

Notices for Week Commencing 24th October 2021

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 31st October (All Souls' Day)

The following are the planned services:

- ◇ 9.30am Holy Communion for the "Commemoration of the Faithful Departed" at Great Witley Church
- ◇ 4.00pm Candles in Remembrance at Abberley St Mary Church
- ◇ 6.00pm Candles in Remembrance at Lindridge Church

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

Booking is no longer required for Sunday Worship, but you are requested to 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.

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.

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.

Services for All Souls' and Remembrance

Sunday 31st October – All Souls'

9.30am, Great Witley Church, Holy Communion "Commemoration of the Faithful Departed"

4.00pm, Abberley St Mary's Church, "Candles in Remembrance"

6.00pm, Lindridge St Lawrence Church, "Candles in Remembrance"

Thursday 11th November Service of Remembrance

10.50am, Little Witley Church

Sunday 14th November Services of Remembrance

10:45am, Knighton-on-Teme Church

10:45am, Lindridge Church

10:45am, Abberley St Mary Church

10:45am, Shrawley Church

12.00 noon, (approx) laying of wreath at Great Witley Village Cenotaph after the service at Abberley

3.00pm, Stockton & Pensax Memorial

6.00pm, Abberley St Michael Church



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

2 TIMOTHY 3:14—4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

JOHN 5:36b-47

³⁶ Jesus said. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. ³⁷ And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, ³⁸ and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. ³⁹ 'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. ⁴⁰ Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. ⁴¹ I do not accept glory from human beings. ⁴² But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. ⁴³ I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. ⁴⁴ How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? ⁴⁵ Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. ⁴⁶ If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. ⁴⁷ But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

PRAYERS

Christian Aid prayer for the Young Christian Climate Network relay

Dear Lord,

In your name, we pray for the Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN), as they finish their relay to the COP26 Climate Conference in Glasgow. We thank you Lord for inspiring their hearts and minds to take this pilgrimage.

We pray as their journey comes to an end, for the continued safe passage of all participants. May you bless all those involved in the relay- those walking, those involved in local celebrations, those online, and those joining in prayer.

In your name, they call for climate justice and fair climate finance for all nations. Inspire all of us to seek change, and put compassion and understanding into the hearts of people in positions of power and governments.

In your name, we pray help us to rise to the moment. Lord, strengthen us, fill us with courage and boldness, and lead us to justice, so we may rise to the moment every day.

Amen

Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen