

## Notices for week commencing 24th May

Greetings all

**PERSONAL LETTERS** This week we are sending a personal letter to each and every one on the church electoral rolls. (the resources for this expensive enterprise have been kindly donated).

The letter is about two things:

First, and foremost, to ensure that everyone is being cared for by the church as far as we are able and as far as people want to receive it. So, we need to check our contact details, and whether people are being provided for. And we are asking people, if they want to tell us little more so we can offer better prayer and support – all optional.

Second, and still importantly we want to ask everyone to consider why, how, and how much they give to God's work in the local church. In particular, we are encouraging people to move over to the best method: the Parish Giving Scheme but other methods of giving are, of course, always welcome. Information relating to this is in the letter, so no need to repeat it here. There is also more information on the new website ([www.4rivers.church](http://www.4rivers.church)).

And thirdly, for Abberley, an outstanding administration matter about being on the church electoral roll. We hope that the letters are received in the spirit of love and prayer with which they are being sent.

Any questions: please contact Rev Ted, email (preferably), or phone.

### THY KINGDOM COME

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Since its start in May 2016, as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England, it has now grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer ....Come Holy Spirit. ....

During the 9 days of 'Thy Kingdom Come ' it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for others to come to faith in Jesus
- Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness.

So here across 4Rivers Churches we are planning a whole day of prayer on Friday May 29th. Prayers will be prayed through the complete 24 hour day !! This will be a challenge and we will need lots of prayer warriors willing to pray at an agreed specific time !!

If you would like to be involved in this prayer initiative please do email Eve Cambray ([eve@4rivers.church](mailto:eve@4rivers.church)) or Christine Clarke ([christine.clarke@4rivers.church](mailto:christine.clarke@4rivers.church)). We do have plenty of prayer resources available , just let us know if required .....Thank you !

**OUR FACEBOOK GROUP** is now public. Contact Christine ([christine.clarke@4rivers.church](mailto:christine.clarke@4rivers.church)) to be invited to the Group.

**4RIVERS CHURCHES WEBSITE** is now also public. You can find the website at: [www.4rivers.church](http://www.4rivers.church)

## Notices continued

**BIBLE STUDY:** On Wednesday June 3rd at 7.30 a Bible Study on 1 Peter will start using a Boring commentary. (Boring is the author of the Commentary!). 1 Peter is an epistle that Boring cites as one of the most significant in the New Testament and is about living a Christian life in a non-Christian society.

The Bible Study group will meet for 3 weeks each month on the first, second and third Wednesdays. The Zoom joining instructions will be circulated with other Zoom meetings. All are welcome, but if you intend to join the Bible Study group, please let Vickie know. (office@4rivers.church)

**HOUSEGROUP:** A new Housegroup will start on Wednesday 27th May at 4.30pm. During the lockdown the Housegroup will be a time of structured Christian Discipleship - a time of encouragement in faith and a forum to share and support each other.

The group will meet monthly on the fourth Wednesday, when there is not a Bible Study meeting in the evening. The Zoom joining instructions will be circulated with other Zoom meetings. All are welcome.

**REQUEST FOR WOOL ODDMENTS—** Does anyone have wool oddments that they can donate for knitted Christmas Angels? A host of knitted angels is being prepared for later in the year. Colours suitable for angels much appreciated—white, gold purple, yellow etc. Let Vickie know and we can arrange for suitably social distanced and safe collection. (vickie.melling@pobox.com/01584 881086)

### **CORONAVIRUS UPDATES:**

Both Malvern Hills District Council and Worcester County Council provide helpful information on Coronavirus and other related topics.

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKMHDC/subscriber/new?preferences=true>

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help>

**Prayers:** If you have any prayer requests: send them to prayer.requests@4rivers.church

Stay Safe, Stay Faithful, Stay Prayerful.

Rev Ted

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## Invitation from Bill Andrewes to Plant Sale at The Priory Lindridge

The plant sale, in aid of Lindridge Church, which has taken place at Lindridge Priory over the last few years will not happen this year. However, the plants which I have been putting aside since last year are still here and looking for a home. There are hostas, irises, foxgloves, polygonum and much else. If anyone would like some plants you please ring on 01584 881274 and make an appointment. We will only arrange for one party of not more than two people at a time. I will be looking for a contribution to Lindridge Church but in the past people have regarded the purchases as good value. If anyone else has plants they were putting aside for the sale and would like to add them to my collection please give me a call.

Thank you, Bill Andrewes

## Readings for Sunday

### Bible Reading: 1 Peter 4:12- 14, 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

### Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

### This week's hymn resource:

#### Morning

Be still, for the presence of the Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZugvUQ4m90U>

I watch the sunrise

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vm-A5Nikl8U>

Hannah's version will be uploaded to the Facebook Group

Rejoice, the Lord is king

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3pGwlf6vQg>

#### Evening

Of the Father's love begotten

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cOF9JLjkPis>

Magnificat

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKaiwm2DUIQ>

Nunc Dimittis

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQJ\\_o6wMiXU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQJ_o6wMiXU)

I saw the Lord (Stainer)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_p6JBEDYogQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_p6JBEDYogQ)

Ye watchers and yet holy ones

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_mZT59b3Kaw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_mZT59b3Kaw)

*Want us to use a favourite hymn in the worship? Just email the office and we will try and oblige.*

### *Prayer*

*Dear Lord,  
At the end of Mental Health Awareness Week we pray for all who are suffering from mental health issues, all who are anxious and all who are fearful of the future. Let us each show the loving kindness of God to one another and to all who we meet today, and in the coming week. Random acts of kindness are shown to have enormous health benefits for both the giver and the recipient of the kindness. God's Hesus in action. Amen*

### **Zoom SERVICES (no services on Saturday)**

Monday 25th May	8am Morning Prayer 6pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday 26th May	8am Morning Prayer 6pm Evening Prayer
Wednesday 27th May	8am Morning Prayer 4.30pm Housegroup 6pm Evening Prayer

Thursday	8am Morning Prayer
Friday	8am Morning Prayer
Sunday 31st May	10am Sunday Spiritual 6pm BCP Evening Prayer



### **Thy Kingdom Come**

Sign up for 24 hours of prayer (contact: [christine.clarke@4rivers.church](mailto:christine.clarke@4rivers.church)/[eve@4rivers.church](mailto:eve@4rivers.church))