

Notices for week commencing 11th October

SUNDAY 11th

Knighton Church was filled (Covid filled) with worshipers on Sunday 11th for a Harvest Evensong. Thank you to all who helped with the service, in preparation and on the day, and thanks to those who phoned the congregation who are not online, to alert them of the service.

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR THE 18th

The service pattern for Sunday 18th October is as follows with Zoom worship in the morning, two services of Extended Communion in Great Witley Church in the afternoon:

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

As always, 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 also 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.

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).

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

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SCAMS AND THEFTS TO BE AWARE OF 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).

THEFTS

There have been thefts of power tools from a parked and locked vehicle in Abberley, Police Incident No: 300/I/12102022. If you see, or have seen, anything suspicious, please call the Police on 101 quoting the incident number above.

SCAM CALLS — information from Neighbourhood Watch

There have been a number of different scam calls recently which are very persistent.

- One claims to be from "Your Internet Provider" threatening to cut you off because of illegal activity. What is suspicious is that at no point name the internet provider and when the number was checked, it's in the Russian Federation.
- Another scam call claim to be from Amazon Prime and uses at least one local number, 01299 895332, which is a known scam number, as well as a variety of others. You can find out the originating number by finishing the call then dialling 1471.

Please block these numbers if you can and be vigilant when answering calls which you are not happy about. Above all, please do not give out your personal or financial information to anyone who you do not know.



Reading for Sunday

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

⁹ As it is written,

‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.’

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Collect

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. Amen

This week's Zoom Worship resources:

Morning Worship:

Come, ye thankful people come	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=--xI8evsJk8
For the beauty of the earth (John Rutter)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xIBkpAm3fhw
For the fruits of his creation	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zbBUFSOkbdM
We plough the fields and scatter	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWHMZsf-Ano
We see the fruitful harvest	https://youtu.be/PMpM65Ez2hc

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 19th October	8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday 20th October	8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer
Wednesday 21st October	8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer
Thursday 22nd October	8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer

Friday 23rd October	8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer
Saturday 24th October	10am Prayer and Praise (Café Church)
Sunday 25th October	10am Sunday Spiritual 1pm Holy Communion, Great Witley Church 3pm Holy Communion, Great Witley Church

Prayer

Loving and generous God, at this harvest time we thank you for all the good things you give us. As we give thanks for our food, we remember all those who do not have enough.

Lord, bless all those who suffer because of the greed of others.

We pray for the homeless and those who depend on the charity of others. We pray for local foodbanks and for all who provide food for those in need.

*Help us to share the harvests of the world more fairly so that everyone can be fed.
 Lord of the harvest, hear our prayer.*

At this harvest time we thank you for the hard work of all those who grow, protect and prepare our food; for the shopkeepers, delivery drivers, the processors and the farmers.

Help us to appreciate the work of others.

Bless all those, Lord, who do not earn a fair day's pay for their hard work, both at home and overseas. Help us to want to buy local produce and fairly traded goods so that everyone can work with dignity and there will be no more poverty.

Lord of the harvest, hear our prayer.

At this harvest time we thank you for the world we see around us; for flowers and trees, animals and birds.

Bless all who care for them, Lord.

Help us to protect your creation by using your resources carefully so that there will be clean water, clean air and an abundance of wildlife to maintain the ecological balance of our countryside. We thank you for your grace and patience with us when we fail in our stewardship of your world.

Help us to change so that we too become a new creation walking in the light of your Gospel.

Lord of the harvest, hear our prayer.

We ask for your blessing on our families, friends and neighbours and on those who are sick. We pray too for those whose lives have been gathered into your presence, whose work here is done.

Lord of the harvest, hear our prayer.

Help us, Lord, to show your harvest in our lives, that we may bear fruit reflecting the work of your spirit within us.

May God make us fertile in faith, love and goodness, fill us with joy and lead us in peace as signs of the fruitfulness of heaven.

Amen.