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## Loop Special – Sunday 1 November 2020 – Feast of All Saints

**READINGS - Psalm 34.1-10 - Revelation 7.9-17 - Matthew 5.1-12**

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

### PUBLIC WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY – 1 November

Sorry, due to unforeseen circumstances some arrangements have had to change – please see p 2

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



### Next Sunday – 8 November – Remembrance Sunday

Albrighton	No service
Bicton	10.45 am Service of Remembrance
Fitz	No service
Leaton	10.45 am Service of Remembrance
Montford	9.30 am Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance
Shrawardine	11 am Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance



### *Remembering .... with love*

*Join with us around the Loop online at 3 pm ON SUNDAY as we share in a service of reflection, music and prayers for All Souls Tide, remembering before God those who have died. The worship will last approximately 25 minutes. We suggest you might find it helpful to light your own candle at home, but please be careful, an LED candle is just as good and safe. If you have one you might like to hold or place a cross by you, pick a flower, find a beautiful leaf, or choose something else tangible from creation. All of these can provide a focus and enhance our worship. The service will still be available after 3 pm.*

**Here is the link:** <https://youtu.be/Tqv7ANfMKy0> copy and paste into your browser.  
**Or go to the website** [www.severnloopparishes.org.uk](http://www.severnloopparishes.org.uk)

**PYJAMA CHURCH THIS WEEK PREMIERES AT 6 PM ON SATURDAY – see page 3!**  
It's designed to offer all ages something full of the light of Christ, at Halloween.



## Words of Encouragement

These are very challenging times, as the pandemic continues to sweep around the world and the numbers of infections increase dramatically. It can leave us anxious, uncertain, even angry or fearful. These are stressful days and seem to show no sign of coming to an end, even after all these months. As Christians, when we need an anchor, a rock, something to hold on to, where do we go? The Bible offers riches to cling to. Someone shared with me this past week, that some words of Jesus in Luke 12.32 have been very precious to them recently: *'Do not fear, little flock ...'*. These words are very definitely somewhere we can place our treasure and our trust, words to encourage us and bring hope. We need not be afraid.

Over coming weeks, members of the core ministry team will be sharing with you some of the precious words in scripture that we hold on to when the going is very tough. And if this inspires you to share your much-loved passages of the Bible with us and others around the Loop, we'd love that. Please email Mary-Lou to share something that is precious to you – we can bring encouragement and hope to one another. (If there's a bit of the Bible you love, but you're not sure where it is, just try one of the clergy ... we may well be able to help!) To start us off, **we hear from Peter this week:**

### A word for our times:

**The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.**

**Deuteronomy 33.27**

'Most of us are familiar with 'arrow prayers' - the idea that you can just shoot off a quick prayer at any moment of need. Perhaps an ambulance rushes by - and you pray instantly for whoever is being helped right there. In these days, we need that sense of immediate connection with God, not just for others, but for ourselves. It helps hugely to have a stock of verses of scripture that are just 'there', ready for the moment. In a time of insecurity I often turn to a verse from the old King James bible, "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." (Deut. 33.27) The verse powerfully reminds us just how God is for us: God is our refuge, but not just as a bolt-hole, but dynamically stretching out the arms of love. Don't try looking for this verse in modern translations, however! It appears to be one of those places where the 16th century translators were too dependent on the Greek and chose that over the original Hebrew. '

**Please think of Hannah, Richard and the family:** Last week Richard's father, Michael, died. Richard has flown out to attend the funeral on Saturday morning this weekend. At the same time, another of the children has been told to isolate because of contact with a member of their teaching group at school, who has a positive test result for Covid. To reduce any possible risk of transmission to congregations, **Hannah will not be taking services (nor home visits) for the next little while** and until we know whether anyone in the family has picked up the virus. We are not yet sure of the implications for Remembrance Sunday services, but for now the most important thing is to ask you to pray for Richard, Hannah and Jude, Aloma and Henia.

### Remembrance Sunday – Please book!

In most places, please book a place to worship on Sunday 8 November by contacting your churchwardens. For Shrawardine, please text Esther on 07484 777625.

For Montford, **no** requirement to book.

Leaton: we regret that in the light of the new regulations, the Acts of Remembrance that usually take place at the War Memorial and Preston Gubbals on Remembrance Sunday have had to be cancelled.

### Coronavirus – Important Notice

We hope and pray none of you picks up the virus, but if you do and you've attended public worship, or been in the church building for some reason, and then experience symptoms, **you should let your churchwardens or a member of the clergy know immediately please and self-isolate, also if you test positive for Covid.** And please do not come to worship if you are feeling at all unwell – keeping other people safe from colds and flu is very important too. Thank you.

### Home Group – Weds 4 November in the evening

Home Group meets again on Zoom.

If you'd like to join the study and discussion, please let one of the clergy or Pat Bell at Leaton know.

**Advent** - Don't forget to be in touch with Mary-Lou if you would like to be part of a weekly *Coffee and Conversation gathering on Zoom*, using material from *Journeying Through Advent with New Daylight*.

#### OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP TODAY:

**PYJAMA CHURCH – THIS WEEK ONLY** it is at 6 pm on **Saturday 31 October**. 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 at top of p 1.

#### *For Our Prayers~*

- *For the USA as election day arrives; for unity, peace and justice for all.*
- *For France, and the people of Nice, following this week's awful terrorist attack.*
- *For wisdom for our own leaders and all who have weighty decisions to make about the virus, the economy, and the well-being of others.*
- *For our schools as they return after the half-term break.*
- *For all who need Christ's light, strength and comfort.*
- *For our local funeral directors and the staff at Emstrey crematorium.*
- *For those who mourn, and especially the family of Gwen Fairley, a member of our congregation at Isle Court, Bickton, who died recently.*

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