



# The ARCH Messenger

*To show our love for God and You  
October 2021*



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## Readings

Harvest	Joel 2:21-27; Psalm 126; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 6:25-33
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Amos 5:5-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Isaiah 55:1-11; Psalm 19:7-14; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; John 5:36b-47
Bible Sunday	
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24:1-6; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44
All Saints Day	
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 1:14-20
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25; Mark 13:1-8
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37
Christ the King	
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13;
Advent Sunday	Luke 21:25-36

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## Thought for the month

### *Remembering*

Memories are powerful. The last few days have been spent remembering the shocking events of 9/11, which amazingly happened twenty years ago. And what was obvious seeing interviews with first responders, survivors and the families of victims, was that their memories are still very raw.

For various reasons memories, and the lack of them, have been on my mind recently. **It's less dramatic, but it's also 20 years since Richard and I arrived in Harvington, when the Arch Benefice was formed. I've been thinking back over all that has happened during that time. As some of you might remember, our arrival was rather dramatic and, with Richard's heart condition, it's twenty years of memories that we didn't think we'd have.**

We recently hosted a reunion of my nursing set. We met 48 years ago and hold regular reunions. But this year we all retired, so there was much more talk of times past as well as looking to changes in the future.

**We are currently looking forward to our son's wedding. As part of the preparation for the event, his future mother-in-law asked me to provide some photos of James growing up so they could be displayed at the reception alongside similar pictures of his bride. I spent a very happy day going through family albums, triggering so many memories seeing family members and friends from over 30+ years, some no longer with us.**

Sadly, my mother is losing her memories. Both her short term and long term memory are affected, and some vital spark is missing as although she knows who we all are, she can no longer remember all the things she has done.

**Memories are powerful, so perhaps it's not surprising that during his last night on earth, Jesus asked his friends and followers to remember him. To remember him, and what he was about to do, through the simple act of eating bread and drinking wine together. That simple act of remembering has been going on for over 2,000 years.**

*Gill Thorniley*

*Stop date for next issue: FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> October*



## Notices

### Harvest Thanksgiving Collections

At all the Harvest Thanksgiving services in the Arch Benefice, collections will be taken to support Caring Hands, our local food bank.

They especially need toiletries, tinned food and dry goods with a long use-by date (supermarkets are geared up to supply fresh food).

If this advice changes I will let you know via e-mail and social media.

*Richard Thorniley*

### Baptism enquiries

I have been delighted to receive a number of baptism enquiries in recent weeks. Some parents have enquired about the process so I thought I would describe it:

1. Contact me and let me know your e-mail address
2. I will send you information about what is involved and questions you may wish to consider – such as the selection of Godparents and the commitment involved
3. **Once you have had 'family chats', get back in touch and we can discuss dates.**
4. We will then meet to go through the service and answer questions
5. The Baptism takes place
6. **An exciting life beckons....**

*Richard Thorniley*

## Notices

Heating oil delivery dates for  
the ARCH buying group

Evesons Fuels: 01905 775920

Thursdays: 7<sup>th</sup> October, 11<sup>th</sup> November,  
9<sup>th</sup> December, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 10<sup>th</sup> February  
*Phone your order to Evesons by 5pm on the  
preceding Monday*

### BENEFICE ALL SOULS SERVICE

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7pm in **St James'**, Harvington  
we will hold a special service to commemorate *all* those who have died.

Following a short sermon and reading from scripture, the names of  
all those whose funeral and memorial services have been held  
in the benefice in the last year will be read out.

There will also be an opportunity for everyone coming to the service to  
light a candle in memory of a loved one and place it on the altar.

This service is open to anyone to come along and to help all those  
who are bereaved, whenever that loss has taken place.

*Richard Thorniley*

### Churches are fully open for services and prayer

Our churches are now fully open for prayer and services. This will be kept  
under regular review. We suggest that, for the present, masks are worn  
when attending a service but may be removed when seated. Singing of  
hymns is also permitted but you may wish to keep your masks on.

Holy Communion will continue to be offered as now – pre-dipped by  
the Celebrant. There will be no sharing of the cup until further notice.

Update: we plan to offer tea and coffee after the service  
on selected occasions.

## Good news for EVERYONE

This month we remember St Luke (18<sup>th</sup> October), author of the third gospel and the Book of Acts. Throughout his writing Luke makes clear that the good news of salvation is available to all people regardless of their gender, social position or nationality.

It is believed that Luke was a doctor, and he certainly sees the importance of healing in the ministry of Jesus and the Church. The signs of the presence of **God's kingdom include the healing of sickness, hurts and unforgiveness.** This is evident when Jesus sends out the disciples as told in Luke 10, a reading for **St Luke's Day:**

*'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field... When you enter a town and are welcomed eat what is set before you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, "The kingdom of God is near you"' (Luke 10:2,8).* What challenges do we find in these verses?

Firstly Luke, as a *Gentile* (a non-Jew), recognises the revolutionary way outsiders are welcomed into the faith community, eg Zacchaeus (*Luke 19*) and Cornelius (*Acts 10*). How can we engage with those who are outside the community of faith? We have to avoid the tendency to regard ourselves as insiders! As we reach out to those who are ready to welcome the gospel, we have an opportunity to share good news and healing in the name of Jesus.

Secondly, as an *Evangelist*, Luke wants us to share the love of Jesus with all those we encounter. However, as these verses indicate, this has to be rooted in prayer if we are going to be led by God in our response to others. **'Mission is seeing what God is doing and joining in'** (*Rowan Williams*).

*Canon Paul Hardingham*

### Miscellaneous musings...

Courage is fear that has said its prayers. *Anon*

Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop. *Anon*

Though the Lord is out of sight, we are not out of His. *M Henry*

## Like a pumpkin...

A lady had recently become a Christian and been baptised. Curious, one of her colleagues at work asked her what it was like to be a Christian. The lady was caught off guard and didn't know how to answer. Then she saw the office 'jack-o'-lantern' on a nearby desk and blurted, 'It's like being a pumpkin.' Puzzled, her colleague asked her to explain.

'Well, God picks you up from the patch, brings you inside and washes off all the dirt. Then He cuts off the top and takes out the yucky stuff inside you. He removes all those seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc, then carves a new smiling face and puts His light inside you to shine for all to see.'

It is our choice to either stay outside and rot on the vine, or come inside and be something new and bright. Are you something new and bright? Will you be smiling today, and shining with His light?

### Word of the month: paraprosdokian

A paraprosdokian is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected and frequently amusing. For instance...

- ◆ The last thing I want to do is hurt you, but it's still on my list
- ◆ If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong
- ◆ We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public
- ◆ They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening', then proceed to tell you why it isn't
- ◆ To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research
- ◆ Buses stop in bus stations. Trains stop in train stations. On my desk is a work station
- ◆ I've had a perfectly wonderful evening, but this wasn't it (*Groucho Marx*)
- ◆ If I could just say a few words... I'd be a better public speaker (*Homer Simpson*)
- ◆ If I am reading this graph correctly – I'd be very surprised (*Stephen Colbert*)

## The friend at midnight

This month we are looking at the Parable of the Friend at Midnight (*Luke 11:5-8*). It is found in a passage where Jesus is teaching His disciples to pray.

Pray shamelessly: the parable concerns a man coming to his friend at midnight **and asking**, *'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'* (*Luke 11:5-6*). Despite the hour, the rules of hospitality would mean this was not an unreasonable request.

But the friend refuses to help because everyone in his house is asleep. However, **Jesus continues**, *'though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will rise and give him whatever he needs'*. **Jesus uses this parable to encourage us to come in shameless boldness** to our heavenly Father with our needs. In contrast to the parable, God is not slow in **responding to us**. **It's not God who is reluctant to answer, but we to ask**. Do we pray with shameless boldness?

Pray persistently: **such confidence is the basis for persistent prayer**, *'Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.'* All three verbs indicate a continual habit, **'keep on asking...seeking...knocking'**. We should not be content simply to ask once and then move on. Jesus tells us to bring our prayers to God persistently. Do we give up too easily in prayer?

Pray expectantly: **'For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.'** Do we pray expectantly, believing that God delights in answering your prayers? Why not begin this adventure of prayer today!

*Canon Paul Hardingham*

### More musings...

If you can smile when things go wrong, you probably have someone in mind to blame.

The easiest way to find something that is lost is to buy a replacement.

Plan ahead – it wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.

Much that is good and useful is made of chocolate.

## With Bible Sunday in mind...

*Bible Sunday falls on 24<sup>th</sup> October, so this may be a good time to consider how to read the Bible in a way that will really help...*



Reading the Bible is much easier if you follow some simple steps and get prepared. As you delve into it, you might find you are more familiar with the Bible than you expected: it crops up in everything from Hollywood movies to Shakespeare and has inspired musicians, campaigners and historical figures down the centuries.

**The Bible is complex. It's not one book but a collection of 66 books split into two sections, the Old Testament and New Testament, and each book is divided into chapters and verses. People often find it easier to begin at the opening of the New Testament, which starts about three-quarters of the way through.**

The New Testament opens with four accounts of the life of Jesus Christ, the founder of Christianity, known as the Son of God. These accounts are known as the Gospels and include eye-witness reports of what happened – Matthew and **John were among Jesus' 12 closest followers. Here you can read about what** Jesus did and said, His profound teaching, how He healed people of sickness and how He challenged the authorities. The Gospels tell us about His death by crucifixion and how He came back to life and then returned to heaven.

**The first Gospel, Matthew, begins with the story of Jesus' birth, then jumps** forward 30 years to when Jesus began travelling around what is now Israel and the Palestinian territories telling people about God. Starting with a Gospel introduces you to the person of Jesus and the basics of Christian belief.

A good next step is to read some of the teaching given to the early Christian Church. Much of the New Testament is a series of letters written by early Christian leaders such as Paul. He travelled around the lands of the eastern Mediterranean, telling people about Jesus, then wrote to the various newly-established churches and individuals to encourage them in their beliefs. Letters such as Philippians or Colossians are short, bite-sized letters full of advice about how to live a Christian life.

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## Sorry, Lord, I just couldn't make it

The bells ring out on Sunday morn, O did you hear their call?  
They call the faithful ones to prayer; to church they summon all.  
But Lord, I cannot come today, I live a busy life.  
**Still, when there's something special on, I'll try and send the wife.**

It poured with rain last Sunday; an inch or two, I bet.  
**You surely can't expect me then – I'd get my new suit wet.**  
**Today the sky is blue and clear, but the car's as black as ink.**  
And if I do not clean it soon, what will the neighbours think?

You know I do my bit, dear Lord, I have a golden rule;  
I sometimes send my kids along to be at Sunday school.  
**But I really couldn't come as well, there's grass to mow, and beds to weed,**  
Shelves to fix, a dog to walk, and Sunday newspapers to read.

And now this day has ended, Lord. How fast the weekends go!  
I ask for faith and strength this week for I feel (spiritually) quite low.  
Inflame, O Lord, my feeble faith, my lamp burns rather dim;  
For God depends on me, of course, and I depend on Him.

*Author unknown*



## With Bible Sunday in mind... (continued)

Getting to grips with the whole Bible takes some time, but it is worth the effort. In his second letter to a young leader called Timothy, Paul says the Bible is *'inspired by God and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness'* (2 Timothy 2:16).

Many people find it helpful to find a quiet and comfortable place to sit and read the Bible and make sure that they read it every day. Take time to digest what it says. You could say a quick prayer asking God to help you understand what you are reading and its relevance to you.

## When the film makers come to church...

*Happily, the Church of England still retains some singular parish clergy. Take the parish of St James-the-Least, whose elderly Anglo-Catholic vicar, Eustace, continues his correspondence to his nephew Darren, a recently-ordained low-church curate...*

My dear Nephew Darren,

It has all been excitement and activity here this last week, with a period drama being filmed in our church. It was remarkable how many people felt the need to drop in to collect magazines, check the reading rota or arrange flowers, just happening to stumble over the film stars en route. If only they were filming every week: our brasses would be permanently gleaming, the woodwork smothered in beeswax and the notice board kept in a state of perpetual tidiness.

Our Ladies Guild was thrilled to be asked to take part in a crowd scene. I saw little point in the wardrobe department taking hours fitting them out with Victorian dresses as the result was little different from normal. The only awkward moment came after filming, when Mrs Simms was told she could now remove her bustle. She told the girl she already had.

The producer thanked me for taking the trouble of going round the church before they arrived, removing all those modern conveniences that would not **have been there in the nineteenth century. I hadn't the heart to tell him that nothing was any different from normal.**

Lord Marchmount was thoroughly miffed that they were not also using his castle for filming, even though the producer explained with exemplary patience that they needed a nineteenth-century setting, not one which looked as if the cast had just returned from the Crusades. His revenge, getting the farm staff to spread slurry in all the surrounding fields throughout filming, has apparently meant that film stars now have a clause in their contracts protecting them from rural life.

When all was finished, I thought it only right to invite the film crew and actors to the vicarage for sherry. When the producer left, I was delighted to be told he had just discovered the perfect home for filming his next project – which is about Elizabethan poverty.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

# Rous Lench

## **St Peter's Church**

### AUCTION OF PROMISES

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm

*Going, going, gone!*

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October, Rous Lench Village Hall will be transformed into an auction room! Come and join the fun bidding for some amazing promises. We have over 40 exciting lots to choose from including a stay in a Welsh cottage, dog-walking, home-made cakes, car-washing, a load of logs and many more. Catalogues showing all the lots will be distributed soon. Paper bids will also be accepted if you are unable to make it on the night.

Tickets are £5 each and include a chilli supper (vegetarian option available)

*For more details or to purchase tickets, please contact Fran Herdman*

*on \*\*\*\*\* or \*\*\*\*\*@\*\*\*\*\**

### HYMNS AND PIMMS

Carols in August? Were we hearing things or had Christmas arrived early this year? No, it was the sound of the congregation singing for the first time in a **while at St Peter's at the *Hymns and Pimms* event.**

Led by Colin Chandler, a choir of local singers were in fine voice and the audience joined in enthusiastically. Josephine Mesa Bandres sang beautifully, accompanied by Jenny Newbury on the piano, and Charlotte Wild gave a fabulous solo performance on the violin. It was lovely to see the church so full. Glasses of Pimms and delicious canapes went down very well during the interval and everyone spilled out into the churchyard to enjoy a balmy evening. **The event raised the magnificent sum of £597 towards St Peter's preservation fund.**

Many thanks to everyone involved in the organisation and running of the event particularly to Colin, who co-ordinated everything, and all the performers. Finally, thank you to everyone who supported us by buying tickets. The feedback was that it was an uplifting and very enjoyable evening.

## Rous Lench

### PIG ROAST MAKES TRIUMPHANT RETURN

The sun shone all day for the return of the annual pig roast... and what a return it was! People came in droves to watch the excellent troupe of Morris dancers and listen to the tuneful singing of *The A'Cappella Fellas* before dancing to the sounds of *The Subs*, a fantastic covers band with a great repertoire.

There was a wonderful array of mouth-watering cakes and treats on sale; the tombola and raffle were as popular as ever and the pig, hot dogs and samosas were very tasty and worth queuing for. The bar ran dry of beer and cider and everyone had a great time.

We would like to thank all the helpers who worked so hard to make the event such a success: about 40 people volunteered to help, which was amazing for such a small village. We would also like to thank our many sponsors and people who donated raffle prizes, cakes, tombola prizes and books. Last but not least, huge thanks also to everyone who came and supported the event – without you there would be no pig roast which would be very sad indeed. Oh, by the way, the event raised a whopping £4,500 towards the church preservation fund.

### EASYFUNDRAISING

THANK YOU to everyone who supports us through *Easyfundraising* – so far you have raised £198.32 for our funds. We really need more supporters so please take a few minutes to register on the *Easyfundraising* site and start raising money for St Peter's Church at the click of a button and at no cost to yourself!



**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION ROUS LENCH AND INKBERROW BRANCH**  
**POPPY APPEAL COFFEE MORNINGS 2021**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October, Old Bull, Inkberrow, WR7 4DZ**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October, Boot Inn, Flyford Flavell, WR7 4BS**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November, Wheelbarrow Castle, Radford, WR7 4LR**

**10.30 am—12 noon**

**Entrance £2 includes light refreshment**

## Rous Lench

### ROUS LENCH VILLAGE HALL

([www.rouslench.com](http://www.rouslench.com))

Friday pub nights are BACK

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 8pm

Come and join friends and neighbours in the village hall where a warm welcome, well-stocked bar and crackling fire await you – a great opportunity for new residents to get to know local people and to become part of the community.

Hall hire for private events

Rous Lench Village Hall is available for hire for private events such as parties, anniversaries, receptions etc. For conditions and prices, please look on our website under the hall hire section or e-mail [info@rouslench.com](mailto:info@rouslench.com).

### ROUS LENCH PARISH COUNCIL

(website: [e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/MyParish](http://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/MyParish))

[www.facebook.com/RousLenchPC](https://www.facebook.com/RousLenchPC))

Our next parish council meeting is on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November at Rous Lench Village Hall at 7.30pm. Please come along to the meeting and raise any issues or queries during Public Question Time.

We have been doing a final push to distribute a Smart Water kit to each household in the parish. Smart Water is a forensic liquid that assigns a unique forensic code to your valuables, allowing them to be traced back to you. The kit needs to be registered on a national database to allow the tracing to be carried out – instructions on how to do this are included in the kit but it can be done by the parish council if you have problems registering the kit. Please contact Hazel, the Clerk, on \*\*\*\*\* or [rouslenchpc@gmail.com](mailto:rouslenchpc@gmail.com).

Areas protected by Smart Water see an average reduction in burglaries of 65% so please do use the kit, put the stickers up in your windows and start deterring crime straight away!

If you need further information, please contact Hazel Robinson, Clerk to Rous Lench Parish Council, on \*\*\*\*\* or [rouslenchpc@gmail.com](mailto:rouslenchpc@gmail.com).

## Church Lench First School News

Welcome back

It is lovely to see the pupils returning to school after the holidays and we would like to welcome all our new children and families who have started this term. Our new reception children have enjoyed a week of afternoons settling into Class 1 and are now attending full time.

We are now operating as normal and are so pleased to have waved goodbye to class bubbles! The children are all playing together on the playground, which is fabulous to see after months of restrictions, and are all attending collective worship together in the hall. Our new reception children have been introduced to our pupils and staff. We are continuing to be vigilant about the virus by ensuring we regularly wash our hands and checking that areas in school are well ventilated.

Christian value: Courage

Basic to Christian faith is the claim that God is always present in every situation. This belief has led to great acts of courage that have included facing danger and opposition, overcoming fear, making a stand for what is right and encouraging others to persevere. Through prayer, people have found the strength to help them be courageous.

Maggs Day Centre



Wow... we are overwhelmed by the generosity of our families! The children wanted to help homeless people after listening to the story of Mother Teresa during collective worship. We wrote to Maggs Day Centre who thought it would be great if we could collect items for sunny-weather packs. The donations were incredible. We were able to give water bottles, sunscreen, hand wipes, lip balm, sun hats, deodorants, mini fans and baby wipes to the centre to hand out to the homeless during the summer months. A heartfelt thank you to

everyone who donated items to this great charity!

*Mrs S Price, Headteacher*

## Church Lench **All Saints' Church**

### FLOWER ROTA

2 <sup>nd</sup> October	<i>Harvest Festival – combined effort</i>
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Ann Quickenden
30 <sup>th</sup> October	Celia Hall

### HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 12.15pm in the Village Hall

As we take small steps towards life as it was before Covid, we thought it would be nice to have a scaled-down Harvest Lunch, especially as we had to cancel last year. We will be having a cold buffet with meats and various salads followed by exceptionally good puddings and sweets with coffee and mints afterwards. There will also be a bar selling wine and beer.

*Tickets cost £10 each and can be obtained from PCC members or from Jane Powell on \*\*\*\*\* or \*\*\*\*\*@\*\*\*\*\**

### TREE OF LIGHT

On All Souls' Day, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, the lights on our Tree of Light will be switched on at 5.30pm and a short service will be held. The names of those remembered will be displayed both inside the church and in the porch. Please return your completed forms to either Margaret Hyder or Carol Yates before Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

This year 10% of the proceeds from the Tree of Light will go to Caring Hands, the care outreach for the Vale of Evesham Christian Centre, which seeks to help and support local people who are in urgent need.

### LENCHES WI

(lencheswi@gmail.com, [www.facebook.com/thelencheswi](http://www.facebook.com/thelencheswi))

The next Lenches WI meeting will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm at our new venue, The Lenches Club.

*New members always welcome!*

## Church Lench



### THE LENCHES TENNIS CLUB



Enjoy the resurfaced courts and wonderful  
view of the Malvern Hills

*Come and join us as a member or for coaching*

New members will be made most welcome at our friendly club

*Our new coaching courses can be joined at any time*

Coaching for juniors/adults of all abilities daytime and evenings

*For more details on tennis coaching courses and membership  
please contact \*\*\*\*\*@\*\*\*\*\**



### OPEN AIR THEATRE: PERFORMANCES IN 2022

At the time of going to press, work on the new Open Air Theatre is about to start. Contractors are scheduled to be on site from the end of September and to complete Phase One of the project early in the new year, so this new iconic facility for the Lenches will be ready for performances next summer.

The project has been made possible by a £95,000 Legacy Grant from Wychavon District Council and donations of materials from national and local businesses, but more money is needed to complete this phase as building costs have risen very sharply in recent months. The Sponsor-a-Brick Scheme and grants from various foundations have raised £10,000 and a number of individuals have made contributions totalling £20,000. However, a further £20,000 needs to be raised over the next few months to ensure the Open Air Theatre can become a reality next year. The Lenches community has always been very good at providing funds for community assets and with that same generosity the Open Air Theatre can be brought to fruition.



## Church Lench

### THE LENCHES WALKING GROUP

We assemble one morning each week in the Lenches Club car park then drive together to the start of a circular walk. At the end of the walk, we enjoy a pub lunch before returning home. The meeting day changes every week – one week **it's a Monday morning, the next it's a Tuesday and so on, so there's at least one weekday** when most people can participate.

The group has no joining fee or membership fees, and new members are always warmly welcomed. Fancy giving it a try? For more information about joining our very friendly group, please contact Pete Marston at \*\*\*\*\*@\*\*\*\*\* or \*\*\*\*\*.

### THE LENCHES CLUB

([www.facebook.com/lenchesclub](http://www.facebook.com/lenchesclub))

We are planning lots of exciting events to bring our community back together. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for further details.

The Lenches Club Sports Bar is available for hire! Please enquire at the bar

Come and join us for our very popular *Family Fridays*  
Food served 6.30pm – 8.30pm every Friday

Upcoming dates for your diary

Friday 1<sup>st</sup>-Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October      Lenches Oktoberfest at The Club  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November              Lenches Fireworks Night at The Club

Memberships are now due

Just £10 per person for a whole year!

For new members, membership forms will be e-mailed to you if you message the Facebook page, e-mail us at [info@thelenchesclub.co.uk](mailto:info@thelenchesclub.co.uk) or ask for one from behind the bar.

For new and existing members, BACS payments should be made to:  
The Lenches Club CIC, 30-91-91, 51537060 using your surname as the reference.

## Harvington First School News

The whole school have settled back into the autumn term so well. The children are very excited to be coming together in larger groups at playtime, lunchtime and Collective Worship. They enjoyed a number of theme days to start the new term – a favourite was learning to fence as part of their sporting experiences. Our Pupil Parliament Ministers are planning new developments and they been actively involved, welcoming our parents into our Celebration Assembly.

Our first value that we will focus on for this half term is Truthfulness. We have learned that truth is:

- Trustworthy words and actions
- Respect for doing the right thing
- Uncovering the full picture
- Telling it as it is
- Having all the facts,

and how important it is to always tell the truth and to be the best role model that we can.

Our Sunshine representatives have already shown some great leadership in our Collective Worship: they lead the prayers and the opening trinity, where we **share the 'Threeness of God', and the Grace at the end.**

We are looking forward to our Harvest Service, when all classes will share songs, poetry or art work to say thank you for the harvest and all that we have been given. It is also a time to follow the traditions from the past years and care for those who may not be as fortunate as ourselves. The children will be distributing baskets of harvest fruits, vegetables, tins and packets to our village community. As part of this the children will have time to stop and say hello, maybe to provide some much-needed company for some of our community.

The children are also looking forward to visiting some different places as part of their theme work and curriculum enrichment. Year Five are visiting Compton Verney, where they will become Vikings for the day, and Year Two will be enjoying a day out at the Space Centre in Leicester! Even our new Reception class will be going out, visiting Ellenden Farm to buy some produce to use back in school. We have many exciting weeks ahead of us.

*Helen Fishbourne, Headteacher*

## Harvington **St James' Church**

### TREE OF LIGHT

The Tree of Light will again be illuminated in the garden of St James' Church and there will be a short service on All Souls' Day, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, at 5.30pm in memory of those whom we have lost.

If you would like to have your loved ones remembered, please complete the form enclosed with this issue and return it to Alan Hirst (\*\*\*\*\*) or Sophie Dodds (\*\*\*\*\*) no later than Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

### CAMEO

CAMEO Teas have returned!

Come and join us for a cup or tea, slice of cake and a friendly chat on the second Wednesday of each month at 3pm in St James' Church. This month's tea will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October – we'd love to see you there!

CAMEO Carol Service and Christmas lunch

We are delighted to inform you that our annual Christmas lunch is going to take place this year on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at Kings Court Hotel, Alcester, 12.30pm for 1pm. To get into the Christmas spirit, we are holding a short Carol Service earlier that morning at 11am at St James' Church.

You are warmly invite you to join us on the annual event. The cost will be £20 per person – please get in touch with Sophie on \*\*\*\*\* to reserve a place.

### HARVINGTON HANDBELLS

The handbell team are running as normal again now we have the new Covid instructions. If anyone would like to join us, we rehearse on a Monday evenings, 7.30-9pm, with tea/coffee afterwards. You don't have to read music to play handbells! All ages from school year 4 onwards are welcome! Please get in touch with us by e-mailing harvingtonhandbells@yahoo.co.uk and we'd be delighted to tell you more.

*Keith Hemming (Team Manager)*

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# Abbots Morton St Peter's Church

## HARVEST

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 11am: Harvest Service

You're invited to bring any produce, either fresh or tinned, which can be left in front of the altar or on window ledges. After the service it will be taken to Caring Hands in Evesham.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm: Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper will be held in the village hall and will cost £12.50 per adult, £5 for children 11 and under, payable in advance. Cash, or cheques payable to PCC Abbots Morton, should be taken or sent to our Treasurer Tim Jones, Two Ashes, Radford. Please book your places ASAP with Lynne Pemberton on \*\*\*\*\* or \*\*\*\*\*@\*\*\*\*\*. Payment reserves your place.

To avoid queuing for food, a pork casserole will be served at your table along with vegetables, with fruit crumble for dessert. There will be a traditional raffle but this year there will not be a bar so please bring your own drinks

With Covid safety in mind, there will a limit of 50 people and we cannot accommodate anyone turning up on the night who hasn't booked.

## FLOWER ROTA

Flowers are now being placed in the church again. Those on the flower rota and those who like to place flowers in the church on special occasions, please contact Gill Barker on \*\*\*\*\* or Roma Jones on \*\*\*\*\*.

## VESTRY REPAIRS

We are expecting to hear good news soon that a Faculty has been approved so work can be carried out to fix the cracks that have appeared.



# Abbots Morton

## VILLAGE HALL

([www.abbotsmorton.info/abbots-morton-village-hall](http://www.abbotsmorton.info/abbots-morton-village-hall))

### Welcome to the Stratford Scribes

A well-established writers' group has chosen the village hall as its new home. Members of the Stratford Scribes have been meeting weekly in each other's homes but now need more room to meet. Welcome to our hall and their members Paul Budd and Mary Durdell.

### All yoga classes have now resumed

Yoga classes with Bev Young have resumed on Monday and Thursday mornings and Hatha yoga classes with Catherine Phillips on Tuesday evenings. We're delighted to have them back. Covid-mitigation measures are still in place.

### Wellbeing

Gemma O'Sullivan is holding her second Wellbeing Workshop on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Anyone interested can visit [www.gemmaosullivanwellbeing.co.uk](http://www.gemmaosullivanwellbeing.co.uk).

### Inflation

Our hall has again proved itself highly suitable for accommodating bouncy castles and other inflatables with a successful birthday party for a two-year-old from Redditch. It's the second time BBC Inflatables have been to the hall.

### EasyFundraising and Amazon Smile

We have a new Easyfundraiser, bringing our total supporters to 24. Through their online purchases, they've now raised £762.46 since we started – thank you so much to them! If you want to become our 25<sup>th</sup> EasyFundraiser, simply search for *EasyFundraising* in your web browser and follow the prompts. Please put *Abbots Morton Village Hall* as your good cause.

Amazon Smile customers have raised £64.02. You too can support us by visiting the webpage [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) and following the prompts. Thank you.

### The trustees

The management committee comprises Lynne Pemberton (Chair and PCC rep), Pat Willingale (Secretary), Sarah Dykes (Treasurer), Colin Pemberton (Bookings Officer and PRO) and Martin Willingale (Parish Council rep). If you'd like to join us, please get in touch with any member of the committee.

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	Abbots Morton	Rous Lench	Church Lench	Harvington
(key on p30)				
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November				7pm Benefice All Souls Service
7 <sup>th</sup> November	11am Morning Service	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Village Hall	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Service
14 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30am Remembrance Service		10.50am Remembrance Service	10.30am Remembrance Service
21 <sup>st</sup> November Christ the King	11am Morning Service		8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30am Holy Communion
28 <sup>th</sup> November Advent Sunday	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	5pm Advent Praise/Reflection in the Village Hall	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion

Everyone (of any age) will be made very welcome at all our services

## ARCH Benefice October 2021

(key on p30)	Abbots Morton	Rous Lench	Church Lench	Harvington
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	11am Harvest Thanksgiving	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	11am Harvest Communion Service	9.30am Morning Service
10 <sup>th</sup> October	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	11am Morning Service	11am Morning Service	9.30am Holy Communion
17 <sup>th</sup> October	11am Morning Service	11am Harvest Thanksgiving	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30am Family Harvest
24 <sup>th</sup> October Bible Sunday	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)		11am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion
31 <sup>st</sup> October All Saints Day			10am Benefice Celebration Eucharist	

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