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Loop Special – Sunday 10 May 2020 – 5th Sunday of Easter

TODAY'S READINGS: Psalm 31.1-5 - Acts 7.55-end - John 14.1-14

You will find them with today's Collect on our website on the News page



WE BEGIN THIS WEEK WITH SHARING SOME THEMES FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Please join in prayer this week for the situation in all our **care homes** in the area, for Isle Court which lies within the Loop, but also for all the homes where loved ones are cared for in the wider area.
- We pray too for **the staff** in our care homes.
- We pray for **all who are separated** from their loved ones in care homes, unable to visit and experiencing great anxiety for them, as well as the pain of this long separation.
- We pray for those who are facing some very serious health issues unconnected with the pandemic.
- We pray for victims of crime and for the protection of the vulnerable.
- We pray for our **local Food Bank**; for all those who cannot afford to put food on the table; for those who help provide for the hungry.

Gracious God,
Give skill, sympathy and resilience to all
who are caring for the sick,
with those who live in our care homes,
And your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen and protect them with your Spirit,
That through their work loved ones will be safe
And many restored to health and their families;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE FOOD BANK features in our prayers on the phone line (details on next page) this week. They need our continuing help and support. Please see <https://barnabascommunityprojects.org/donations> for how to make a financial donation. And we're very grateful to Mike Bell (Leaton) for allowing us to pass on his tel no – Mike is a volunteer with the Food Bank, so please talk to him on 01939 291140 if you'd like to find out more about how to contribute. You might like to look at St Matthew's Gospel chapter 25, especially vs 34-35 – this outreach ministry is at the heart of Christian living. There was a wheelbarrow collection in Bicton village this week, not organised by the church, but by another volunteer – Tin Tuesday. Allan says the gifts overflowed. Another blessing!

Jesus said ...just as you did it to one of the least of these .. you did it to me.

WORSHIP

PYJAMA CHURCH – 9.30 am - SUNDAY

For all ages, and yes, you can stay in your pyjamas! Hannah says *The service will be streamed from the Trinity Churches <http://www.trinitychurches.org> and St George's (www.stgeorgesshrewsbury.church) websites/ Facebook pages. The service is a collaborative effort between Severn Loop, St George's Frankwell and Trinity Churches Meole Brace, but we hope everyone will spot at least a couple of familiar faces! Our theme is going to be *Jesus is the Way the Truth and the Life, and if you want to join in the craft as it happens, then have some paper and pens at the ready. You might also like to light a candle as you watch at home, as a reminder of Jesus' presence with you.**

SUNDAY AT SIX – pm! - via ZOOM

Apologies to all who couldn't join last week, there was a technical glitch. We did miss you! Peter writes 'Sunday at 6' is now set up as a recurring event, so it should be easier. Please do share the invitation with anyone who would appreciate it. Joining on a mobile phone is often easier than a PC.' If you have lost your invitation, please contact Peter by email (see heading, page 1.) This Sunday's Evening Prayer words will be on the website for you.

DEDICATED PHONE LINES FOR YOU!

- Daily Hope – the national service: 0800 804 8044

AND Sharing the Light in the Loop – our own weekly recorded worship: 01743 298285

This week, James Dixon from Bicton is reading the Gospel – many congratulations and Happy Birthday to James, who celebrates his 18th on Saturday 9 May!



In our Virtual Blessings Jar this week

*For these
and all your
blessings ...*



*We praise your name
O Lord.*

*The beauty of this Spring bringing blessing: 'balm for the soul'.
All the many shades of green, following the rain this week.
A cross in the hedge at Leaton, spotted by a passer-by.
The most beautiful sunsets this week - perhaps a sign of less pollution
in the air?
A new puppy. Welcome Tess!*



On what would have been a weekend of remembering and marking VE Day 1945 in joyful ways, we are thinking of all those who experienced life during wartime - veterans of course but also those on the home front - and for whom this was a remarkable day. Coronavirus is robbing us of so much, it has also robbed us of the chance to celebrate those we still have with us who can bear witness to life in WW2. We also remember those for whom 8 May 1945 was not the end – those in the Far East who had to wait even longer for hostilities to end. It is so poignant that one of the anthems of that time is now an anthem for us too ~ **We WILL Meet Again**. Stay safe – and God's blessing and comfort be with you.

Come follow Christ  in the footsteps of St Chad
Know the Story Share the Story Live the Story