

## Notices for Week Commencing 10th January 2021

### SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 17th JANUARY

The PCCs have agreed, jointly, to close our Churches for public worship and private prayer; therefore, Sunday worship will comprise Zoom services only - for the foreseeable. This decision will be revisited in February, or earlier if the Covid situation changes.

The following are the planned services for Sunday 17th January:

- 10.00am Zoom Sunday Spiritual Worship
- 6.00pm Zoom Traditional Evening Prayer

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>

Once again, Worcestershire County Council's Here2Help service is available to anyone who needs support or is clinically extremely vulnerable (shielding). If you have no-one to turn to for help, our service can respond and provide help such as collecting medicines and getting shopping.

You can reach the service online; <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, particularly more recently there are Vaccine scams. 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

Much of our music this morning was from USA which democracy needs our prayers especially at this time

Arise, my soul, arise <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UuJ7-s3gN4k>

Christ when for us you were baptised <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rD9VdNOIb6A>

Story of Noah <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qzYjy6lhRag>

When Jesus came to Jordan <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g6Ld1b515gc>

Just as I am without one plea <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CxA0TFe3-Uo>

Thuma Mina (South African Sending Song) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eik2HK7u9xA>

Saved (Bob Dylan) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxpldN6Jwzo>

### Part of Morning Worship Talk

There is a fountain filled with blood [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gjlc\\_8ErW9M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gjlc_8ErW9M)

Aretha Franklin (age 14)

This excerpt was used to illustrate the idea of being 'immersed in God', and also a link (via Aretha's own broken childhood) through to the need for ourselves getting immersed in society, bringing the baptised life to others. The text of the hymn was in the liturgy.

These and other worship resources can be found at: [www.4rivers.church/worship-resources/](http://www.4rivers.church/worship-resources/)

## Bible Readings

### Mark 1 (1-3) 4-14

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup> As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;

<sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight”’,

<sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

### *The Baptism of Jesus*

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

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

## Prayer

Lord of light — shine on us;

Lord of peace — dwell in us;

Lord of might — succour us;

Lord of love — enfold us;

Lord of wisdom — enlighten us.

Then, Lord, let us go out as your witnesses, in obedience  
to your command; to share the good news of your mighty  
love for us in the gift of your Son, our Saviour,  
Jesus Christ.

Amen

## Collect

Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son;  
may we recognise him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

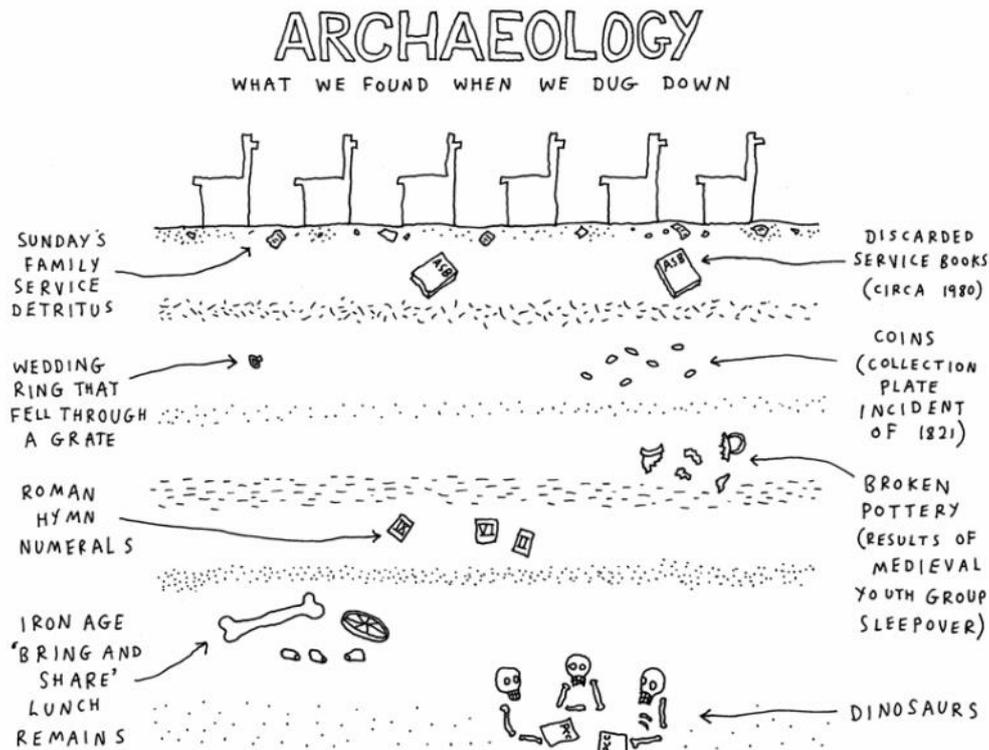
## SERVICES

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

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

Monday 18th January	8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday 19th January	8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer
Wednesday 20th January	8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer
Thursday 21st January	8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer

Friday 22nd January	8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer
Saturday 23rd January	4.30pm Pray and Praise (Café Church)
Sunday 24th January	To be agreed



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