

Notices for Week Commencing 17th October 2021

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 24th October (BIBLE SUNDAY)

The following are the planned services:

- ◇ 8.30am Holy Communion at Little Witley Church
- ◇ 11.00am Holy Communion at Knighton Church
- ◇ 6.00pm Celtic Communion at Abberley St Michael

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) for the up-to-date information about services and events over the next week.

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.

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.



Candles in Remembrance Sunday 31st October

You are invited to a Candles in Remembrance Service at

Abberley St Mary Church at 4pm or

Lindridge St Lawrence Church at 6pm

Candles of Remembrance is a service where we remember loved ones who are no longer with us and light candles in their memory.

If you are planning to come to one of these services, please can you send the following details to office@4rivers.church:

- ◇ Church service you are attending
- ◇ name of the person who is to be remembered
- ◇ your relationship with them (optional)

This is not for booking purposes, but for service preparation.

BIBLE READINGS

HEBREWS 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³ and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴ And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

‘You are my Son,
today I have begotten you’;

⁶ as he says also in another place,

‘You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

MARK 10:35-45

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, ‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’ ³⁶ And he said to them, ‘What is it you want me to do for you?’ ³⁷ And they said to him, ‘Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.’ ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?’ ³⁹ They replied, ‘We are able.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.’

⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, ‘You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.

⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’

PRAYERS

This prayer is from All We Can, which is the operating name of The Methodist Relief and Development Fund (allwecan.org.uk/nextsteps)

A prayer for when we go together Lord,

As we take a step closer to you,

Thank you for giving us people to walk with.

Help us to have eyes and ears open to see and hear who we can walk alongside.

Gives us hearts that are ready to love abundantly the people we journey with.

Guide our mouths to be used as a tool of encouragement as we go together,
on this adventure of life.

Amen.

Collect

God, our light and our salvation:

illuminate our lives,

that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,

and looking on your beauty

may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen