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Loop Special – Sunday 22 November 2020 – Christ the King

READINGS - Psalm 95.1-7 - Ephesians 1.15-23 - Matthew 25.31-46

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

LOCKDOWN

**During lockdown we are unable to open for public worship.
Some of our churches are open for individual private prayer:**

Albrighton – 9.30 to 10.30 am, Sundays in lockdown

Bicton – 11 am to midday, Sundays in lockdown

Montford – 9.30-10.30 this Sunday

Shrawardine – 10 am to midday, Sundays in lockdown

SEVERN LOOP ONLINE WORSHIP FOR TODAY 10.30 am – let's worship together!

This is the link to our Sunday Worship for 22 November:

<https://youtu.be/O2EceMb2xYc>

We invite as many as possible to worship with the film at 10.30 am which is, of course, the time we worship at United Services.

You will need to copy the link from here and paste the link into your browser. If you receive the Loop by email or access via the website, you should be able to click on the links provided.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP TODAY:

PYJAMA CHURCH 9.30 am – 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.

We still have no idea whether public worship will be possible after lockdown, but Advent Sunday will definitely be on-line and phone-line only. Our 10.30 am online worship next weekend will be a special Eucharist to mark this important festival.

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

CHRISTMAS IS NOT CANCELLED! But it will be different.

We have been thinking how we might bring Comfort and Joy this year. In response to the big issues of food poverty and well-being that are major concerns, we've identified two ways of blessing people this Christmas. We encourage you all to join in!

1 Food Bank: please let's try really hard to support our local Food Bank as we come up to Christmas. The harvest gifts were amazing. Please now use your local routes to make your gifts, they don't have to go via church – in fact they can't at the moment! Use your established community links. And as well as everyday foods, please see if you can find some special treats for children for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

2 Christmas Cards: we encourage you to write a card for one or both of our local schools! Hannah has been in touch with Bicton and Bomere Schools and they are going to write some cards to share amongst us. It would be lovely if we shared our Christmas good wishes with them! It doesn't have to be long or complicated, but it would be so appreciated. To join in, follow the steps below:

1. Find a card! Or two, if you'd like to do one for each school
2. Write something nice for the children. If you're wondering what to put, here is a suggested format:

Dear Children....

My favourite thing about Christmas is...

My prayer for you all is...

I hope....

With love from, (and add your name)

3. Put it in an envelope on which you write your name, congregation and the school that the card is intended for (Bicton or Bomere).

4. Give it to one of the staff team, or put it through their door, **by 4 December**.

Hannah will then gather up the cards, deliver them to the schools and collect theirs. She'll then distribute those amongst our communities - if you wrote one, you'll definitely get one back in return! One of the really difficult things about isolation is just that- we can feel very alone and forgotten. The toll on children's mental health is only just being understood, and early indications are that Lockdown has been profoundly challenging. As people of hope, one of the main ways we can be a blessing is by building each other up, especially when folk of all ages are feeling low. Although it's a small thing, we hope that sharing cards and good wishes will help us all to be encouraged this Christmas time.

Some communities are inviting residents to decorate a window for Christmas. If that's happening where you live, please do participate. It would be wonderful if you could include an ANGEL – or even several ANGELS! Angels were the first to bring the good news and joy of the birth of Jesus on the night of his birth. It could be a lovely way to bring some joy into your community.

Daily Prayer for the Nation through Lockdown

We hope lots of you have been using the prayer resource shared earlier this month or are using the national C of E website, to share in the Call to Pray in these weeks of lockdown. If you can, focus your prayers at 6 pm, otherwise at any time in the day.

And don't forget we will be holding our next 24/7 House of Prayer on Thursday 26 November.

Please contact Philippa Herbert to participate: Philippa.herbert@btinternet.com or 07871 865253.

The theme is How Shall We Sing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land?

Apologies for a Loop that is largely the same as last week's, Mary-Lou is not very well.