

Notices for week commencing 6th October

SUNDAY SERVICES

The service pattern for Sunday 11th October is as follows with Zoom worship in the morning, two services of Holy Communion in Great Witley Church in the afternoon, and Evening Prayer at Knighton Church in the evening:

- 10am Sunday Spiritual (Zoom)
- 1pm Holy Communion in Great Witley Church (booking essential)
- 3pm Holy Communion in Great Witley Church (booking essential)
- 6pm Evening Prayer in Knighton Church (booking essential)

The numbers we can accommodate in both Great Witley and Knighton 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.

As always, 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 all church services, please contact Vickie Melling to book your place - these will be on a first come first served basis. Pre-booking is essential for all services, so please make sure you book your place with Vickie Melling (01584 881086/office@4rivers.church).

4RIVERS CHURCHES WEBSITE: (www.4rivers.church) 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.

KATE WRIGHT WING WALK SPONSORSHIP

LAST CHANCE—Kate has raised a fantastic £2,500 and wants to reach £3,000. Please do support her if you can and help her reach her target. All donations for her sponsored wing walk will support the school and local community at St Philip’s Church, Nablus. Please be generous and submit your donations through gofundme:

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

There is a link to the giving page on the Home page of the 4Rivers Churches website too.

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.

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>

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

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

Collect

Gracious God,
you call us to fulness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Knighton-on-Teme Lychgate Decoration for Harvest

4RIVERS CHURCHES all contributed to the Harvest celebration last weekend by decorating porches, lychgates and gates, plus the window sills at Great Witley Church.

There are trails to try out on the 4Rivers Churches website both virtual and in person. Please do give them a try and return your comments and answers to the following email address:

harvest.trail@4rivers.church

Spread the word and invite fellow parishioners to try them out. The in-person trail needs to be complete before the decorations deteriorate in the bad weather, so be quick!

The trails can be found on the website: www.4rivers.church (in the *Worship resources* section)

Reading for Sunday

Philippians 3:4b-14

⁴ I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

This week's Zoom Worship resources:

Morning Worship:

O the deep deep love of Jesus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1vUhwyjdk8A>

Hayden's Creation
(The Heaven's are telling)

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

When I look into your holiness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2ab-1Pixcg>

All I once Held Dear

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxpPla-BskY>

"Pressing on"
(Bob Dylan)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K01EAM2TtD4>

Fight the good fight

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bgl4Sol-5sk>

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 12th October	8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday 13th October	8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer
Wednesday 14th October	8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer
Thursday 15th October	8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer

Friday 16th October	8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer
Saturday 17th October	4pm Café Church
Sunday 18th October	10am Sunday Spiritual 1pm Holy Communion, Great Witley Church 3pm Holy Communion, Great Witley Church 6pm Evening Prayer, Knighton Church

Prayer

Father, your word is trustworthy and worthy of all praise. Your word is true and your promises are faithful. When difficulties strike fear in my heart, we know we can come to you for help. We entrust our lives to you. We need not be afraid for there is nothing any mere human can do to us. When troubles come, please remind us always to trust you. When difficulties arise, teach us to continually depend on you. When the challenges ahead seem overwhelming, carry us through by your grace.

*Father, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.*

Almighty Father, In You our God we find the support we need to carry on in life. We gather the strength we need to endure the hardships life brings. Our own physical capabilities and our motivational drives may fail us many times, but You faithfully rescue us. You are the source of the strength we most need. Rid our hearts of fear, knowing you are always with us. Clear my mind of troubling thoughts, knowing you are our Almighty God, the Foundational Rock, and strength of our hearts.

*Father, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.*

Dear Father, your ways are beyond our comprehension and your wisdom exceeds the utmost of our understanding. Allow us to fully surrender unto you, trusting in the path you have set us on. We may not fully understand our troubles, but we know that in your immeasurable wisdom. You always have our best interests in mind. Allow us to draw from your wisdom that we may see things from your perspective and be strengthened to continue pursuing your will.

*Father, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.*

Lord, you are the very source of our faith and the one who brings it to ultimate perfection. You made this possible by suffering an unjust death and allowing yourself to be shamed on the cross. You left the comfort of heaven so that you could be the very example of suffering and perseverance for us. As we face life's challenges and adversities, help us to learn from you and focus on what you did for us. Teach us to run life's appointed course for us with patient endurance.

*Father, Lord of life,
in your mercy, hear us.*

Father in heaven, we take refuge in you, for you are our rock and our fortress. You defend us when we are oppressed, and you protect us in times of trouble. You are our shield. We claim this promise today. May we always remember who you are and what you do for us in times of sickness. As we cope with physical and mental limitations, may we not be discouraged nor defeated. Keep us mindful that in you our strength is restored and our will to persevere is renewed.

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