

## Notices for Week Commencing 10th October 2021

### SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 17th October (20th Sunday after Trinity)

The following are the planned services:

- ◇ 11.00am Harvest Thanksgiving at Little Witley Church
- ◇ 5.00pm Holy Communion at Lindridge St Lawrence Church

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

Booking is no longer required for Sunday Worship, but please remember that, for everyone's safety, we ask that you continue to wear a face covering in church buildings.

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.

During Communion Services, alternate pews will be kept free for the distribution of the sacrament, which will continue using the same practice as now.

Wedding couples will be asked to book for services and Vickie will alert local churches to ensure there is space allocated for them.

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).

Anyone is 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)

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

### All SOULs and CANDLES IN REMEMBRANCE 31st October

There will be a service of Holy Communion for the "Commemoration of the Faithful Departed" at 10.00am on Sunday 31st October at Great Witley Church.

There will also be two Candles in Remembrance services:

- ◇ 4.00pm at Abberley St Mary
- ◇ 6.00pm at Lindridge St Lawrence

Candles of Remembrance is a service where we remember, and give thanks for, loved ones who are no longer with us and where we are invited to light candles and offer prayers to pay tribute to them.

We would like to deliver leaflets in the communities to inform parishioners of these services. Please can you email [office@4rivers.church](mailto:office@4rivers.church) if you are willing to help deliver leaflets, and roughly where you can help.

### 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](mailto:christine.clarke@4rivers.church)).

**4RIVERS CHURCHES WEBSITE:** ([www.4rivers.church](http://www.4rivers.church)) for details of church events and services.

## Notices (cont)

### **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.

### **COFFEE AND CHAT GREAT WITLEY VILLAGE HALL—Tuesday 26th October**

Julia, Mary and Linda look forward to welcoming you to Great Witley Village hall for coffee, cake and a chat with friends old and new Tuesday 26th October 2021 from 10am until midday. If you would like to come but haven't got transport please ring Julia on 01299 896412 to arrange a lift. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

**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.

It would help planning and seating if you could let Vickie know if you intend to come to this service. (vickie.melling@4rivers.church)

Thank you

**BIBLE READINGS**

**HEBREWS 4:12-16**

<sup>12</sup> Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup> Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**MARK 10:17-31**

<sup>17</sup> As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' <sup>18</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."'

<sup>20</sup> He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' <sup>21</sup> Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' <sup>22</sup> When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' <sup>26</sup> They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

<sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' <sup>29</sup> Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup> who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

## PRAYERS

### **PRISON'S WEEK 2021— 10th-16th Oct**

Supported by the UK church leading Christian organisations in the sector, Prisons Week has prepared prayer literature for the Christian community for over forty years, to use as they pray for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and victims, their families, their communities, those working and volunteering in prisons and the criminal justice system -- from [prisonsweek.org](http://prisonsweek.org)

Prayers for Prisons Week can be found here:

<https://prisonsweek.ukchurches.co/your-prayers-2021/>

## Collect

Faithful Lord,  
whose steadfast love never ceases  
and whose mercies never come to an end:  
grant us the grace to trust you  
and to receive the gifts of your love,  
new every morning,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen