

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

**Weekly Notices**

**6<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**Today's Collect**

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Today's Post Communion Prayer**

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Next Week's Services: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

9.30 am	Harvington	Holy Communion+
11.00 am	Church Lench	Morning Service
11.00 am	Abbots Morton	Harvest Thanksgiving

**November issue of the *ARCH Messenger***

The stop date for the November issue of the *ARCH Messenger* is **tomorrow, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October.**

## For Prayer

Loving God, we do not understand the suffering we see in this world. We look for you to bring good into the challenges and darkness of these times. We look for good in the turmoil of the Middle East. We pray for the people of Israel, Lebanon and Gaza, and all the surrounding nations. We also continue to remember the conflict in Ukraine. We pray for protection and hope for all those who live in fear, and the many thousands who have abandoned their homes and have nowhere to go. We pray for comfort for those who are injured and damaged, and those who have lost their friends and families. We look for you to bring wisdom, calm, and peace into the minds of all those who make decisions and have the power to work for peace. We look for good from you, our God,  
**for your love is always with us.**

Caring God, we do not understand the pain we see in our communities. We look to you to bring good and compassion into the decisions of the Government of our nation and those of local leaders. We look for good in the way those who have little, who are homeless, and who are struggling are treated by others. We seek to be people who bring your hope and blessing to those who are hungry and needy in our community, and to challenge others to do the same. We look for good in the lives of those who are in despair, depression, and desperation, that in the middle of it all you would provide a glimmer of hope. We look for good from you, our God,  
**for your love is always with us.**

Faithful God, we do not understand the struggles that face many churches. We look to you to bring good into the leadership of all churches, and enable us all through your Holy Spirit to be people who share your goodness with others and look for signs of hope. We think of churches that are struggling with low numbers, lack of vision and a sense of decline, and ask that they will seek your direction and be open to your leading. We ask that they would once again know the good you bring into the lives of all believers. We pray that the joy and power of knowing and being loved by you would fire up all church members and give us a new energy to share the truth of Jesus with others, serving and sharing to change lives. We look for good from you, our God,  
**for your love is always with us.**

## **For Prayer (continued)**

Almighty God, we do not always understand your Word and your plans for us. We look to you to show us how to be open to learn and to understand more of your Word, and to accept that some of it may be beyond our human understanding. We ask that you would help us to find the security and strength you offer through prayer. We pray that when things are difficult and confusing, we would have the faith to place ourselves in your hands and trust you, and when things are good and going well we would remember to give you thanks. We remember all those known to us who are sick or suffering in other ways, that they would find good in you. May we all be like trusting children who live without fear, knowing that you are always with us, even in the tough times.

We look for good from you, our God,  
**for your love is always with us. Amen**

## **This Week's First Reading: *Genesis 2:18-24***

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup>Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' <sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

## **This Week's Psalm: *Psalm 8:1-10***

- 1 O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!
- 2 Your majesty above the heavens is praised out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
- 3 You have founded a stronghold against your foes, that you might still the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have ordained,
- 5 What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them; mere human beings, that you should seek them out?
- 6 You have made them little lower than the angels and crown them with glory and honour.
- 7 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands and put all things under their feet,
- 8 All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!

## **This Week's Second Reading: *Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12***

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

## *Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 continued*

<sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? <sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, <sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet.' Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, <sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

## **This Week's Gospel Reading: *Mark 10:2-16***

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' <sup>3</sup>He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' <sup>4</sup>They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation,

## *Mark 10:2-16 continued*

“God made them male and female.”<sup>7</sup> “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,<sup>8</sup> and the two shall become one flesh.” So they are no longer two, but one flesh.<sup>9</sup> Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.’<sup>10</sup> Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.<sup>11</sup> Jesus said to them, ‘Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her;<sup>12</sup> and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.’

<sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them.

<sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.’<sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’<sup>16</sup> And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

## **Next Week’s First Reading: *Amos 5:6-7, 10-15***

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.<sup>7</sup> Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

<sup>10</sup> They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.<sup>11</sup> Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.<sup>12</sup> For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins – you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil

## *Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 continued*

time. <sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

## **Next Week's Psalm: *Psalm 90:12-17***

- 12 So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Turn again, O Lord; how long will you delay? Have compassion on your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us with your loving-kindness in the morning; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- 15 Give us gladness for the days you have afflicted us and for the years in which we have seen adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works and let your glory be over their children.
- 17 May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our hands.

## **Next Week's Second Reading: *Hebrews 4:12-16***

<sup>12</sup>The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## **Next Week's Gospel Reading: *Mark 10:17-31***

<sup>17</sup>As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to Jesus, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields – but with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life.

<sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'