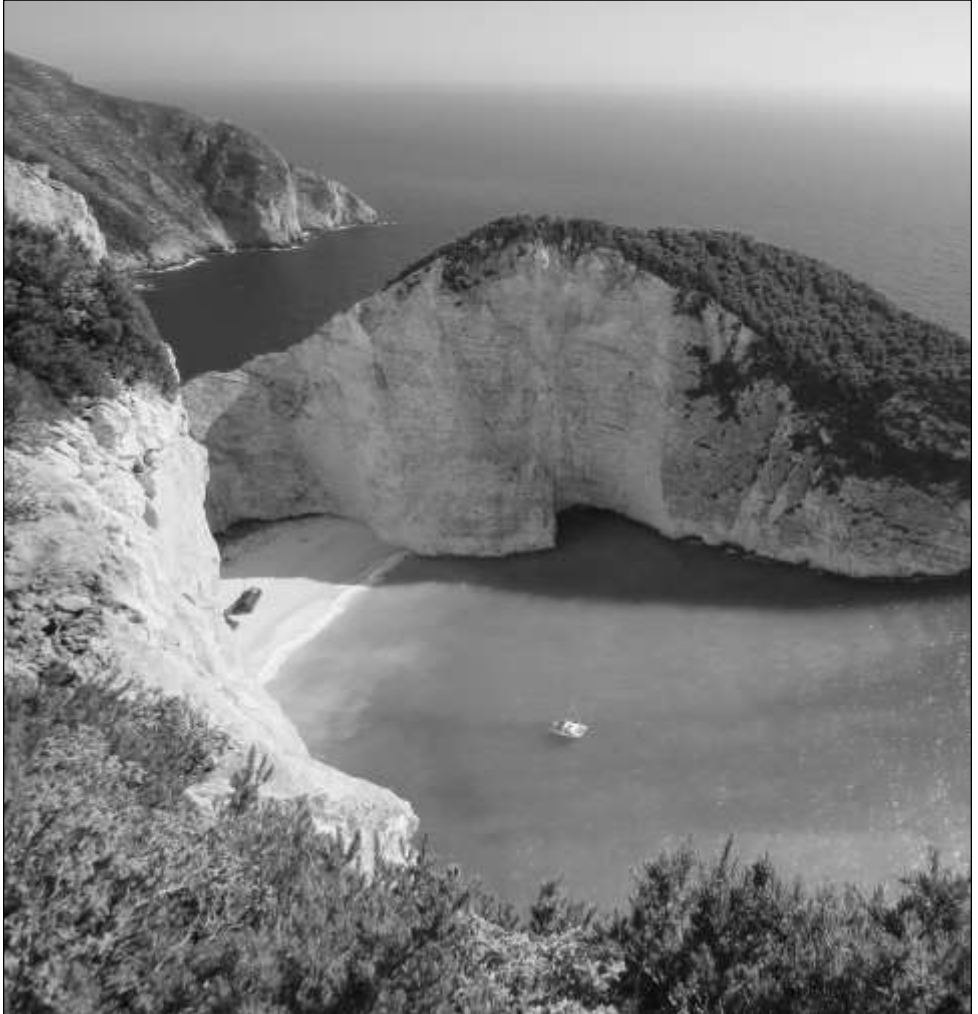




The ARCH Messenger

*To show our love for God and You
July/August 2023*



Abbots Morton, Rous Lench, Church Lench & Harvington
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ARCH Benefice: parishes of Abbots Morton, Rous Lench, Church Lench and Harvington

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Urgent pastoral matters – any time

Readings

2nd July Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

9th July Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17; Romans 7:15-25a;
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

16th July Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11;
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

23rd July
St James the Great Jeremiah 45:1-5; Psalm 126; Acts 11:27-12:2; Matthew 20:20-28

30th July Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 128; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

6th August Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 97; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28-36

13th August Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-10; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

20th August Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a; 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

27th August Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

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Thought for the month

Walking into Creation

The summer months offer us more chances to enjoy walking in the local area and on holidays further afield. As I write this, I am inspired by Dave Foster from Harvington who is halfway through his walk across England and Wales from Lowestoft to St Davids in aid of the *ShelterBoots* appeal. **He reports that he's already raised over £4,000 – enough to fund seven Shelterboxes. A Shelterbox provides emergency shelter and tools to support families overwhelmed by disaster. You can follow Dave's progress at www.shelterboots.uk.**

Many of you may be taking part in the ARCH Benefice walk at the end of June from Abbots Morton to Harvington. We live in a beautiful part of the world and being able to walk slowly, taking in each new vista, is a great way to connect with our created world. In our many bible stories, walking was a natural way of getting around, and some of the most significant events took place on walks. Jesus walked in many places and those fortunate to have visited the Holy Land **are able to walk, quite literally, in Jesus' footsteps.**

Some of you, including Revd Richard, have taken time to embark on pilgrimages. Pilgrimage is about journey; a physical journey involving some effort, individually or in a group, and a spiritual journey. It is something you can do from home, visiting local churches, monuments, natural beauties like ancient yew trees, sources of water and walking along natural paths trod for centuries. There are many places of pilgrimage in our Diocese of Worcester and pilgrimage walking routes (one of which starts from Church Lench) are available on the Diocese website at www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/walkthecross.

As the Celtic prayer says, 'May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rain fall soft upon your fields.' Enjoy your walk!

Chris Sheehan

Stop date for next issue: Monday 7th August

Rector's Corner

Daily prayers: 8.30am and 6pm via Zoom – contact me for details (e-mail rector@archbenefice.org.uk)
This replaces Tuesday prayers and Benefice prayers

Home Communion: I will contact the house-bound, and am open to requests. *Please feel free to ask even if you are only temporarily out of commission*
(contact me on 01386 870527)

Men's Night 8.30pm Thursday 27th July at the Lenches Club, Church Lench
(£12 for the kitty – includes ALL drinks) Thursday 31st August at the Wheelbarrow Castle, Radford

Come and enjoy a pint. £12 in the kitty will cover drinks and get us a savoury snack. Reserve your place: rector@archbenefice.org.uk or 01386 870527

Caring Hands food bank – unprecedented demand

The demand used to be in the teens per week ... now it is in the tens per day!

Items required include:

- ◆ Toiletries (always needed!) and loo rolls
- ◆ Tins and dried goods
- ◆ Items that can be cooked via a kettle, single-ring hob or microwave

Please visit their website www.chands.org.uk for more information.

Richard Thorniley

From the Registers

Harvington

25 th May	Funeral & burial	Gordon Valender
6 th June	Funeral	John Shailer
14 th June	Funeral	Colin Stinton

Notices

Muddy Kids: 9th great year!
1st – 3rd August
'Fun and Joy in God's World!'
10am – 2.30pm

The 'Muddy Kids' Holiday Club is running for its 9th year with the obstacle course at Ellenden Farm, plus other activities which are being explored. I am looking for help, so if you could check your diaries and let me know of your availability, I would be grateful.

We will be based at *****

If you want to book your children in – the order book is open

Cost: £9 per child per day or £26 for 3 days
Ages catered for: 5-10 (first school age)

We also need teenage helpers (ages 11-16)
£7 per day or £20 for 3 days

To reserve a place or to offer help
please get in touch with Richard Thorniley on
01386 870527 or holidayclub@archbenefice.org.uk

Pastoral calls and contacts

If you know of anyone who could do with a call or help for any reason, please let me know. **And please don't assume that I have already heard that someone needs support** – I would much rather hear three times that someone is in trouble or needs help, than not hear at all.

Richard Thorniley

Notices

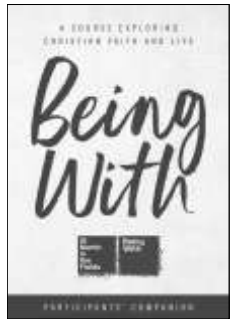
Heating oil delivery dates for the ARCH buying group

Evesons Fuels: 01905 775920

Thursdays: 13th July, 10th August, 14th September, 12th October, 9th November
Phone your order to Evesons by 5pm on the preceding Monday

Christianity – a course exploring its faith and life

The *Being With* course is an introduction to Christianity with a difference! Instead of a Bible study or a series of arguments to try to convince you that God exists, it starts with the conviction that you already have a wealth of understanding of truth, beauty and goodness that will help you, in the company of others, recognise God's presence in your life and your everyday experiences.



At the heart of the course is the idea that God's greatest desire is to be with us in Jesus. That's the reason the world was created; that's why you were created.

Over a period of ten sessions you will discover the dimensions of this presence and what it means to live abundantly with God, with one another and with creation.

This course will start in September, meeting either during the day or in the evening, and will comprise a small group of up to 8 people. The book that accompanies the course costs £6.99 and was drawn together by a team from St Martin-in-the-Fields church. For more information on the course, visit the website www.being-with.org.

Please get in touch with me by e-mailing rector@archbenefice.org.uk or calling 01386 870527 if you would like to join in and explore Christianity.

The Reverend Richard Thorniley

Mary Magdalene

Six Marys are mentioned in the New Testament, including Mary Magdalene who is remembered in the church's calendar on 22nd July. What can we learn from Mary's story?

We don't have to be defined by our past: when Jesus encountered Mary, He cast seven demons out of her (*Luke 8:2*). As a result, her life was transformed and she became a follower of Jesus. Her life as a disciple was no longer defined by the person she had been before. Like Mary, we don't have to let our past without Christ dictate how we see ourselves today.

Put Jesus at the centre of our world: along with some of the women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases (*Luke 8:1-3*), Mary followed Jesus and His disciples and supported them in ministry. She was there at the cross (*Matthew 27:55-56*) and was one of the first to the tomb on the Sunday (*Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:1 and John 20:1-18*). Like Mary, we are called to serve Jesus as dedicated disciples.

Jesus uses the weakest in the world: Mary is a great example of Paul's words, 'But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong' (*1 Corinthians 1:27*). At a time when women were regarded as second-class citizens with no real autonomy, Jesus had a special compassion and care for women. Alongside Mary, the women's witness to the resurrection was taken seriously.

We should be careful not to dismiss things that don't follow our expectations, because Jesus doesn't always do what we expect! He delights in working out His plans through unlikely people and in surprising ways. He did this through Mary and, if we let Him, He can do it through us!

Canon Paul Hardingham

Confidence

Alone with none but Thee, my God, I journey on my way.
What need I fear, when Thou art near, O King of night and day?
More safe I am within Thy hand than if a host did round me stand.

St Columba

Working from rest

The summer sees many of us taking holidays to get some well-earned rest from working. But what is the biblical relationship between rest and work? The Bible shows us that we are to work from rest, not rest from work. How is this working out in our current experience?



When God created human beings on the sixth day, the next full day was a day of rest before the work began. *'Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it He rested from all the work of creating that He had done'* (Genesis 2:3). Sunday is a day of rest at the beginning of the week.

Jesus lived out this rhythm of rest and work in His own ministry. *'Very early in the morning, Jesus got up and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed.'* He then told His disciples, *'Let us go somewhere else so I can preach there also. That is why I have come'* (Mark 1:35-38).

Here is a rhythm for our own lives. *'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit'* (John 15:5). Our work, our fruitfulness arises out of the time we abide/rest in Jesus. He will then show us what aspects of our lives need pruning; *'while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful'* (John 15:2).

Let's use the summer to reflect on how this pattern is working in our lives:

- ◆ Are we spending enough time 'abiding' in Jesus?
- ◆ Are we putting our energies into the right balance of rest and work?
- ◆ Are there unproductive areas of our lives and churches that need pruning?

Remember, God created us as human beings not just human doings!!

Canon Paul Hardingham

Miscellaneous musings...

If a lot of swimming is so good for your shape, why do the whales look the way they do?

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst, for they are sticking to their diets!

On holiday with Jesus

August is the month when schools are off and many of us go on holiday. Some may travel to far-away exotic destinations while others may opt for a staycation. Whichever you choose, the good news is that Jesus offers us a true rest:



'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls' (Matthew 11: 28-29). Are you feeling tired or burdened and in need of a holiday? Jesus invites you to spend it with Him!

The invitation: **Our holiday destination is Jesus Himself:** *'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened...'* **We can come just as we are, with all the burdens and sadness we carry. Jesus doesn't offer a 'quick fix' to deal with our issues; He simply offers Himself!**

The promise: Jesus promises us the gift of refreshing, sustaining and everlasting rest. When we go on holiday, we usually look forward to doing very little, yet this is not the kind of rest Jesus offers. His rest involves taking up His yoke and learning from Him! A yoke was the wooden collar that ran across the shoulders of a pair of oxen to enable them to work the fields. **Jesus is saying 'My yokes fit well. They do not rub your neck and shoulders. Come to Me and get yoked to Me. Make an act of loyal obedience and trust in Me and you will find a deep peace and satisfaction that you could never find anywhere else. I have come for you!'**

What's so amazing about this holiday is that you can get rest by simply staying at home!

Canon Paul Hardingham

Headlines that didn't quite work...

Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says

Miners Refuse to Work after Death

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures

Keep moving

There were so many graduates waiting to receive their degrees that speed was of the essence. Therefore, when presenting their diplomas, the Chancellor simply smiled and said, 'Congratulations, keep moving.'

Actually, that is good advice for all of life, and for your Christian life as well.

If you've discovered the reality of God's love for yourself, you deserve congratulations, for in a very real sense, you have arrived... *but keep moving!* God has so much *more* in store for you! St Paul, in his second letter to Timothy, said, '*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day...*' (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

So, wherever you have reached in your own faith pilgrimage, congratulations – but keep moving!

God's garden

Plant three rows of peas:

Peas of mind
Peas of heart
Peas of soul

Plant three rows of squash:

Squash gossip
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness

Plant three rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be obedient
Lettuce love one another

Plant three rows of turnips:

Turnip for services
Turnip for meetings
Turnip to help one another

Plant three rows of thyme:

Thyme for God
Thyme for Bible study
Thyme for prayer.

Finally –

Water freely with patience,
Cultivate with love,
And remember – you will
only reap what you sow!

Why we don't bother to lock the 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,

Since I happened to be in your area last week, I tried to call in at your church and was sorry to find it was locked and bolted, with surveillance cameras watching me.

We tend to be a little more relaxed about matters of security. The key to the **medieval lock was lost some time during Queen Victoria's reign and never replaced**. How someone managed to misplace a foot-long piece of cast iron, **weighing about 10lbs, is a mystery. If it had fallen out of someone's pocket, it would certainly have broken their foot**. Ever since, no one has bothered with locking the door – which makes me wish our burglars last year had thought of trying it, before wasting so much energy smashing a stained-glass window when they visited in the early hours one morning. On the other hand, were the key still in use, I should probably be arrested for carrying an offensive weapon.

As with most rural churches, keys which open just about everything in the village are hidden in various parts of the church. The vestry key is under my seat cushion, the organ key under a vase on the altar, the church hall key on top of **the hymn book cupboard, and Miss Simpson's spare front door key inside the font**. I am sure someone could usefully produce a book suggesting the many places keys are likely to be secreted in churches for the use of vergers, flower arrangers, cleaners – and thieves wanting to save themselves time and effort.

I suspect the burdened look that many urban clergy wear is not because they are weighed down with parish troubles but because they are obliged to carry a superfluity of keys needed to negotiate every door in the church, hall, school and vicarage. And there is always one which no one has any idea what it opens!

The only occasion I have ever thought it would be useful to be able to lock a church is when you have a party of visitors inside. So often, on hearing the words **'let us pray'** or the start of an appeal for funds, they bolt for the door.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

The Bible ... but not as you know it

For a church school exam, young children were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. These were some of the (real) results...

1. In the first book of the Bible, Guinness, God got tired of creating the world, so He took the Sabbath off.
2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark and the animals came on in pears.
3. **Lot's wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.**
4. Sampson was a strong man who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
5. Samson slayed [*sic*] the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.
6. Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.
7. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the ten amendments.
8. The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
9. The seventh Commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
10. Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
11. The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still, and he obeyed him.



HARVINGTON SINGERS PRESENT
MUSICALS...AND MORE!

Friday 30th June and Saturday 1st July at 7.30pm
St James Church, Harvington

£9 adults, £5 juniors

*For tickets, e-mail tickets@harvingtonsingers.org.uk, phone *****
or visit our website www.harvingtonsingers.org.uk*



Harvington St James' Church

CAMEO TEAS

Wednesday 12th July, 1.30pm at Harvington First School
This month the children from Year 5 at Harvington First School have invited us to enjoy tea, cakes and conversation in the school hall. Please join us and support the children – they love serving tea for us!

Wednesday 9th **August, 3pm in St James' Church**

In August, our monthly teas will revert to their usual time and place. If you would like to know more, or need a lift to the school or the church, please get in touch with Sophie on ***** or *****@*****.

GARDENING TEAM

Saturday 15th July & Saturday 19th August, 9.30am-12 noon
At last summer seems to have arrived and our next two meetings should be perfect days for gardening. Joy tells me that we have entered the churchyard competition again, so there are important jobs to be done and we need your help. Joy and Julian have been delighted with your work during the earlier meetings, so please keep up your efforts. A break will be arranged around 11am for tea, coffee and chat.

Clive Allen

Flower Festival and Open Gardens Saturday 8th/Sunday 9th July



The Beauty of Books: floral tributes to the wonder of books.

Come and see St James' church dressed to its best, from 11am, with light refreshments on offer and afternoon tea from 2-4pm.

Buy a programme in St James' and wander around Harvington to enjoy some of the best, brightest, most-loved gardens (2-5pm).

Harvington First School News

As this academic year draws to a close, we have many exciting opportunities for children and families to help them prepare for the next year, whether they are joining, remaining or leaving our school. Transition planning is an important feature of this part of the summer term when we are looking after the nerves and excitement of all children as they move to the next stage in their education. We prepare to welcome our new children in Nursery and Reception classes by **inviting them to 'stay and play' and meet their new teachers and friends.** Families are invited to evening meetings to find out about the different opportunities and to see where their children will be learning. Children throughout the school will spend time in their new classrooms with their new teachers; it is a time for them to learn about each other and the new routines and expectations.

Our oldest children will be visiting their new schools and meeting new friends as they leave the security of their Year Five class for the final time. Before they leave, they will welcome the residents of the village into school for a CAMEO Tea to share tea and cake, memories and an early performance of some of the songs from the huge end of year show that they will perform to family and friends. **The children also enjoy a special party and a leavers' service where they will share their memories and dreams.** All staff will miss our leavers, but we know we have created long lasting memories and prepared them well for their new learning opportunities.

Once we have enjoyed our school discos, film night, sports day, whole school picnic and summer fayre, we will be ready to enjoy our summer break! We hope all our children, families and community enjoy theirs too.

Helen Fishbourne, Headteacher

*A financial emergency or a little extra help needed
and you're Harvington-based?*

St James' Church manages an emergency fund on behalf of the community. We've helped a number of people and are happy to help more. If you need a little financial assistance, please call
***** and we will offer what support we can.

Harvington

HARVINGTON COMMUNITY SUPPORT NETWORK

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The Community Support group are a small team of volunteers who are available to support residents who need a hand. We can assist with transport, occasional shopping, small DIY jobs, friendly visiting or sitting with someone while a carer has a break, dealing with admin, form-filling etc. For bigger concerns, we may be able to provide advice about who to contact. If you think we can be of service, do please contact us on ***** (leave a message if we don't answer and we will get back to you).

Wendy and Konrad Monks (Coordinators)

FILM SCREENINGS

Friday 21st July, 7.45pm: *To Kill a Mocking Bird* (cert 12)

A presentation for an adult audience, this classic thought-provoking story is both a young girl's coming-of-age story and a darker drama about the roots and consequences of racism and prejudice, probing how good and evil can co-exist within a single community or individual. There will be a led discussion on the themes raised following the film.

Doors open 7.30pm, screen illumination 7.45pm

Saturday 22nd July, 10.45am: *The Railway Children* (cert U)

For children, about children, this story, now nearly 100 years old, centres on the lives of three children whose comfortable, middle-class existence ends when their father has to go away unexpectedly. Roberta, Phyllis and Peter leave their London home and move with their mother to a small cottage in the country where life is very different.

Doors open 10.30am, screen illumination 10.45am

For more information & booking, go to www.harvingtonfestival.org

Films will be shown in Harvington Village Hall

Please note: there will be no scheduled Harvington Films presentation in August – "normal" service will resume in September

Abbots Morton **St Peter's Church**

(www.abbotsmorton.info/st-peters-church)

FLOWER FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone who created flower arrangements to adorn the church for the Patronal Festival celebrating our patron saint, St Peter, which took place on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th June. It's lovely that so many want to be involved in making our floral displays and our thanks also to Roma Jones for organising our flower arranging rota throughout the year.

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU

If you would like to be involved in looking after St Peter's, why not join the PCC (Parochial Church Council)? We meet every two months to plan and carry out developments to the church and churchyard and organise fundraising events. The current members of the PCC are the Rector, Revd Richard Thorniley; Lynne Pemberton (churchwarden, *****); Roma Jones; Lynda Payne and Colin Pemberton (PCC secretary, *****). To join us, please contact Richard Thorniley (870527, rector@archbenefice.org.uk).

PARISH COUNCIL

All parishioners are welcome to attend our Parish Council meetings. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 27th July at 8pm in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Residents are invited to put forward any ideas, concerns or queries during public question time. If you cannot attend in person then please raise issues with the Clerk at abbotsmortonpc@gmail.com.

There are two vacancies on the Parish Council. These posts will be filled by the co-option process through the Parish Council. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, please contact the Clerk (details above) for more information.



Abbots Morton

VILLAGE HALL

(www.abbotsmorton.info/abbots-morton-village-hall)

Community coffee morning

Tuesday 4th July & Tuesday 1st August, 10am-12 noon

Our community coffee mornings... as usual... will be on the first Tuesday of the next two months. The doors of the village hall will be open to anyone who wants to come along. It's an opportunity for people in the neighbourhood to get together for a catch-up chat and swap stories over a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit. There's no charge – just drop in.

Hire the hall

Your village hall is available for you to hire for family celebrations and parties, for business gatherings, wedding receptions and much more. To book, simply call our Bookings Officer Colin on ***** and he'll make it happen.

Friends of the Village Hall

If you would like to help at the village hall but don't want to become a member of the committee, please consider becoming a Friend of the Village Hall. This is not a fundraising group but we hope the Friends would suggest events that could be held and assist in organising them. If you would like to become a Friend, please contact Lynne Pemberton on *****.

Easyfundraising

Thank you to everyone for raising donations for the hall with *#easyfundraising!* If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 8,000 brands will donate to us (at no extra cost to you!) when you use *easyfundraising* to do your everyday online shopping. Every donation makes a difference to us so please join today at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/abbotsmortonvillagehall.

Our EasyFundraisers have raised £1,142.71 for village hall funds since we started in Spring 2017, and the original handful of supporters has grown to 25! You can become the 26th or 27th EasyFundraiser, by visiting the link above.



Rous Lench St Peter's Church

CALLING ALL BUDDING JOURNALISTS!

Village Life, the twice-yearly newsletter for Rous Lench & Radford, is due out in September. If you would like to write a piece for it or have any interesting local news story that you would like to be included, please let Fran Herdman (*****@*****) know by Monday 21st August. She would love to hear from you!

ROUS LENCH PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETINGS: All parishioners are welcome to attend our meetings. The next meeting will be held on Monday 17th July at 7pm in Rous Lench Village Hall. Residents are invited to put forward any ideas, concerns or queries during public question time. If you cannot attend in person then please raise issues with the Clerk, Kerry Williamson (rouslenchpc@gmail.com).

COUNCILLOR VACANCIES: We currently have two vacancies on the council and would love to hear from community-minded people who want to give something back to their local area. It is a voluntary position with an induction and training. Meetings are every other month and are a couple of hours long on a Monday evening. In the interim, about an hour per week is needed to keep up to date with council matters. Are you interested? Would you like more information? Please contact the Clerk (details above) who will be happy to help.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION ROUS LENCH AND INKBERROW BRANCH



Summer Event



Saturday 8th July from 6pm
The Flyfords Hall, Grafton Flyford, WR7 4PG

*Admission: Adults £7.50 on the gate to include
a generous cold buffet and a glass of wine/cider/soft drink*

Live music, grand raffle draw, tombola and more... ♻️ Parking available

Rous Lench/Church Lench



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
ROUS LENCH AND INKBERROW BRANCH



Poppy Appeal Coffee Mornings

10.30am-12 noon – everyone is welcome to join us!

Wednesday 13th September: The Red Hart, Kington

Saturday 30th September: The Old Bull, Inkberrow

Raffle & homemade cakes

Entrance: £2 includes light refreshment. Proceeds to the RBL Poppy Appeal



THE LENCHES TENNIS CLUB

Enjoy the resurfaced courts and
a wonderful view of the Malvern Hills

Join our friendly club as a member:
for information, contact *****@*****



ADULT SUMMER COACHING COURSES (membership is not necessary
for coaching courses) for beginners, rusty racquets and advanced
players: contact *****@*****

JUNIOR COACHING COURSES for all school-aged children:
contact *****@*****

New course for 5-7 year-olds on Saturday at 9.15am

THE LENCHES CLUB: UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 8th July: Blobbie Williams (Robbie Williams parody)

Saturday 7th October: The Lenches Comedy Club

*Make a note in your diary – **we'd love to see you there!***

*For more information, contact info@thelenchesclub.co.uk or visit
our Facebook page www.facebook.com/lenchesclub.*

Church Lench First School News

Exciting summer!: May has been a very busy month with many exciting trips! **Our youngest children visited Bishop's Wood recently and had an amazing day**, coming back full of excitement about the activities they experienced. Year 4/5 visited Worcester Commandery, to consolidate their knowledge of the English Civil War. The children experienced getting ready for battle and toured the museum and gardens, asking many questions. A few of our Year 5 children travelled to Pershore tennis club to compete against other schools in the area. They all played very well and enjoyed the morning.

In June and July, we are looking forward to bell boating, Sports Day, Year 2/3 pupils experiencing a Roman workshop at Upton Warren, the whole school enjoying a visit by an author, and the end of term *Rock Steady* concert. Another busy term coming up! I cannot thank the staff enough who work so hard to plan exciting days for the children to enhance their learning.

Cricket stars!: Congratulations to our Year 4 cricket team who came 3rd from **10 schools in a district schools' tournament at the end of May. The children** really enjoyed the day and displayed fantastic skills and team spirit.

Science club: Mrs Ferguson has been running a Science Club on Thursdays after school and has had a great response! Exciting scientific activities have included exploring gravitational and buoyant forces as well as mass and density. Children enjoyed predicting which items would sink or float – a malteser vs a chocolate square being the clear favourite! The children also designed a boat to help a gingerbread man escape from the fox, explored plate tectonics and made lava lamps to take home!

DIY SOS Saturday 1st July: We are hoping for a great response to our DIY SOS Day from parents and the wider community. If you are interested in helping our school, you can scan the QR code which will take you to a form to complete. There are many different areas of the school we are looking to improve including indoor and outdoor painting, weeding, pruning, mending and constructing. There will be refreshments provided for anyone able to assist!



Mrs S Price, Headteacher

Church Lench **All Saints' Church**

FLOWER ROTA

8 th July	Ann Quickenden	12 th August	Jane Powell
22 nd July	Jenny Dainty	26 th August	Maggie Stroud

THANK YOU

Di Badger is pleased to announce that her coffee morning in May raised £340 towards the cost of the floral arrangements in the church and the purchase of any accessories required by the flower arrangers throughout the coming year. She wishes to thank all those who so generously supported this event.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 1st October, 12 noon: Harvest Lunch
Tickets for the 3-course meal will be on sale in September, price £12.50

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www.southlenchesparishcouncil.org

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There is a vacancy for the Sheriffs Lench Ward and one for the Church Lench Ward. These posts will be filled by the co-option process. If you are interested in becoming a councilor, please contact the Clerk (details above).

Meetings of the Parish Council

Information can be found on the Church Lench notice board in the Croft, the notice board in Atch Lench and the Parish Council website. Meetings are held every 2 months – January, March, May, July, September and November. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Grant applications

The Parish Council has allocated in its budget a sum for organisations in the South Lenches area to apply for a grant to assist with any projects etc. An application form can be found on the Parish Council website – details above.

Church Lench

LENCHES WI

(lencheswi@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/thelencheswi)

At our May meeting Phil Collins gave a very interesting and entertaining talk about the history of Punch & Judy, which began in the 17th century. It was a lively and informative afternoon which was greatly appreciated.

On Monday 17th July, 2pm in The Lenches Club, Kirsty Protherough will be giving a talk on *Home Visit Healthcare*. Visitors always welcome to come along – contact Jean Houlton on ***** for further information.

LENCHES AMPHITHEATRE

Sunday 20th August, 2.30pm: *The Comedy of Errors*

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Sunday 10th September: *Robin Hood* presented by Illyria

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VILLAGE HALL

The committee would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who attended our Coronation Weekend Brunch and our Family Bingo Night.

Your support is very much appreciated!

100 Club

The May draw winners were: 1st Suzy Clarke; 2nd Jack Harrison; 3rd Pete Marston

Saturday 23rd September, 7pm: Race Night, Pizza and Ponies

Tickets costing £7 will be on sale soon, available from all committee members

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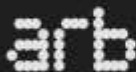
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6 th August Transfiguration of Christ	11am Holy Communion	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	11am Holy Communion	10am Holy Communion joint service with Harvington Baptist Church
13 th August		11am Morning Service	11am Morning Service	9.30am Holy Communion
20 th August	11am Morning Service		8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	10am Morning Worship at Harvington Baptist Church
27 th August			11am Morning Service	9.30am Holy Communion

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ARCH Benefice July 2023

	Abbotts Morton	Rous Lench	Church Lench	Harvington
2 nd July	11am Morning Service	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Service 6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)
9 th July		11am Morning Service	11am Morning Service	9.30am Holy Communion
16 th July	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Service	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30am Family Service
23 rd July Festival of St James the Great			11am Family Service	9.30am Holy Communion 6pm Songs of Praise
30 th July		10am Benefice Communion		
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