

Notices for Week Commencing 21st November 2021

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 28th November, 1st Sunday of Advent

The following are the planned services:

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

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)

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.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE at the CATHEDRAL

Tom Herbert was Confirmed at the Cathedral yesterday by Bishop Martin. Please continue to hold Tom and all those who were confirmed in your prayers.



FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS

The following are local collection points for foodbanks. If you can contribute tinned foods, toiletries or Christmas treats, please leave them at one of the following collection points:

- ◇ Little Witley Church,
- ◇ Shrawley Church
- ◇ Abberley St Mary Church
- ◇ Lindridge Church

Please do not leave perishable foods.

BIBLE READINGS

JOHN 18:33-37

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' ³⁴ Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' ³⁵ Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' ³⁶ Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' ³⁷ Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory. Amen

PRAYER

We pray for all those in positions of power, that they may govern with wisdom and integrity, serving the needs of their people.

We pray for the Church, the sign of your reign, that it may extend your welcome to everyone.

We pray for a community of faith, that attentive to your word we may always worship in spirit and in truth.

Loving God, you have taught us that the power of the heart is greater than the power of wealth and might and we pray for the Church throughout the world, that she may be a voice for those who lack even the basic necessities of life, tirelessly serving them and calling for change.

We pray for the world's leaders, that they may not hide behind their power or abuse it, but work for the good of all humanity, particularly the poor throughout the world.

We pray for our local community, that we may show our love through our respect for each other and for our environment, gladly sharing what we have with those in need.

In an act of will, O God, I place myself in your presence.

In an act of faith I open myself to your light.

In an act of silence, O Lord, I rest in your glory.

In an act of love, O Lord, I put myself in your hands.

Dorothy Kerin, 1889-1963