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Loop Special – Sunday 27 September 2020 – St Michael & All Angels

READINGS – Psalm 103.19-end - Hebrews 1.5-end - John 1.47-end

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

Collect

Everlasting God,
you have ordained and constituted
the ministries of angels and mortals
in a wonderful order:
grant that as you holy angels
 always serve you in heaven,
so, at your command,
they may help and defend us
 on earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

New Government Regulations

Many of us were holding our breath ahead of this week's news about the pandemic, praying that places of worship would not have to be closed again. It was a huge relief and a joy to hear from the Prime Minister that we can draw comfort from the fact that **places of worship** as well as schools and businesses **are staying open**.

The Rule of 6 has prompted some questions. I'm pleased to be able to confirm that the Rule does not put an end to larger gatherings in church. But we do have to obey the Rule within that – so groups of more than 6 can only sit together in church if from the same household, for instance.

Weddings are now reduced to 15 present, but funerals may still have 30.

We continue to monitor all government and national Church guidance very closely.

PUBLIC WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY – 27 SEPTEMBER

Albrighton	No service
Bicton	11 am Morning Worship
Fitz	No service
Leaton	10.45 am Morning Worship
Montford	9.30 am Holy Communion
Shrawardine	11 am Holy Communion

Next Sunday – 4 October

Albrighton	9.15 am Harvest Communion
Bicton	11 am Harvest Communion
Fitz	9.30 am Harvest Communion BCP
Leaton	10.45 am Harvest Communion
Montford	11 am Morning Worship
Shrawardine	9.30 am Morning Worship

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP TODAY:

PYJAMA CHURCH 6 pm – Film premieres, available any time after that. Access 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.

Home Visits and Communion: in the light of the very rapid rise in the level of infection across the country, we are awaiting updates on the official guidance for visits and home communions. We fear we may have to take the very sad decision to pause or cease this ministry again. For now, extreme caution is being taken.

Harvest Season 2020 Begins Next Sunday!

Every church will have a Harvest Communion service. Our phone line worship will have Harvest as its theme on 4 October. We will be supporting the Food Bank with harvest gifts across Severn Loop this year.

Why the Food Bank?

Very soon the government's furlough scheme comes to an end. Our Food Bank anticipates a large uptake in the numbers needing help as that happens, because unemployment will increase. When people apply for Universal Credit, there is a 6-week gap between their application and receiving any benefits at all. Applicants are advised they can apply for a loan to bridge the gap, but that immediately puts them into probably even greater debt and means they don't receive the full benefits they actually need when it is paid to them, as the loan has to be paid back from their Universal Credit while they're receiving it. Our Food Bank has an ambitious aim: that none of their clients should be forced to take out a loan in these circumstances. So they need a lot of help to build up supplies in advance of the increase in need.

In **Matthew 25.44-45**, we read: "Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty ... and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'" So let's do all we can to support the Food Bank and help to meet the needs of our neighbours. Each community will have one collection point for gifts. Where established routes of supplying gifts to the Food Bank exist, we'll be using those. Please note, in some places the collection point will not be the church.



WELCOME GIFTS: Tinned Foods – Dried foods – Toiletries

PLEASE no fresh fruit or veg this year

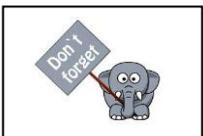
Deadline for making your gifts is Friday 9 October

HARVEST COLLECTION POINTS

Albrighton Church including porch
Fitz Peverey House, Grafton
Montford Church

Bicton Church
Leaton 26 Brook Road, Bomere Heath
Shrawardine Please use established system

Our great thanks to Hannah for offering to collect and deliver our gifts on Monday 12 October -and thank you all in anticipation!



Peter is having a break:

He is now off duty until the 3 October.

Mary-Lou is taking part in an online study event this week (Mon-Sat) and will not be generally available, so please talk to Hannah for all Severn Loop matters, or Joyce for pastoral things. Thank you.

For Our Prayers ~

- *Diana Barnett & William Small to be ordained priest on Monday 28 September in the evening; and for the new deacons ordained recently.*
- *Peter, for a good rest and the chance to relax while he is off duty.*
- *Those whose mental health & well-being will suffer from increased isolation through the later autumn and winter months.*
- *All who mourn.*

