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Loop Special – Sunday 9 August 2020 – 9th Sunday after Trinity

READINGS - Psalm 105.1-10 – Romans 10.5-15 – Matthew 14.22-33

As usual you will find these printed in full on the website.

This week the Collect is with the readings.



FACE COVERINGS MUST NOW BE WORN AT PUBLIC WORSHIP IN CHURCHES

Please see government information for details of the legal exemptions.

When attending worship, please also carry hand sanitiser with you.

This will be particularly important as we re-introduce Holy Communion.

Please note wherever possible ministers and leaders will not have to wear coverings, as long as they can be the required social distance from others.

We very much hope this will help considerably with audibility.

PUBLIC WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY – 9 August

Bicton	11 am
Leaton	10.45 am
Montford	9.30 am
Shrawardine	11 am

NEXT SUNDAY – 16 August

Albrighton	9.15 am
Bicton	11.00 am
Leaton	10.45 am
Montford	11.00 am
Shrawardine	9.30 am

*From this week's
New Testament reading
"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"
Romans 10 vs 8*

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP!

PYJAMA CHURCH 9.30 am

via Trinity Churches website & Facebook

SUNDAY AT SIX 6 pm

via Zoom – email Mary-Lou to receive the link which is sent out on Sunday

SHARING THE LIGHT IN THE LOOP

Our weekly phone line worship – see top of this page for the local number to call

DAILY HOPE – national phone line, see number above.

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

OUR CHRISTIAN GIVING – A NEW QUICK AND SIMPLE ONLINE WAY TO GIVE!

Now that some of you are able to be back worshipping in our churches, we're sure you will want to catch up with your Christian giving if you haven't been able to do that during lockdown. To help all of us, the Diocese of Lichfield has provided a new online route to give to your church. We recently received this message from the finance team: *'Our finance team has launched a new Donate Now button on our website with the help of local software company Data Developments.*

You can now direct your donors to the [Donate Now page](#) and, when they click the button, they enter their details and can choose your church from a drop-down list.

There is a Gift Aid option plus an option for donors to cover the transaction cost if they want to. As with Contactless and Giving Direct, funds are received into the diocesan bank account as the registered charity and then passed on as soon as possible along with a report showing when the donations were made.

There is regularly updated information on online giving - including the Friday's Finance Debrief - in our finance team's dedicated [COVID-19 pages](#).

So to give via this method, go to www.lichfield.anglican.org and click the Donate Now button! The financial situation for all our churches as for the diocese has been severely affected by the pandemic. Where a church has cut back on the regular giving of its Parish Share, we will need to catch up on any arrears as soon as we can, so please do give as you are able.

ST PETER & ST PAUL, FITZ

We are very pleased that Fitz Church will be opening once more for public worship in September. However, the pre-Covid normal pattern will be slightly changed for the period of the pandemic. We're hugely grateful to the PCC who have suggested reducing the number of services a little, which will help us in providing ministers to lead worship. We hope to be able to sustain a pattern of worship at 9.30 am on the First and Third Sundays, and whenever possible, those services will be Holy Communion. The date of the first service will be announced as soon as possible.

THE MISSION CHURCH, BOMERE HEATH

We continue to be sad that the Mission Church building does not meet the current Corona-security requirements and we are therefore unable to open for worship there. The congregation can rest assured that when that situation changes, we will do all we can to open again.

UPDATE - ANNUAL MEETINGS AND ELECTING CHURCHWARDENS

As the pandemic began, our Bishop extended the deadline for the completion of Annual Meetings and the election of Churchwardens to 31 October. That date is approaching and we need to see what we can do. We have now been given legal permission to hold these meetings via Zoom. We are only too aware that this will exclude some, but where we can we will be using the option to meet on Zoom. For the parishes where this is just not possible, Mary-Lou is seeking advice as to how we can proceed.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks that almost all our churches are now open.
- We pray for Bishop Michael and his companions on his summer St Chad pilgrimage.
- The terrible explosion in Beirut earlier this week has devastated an already struggling city and national economy. Please pray that relief reaches the people who desperately need it as urgently as possible.
- We pray for all who are feeling overwhelmed by events, ill-health, worry and anxiety of any kind.
- We continue to pray for all who are bereaved.

BISHOP MICHAEL'S PILGRIMAGE – ST CHAD'S, MONTFORD – MONDAY 17 AUGUST

As previously published, Bishop Michael and companions will be at St Chad's Montford on 17 August as part of his summer pilgrimage.

They aim to be there from 11.30 am-12.30 pm.

There will be a short prayer service and people are welcome to join the Bishop at the church, or to walk with the party for some of the journey.

