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Loop Special – Sunday 5 July 2020 – Fourth Sunday after Trinity

READINGS - Psalm 145.8-15 - Romans 7.15-25a - Matthew 11.16-19 + 25-end

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

This week in our thoughts and prayers we focus on St Chad's, Montford. Set high above the River Severn, the church commands wonderful views - but never try using an umbrella there on a blowy day! St Chad's was one of the first of our churches - with Shrawardine - to become linked with another, as the two became a joint parish many, many years before the Loop was established.



St Chad's, Montford

St Chad is of course our Diocesan Saint, with his shrine at Lichfield Cathedral. Bishop Michael has a particular devotion to St Chad and has drawn inspiration from his life and ministry in shaping our shared diocesan life. Look again at our tag line below! We follow Christ in Chad's footsteps.

We pray for Tricia Jones, Churchwarden, and all who worship and enable worship at St Chad's; we give thanks for the amazing outreach that has been possible through the Dioramas. We pray for Caring for God's Acre, who advise on planning and care for conservation in the churchyard; For all who live and work in this large and very rural parish, especially those who work in agriculture.

GREAT NEWS!

MOST OF OUR CHURCHES WILL RE-OPEN FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP ON SUNDAY 19 JULY

Full details will be in the Loop next weekend, but we can tell you now that with the tremendous support of our Churchwardens, it is going to be possible to do this – we can't thank them enough for all the work they are doing to make it happen. Holy Trinity Leaton will be open from the first Sunday in August, but sadly we are not able under the current guidance to re-open the Mission Church. Holy Communion will not be possible at this stage, but we will look to re-introduce that when and where we can.

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

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 one of the clergy 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 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

Look out for your invitation and link on Sunday. The Order of Service will go up on the website, probably on Saturday, and be emailed to our list of existing contacts with the link. If you’d like to join in sharing Evening Prayer, please let Peter or Hannah know in good time and we can add you to our list.

Annual Leave

Please note that Mary-Lou will be off-duty from Tuesday 7 July for two weeks. Please contact Peter, Hannah, or Joyce for pastoral matters, during this time.

Dementia Friendly Churches

Here are our aims for the coming year:

- To support those with dementia and their family members or carers during the time of Coronavirus restrictions by:
Regular phone contact, or
Providing access to our weekly electronic mailings and weekly worship phone number. Print off and deliver or post, weekly readings where possible to those without internet.
- To maintain contact with our Residential and Nursing Homes; provide emotional and spiritual support for residents, staff and family members during the Coronavirus restrictions.
- To build rapidly on these connections once restrictions are lifted.

May Light Perpetual Shine Upon Them

Malcolm Cooper – Priest – of Merrington, Bomere Heath
passed recently to his eternal rest.
We hold Trixie and all their family in our prayers.

Ever present God,
be with us in our isolation,
be close to us in our distancing,
be healing in our sickness,
be light in our darkness,
be wisdom in our confusion,
be all that is familiar when all is unfamiliar,
that when the doors re-open
we may with the zeal of Pentecost
inhabit our communities
and speak of your goodness
to an emerging world.
for Jesus’s sake. Amen.

Very Revd Andrew Nunn