

Notices for Week Commencing 9th May

SERVICES for Sunday 15th May

- ◇ 9.30am Holy Communion at Great Witley Church
- ◇ 11.00am Holy Communion at Pensax Church
- ◇ 11.00am Morning Worship at Abberley St Mary Church

We continue to ask you to wear a face covering in church, unless you are exempt, and for Holy Communion, alternate pews will be kept free for the distribution of the sacrament.

Wedding couples, please book with Vickie who will alert local churches to ensure there is space allocated for you. 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).

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.

SPONSORSHIP FOR MOONWALK

Meryl Roberts will be taking part in “The MoonWalk London 2022” on May 14th. She will be walking overnight around London (26.2 miles) to raise money for breast cancer.

If anyone is interested in sponsoring Meryl for this fantastic cause, which like many charities, have missed opportunities to top up funds during COVID there is a website where you can make a donation; any donation, great or small is very welcome.

<https://walkthewalk.enthuse.com/pf/meryl-roberts-47717>

ANNUAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING—May 24th, 7pm, Great Witley Church

There will be a joint Annual Church Council Meeting on Tuesday May 24, 7pm, at Great Witley Church. This annual meeting is held by the Parochial Church Councils for the churches in Knighton-on-Teme, Lindridge, Pensax, Stockton-on-Teme, Abberley, Shrawley, Little Witley and Great Witley and is open to all to attend.

This is a clarion call for people to get involved with their local church communities and church buildings. Covid has taken its toll on volunteer staffing and fundraising for local church ‘ministry and masonry’. Now is the time to get on board and help. You don’t need to be a committed Christian to contribute to local church life, or help with fundraising to maintain the beautiful, if somewhat expensive, church buildings.

Another reason for helping at this time, is that the Church of England will begin a round of negotiations pertaining to church groupings. We need people who will engage with the bigger picture while ensuring that the local concerns are factored in.

If you are interested in helping in any way, Rev Ted is still around during June and is a good contact to start with. Email: office@4rivers.church or phone 01299 890100.

4RIVERS CHURCHES FACEBOOK GROUP

To join the group, contact Christine (christine.clarke@4rivers.church).

4RIVERS CHURCHES WEBSITE

www.4rivers.church



4Rivers Churches and Community are taking 300,000 steps in May Challenge.

Help raise funds to support Christian Aid

Everyone is invited to take part in 300,000 steps challenge to turn hunger into hope. Every step we take could help restore justice to our world. With every step, every gift, every prayer, we're determined to help people around the world change their lives for good. For the first time in a generation global poverty is rising. COVID-19, conflict, and the climate crisis are pushing more of our global neighbours into a struggle for survival.

How to join in the fun?

1. Share walking the steps by volunteering to walk X steps.
Ask your friends and family to support your efforts by making a donation.
You may wish to let Christine Clarke know how many steps are volunteering to walk
email ladyfieldschristine@icloud.com

How do I know how many steps I am walking?

2. You may wish to use an App or Fitbit (or equivalent), or calculate yourself.
The average person walks 100 steps per minute. (1,000 = 10 mins)

I am less able- how do I take part?

3. You may wish to calculate the steps you take inside your home on an average day and use this as a guide.

I am in a Wheelchair user – how do I take part?

4. Decide on how many revolutions (pushes) you wish to take, or use an odometer track.

I don't want to walk – can I make a donation?

5. Yes! Please make a donation, ask your friends and family too.

Remember to post some photos of your efforts on our 4Riverschurches Facebook page.

Follow the link to make your donation

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/4riverschurch>

I wish to make a donation by Cheque or Cash
Please contact our Treasurer Mr Peter Clarke on 01299 832267

Please join with us in turning hunger into hope

LINDRIDGE CHURCH, SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Otter Class from Lindridge school spent Monday morning at Lindridge church finding out about what makes a place, Lindridge Church, sacred.

They had lots of fun searching out some special items in the church; counting the number of crosses they could find provided much entertainment—one group counted 98!

They also created a picture (see below) and listened to worship music from cultures and genres.

As always a big thanks to the volunteers who help with the workshops.



GREAT WITLEY VILLAGE HALL- Coffee and Chat Tuesday May 31st 10.00 to midday.

Our popular coffee mornings return and Julia Mary and Linda will be happy to welcome you whether you have been before or not. Come for a cuppa and a chat with other locals and if you need a lift please ring Julia on 01299 896412.

JUBILEE PAGE

Lindridge Jubilee Bake

Entries need to be submitted by 1pm on 4th June 2022



As part of the Jubilee Celebrations we are holding a Royal Themed Cake Competition

Details on www.lindridgeparishhall.co.uk (Jubilee 2022 Party Page)

ROYAL Part of the Jubilee Celebrations

SCARECROW Competition

As part of the Jubilee Celebrations we would love to see your Royal Scarecrow

A winner for the best adult entry and best child's entry

Please bring your scarecrow with you on the day of the party. Entries need to be in by 1pm



Lindridge Parish Hall

For more details call 01584 881747 4th June 2022



LITTLE WITLEY PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

4 days of celebration, partying and fun

2-5 June 2022

including

Lighting of the Beacon

Children's activity workshop

Live screening of Party at the Palace

Floral arrangements & 70 year exhibition

Street Party

Fancy Hats! Fancy Dress! & Crowns for all ages!

BBQ, Bar, Games, etc.

Detailed timings to be confirmed

Pledge support for this project at

<https://www.spacehive.com/little-witley-unites-for-the-jubilee>



Bring a Plate - BBQ - Live music - Fun and laughter - Competitions - Food - Come in fancy dress - Drinks on sale - Celebrations - Scarecrow competition - Social event - Get together

Lindridge Parish Hall
01584 881 747

BIBLE READINGS for 15th May**ACTS 11:1-18**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

GOSPEL: JOHN Chapter 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

PRAYER

Creator God, what a complex tapestry your creative fingers have woven;
We delight at the daily reminders of your creative power.
This tapestry is closely interwoven, fragile, changing; changing too fast.
Scientists confirm what our hearts already know – and we are fearful.
We are fearful of seasons that have lost their pattern; of all the uncertainties that
climate change is bringing.
Politicians bend and bow to meet national priorities while greenhouse gases build,
oceans acidify and air streams shift.
Forgive us for our lack of response;
For seeing the scale of this crisis as reason not to engage.
Grant that through our prayers your Holy Spirit may give wisdom, inspiration and
resolve to our politicians, leaders and negotiators, enabling them to make the
tough decisions necessary for all people to live, to hope and to shape a better
world.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen