Sunday 15th November
Safeguarding Sunday

Today's Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Next Week Services: Sunday 22nd November

10am	Norton & Lenchwick	Eucharist
10am	Harvington	Eucharist
11am	Church Lench	Church @11
8.30am	Rous Lench	Holy Communion BCP
3.30pm	Harvington	Messy Church

Mid-Week Eucharist: 11:00 am Wednesday, St James, Harvington

Upcoming Events

20th Nov, Faith Today – Harvington, 10am.

20th Nov, Relentless – The Barn, Bidford Baptist Church, B50 4JN, 7-9.30pm.

22nd Nov, Messy Church – Harvington Village Hall, 3.30pm.

25th Nov, Coffee Morning – St Egwins Church, Norton & Lenchwick, 10am-12pm.

27th Nov, Christmas Quiz! – Abbots Morton VH, 7pm.

28th Nov, Christmas Fayre – Church Lench, 2-4pm.

This Week's First Reading: *Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end.*

7 Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.'
13 Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. 14 The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.
17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord , their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord 's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

This Weeks Psalm : *Psalm 90.*

This Week's Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 5.1-11.*

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you.2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

3 When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.6 So then, let us not sleep as others do, but let us awaken and be sober; 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk, get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we

may live with him.[11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

This Week's Gospel Reading: *Matthew 25.14-30.*

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15] to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

[16] The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents.[17] In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.[18] But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

[19] After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20] Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." [21] His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."

[22] And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." [23] His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."

[24] Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours."

[26] But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Next Weeks Readings: Reading: Ezekial 34. 11-24, Psalm 95. 1-7, Ephesians 1. 15-end, Matthew 25. 31-end.

Prayer of Intercession

Gracious God, as we near the close of the liturgical year, we pray for your Church around the world. Help us to use our gifts, talents, and resources faithfully in the service of others, bringing hope and light to a broken world.

Lord of peace, we lift up all nations and leaders. Grant them wisdom to choose dialogue and justice rather than war. We pray for peace in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Gaza, and Iran, and for aid to reach all who are displaced and suffering.

On this World Day of the Poor, we also remember everyone struggling with poverty, hunger, homelessness, or loneliness. Surround those who feel forgotten or pushed to the margins with kindness, dignity, and compassionate care.

Creator God, we pray for our local communities, for frontline workers, and for the protection of our precious Earth against climate change and natural disasters.

Loving God, we bring before you all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, and those who mourn loved ones. Welcome the departed into the eternal joy of your heavenly kingdom.

Merciful Father, accept these spoken prayers and grant us grace to walk closely with you in the week ahead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**