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Loop Special – January 2021

WISHING YOU ALL A SAFE AND MUCH HAPPIER NEW YEAR!



From this Sunday, we return to a monthly edition of the Loop, at least for the time being.

SERVICES PLANNED FOR JANUARY 2021

Sunday 3 January – Feast of the Epiphany

Albrighton	9.15 am	Holy Communion
Bicton	11 am	Holy Communion
Fitz	9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Leaton	10.45 am	Holy Communion
Montford	11 am	Morning Worship
Shrawardine	9.30 am	Morning Worship

Sunday 10 January – Baptism of Christ

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

Sunday 17 January – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Albrighton	9.15 am	Morning Worship
Bicton	11 am	Holy Communion
Fitz	9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Leaton	10.45 am	Holy Communion
Montford	11 am	Morning Worship
Shrawardine	9.30 am	Morning Worship

Sunday 24 January – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

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

The actual Feast of the Epiphany falls on 6 January but we celebrate the festival on the nearest Sunday.



THANK YOU!

A very big thank you from all of us on the core ministry team for the lovely cards and gifts we have received this Christmas. We appreciate them so much and send our very best wishes for this New Year.

*Mary-Lou, Hannah,
Peter & Joyce xxx*

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

Sunday 31 January – Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

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

SUNDAY READINGS FOR JANUARY 2021

3 January – Feast of the Epiphany

Ps 72.10-15 Isaiah 60.1-6 Matt 2.1-12

10 January – Baptism of Christ (1st Sun of Epiphany)

Ps 29 Acts 19.1-7 Mark 1.4-11

17 January – 2nd Sun of Epiphany

Ps 139.1-9 1 Sam 3.1-10 John 1.43-end

24 January – 3rd Sun of Epiphany

Ps 128 Rev 19.6-10 John 2.1-11

31 January – Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

Ps 22.25b-end Hebrews 12.1-4 Mark 5.21-43

TIER 3 AND PUBLIC WORSHIP

As you will all be only too aware, Shropshire is now in Tier 3. The good news is that public worship may continue, with the same requirements regarding social distancing, wearing of face coverings, no mingling of persons or households, and the cleansing of buildings.
Mary-Lou

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP:

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.

PYJAMA CHURCH

Hannah has asked us to let you know that PJ Church continues at least for the first Sunday in January, but plans have not yet been agreed for the rest of the month. Keep an eye on Trinity Churches' website.

PETER is not available from after services on 3 January

Peter will be focussing on the Community of the Resurrection from after Sunday services on the 3rd, until Sunday 17 January, and he will not be available to Severn Loop during this time. So please refer all enquiries to Mary-Lou or Hannah during this time to leave Peter free. Thank you.

HOME GROUP – next meeting will be on Weds 20 January at 7 pm, via Zoom.

FOOD BANK NEWS from Mike Bell, who wrote just before Christmas ...

'I went as usual on Wednesday with another 30.50 kgs of food, and another half a car load of toys. With the help of Coop stores (Bomere Heath, Monkmoor, Pontesbury, Minsterley) this has been arranged with the manager of Bomere Heath store, this means I have taken 2 car loads of toys. People are so generous even in these hard times.' That is lovely to hear – and a huge thank you to Mike, and everyone who has contributed to the Food Bank through these difficult months. Let's keep it going as we enter 2021, the need just gets greater as the pandemic continues.

OUR ONLINE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Another huge thank you, this time to all of you who took the trouble to share your appreciation of our online Christmas offerings – AND to everyone who took part, sending photos, films and greetings as well as readings and music. It was a wonderful effort. And further thanks are due to Hannah for once more pulling everything together and uploading it in time. You might be interested to know that at the time of writing, our Longest Night service had been seen by 82 viewers, and our Christmas Worship by 119. Amazing!

Some of you may know the poem 'In Memoriam' and some, like me, may even have sung it! It is Victorian of course, so precedes any thought of inclusive language and has that rather florid style of its times. But - oh my goodness! - wouldn't it be wonderful to hear those wild bells and let the old year die? We can't ring the bells, and sadly the pandemic continues into the new year. But there are some wonderful lines here. Perhaps our prayers can focus on ringing out 'old shapes of foul disease' - oh yes! And on ringing out old feuds (Brexit?) and the grief that saps the mind. Such grief ringing out the darkness of the land sounds very right to me - as does ringing in the love of truth and right & the common love of good, with the larger heart, and the kindlier hand. Above all, ringing in our Christ!

God be with you and bless you as we enter this New Year - from Mary-Lou xx

May Light Perpetual Shine Upon Them

Glyn Downes - Montford
John Manders – Bomere Heath
Muriel Randall – Albrighton



Who have passed recently to their eternal rest

In Memoriam, by Alfred Lord Tennyson - 1809-1892

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind....

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.