

Notices for Week Commencing 26th September 2021

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 3rd October (18th Sunday after Trinity)

The following are the planned services:

- ◇ 9.30am Holy Communion Lindridge Church
- ◇ 11.00am Holy Communion Abberley St Mary Church

Zoom Morning and Evening prayer continue weekdays at 8am and 5pm respectively.

Booking is no longer required for Sunday Worship, which many of you will be pleased to know, the exception to this is Wedding couples, who we will continue to ask to book; this is to ensure there is a space allocated for them in a Sunday service. You are of course welcome to book with Vickie if you would also like to ensure that there is space for you. (Vickie Melling: 01584 881086/office@4rivers.church) Each church will be notified if wedding couples have booked and asked to make sure space is allocated for them. Maximum capacity of churches is now limited only by the number of seats, with the exception of Communion Services, where alternate pews are kept free for the distribution of the sacrament, which will continue using the same practice as now.

There is a tiny possibility, in the smaller churches, that you could arrive and find the church is at capacity and you cannot get into the service; this situation will be monitored over the next weeks to see if it is a problem. For those of you who remain cautious about distancing, it is recommended that you attend worship in the larger of the church buildings (Great Witley, Abberley St Mary and Lindridge).

Wearing a face covering— for the safety of all of us we ask that you continue to wear a face covering in church buildings, if you are able to. You are also requested that you maintain whatever social distancing you can to keep one another safe and also be sensitive to those who would prefer to keep distancing in place; however, it is no longer a requirement that you socially distance.

Service information will continue to be sent out as usual.

As always, continue to check the 4Rivers Churches website (www.4rivers.church/services) for the up-to-date information about services and events over the next week.

MENITH WOOD COMMUNITY ASSOC. MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING at OLD CHAPEL HALL 30th September

You are welcome to a MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING on Thursday 30th September, 10.30am – 1.00pm at Menith Wood Old Chapel Hall Donations. Artisan cards will also be for sale by Woodworcs. For more details, contact Sharon on 01584 881744

KAINOS POTAMOS (Fresh River)

For those on the Covid Recovery distribution, please note that KAINOS POTAMOS (KP) cannot take place on Sunday 21st November as intended, due to the Cathedral Confirmation service at which we hope to be present.

Instead, as a one-off, KP will take place at Abberley St Mary's, on Sunday 5th December at 6.00pm. Theme 'Being Fools for Christ' (cf. 1 Corinthians 4:10)

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

4RIVERS CHURCHES WEBSITE: (www.4rivers.church) for details of church events and services.

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FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S LITTLE WITLEY HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATION 17th OCTOBER

Everyone is invited to join in this seasonal celebration of Harvest on Sunday 17th October at Little Witley Village Hall. This year in particular, we thank all our local farmers, growers and farm shops, who over the last eighteen months have grown, harvested and supplied us with wonderful local produce.

The celebration will comprise a traditional 2 course Harvest Lunch, 12.30pm for 1.00pm at Little Witley Village Hall

Cost: £12.50 per adult (to include a welcome drink), £ 5.00 per child (under 5's free)

Contact: John Gorton 01886 888551 or Peter Hill 01299 896950

R.S.V.P. Please ring in advance to book tickets for the lunch to assist with catering. If there are any dietary requirements please advise when booking. Please note we may not be able to admit anyone who has not booked, due to numbers and planning. N.B. As Covid restrictions may still be changing, full refunds will be made if postponed or cancelled.

ALM SERVICE OF CELEBRATION

Thea and Adrian Blackburn completed their year of ALM training with the Diocese in a Service of Celebration at Worcestershire Cathedral: Thea as a Worship Leader ALM and Adrian as Pastoral Worker ALM. Well done both of you!



Sunday 17th October, 5pm

Archdeacon Robert

United Benefice Service of Holy Communion

Come and join together for a united service of Holy Communion at Lindridge St Lawrence Church at 5pm on Sunday 17th October.

BIBLE READINGS

PSALM 19:7-14

- ⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- ⁸ The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.
- ⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb.
- ¹¹ By them also is your servant taught and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹² Who can tell how often they offend
O cleanse me from my secret faults!
- ¹³ Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins lest they get dominion over me; so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offence.
- ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning is now
and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.

JAMES 5:13-20

- ¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.
- ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.
- ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.
- ¹⁷ Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.
- ¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another,
- ²⁰ you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

PRAYERS for Embertide

We pray for the flourishing of God's gifts to his Church, saying:

Lord of the Church, in your mercy hear us.

God our Father, you give us gifts that we may work together in the service of your Son:
bless the leaders of your Church, that they may be firm in faith, and humble before you.

Lord of the Church, in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who teach, that they may increase our understanding, and be open to your word for them.

Lord of the Church, in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who minister healing, that they may bring wholeness to others, yet know your healing in themselves.

Lord of the Church, in your mercy hear us.

Bless those through whom you speak,
that they may proclaim your word in power,
yet open their ears to your gentle whisper.

Lord of the Church, in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who work in your world today, that in the complexity of their daily lives they may live for you, fulfil your purposes, and seek your kingdom first.

Lord of the Church, in your mercy hear us.

Bless those who are uncertain of their gifts and those who are powerless in this world's eyes, that they may be made strong in your gift of the Holy Spirit.

Lord of the Church, hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

Collect

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

This week's Zoom Worship resources:

Morning Worship

Come into his presence	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5IXVZ3a1DKU
O Lord hear my prayer	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UMwAbTevunA
Peruvian Gloria	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ep4TLwVM9mQ
Brother Sister let me serve you	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=07FBSrx5Oq4
Working together	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IdZCEtwI-vU
For the beauty of the earth	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVyN7Qi7NHs
Thuma mina	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6KYkaAMuigg

These and other worship resources can be found at:

www.4rivers.church/worship-resources