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Loop Special – Sunday 14 June 2020 – 1st Sunday after Trinity

Readings For Today: Ps 100 - Exodus 19.2-8a - Matt 9.35-10.8

As usual these are available, printed in full, on the website above.

CHURCHES NOW ABLE TO RE-OPEN FOR INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE PRAYER

The government announced recently that it is now possible for churches to be opened for **individual private prayer only**. There is some considerable work to be done before we know if that is going to be possible for each of our church buildings. I am really grateful to our churchwardens, who are looking at the guidance in respect to their particular church and advising me on whether they believe it is possible. It's important to note that no churches have to open, and in each community we have to make very careful decisions that are in accord with government social distancing guidelines and rule, and also the guidance of the national church. This means where our key people are themselves in groups that must still be protected, it may well not be possible. There are also some very practical challenges involved. Bear with us and you will gradually hear more.

At this point, I can tell you that:

St Mary's Shrawardine will be open from Monday 15 June, 10 am to 5 pm daily

Holy Trinity Bicton hopes to open each Sunday, from 11 am to 12 noon, starting on 21 June.

St John the Baptist, Albrighton hopes to open each Sunday, from 9.30 to 10.30 am, starting on 21 June.

Holy Trinity Leaton and the Mission Church will not be opening at this stage but that will be kept under review.



St Mary the Virgin, Shrawardine

Without C-19, this weekend, Shrawardine should have been holding a Garden Trail with a special service to conclude the day, all in aid of the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust.

We hope to feature each of our parishes over coming weeks, so this seemed a good one to go to for this edition of our Loop Specials, having focused on Leaton and Bicton on Trinity Sunday.

*We pray ... for all who live in the village of Shrawardine,
the most westerly point of the Loop;
for Esther, Churchwarden
and the whole congregation.*

Shrawardine happens to have a number of doctors and nurses who live in the village.

*So let's pray particularly for them and for all NHS staff and workers
after the long and stressful weeks of the pandemic.*

We pray for those who visit this beautiful spot, right on the River Severn.

*We pray that making the church available will bring
blessing, hope and peace
to all who come to pray.*

SUNDAY WORSHIP THIS WEEK!

- **The Holy Eucharist is offered at 8 am and 10.30 am.** You can join us in Spiritual Communion by praying with the resource on our website (see the top of page 1.)
- **Pyjama Church 9.30 am** – access our all-age worship shared with St George’s and Holy Trinity Meole Brace by going to HT’s website: www.trinitychurches.org and click on ‘Join us on Facebook’. The good news is that Pyjama Church will continue through the summer we hope!
- **Sunday @ Six via Zoom**

This week Mary-Lou is again the host. The Order of Service will go up on the website and be emailed to our list of contacts for the time of worship. If you’d like to join in sharing Evening Prayer, please let Mary-Lou or Hannah know in good time and we can add you to our contacts. The link will be sent out on **Sunday**. The reason for this is that we have had problems in the past when the invitation has gone out earlier.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING OUR SEVERN LOOP BLESSING! The film’s had 105 viewings just this week!

Funeral Arrangements – Tuesday 16 June at 1.15 pm – Kevin Price, Bicton

Kev’s family have asked me to share the arrangements: *Due to Covid-19 restrictions a private family cremation will take place for Kev. Respects can be paid during the procession from home at Bicton Village Hall, 16th June, leaving Brookside at approximately 12.50pm. Kev’s funeral will be live streamed for those that wish to watch, beginning at 1.15pm. This will be available for 28 days to watch for those who may not be available on the day.*

If you wish to watch the funeral please follow these details:

www.obitus.com

Username: Raja8900

Password: 717206

The family are incorporating red into the ceremony, in memory of Kev’s strong passion for Liverpool Football team. If you wish to participate in Kev’s memory, a candle will be lit at the beginning of the funeral and blown out at the end; for a final cheers to Kev and what an amazing person he was. Donations will be given to ‘Shrewsbury Macmillan Team’ who helped greatly during Kevin’s illness and ‘The Brain Tumour Charity’. We ask that donations are made to: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/inlovingmemoryofkevprice> or message Jayne to be forwarded to home address. A celebration of Kevin’s life will be held for all who had the pleasure to know him in Bicton Village, once the Covid-19 lock down is over. Date yet to be confirmed.

We continue to pray for Al & Philippa Herbert, with all their family as they come to Margaret’s funeral on Monday.

Leaton’s Home Group meets on Wednesday 17 June at 7 pm via Zoom

Mary-Lou will lead another Bible study. All are welcome to join the group.

Peter is focusing on the monastic Community at present, so we are leaving him free of Loop responsibilities for now. Please speak to Mary-Lou or Hannah, or Joyce in pastoral matters, until the end of the month.



A Prayer for the Night Time

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may rest upon your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*The Lord bless you and keep you,
today and always -
with love from Mary-Lou*

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