

Notices for Week Commencing 14th November 2021

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 21st November (Christ the King)

The following are the planned services:

- ◇ 9.30am Holy Communion at Shrawley Church
- ◇ 11.00am Holy Communion at Pensax 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.

DOROTHY CARRINGTON'S FUNERAL

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Dorothy Carrington whose funeral is today (16th November).

CONFIRMATION SERVICE AT WORCESTER CATHEDRAL SUNDAY 21st November

Tom Herbert will be one of the twenty candidates who will be confirmed on 21st November at 6.30pm at Worcester Cathedral. Please hold Tom and all the candidates in your prayers as they prepare for their confirmation.

KAINOS POTAMOS (Fresh River)

The first KAINOS POTAMOS service 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.

Activities at Lindridge Parish Hall

Saturday 20th November, 7.30pm — film, The Shape of Water

Saturday November 27th—Saturday Market, a Christmas Craft Special

Thursday December 2nd, lunch at 1.00pm, followed by the film Chicago at 2pm.

Saturday December 18th— film, The Good Liar

Full details on the Parish Hall website: www.lindridgeparishhall.co.uk



Baptism at Shrawley Church— one of a couple who were recently married at Shrawley St Mary.



BIBLE READINGS

John 15:12-17

¹² 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God

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

PRAYER

for the future of the world and the needs of the people

For peace and justice in the world;
for an end to war and conflict;
for the leaders of all nations and peoples.
and for those who make peace and foster reconciliation.

For the unity of all Christian people,
for the Church in every land,
for all who seek God and the truth,
for all who follow their conscience with integrity.

For the healing of memories.
for those who suffer as a result of war.
for communities where past wrongs and violence persist,
for all in pain or distress and for those who care for them.

For friendship and trust among all peoples,
for an appreciation of our liberty,
for continued partnership between all the nations of Europe,
and for a world that is in harmony with itself,#

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.