

## Notices for Week Commencing 3rd January 2021

### SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 10th JANUARY

As a result of the latest Government restrictions and the guidance to stay at home unless absolutely necessary, the decision has been taken for this Sunday (10th) that the Zoom worship will continue as previously announced, but the communion services in Shrawley and Knighton are cancelled.

Ted will be meeting with the PCCs regarding worship provision throughout the rest of the duration of the lockdown.

For Sunday 10th January:

- 10.00am Sunday Spiritual Zoom Worship

For joining details for the Zoom Sunday worship, please contact Vickie Melling:  
office@4rivers.church/01584 881086.

Please also continue to check the 4Rivers Churches website ([www.4rivers.church/services](http://www.4rivers.church/services)) for the up-to-date information about services over the next week.

### 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>

**4RIVERS CHURCHES FACEBOOK GROUP** To join the group, contact Christine  
([christine.clarke@4rivers.church](mailto:christine.clarke@4rivers.church)).

**4RIVERS CHURCHES WEBSITE:** ([www.4rivers.church](http://www.4rivers.church)) where you can find links to the latest information on the guidance for Churches during the pandemic.

### SCAM EMAILS

All different sorts of SCAMs are being locally reported via email and phone. Please keep alert, and if something seems suspicious, do not reply without first checking, and do not provide personal details. Some of these SCAMs appear very genuine—please continue to be careful.

## Notices continued

### 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.

### LITTLE WITLEY FOOD DONATIONS to the Droitwich Spa Food Bank

Thank you for your generous support during the month of December. It has been decided to continue with this collection. The Bin will remain located in Little Witley Church Lychgate. The Bin will be emptied every evening and delivered to the Food Bank in Droitwich on Friday of each week. Deliveries before Christmas were gratefully received. The need for Donations will continue to increase as we enter 2021 and the effects of the pandemic on the economy are felt by an increasing number of families.

### LITTLE WITLEY Embrace Stamp Collection

In previous years Little Witley have collected used stamps in the Church for the Embrace the Middle East Christian Charity: <http://www.embraceme.org>.

This year, as the church has limited access, please send can you individually send your stamps to Embrace the Middle East at the following address: 24 London Road West, Amersham, Bucks, HP7 0EZ

## This week's Zoom Worship resources:

### Morning Worship

Angels from the realms of Glory	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p5CZ8STVcks">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p5CZ8STVcks</a>
You are the King of Glory	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MixfvEA_Ysg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MixfvEA_Ysg</a>
Brightest and best	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y5ACL94B4rM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y5ACL94B4rM</a>
As with Gladness men of old	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bfn2FlqmWO8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bfn2FlqmWO8</a>
Hail to the Lord's anointed	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EkrepBvrLI4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EkrepBvrLI4</a>

### Part of Morning Worship Talk

We Three Kings	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxTxu3A1f7k">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxTxu3A1f7k</a>
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These and other worship resources can be found at: [www.4rivers.church/worship-resources/](http://www.4rivers.church/worship-resources/)

## **Bible Readings**

Matthew 2:1-12— The Visit of the Wise Men

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

For the word of the Lord, Thanks be to God.

## **Prayer from Embrace the Middle East**

### **Prayer for refugees**

God of compassion  
whose own son experienced life as a refugee,  
we remember those fleeing from danger,  
hungry and afraid, with nowhere to call home.  
God, give them warmth, security, food and peace.

God of hope,  
we thank you for those who are working to bring relief and  
comfort to those displaced,  
showing glimpses of grace in the darkness of despair.  
God, give them strength.

God of justice,  
Guide the nations and the leaders of the world towards peace.  
Stir hearts to be generous and compassionate.  
God, help us to play our part in bringing about the change  
we want to see.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

Amen

### Collect

O God,  
 who by the leading of a star  
 manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:  
 mercifully grant that we,  
 who know you now by faith,  
 may at last behold your glory face to face;  
 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.

### SERVICES

Details of services and how to join using zoom can be found on the Website:

[4rivers.church/services/](http://4rivers.church/services/)

Monday 11th January	8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday 12th January	8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer
Wednesday 13th January	8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer
Thursday 14th January	8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer

Friday 15th January	8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer
Saturday 16th January	4.30pm Pray and Praise (Café Church)
Sunday 17th January	To be agreed



## STAY HOME STAY SAFE

HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

**Latest advice on how to self-isolate:**

If you have tested positive for COVID-19 or have been told to self-isolate you should:

- Go home and stay at home
- Do not leave your home unless for medical reasons
- Stay away from those you live with
- Do not go out for walks or exercise
- Do not meet friends
- Do not go to work or school
- Isolate for 10 days if you are COVID-19 positive
- Isolate for 14 days if you are told you are a contact
- Contact our Here 2 Help service if you have no support: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help)

**You should not go outside at all. This is different advice to during a lockdown.**

Self-isolating means you must not leave your home, not even for a daily walk.

**Make sure you have plenty of healthy food and drinks, books, magazines and other activities to keep you busy.**

Let friends, family and contacts know to stay away.

**Please stay at home and stop the virus spreading**

Get all the latest updates at: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/coronavirus) 