

Notices for week commencing 31st May

Greetings all

4RIVERS CHURCHES WEBSITE is now public. You can find the Sunday Spiritual Service for Pentecost on the Website (Worship Resources page); click the play button to watch the video.

There are also some Pentecost resources for children on the same page.

You can find the website at: www.4rivers.church.

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

BIBLE STUDY: This starts this week on Wednesday June 3rd at 7.30. A Bible Study on 1 Peter, an epistle about living a Christian life in a complex world.

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: The Housegroup met for the first time on Wednesday 27th May.

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.

PERSONAL LETTERS These were delayed a little with a technical hitch, but will be out soon.

A reminder of what the letter is about:

First, and foremost, to ensure that everyone is being cared for by the church if they want to be cared for; in order to do this, up-to-date contact details are needed. The letter also provides the opportunity for people to offer information to enable better prayer and support – all this will be optional.

Second, and still importantly to ask everyone to consider why, how, and how much they give to God's work in the local church. In particular, to encourage 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 website (www.4rivers.church).

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

Any questions: please contact Rev Ted, preferably by email (office@4rivers.church), or phone.

CHECKING EMAILS Please can all ministers and church officers check emails at least once each day. It helps everyone in their support of the church ministry and administration work. Many thanks.

TED HOLIDAY Ted will be on holiday from Monday 8th June to Monday 15th June inclusive. During this time, please call the office number 01299 890100 or email office@4rivers.church with questions. Someone will be monitoring the phone and email.

Notices continued

THY KINGDOM COME

Thanks to all who took part in the 24 hours of prayer for Thy Kingdom Come, and for everyone else who supported Thy Kingdom Come in any way.

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

Collect for Pentecost Sunday

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings for Sunday

Bible Reading: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This week's hymn resource:

Morning

Be still for the presence of the Lord <https://4rivers.church/worship-resources/>

I watch the sunrise <https://4rivers.church/worship-resources/>

There is a redeemer <https://4rivers.church/worship-resources/>

Evening

O thou who camest from above <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3UYybc7Xa0>

Magnificent (Brewer in D) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKaiwm2DUIQ>

Nunc Dimittis (Brewer in D) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQJ_o6wMiXU

Anthem: Veni Creator Spiritus (Palestrina) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2wZud4MT3uw>

Come, gracious Spirit, heav'nly Dove <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=id9yPwhW9JU>

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

Prayer

Lord God, we entrust to you our families wherever they are across the country, and all those in our communities.

We pray for all who work for the care of others that you may guide and protect them.

We pray that we are all filled by your Holy Spirit and that we may be kept strong in faith, hope and love.

We ask for the Holy Spirit to guide us to be a church community centered around your love; help us to be the best that we can be for your glory.

Amen

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

Monday 1st June	8am Morning Prayer 6pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday 2nd June	8am Morning Prayer 6pm Evening Prayer
Wednesday 3rd June	8am Morning Prayer 6pm Evening Prayer 7.30pm Bible Study

Thursday 4th June	8am Morning Prayer 6pm Evening Prayer
Friday 5th June	8am Morning Prayer 6pm Evening Prayer
Sunday 7th June	10am Sunday Spiritual 6pm BCP Evening Prayer



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