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## Loop Special – Sunday 28 June 2020 – Third Sunday after Trinity

**READINGS – Psalm 89.8-18 – Romans 6.12-23 – Matthew 10.40-42**

Available in full with today's Collect on the website (see above)

**On Monday this week, 29 June, falls the Feast Day of two great Saints: Peter & Paul.**

The church close to the geographical centre of the Loop is **St Peter & St Paul, Fitz** and so this week we focus on the congregation and communities in this ancient parish.

It's a good week for famous saints! Coming up on 3 July, we also celebrate St Thomas.

And the days leading up to 29 June are known as Ember Days, when we pray for vocations: to the various orders of ministry, but also that the whole people of God may live out our calling faithfully in the world. It is around this time when ordinations of new deacons and priests usually take place. Please pray for Diana Barnett as she celebrates the first anniversary of becoming a deacon, and waits for ordination to the priesthood at Michaelmas if all goes to plan!

**Weddings!** The other big surprise was that weddings can start again soon, with some important restrictions still. This is very good and hopeful news. We are still waiting for the detailed advice but I'm sure it will be a sign of great hope to our remaining couples for this year.



*St Peter & St Paul  
Fitz*

*We pray for Avril Stephens and Dawn Baly, carrying out the duties of churchwardens; for PCC members; for all who worship at Fitz; We pray for all who live and work in the villages that make up this parish and give thanks for the Village Hall, looking forward to the day people can gather there once more.*



### CHURCHES RE-OPENING FOR WORSHIP!

**Well this announcement certainly came as a surprise at last Monday's press conference! It is great news that we can gather for worship within the usual strict social-distancing and hygiene rules – but we ask you to bear with us while we consider the detail of what has to be done and in place. As for opening to private prayer, we will not put anyone at risk, so there are some serious decisions to be made about what is practicable and possible. We still have a significant challenge with our seven buildings, in that only two of the clergy team will be able to conduct public worship. Keep an eye on the website for news and please bear with us as we work it all out! We think at this point we are unlikely to be ready to start services again on 5 July.**

Come follow Christ  in the footsteps of St Chad  
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## **SUNDAY WORSHIP THIS WEEK! – whatever happens about public worship in our churches, these continue!**

**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.) Please let Hannah or Mary-Lou know if there are any particular prayers you would like included.

**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](http://www.trinitychurches.org) and click on ‘Join us on Facebook’. The good news is that Pyjama Church will continue through the summer.

### **Sunday @ Six via Zoom – don’t forget, we start at 6 pm**

This week Mary-Lou is again the host (with the technical side hosted once more by Matt Hall – huge thanks Matt!) The Order of Service is on the website and be emailed to our list of existing contacts with the link. 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 list. **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 – **please always look for the most recent email!**

## **NEWS AND NOTICES**

**Peter** comes to the end of his time focusing on the monastic Community this weekend and is officially ‘back’ with Severn Loop. Hooray!

**Alan Viner writes:** *‘It seems an age ago now but back in February, we were treated to a most enjoyable concert at Holy Trinity, Leaton, given by two outstanding instrumentalists in their final year at the Northern College of Music – Mollie Wrafter (violin) and Jacob Barns (cello). Because of the pandemic, neither Mollie nor Jacob (along with many other finalists) have been able to offer their Finals Recital Exams this year. However, they have been rigorously assessed on all their previously completed assignments, with great emphasis on the quality and consistency of work they have produced up until the time of lockdown. The brilliant news is that Mollie and Jacob have been awarded their Bachelor of Music degrees, with First-Class Honours. Mollie will be staying in Manchester to develop her studies in Performance; Jacob has been accepted by Durham University to follow a Masters degree in Musicology and Performance. We send them our warmest congratulations and very best wishes for the future.*

**Dementia Friendly Churches** – Joyce has been working on our behalf with Sarah Thorpe, the co-ordinator for our area (you may remember Sarah from a United Service at Bicton a few years ago) to pull together our objectives for the next year. These have been agreed with our churchwardens and focus on how we support and keep in touch with people during the pandemic. Our new certificates will be with us very soon!

**Home Group meets again via Zoom next Wednesday 1 July, 7 pm!** If you haven’t tried this before and would like to receive the link to join for another Bible Study, please let Mary-Lou or Hannah know and we will make sure you do.

*As we look to being able to open the doors for worship once more, this seems to be an appropriate prayer to have in our hearts. Stay safe as lockdown unlocks, my love to you all,  
Mary-Lou x*

*○ God our heavenly Father,  
make the door of our parish church wide enough to receive all  
who need human love and fellowship and a Father’s care,  
and narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and un-charitableness.  
Here may the tempted find succour, and the sorrowing receive comfort;  
here may the careless be awakened to repentance,  
and the penitent be assured of thy mercy;  
and here may all thy children renew their strength in thee  
and go on their way rejoicing;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen!*