Collect

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's Post Communion Collect

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week's Services

Sunday 10th November 2024: Remembrance Sunday

10.30 am	Harvington	Remembrance Service
10.30 am	Abbots Morton	Remembrance Service
10.50 am	Church Lench	Remembrance Service

Cards and Coffee

Thursday 7th November 10.00 am – 12.00 noon
at St James', Harvington

Buy Christmas Cards c/o Gill Thorniley,
raising funds for Harvington Youth Project

Make paper stars for Christmas Tree decorations
c/o Christine Spielmann and our German visitors

Enjoy coffee and a good chat

*If you can't be there on Thursday, please join us for **Cards and Tea** on **Saturday 16th November 2.00—4.00pm** at St James', Harvington*

For Prayer

Lord, help us to know what 'love' actually means. Help it not to be just a theory or an emotion but a way in which we demonstrate who you are to those around us. As we recognise the need to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, help us to be prepared to be willing to love. Help us to work at loving others. Help us to get our hands dirty and our hearts broken because we are willing to serve you wherever, and in whatever way, you lead us.

Help us to actually, wholeheartedly, deeply love:

With all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

Lord, as we look at the world around us, we see so much pain, so much sorrow. We see places torn apart by war because we have forgotten how to love our neighbours as ourselves. We pray for Ukraine and all other nations in the world torn apart by aggression, hatred and fear. We pray for an end to all hostilities. Speak peace into the hearts of the leaders that they may see that your way of truth and love is the only true way forward.

Help us to actually, wholeheartedly, deeply love:

With all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

Lord, we pray for refugees and all who have fled their homeland because of violence, famine, injustice or other pain. Lord, help your world to become a place of welcome and compassion where everyone is treated with respect and justice. When we meet those who are different from us, may we be welcoming and servant-hearted, always seeking to treat them as we would like to be treated ourselves.

Help us to actually, wholeheartedly, deeply love:

With all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

Lord, you have called us to love with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. This is a hard calling, so we need your help. We pause for a moment to think of those we find it hard to love... give us grace, Lord, to see them through your eyes. And forgive us, Lord, for the times when we make ourselves unlovable... perhaps in the way we react to criticism, when we want our own way, when we are selfish or argumentative. Lord, forgive us and help us to forgive others too.

Help us to actually, wholeheartedly, deeply love:

With all our heart, soul, mind and strength as we seek to serve you and others with the love with which you served us. Amen.

This Week's First Reading: *Isaiah 25:6-9*

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

This Week's Psalm: *Psalms 24:1-6*

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For he has founded it upon the seas and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, or who can rise up in his holy place?'
- 4 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie;
- 5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
- 6 Such is the company of those who seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

This Week's Second Reading: *Revelation 21:1-6a*

¹I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁶Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

This Week's Gospel Reading: *John 11:32-44*

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was

John 11:32-44 continued

a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Next Week's First Reading: *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying, ²'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Next Week's Psalm: *Psalm 62:5-12*

- 5 Wait on God alone in stillness, O my soul; for in him is my hope.
- 6 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- 7 In God is my strength and my glory; God is my strong rock; in him is my refuge.
- 8 Put your trust in him always, my people; pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- 9 The peoples are but a breath, the whole human race a deceit; on the scales they are altogether lighter than air.
- 10 Put no trust in oppression; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 11 God spoke once, and twice have I heard the same, that power belongs to God.
- 12 Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay everyone according to their deeds.

Next Week's Second Reading: *Hebrews 9:24-28*

²⁴Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Next Week's Gospel Reading: *Mark 1:14-20*

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.