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Loop Special – Sunday 4 October 2020 – Harvest & 17th Sunday after Trinity

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

This week we offer two sets of readings, one for Harvest and another for the 17th Sunday after Trinity. As usual you will find them both printed in full on the website.

PUBLIC WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

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

Next Sunday 11 October

Albrighton	No service
Bicton	11 am Morning Worship
Fitz	No service
Leaton	10.45 am Morning Worship
Montford	9.30 am Harvest HC
Shrawardine	11 am Harvest HC

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. **MARKING HARVEST THIS WEEK!**

DAILY HOPE – national phone line, see number above.

SPECIAL ONLINE HARVEST WORSHIP! Please see below.

OUR SEASON OF HARVEST BEGINS THIS SUNDAY

Please remember there will be no offerings of harvest gifts during worship, but we would love it if you were able to contribute any of the following to support our local Food Bank:

WELCOME GIFTS: Tinned Foods – Dried foods – Toiletries

PLEASE no fresh fruit or veg this year

The deadline for making your gifts is Friday 9 October.



HARVEST COLLECTION POINTS

Albrighton - Church, including porch

Fitz - Pevere House, Grafton

Montford - Church

Bicton - Church

Leaton - 26 Brook Road, Bomere Heath

Shrawardine - Please use established system

ONLINE HARVEST WORSHIP! A Treat for you.

<https://youtu.be/XGcLFOIG1TM>

This is your link to our **Harvest Celebration film**. We hope you will have a look and enjoy worshipping with others from across the Loop – especially if you cannot be in church. Huge thanks to all who have contributed to this different way of celebrating harvest. Watch out for special appearances by some sheep and a tractor! And thanks again to Hannah for her technical skills and time, capturing the sights and sounds of harvest time in Severn Loop.

COVID UPDATE

One of Hannah's children is currently in isolation, as their teacher tested positive for Coronavirus and Public Health England's instruction is that the whole 'bubble' must isolate until Saturday 11 October. Although Hannah is officially permitted to be at work, after discussion she will not lead worship this Sunday, nor will she be visiting anyone at home, as an extra level of protection for everyone. She is otherwise continuing with ministry, and so far none of them are unwell. We have expected that this sort of challenge might happen, and I think we need to expect other probable interruptions to our new 'normal' as things progress through the autumn and winter. It's a reminder to us of how provisional life has become! We're very grateful indeed to Joyce and to Revd Valerie Pitt, for stepping in at short notice, to help cover worship this Sunday.

HOME GROUP, LEATON MEETS VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK

Wednesday 7 October, 7.30 pm – Bible Study – open to anyone who'd like to join in.

ST FRANCIS

On 4 October, the worldwide Church also celebrates the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Francis was born in 1182 or 1183, to a father who was a cloth merchant. Francis was expected to take over the business, but he had a difficult relationship with his father, and rebelled. After failing to become the chivalrous knight he longed to be, he was captured, held in prison away from home, and returned a different man. He took to caring for disused churches and for the poor, especially those suffering from leprosy. While praying in the almost derelict church of San Damiano, he heard the words '*Go and repair my church which you see is falling down.*' Others joined Francis as he committed himself to a simple, gospel-based Rule for the now small but growing band of companions. As the religious Order grew, it witnessed to Christ in a radical and new way, preaching the gospel of repentance and emphasising the poverty of Christ as an example for his followers. Francis brought a wonderful understanding and appreciation of God in creation: he regarded everything as his Brother or Sister, with a tremendous reverence and care for all creatures. At his death on the evening of 3 October 1226, his Order had spread throughout western Christendom. Right now, this festival helps us reflect on how we can share in building up the church for the times we face. And it reminds us too, as we wonder and rejoice in the beauty of God's creation, also to work with others for its rescue from destruction, and to care for all God's creatures. There are many ways to find out about Francis – if you are ever interested in discovering more, please do ask Mary-Lou.

Operation Christmas Child

At this time of year, many of you are usually putting together a shoebox gift for this annual appeal. **Due to Covid, we will not be collecting these in our churches this year or organising a delivery to the local collection point.** However! If you'd like to contribute, you can still help.

Visit Shoebonline.org.uk to select from a range of gifts which will be packed and sent for you by Operation Christmas Child.

For Our Prayers ~

- *For the USA & those in the White House*
- *For those facing unemployment due to Covid in this country*
- *For care homes everywhere and the protection of their staff and residents*
- *For all who need treatment for something other than Covid*
- *For children and young people exposed to domestic violence in their homes*

**DON'T FORGET YOUR FACE MASK
IF COMING TO CHURCH!**

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