

Notices for week commencing 27th September

SUNDAY SERVICES

Ted had his first full weekend of study for the course he has recently started (postgraduate study in the Canon Law of the churches of the Worldwide Anglican Communion), and Thea led us in Sunday Zoom worship—thank you Thea!

The service pattern for Sunday 4th October will be similar to last week with Zoom worship in the morning and two services of Holy Communion in Great Witley Church in the afternoon:

- 10am Sunday Spiritual (Zoom)
- 1pm Holy Communion in Great Witley Church (booking essential)
- 3pm Extended Communion in Great Witley Church (booking essential)

The numbers we can accommodate in Great Witley Church depend on “bubbles” and bubble sizes, so it is not possible to give a specific number. As before, units, or “bubbles” must be in households, you cannot come in non-household groups.

Please be aware of the following:

- face masks must be worn in the Church, unless you are exempt of course. If you are exempt and will not be wearing a mask, please let Vickie know when you book.

Booking is mandatory for the Communion service, please contact Vickie Melling (01584 881086) to book your place - these will be on a first come first served basis. As before parking is available by the church for those who need it.

4RIVERS CHURCHES WEBSITE where you can find the latest information on the re-opening of Church buildings for worship. You can also find resources from the Sunday Spiritual, for example, links to the hymns used in the service.

www.4rivers.church

KATE WRIGHT WING WALK SPONSORSHIP

Kate is still accepting, encouraging even, donations for her sponsored wing walk to support the school and local community at St Philip’s Church, Nablus.

Kate discovered on the day that the plane was nearly the same age as she was!! Both very much in top condition. Please be generous and submit your donations through gofundme:

www.gofundme.com/f/classroom-in-st-philip039s-school-nablus-palestine

CHURCH OF ENGLAND DAILY HOPE

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

JOIN 4RIVERS CHURCHES FACEBOOK GROUP To join the group, contact Christine (christine.clarke@4rivers.church).

COVID SCAMS –TRACK AND TRACE

Beware of scam Track and Trace calls asking for credit card payments for Testing Kits, and threats of penalties for non compliance. Do not hand over card details and report all instances to the police (101).

CORONAVIRUS UPDATES:

Both Malvern Hills District Council and Worcester County Council provide helpful information on Coronavirus and other related topics.

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKMHDC/subscriber/new?preferences=true>

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help>

PRAYERS: If you have any prayer requests: send them to prayer.requests@4rivers.church

Collect

O God, we beseech you mercifully to hear
the prayers of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord
who is alive and reigns
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
one God, now and for ever. Amen



River Teme at Eardiston, Mill Lane

First Reading for Sunday

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' ³ But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴ So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵ The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading for Sunday

Philippians 2:1-13

2 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name

that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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This week's Zoom Worship resources:

Morning Worship:

All creatures of our God and king:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0d3gO6qDLNA>

As the deer pants for the water

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FBppKZ0eJIQ>

The well is deep

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nk4KkVCRMi0>

At the name of Jesus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r4d4UXSJXig>

Teach me to dance

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDyFgNX4es8>

These and other worship resources can be found at: www.4rivers.church/worship-resources/

Zoom SERVICES

Details of services and how to join using zoom can be found on the Website:
4rivers.church/services/

Monday 5th October	8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday 6th October	8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer
Wednesday 7th October	8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer
Thursday 8th October	8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer

Friday 9th October	8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer
Saturday 10th October	10am Pray and Praise (Café Church)
Sunday 11th October	10am Sunday Spiritual 1pm Holy Communion Great Witley Church 3pm Holy Communion Great Witley Church

Prayer

*Let us pray to God,
that he will bring to fruition all that he desires
for his people and all creation.
Father, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.*

*You have created the universe by your eternal Word,
and have blessed humankind in making us
stewards of the earth.
We pray for your world,
that we may share and conserve its resources,
that we may live in awe and wonder of creation
and that we may live in harmony with one another.
Father, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.*

*You have given the human race a land of riches,
land of streams and springs,
wheat and barley,
vines, hops and honey.
May the springs of living water flow through each of us in abundance.
Father, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.*

*By our selfishness, and the greed of nations, we live in a world of inequity.
Guide us all to be thankful for your gifts and humble and generous in sharing them.
We pray that all may come to share the life of wholeness and plenty.
And we live in hope and anticipation of the world as it will be when your kingdom comes and your will is done.
Father, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.*

*Thank you for those, living and departed,
who have shown a true respect for your creation.
Help us to follow in their footsteps,
until, with them, we see you face to face,
here all is made new in Christ our Lord.*

*Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

Amen.