

## Notices for Week Commencing 7th November 2021

### SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 14th November (Remembrance Sunday)

The following are the planned services:

- ◇ 10.45am, Service of Remembrance at Knighton Church
- ◇ 10.45am, Service of Remembrance at Abberley St Mary Church
- ◇ 10.45am, Service of Remembrance at Lindridge Church
- ◇ 10.45am, Service of Remembrance at Shrawley Church
- ◇ Midday, Laying of Wreath at Great Witley Village Cenotaph following Abberley St Mary Service (approximate time)
- ◇ 3.00pm, Service of Remembrance at Pensax and Stockton Memorial
- ◇ 6.00pm, Service of Remembrance at Abberley St Michael 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](http://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](mailto:christine.clarke@4rivers.church)).

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# 4 RIVERS CHURCHES



Lindridge St Lawrence Primary School using Lindridge St Lawrence Church for their Autumn Fayre.

**BIBLE READINGS**

**HEBREWS 9:24-28**

<sup>24</sup> For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup> Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; <sup>26</sup> for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, <sup>28</sup> so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

**MARK 1:14-20**

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

<sup>16</sup> As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.'

<sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

## PRAYER

God, Creator and Sustainer,

We thank you for such a beautiful world. We are grateful for all that you have made, and we rejoice with those who rejoice. We also weep with those who weep, and we think of those who are suffering poverty, powerlessness, and inaccessibility to medicines and health care. The world is not an equal place and as people of faith we commit to fighting injustice where we find it, both locally and globally.

We pray for those who feel that they have little power to change their circumstances—the sick, the poor, the defenceless. We pray for those who are far from home—the refugee and those seeking asylum. We believe that you hear our prayers. Our hearts ache at the inequity of resources, access and provision across our world. As this time of continuing global pandemic, we pray for those who need the vaccine most, and we ask that, whoever and wherever they are, they would be at the head of the queue and their economy does not dictate their access.

Help us to play our part in raging against systems that discriminate, denigrate and isolate, We thank you that we are not powerless because, as the psalmist says “you are our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble”. You are power-full.

All this we pray through the powerful name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Most Rev Pat Storey, Church of Ireland bishop of Meath and Kildare Diocese in the Republic of Ireland.*

## Collect

Almighty Father,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of all:  
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,  
and bring the families of the nations,  
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen