

Notices for Week Commencing 31st October 2021

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 7th November (3rd Sunday before Advent)

The following are the planned services:

- ◇ 9.30am Holy Communion at Lindridge Church
- ◇ 11.00am Holy Communion at Abberley St Mary Church
- ◇ 3.00pm Afternoon Worship at Shrawley Church, followed by Wedding Workshop

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.

LINDRIDGE ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL FOLS AUTUMN FAYRE Saturday 6th November

Friends of Lindridge St Lawrence School (FOLS) are holding an Autumn Fayre on Saturday 6th November from midday to 3pm in the School and in the Church. There are fun family activities and Christmas gifts to purchase. Do support them if you can. All money raised will go to the school.

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 of 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

BIBLE READINGS

1 PETER 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

JOHN 6:37-40

³⁷ Jesus said. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; ³⁸ for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

PRAYER for the COP26 Climate Summit

Loving God,
We praise your name with all you have created.

You are present in the whole universe,
and in the smallest of creatures.

We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us
as stewards of your creation.

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they
seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.

Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions
for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit all nations to
care for God's Creation.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen

Collect

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer,
grant us, with all the faithful departed,
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection
that, in the last day,
when you gather up all things in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen