

Notices for Week Commencing 11th July

SERVICES for Sunday 17th July— 5th Sunday after Trinity

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

Wearing a face mask is now a personal choice, however, alternate pews will continue to 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.

Churchwarden Admission Service

The Service of Admission for Churchwardens is today Wednesday 13th July at 7:30pm at Worcester Cathedral. All are welcome; come and support your Churchwardens at the Cathedral.

Deanery United Service—Outside at Great Witley Tea Rooms

The Deanery united service will be held outside at Great Witley Tea Rooms, 10:00am on Sunday 31st July. It was a great event last year—come and join with the rest of the Deanery in worship and fellowship.

Date for your diary—Mandela Day

A fact discovered whilst researching for a school CREW assembly—The United Nations proclaimed Mandela's birthday (July 18) to be Mandela Day. On July 18th, the goal is for people to spend 67 minutes doing something good for others; this represents the 67 years Nelson Mandela spent working for change.

Coffee and Chat Tuesday 26th July 2022 at Great Witley Village Hall

Come along to Great Witley Village Hall for coffee and chat—10am until midday where Julia, Mary and Linda look forward to welcoming you for coffee, cake and a chat with friends old and new. If you would like to come but haven't got transport please ring Julia on 01299 896412 to arrange a lift.

Everyone is welcome.

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

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Pictures of Ted receiving his gift, or virtual gift at the joint PCC meeting. The parishes have donated £1,600 to enable Ted to purchase some new Robes. What is left he will use to buy a portable printer.

The box is a gift for Caroline; see photos below.

Our prayers go with Ted and Caroline in their new appointment.



PRAYER for Schools

Dear Lord, you yourself are the Great Teacher.

Instruct all of us in your commandments: to show love by glorifying you and serving our neighbours. Disciple all of us with your holy Gospel: to be forgiven, renewed and empowered through your life, death, and resurrection.

Fill the hearts of all who work and volunteer in our schools with wonder and excitement as we see your divine design in math and science, as we see your hand in history, as we learn to glorify you through art and music, as we learn to know our neighbours, their hopes, their hurts, their needs, that your love may flow through us to them.

Your holy Word also tells us, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." By your power, help us increase in wisdom, never ceasing to learn all the days of our lives until we sit at your feet in your Kingdom; wherewith the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

BIBLE READINGS for July 17th**COLOSSIANS 1:15-28**

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven.

I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

GOSPEL: LUKE 10:38-42

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'