



# The ARCH Messenger

*To show our love for God and You  
September 2023*



Abbots Morton, Rous Lench, Church Lench & Harvington  
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## Readings

3<sup>rd</sup> September Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 115; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

10<sup>th</sup> September Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

17<sup>th</sup> September Exodus 14:19-31; *Canticle*: Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Romans 14:1-12;  
Matthew 18:21-35

24<sup>th</sup> September Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

*Harvest readings* Deuteronomy 8:7-18; Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 12:16-30

1<sup>st</sup> October Exodus 17:1-17; Psalm 78:1-7; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

8<sup>th</sup> October Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19:7-14; Philippians 3:4b-14;  
Matthew 21:33-46

15<sup>th</sup> October Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

22<sup>nd</sup> October Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

29<sup>th</sup> October Nehemiah: 8:1-4a, 8-12; Psalm 119:9-16; Colossians 3:12-17;

Bible Sunday Matthew 24:30-35

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## Thought for the month

### *A change of perspective*

Sometimes life can be a disappointment. I was thinking this while walking in the rain through the Lake District, wondering what the view would be like if only I could see it. The planned sunny weather had not arrived and it felt like summer had taken the bypass, leaving me in a muddy puddle.

On returning to my hotel, I found myself soggy and a little down-spirited yet **there was still a sense of achievement. I hadn't walked the distances I had planned, enjoyed the views or even indulged in a lake swim.** Without these distractions I had time to think and ponder, working out answers to questions that had been bothering me and solving problems nagging at the back of my brain. God may have taken the sun and distractions but instead He gave me something I needed much more – space to think.

Jesus tells us that life is a journey with the promise of salvation at the end. The worries of today will fade into the joy of tomorrow, and even though there is a bigger picture, we are not to worry about it. Not worrying is often counter-intuitive to human nature. We worry about everything but sometimes our disappointments are also our greatest successes and achievements. By changing **the plan, we can change the outcome. It's all a matter of perspective.** My beautifully-planned walk was cut short but I had solved my problems and settled the nagging doubts that had plagued me.

Not all summers can be dominated by heatwaves and red sunsets; sometimes the rain is what we need, making nature sprout in new and exciting ways. So, if your journey turns out to be a little more soggy than you planned or the **view is not as clear as you would have liked, don't worry. After the rain comes the rainbow.**

*Pippa Heenan*

*Stop date for next issue: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September*

## Rector's Corner

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

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

**Men's Night** *8.30pm* Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at the Coach and Horses,  
(*£12 for the kitty –* Harvington  
*includes ALL drinks*) *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*

## From the Registers

### *Rous Lench*

8 <sup>th</sup> July	Wedding	Joseph Davies and Catherine Knight
19 <sup>th</sup> August	Baptism	Arthur Jarman
21 <sup>st</sup> August	Funeral	Barry Cottrill

### *Church Lench*

9 <sup>th</sup> July	Baptism	Gregory Monaghan
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Funeral	David Yates
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Funeral	Margaret Pitt

### *Harvington*

17 <sup>th</sup> June	Interment of ashes	Margaret Lewis
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Wedding	Peter Williams and Luisa McKenzie
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Wedding	Ralph Giles and Florence Rowland
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Baptism	Walter and Theia Vickers
7 <sup>th</sup> August	Interment of ashes	Irene Young

## Notices



### Messy Church

*Join us for an afternoon of fun (with a hot meal)*

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 3.30pm at Harvington Village Hall

*Cost per person: zero, nil nothing – **yes, it's free!***

*For more information contact Chris on 07977 072105*

Midweek Communion services are back!

Midweek Communion services are taking place at St James', Harvington, on Wednesdays at 11am on a fortnightly basis – please check the ARCH Messenger for information. These are said services that alternately follow the Book of Common Prayer and Common Worship formats.

*Everyone is very welcome to join us*

## Notices

Heating oil delivery dates for the ARCH buying group

Evesons Fuels: 01905 775920

Thursdays: 14<sup>th</sup> September, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 14<sup>th</sup> December  
*Phone your order to Evesons by 5pm on the preceding Monday*

### Harvest generosity – Caring Hands food bank

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

Items required include:

- ◆ Toiletries (always needed!)
- ◆ Loo rolls (don't go mad and start a panic but perhaps donate on a regular basis by getting an extra packet when you're shopping?)
- ◆ Tins and dried goods
- ◆ Items that can be cooked via a kettle, single-ring hob or microwave

Thank you for your past and on-going generosity, especially as food costs are soaring.

For more information on Caring Hands, please visit [www.chands.org.uk](http://www.chands.org.uk).

*Richard Thorniley*

### ALL SOULS SERVICE

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> **November, 7pm at St Peter's, Abbots Morton**

We will be holding 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 services have been held in the benefice in the last year will be read out. There will be an opportunity for everyone to light a candle in memory of a loved one and place it on the altar.

This is a service that is open to anyone to come along, and the hope and prayer is that it will help all those who feel bereaved to come to terms with loss, whenever that may have taken place.

*Richard Thorniley*

## Notices

### Home groups

We have enough interest to form up to three home groups, starting in the autumn, but we can manage more. An initial social get-together is planned for everyone on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 3.30pm in **St James', Harvington**, to explain how things will work.

**Groups will meet fortnightly in people's homes.**

We have two courses for the home groups to begin with:

- ◆ The Pilgrim Course takes subjects and looks at what the Bible says about them. This course is best for seekers, enquirers or new Christians although experienced Christians may enjoy a refresher
- ◆ The LifeBuilder Course takes Bible books and looks at the subjects they raise. Best for experienced Christians but can be adapted and led in a way that is sympathetic to the needs of newcomers

It would help if you would tell us which sort of group you would like to join and if you would prefer to meet in the daytime or evening – please contact me, Richard Thorniley, on [rector@archbenefice.org.uk](mailto:rector@archbenefice.org.uk).



### ShelterBoots come home!

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm for 7.30pm  
at Harvington Village Hall



**The inside story (and pictures) from Dave Foster's 425-mile walk** across England and Wales, which has raised £9,000 (and still counting!) for ShelterBox disaster relief. Grab a glass of wine as you arrive, get going on the Cross-Country Quiz, play ShelterBoots Bingo and gear up for some fantastic prizes with our East to West Raffle!

Entrance £5 (card or cash) on the door or from [www.wegotickets.com/event/589193](http://www.wegotickets.com/event/589193). All proceeds will boost our final fundraising total for ShelterBox disaster relief. For further details of ShelterBox and its current world-wide priorities, please visit [www.shelterbox.org](http://www.shelterbox.org).

## A lighter moment (or two)...

### The perfect diet

The best and most infallible way to reduce your waistline? Just move your head slowly from right to left when offered a second helping.

### Smart

Earth flew in all directions as the would-be golfer attempted to strike the ball. 'Goodness,' he finally blurted to his caddie, 'the worms around here will think there's been an earthquake.'

'Never mind,' said the caddie, 'they are pretty smart. By now they will be hiding beneath the ball for safety.'

### What you really need in a vicar

The Archdeacon was discussing the requirements for a new vicar with the church wardens of an empty parish. 'What you need is a person of vision with drive, determination and fire; a person who can inspire others; a person who can pull our diocesan cricket team out of last place...'

### Way ahead

People aren't really so clever. The turtle had a streamlined body, a hard top, retractable landing gear and a mobile home thousands of years before we did.

### From a school essay

'...and when the marauders landed on the coast, the villagers would run to the top of the hill and set fire to the deacon...'

## Musings...

Some days I amaze myself with my intelligence. Other days I put my keys in the fridge.

**Why do people have to 'get ready for bed'? I'm always ready for bed.**

Scientists have finally discovered exactly how much sleep a human being needs – just five minutes more.

When I was young, I was poor. Now, after several years of hard work, I am no longer young.

**A chrysanthemum by any other name would be... much easier to spell.**



## The Beatitudes: Blessed are the poor in spirit

Jesus begins the Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes (*Matthew 5:1-12*), declaring the blessings of God's kingdom. The word *blessed* describes how we can live under God's blessing. Jesus talks about the '*beautiful attitudes*' (Billy Graham) that characterise followers of Jesus. They speak more about who we are than what we do and reflect perfectly the character of Jesus that He wants to develop in us.

*'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven'* is the first beatitude (*Matthew 5:3*). To be 'poor in spirit' is not simply being poor economically, as the word used means 'being dependent on others for support'. It is the opposite of spiritual pride, recognising that we all fall short of God's standards in our thoughts, words and actions.

It's not just about what we do for God, but what He has done for us through Jesus' death on the cross. As we bring our sin, guilt, shame and failure to Him, in grace He offers us His love, acceptance and forgiveness. We come with empty hands, *'Nothing in my hands I bring, simply to thy cross I cling'* (Augustus Toplady).

This is well illustrated by the tax collector in Jesus' parable. *'God have mercy on me, a sinner'* (*Luke 18:13*). It is cry that says 'O God, I am in a mess. I've got nothing to offer. I haven't begun to pray or hear you properly. I am spiritually poor.' To those who cry out like this, Jesus says *'theirs is the kingdom of heaven'* (*Matthew 5:3*). The kingdom of God flings open its doors to beggars!

*'There is nothing we can do to make God love us more; there is nothing we can do to make God love us less'* (Philip Yancey: *What's So Amazing About Grace*).

Canon Paul Hardingham

### **Musings on the Christian walk...**

When considering your future, give God what's right not what's left. *Anon*  
God does not keep office hours. *A W Tozer*

When praying, don't give God instructions – just report for duty. *Anon*

WARNING: Exposure to the Son may prevent burning.

## Be still and know...

*'Be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46:10).* Have you ever thought of taking some time out of daily life to simply 'be still' with God? To hear His voice, enjoy His presence, and perhaps receive His direction for your future? When one lady heard that her friend was 'taking some time out to "be still" and listen to God', she responded with curiosity, 'What does His voice sound like?'

For many Christians, the response would be this, 'His voice for me is always calming, always reassuring; it always makes me feel overwhelmingly loved. It gives me a sense of peace which is deeper than any pain and stronger than any fear. No wonder the Scriptures talk of a *peace that passes all understanding!*'

God speaks to us individually, through His Word, the Bible. And sometimes, when we are outside, He can also speak to us through His beautiful world. The blue sky says '*always look up!*'; the sun says '*shine!*'; the birds say '*sing!*'; the trees say '*be fruitful!*' and the flowers say '*consider the lilies!*'. The open road ahead says '*go into the world and preach the Gospel!*'. The gentle rustle of the wind in the trees says '*though you can't see My face, you can hear Me, see reflections of Me, feel Me, touch Me and know Me through all I create, if you just take the time to be still!*'

Norma Murrain

## ASAP

Have you ever considered the abbreviation ASAP? Generally, it brings even more hurry and stress into our lives. Yet there is another way to think of ASAP, a way which might help us deal with those difficult times.

**When there's work to do and deadlines to meet and your colleagues are rushing around, here's what you can do to help: *ASAP – Always Say a Prayer.***  
**When your worries mount up and you don't know how you are ever going to cope with what is coming at you: *ASAP – Always Say a Prayer.***

God knows how stressful our lives can be, and wants to ease our cares. In the Bible He promises to respond to our calls for help. So call Him! *ASAP!*

## God can use everything we give Him

The story is told of a man in charge of building a great church, who was pestered by an apprentice who wanted to design the glass for one of the windows. Finally, he agreed that the apprentice should be given one very small window BUT the apprentice would have to provide all the materials himself.

Undaunted, the apprentice carefully swept up all the stray bits of coloured glass that had been discarded and set to work. Slowly, and with great care, he pieced together a window of rare beauty. When the church was finally opened, many people stopped to stare in wonder at his small, but so beautiful, iridescent window.

Our lives can be like that – no matter how small we may feel, or that we have only scraps to offer to God, He can still help us use every bit of time and energy and love we do have to build a life that is beautiful and which will reflect the glory of God to others.

### Do you need a new painkiller?

Do you ever take pain killers? If so, do you take one for your shoulder and another one for your knee? Of course not! Once the painkiller enters your bloodstream, it goes everywhere, soothing and damping down the pain and hitting all the right spots.

God works a bit like that on the pain in our lives. He has a prescription for ALL the problem areas of our lives. Most of us carry around with us emotional scars or a burden or some heartache. It may be the trauma of loss, anxiety for our family, uncertainty over our jobs and our futures. Whatever it is, God **offers us a prescription to help the pain. The psalmist wrote, 'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble' (Psalm 46:1).** Jesus added, *'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest' (Matthew 11:28).*

**This kind of help is real and immediate and is there for the asking. We don't** have to put up with our dis-ease and struggle alone. God is only a prayer away. Not just twice a day, after meals, but whenever we need Him.

## On why it is so hard to read...

*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,

Your suggestion that every month at clergy meetings, someone should review a book of theology they have been reading was bound to be greeted with uneasy resistance. It would mean the majority would have to start *opening* books, rather than just occasionally dusting them. Possessing books does not necessarily imply that they are ever read. Clerical studies may be lined with books, but they are largely for effect – and to hide damp patches on the wallpaper. Anything with hard covers will have been bought with the best of intentions – but somehow the vicarage lawn or the church hall drains will have taken precedence. And from **what I know of your colleague over at St Crispin's, the only books he will buy will be to colour in.**

I do try to keep up with my reading, but sleep mercifully intervenes after the first 10 minutes. On days when I sit by my study window, so passers-by can see me deeply occupied in intellectual activity, it is most useful that my large tome on the letters of Eusebius can easily conceal an Agatha Christie inside it.

I confess that I was once gloriously put down when I tried to impress one of our blue stockings by mentioning a new edition of a Dostoevsky novel. She **replied, 'I have never read Dostoevsky in translation.'** It only confirmed my suspicions that she had worked as a Russian spy in earlier years.

I was hugely impressed when, during the bitter cold of last winter, the Earl of Stowe, whose library would comfortably contain one of our cathedrals, told me he was slowly getting through its contents of tens of thousands of volumes. It was only some time later that I discovered he meant he threw the occasional one on the fire when he was running low on wood.

No, my dear Darren, the only literary activities that will spark interest will be crosswords for the majority or diocesan reports for the truly dedicated – with weighty tomes being used as door stops.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

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

### FLOWER ROTA

9 <sup>th</sup> September	Nadine Woakes
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Jacky and Joy
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Jane Tinson

### HARVEST LUNCH

This year's Harvest Lunch will take place on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 12.15pm in the Village Hall. There will be a 3-course meal priced at £12.50, a licensed bar and a raffle. Tickets must be bought in advance from any member of the PCC and further information may be obtained from Lyndall Bagnall (\*\*\*\*\*) or Nadine Woakes (\*\*\*\*\*).

### THANK YOU

Carol Yates and family thank you all for your kind messages and support following David's death.

### FLOWER FESTIVAL

The PCC Social Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the extremely successful Flower Festival at the end of June. The weekend began in the beautifully decorated church with a most enjoyable concert given by Pershore Town Choir. The floral arrangements, open gardens, scarecrows, plant sales (generously donated by Hayloft Nurseries), craft stalls and refreshments once again proved to be wonderful attractions for the many visitors who came to the village, and thanks to the enthusiastic effort and support by so many people over the whole weekend, we raised almost £3,000.



## Church Lench

### LENCHES WI

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

In July we enjoyed a very interesting and informative talk by Kirsty Protherough who gave useful tips about positive ageing and how to access help for someone we are caring for or for ourselves. Preparations for illness and incapacity were discussed, emphasising the need to put in place Power of Attorney for finances and for health and social care. The more we can make our wishes known to our next of kin, the easier it will be for them.

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September we are hoping to visit Elgar's Museum. Full details will be given to members nearer the date. If you are new to the area and would like to join us, contact Jean Houlton (\*\*\*\*\*) for details.

### LENCHES AMPHITHEATRE

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September: *Robin Hood* presented by Illyria  
While King Richard is away on crusade, his friend Robert Fitzooth, under the assumed name of Robin Hood, resolves to relieve corrupt landowners of their wealth, ruin the inept Sheriff of Nottingham and do all he can to prevent Prince **John from seizing the throne. You'll laugh, you'll cry, and if you're not cheering at** the archery competition involving the entire audience then you must be dead.

*For further information go to [www.lenchestheatre.co.uk](http://www.lenchestheatre.co.uk), follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and sign up for our regular newsletter*

### VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 7pm: Race Night, Pizza and Ponies  
Tickets costing £7 are available from all committee members  
*Get a table together or come on your own for a great night!*

Did you know there are exercises classes at the hall? Zumba on Tuesdays, pilates on Wednesday evenings and yoga on Thursday evenings.

Visit our pages on [www.thelenches.org.uk](http://www.thelenches.org.uk) for more details

Interested in hiring the hall? Please e-mail [clvillagehallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:clvillagehallbookings@gmail.com) or see our pages on the [www.thelenches.org.uk](http://www.thelenches.org.uk) website

## Church Lench

### EVER THOUGHT ABOUT LEARNING TO RING?

Have you ever considered learning to ring the church bells? We are lucky in Church Lench because we have a committed teacher/instructor in our team, but it takes time to get the hang of it. Like riding a bike and swimming, once you've got it, it's there forever.

**Ringling requires commitment! That word puts most of us off! It's not the once-a-month on a Sunday for half an hour, or just for a wedding or other celebration, it's the practising every Monday evening. And you can't practice at home!**

**There are 6 bells in All Saints'. 6 bells = 6 ringers. The more ringers we have, the less pressure on each member of the team. PLEASE GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT!** For more information, pop along and see us at 7.30pm on Monday evenings in All Saints' Church or contact David Chambers on \*\*\*\*\*.

### SOUTH LENCHES PARISH COUNCIL

[www.southlenchesparishcouncil.org](http://www.southlenchesparishcouncil.org)

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The Parish Council welcomed the co-option of two members at its July meeting: Lucy Buxton and Michael Worrall

### 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 two 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.

### Facebook

The Parish Council now has a presence on the Lenches Community Facebook page. Items such as up-to-date road closures, highways issues and any other matters that are relevant to the Parish will be placed on this site.

## Church Lench



### THE LENCHES TENNIS CLUB

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

*New adult and junior coaching courses*

(membership is not necessary to take part in coaching courses)

ADULT beginners, rusty racquets and advanced players:  
contact \*\*\*\*\*@\*\*\*\*\*

JUNIOR COURSES for all school-aged children on Saturday mornings;  
5-7 year-olds at 9.15am: contact \*\*\*\*\*@\*\*\*\*\*

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: contact \*\*\*\*\*@\*\*\*\*\*



## Harvington

### Harvest Service and *Bring-and-Share* lunch

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 11am

The Family Harvest Service will be followed by a bring-and-share Harvest lunch in the church. There will be trestle tables at the back of the church to put food on, and soft drinks will be supplied. Weather permitting, we might go outdoors for part of the service!

Please also bring items for Caring Hands: tinned and dried food as well as toiletries and clean clothing (new underwear for children and adults is greatly appreciated).

*Richard Thorniley*



# Harvington St James' Church

## CAMEO TEAS

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> **September, 3pm in St James' Church**

The holiday season has come and gone and we are back to normal. Afternoon tea and cake will be a pleasant break and a chance to catch up with the latest news and enjoy a lovely chat with friends. We'd love to see you!

## FAITH TODAY

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 10am at \*\*\*\*\*

Our new autumn programme, with its series of challenging topics, starts this month with *The Most Important Rules – Love God, Love Your Neighbour!* This will be a very interesting discussion as we not only try to delve into the past but also embrace the present as we ask ourselves, *WHO IS OUR NEIGHBOUR?* You are warmly invited for a friendly chat as we try to find out more.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 10am at \*\*\*\*\*

In October, Dave Foster will lead a discussion on *The Last Judgement*. Our aim is to obtain a clearer understanding of the Last Judgement as it came to be understood in the time of the New Testament. Is it bad news – or good news? A great preparation would be to put your feet up and read *The Last Battle* by C S Lewis, the finale of the Narnia series.

For more information on Faith Today, please contact me on \*\*\*\*\* or e-mail \*\*\*\*\*@\*\*\*\*\*. I look forward to seeing you!

*Sophie Dodds*

*Financial emergency? Extra help needed? Live in Harvington?*

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

## GARDENING TEAM

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30am-12 noon

By the time you read this piece, we should know the result of the churchyard competition and autumn will be approaching, which brings further jobs to do in our gardens. Please spare a little of your day to help the team – I cannot promise good weather, but you will certainly be in good company and a break will be arranged around 11am for tea, coffee and more chat.

*Clive Allen*

## 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, dealing with admin, form-filling etc, friendly visiting or sitting with someone while a carer has a break. 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 NIGHT

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 7.45pm: *Elvis* (cert 12)

The film explores the life and music of Elvis Presley, seen through the prism of his complicated relationship with his enigmatic manager Colonel Tom Parker. The story delves into the complex dynamic between Presley and Parker spanning more than 20 years, from Presley's rise to fame to his unprecedented stardom, against the backdrop of the evolving cultural landscape and loss of innocence in America. Central to that journey is one of the most significant and influential people in Elvis's life, Priscilla Presley.

*Doors open 7:15pm, screen illumination 7:45pm*

*Buy a raffle ticket at the door for £2.50 and see the film for free!*

*Provide your own glasses, drinks and nibbles and please take away all rubbish  
Details on the Village Hall notice board and 'Harvington Films' via Facebook*

Abbots Morton  
**St Peter's Church**

([www.abbotsmorton.info/st-peters-church](http://www.abbotsmorton.info/st-peters-church))

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Service will be held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 11am. If you would like to put some simple flowers in the church, please do. Feel free to bring non-perishable food which will be given to Caring Hands in Evesham. Your donation can be left in the church.

HARVEST SUPPER

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm for 7.30pm

Join us in the village hall for a fabulous evening with a delicious pork casserole plus a side of mixed vegetables and potatoes served to your table, followed by tasty fruit crumbles with cream. Please bring your own drinks. We'll also be having a raffle: if you'd like to donate a prize, it would be gratefully received.

Only 50 tickets are available at £15 each. To reserve your seat, please make payment in advance to our Treasurer Tim Jones via bank transfer to: account name: *PCC Abbots Morton*, sort code: \*\*-\*-\*-\*\*, account number: \*\*\*\*\* (please send an e-mail to \*\*\*\*\*@\*\*\*\*\* confirming your payment). Cheques (made payable to *PCC Abbots Morton*) or cash should be taken or sent to Tim Jones, \*\*\*\*\* , \*\*\*\*\* , \*\*\*\*\* . *All proceeds for St Peter's church.*

PARISH COUNCIL

All parishioners are welcome to attend our Parish Council meetings. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 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](mailto:abbotsmortonpc@gmail.com).

There is currently one vacancy on 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](http://www.abbotsmorton.info/abbots-morton-village-hall))

### New pilates classes

We're delighted that two pilates classes, run by Sally Morris from Bishampton, will be starting on Tuesday evenings in September:

- ◆ 5-6pm: beginner pilates and stretch
- ◆ 6.15-7.15pm: intermediate and advanced pilates

Sally is an experienced tutor who has been running classes in the fitness industry for 40 years. Places are limited: please book via [www.positivefitnessuk.co.uk](http://www.positivefitnessuk.co.uk), or contact Sally on \*\*\*\*\* or [positivefitnessuk01@gmail.com](mailto:positivefitnessuk01@gmail.com).

### Yoga

Our Monday and Friday morning yoga classes continue to run successfully. If you would like to join or to find our more, please contact Beverley Young (\*\*\*\*\*, [yogawithbeverleyyoung@gmail.com](mailto:yogawithbeverleyyoung@gmail.com)) for the Monday classes or Danielle Clarkesmith (\*\*\*\*\*) for the Friday classes.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm: A living history of

Abbots Morton – an evening with Doris Gisbourne & friends

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Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 10am-12 noon: Community coffee morning

The first Tuesday of each month between 10am and 12 noon is a permanent fixture in the Village Hall diary for the Community Coffee Morning. There are regularly around 16 people who come for a chat and a catch-up over coffee, tea and biscuits. We hope it will continue to grow as more and more people hear of its success. There is no charge.

# Rous Lench St Peter's Church

## HARVEST CELEBRATION

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October

Join us to celebrate the harvest with friends and neighbours. You will be treated to a delicious homemade 2-course supper and the bar will be serving all the usual beers, local cider and wines. We will also be holding a prize raffle and a mini auction of promises to tempt you. It will be a lot of fun in a relaxed and cosy atmosphere. Tickets cost just £12.50 each and can be obtained from Fran Herdman on \*\*\*\*\* or \*\*\*\*\*@\*\*\*\*\*.

If anyone can offer a lot for the auction eg a homemade Christmas cake, some dog walking or a couple of hours of ironing, please contact Fran. Further details about the auction will follow next month.

## VILLAGE HALL

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm: Pub games night

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> October, all at 7.30pm

Autumn is upon us and that means one thing – Pub Nights are back! Pop into the village hall for a warm welcome and a glass or two and try out our new bar furniture. We hope to have some themed nights this year so watch out for further information: the first is a pub games night on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September, hosted by David and Tracey Browne. These evenings are family friendly.

If you would be willing to host a pub night, please let Tracy Browne know (\*\*\*\*\*@\*\*\*\*\*). Please note: if there are not enough volunteers to host all the pub nights, some may have to be cancelled.

*See overleaf for more news  
from Rous Lench*



## Rous Lench

### ROUS LENCH PARISH COUNCIL

**COUNCIL MEETINGS:** All parishioners are welcome to attend our meetings. The next meeting will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 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.



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### Poppy Appeal Coffee Mornings

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

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September: The Red Hart, Kington

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September: The Old Bull, Inkberrow

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October: The Boot Inn, Flyford Flavell

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October: The Bulls Head, Inkberrow

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November: The Wheelbarrow Castle, Radford

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Service

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## ARCH Benefice October 2023

	Abbots Morton	Rous Lench	Church Lench	Harvington
(key on p26)				
1 <sup>st</sup> October	11am Harvest Thanksgiving	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	11am Harvest Communion Service	9.30am Morning Service 3.30pm Messy Church at Harvington VH 6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October				11am Holy Communion (BCP)
8 <sup>th</sup> October		11am Harvest Thanksgiving	11am Morning Service	9.30am Holy Communion
15 <sup>th</sup> October	11am Holy Communion	11am Morning Service	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	11am Family Harvest Service
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October				11am Holy Communion
22 <sup>nd</sup> October			11am Family Service	9.30am Holy Communion
29 <sup>th</sup> October			10am Benefice Eucharist	

## ARCH Benefice September 2023

(key on p26)	Abbots Morton	Rous Lench	Church Lench	Harvington
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	11am Holy Communion	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	11am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Service 6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September				11am Holy Communion (BCP)
10 <sup>th</sup> September		11am Morning Service	11am Morning Service	9.30am Holy Communion
17 <sup>th</sup> September	11am Morning Service	11am Morning Service	8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	9.30am Family Service
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September				11am Holy Communion
24 <sup>th</sup> September			11am Family Forest Church Service	9.30am Holy Communion
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