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Sharing the Light in the Loop 01743 298285 weekly worship
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Loop Special – Sunday 17 January 2021 – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Collect, Readings and a Sermon are on the website as usual

'STAY AT HOME!'

Following this urgent direction from Prof Chris Whitty last Monday that we should all stay at home unless it is absolutely essential, the ministry team recommended to churchwardens and PCCs that it was now necessary to suspend public worship.

**Following this consultation,
all Severn Loop churches are now closed
to public worship and individual private prayer
until at least 31 January.**

Our primary aim is to protect our congregations and communities. We also believe that solidarity is fundamental to the Gospel and this is a moment when we can express our solidarity with so many others who are unable to do so much that seems essential, most especially in being with loved ones in crisis. We also believe that as the Church we should be offering a good example to the rest of our communities and that we have a moral and ethical duty to comply with Prof Whitty's direction.

We will re-open our churches as soon as it is safer to do so and will of course continue to make our buildings and churchyards available for funerals as needed.

Mary-Lou

ONLINE 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. You can also phone in to participate. Please ask for details if you cannot Zoom.

SHARING THE LIGHT IN THE LOOP

Our own weekly phone line worship – see top of this page for the local number to call. Led by your own ministers, fresh for each Sunday!

DAILY HOPE – national phone line, see number above.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL

www.lichfield-cathedral.org

Sung Eucharist live-streamed direct from the Cathedral.
Sundays at 10.30 am.

ONLINE WEEKLY SUNDAY WORSHIP

Your link for this Sunday is:

<https://youtu.be/AgNqu4NveSc>

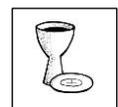
Copy and paste the link into your web browser.

THE EUCHARIST

Your clergy will offer the Eucharist at home on behalf of us all at the following times:

Peter and Hannah – 8 am

Mary-Lou – 11 am.



You can share in this by praying with the **Spiritual Communion** resource which is available on the website.

Online Sunday Worship via YouTube

As in November's lockdown, a weekly service is available again from this Sunday and your link is on the front page. We encourage you to worship on Sunday at 10.30 am if you can, the time that our United Services are usually held. But the service will also be available for you at other times. When we worship, we are caught up in something very different to the chronological time our clocks and mobiles tell us about. In the presence of God, time itself collapses and we are enfolded in the worship of heaven that is time-less, continual and eternal. As one of our familiar Eucharistic Prayers put it *'Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you ...'* and it doesn't matter if we're doing that at 8 am, 10.30 am or at any other time of a service! So we don't all have to be doing it at the same time for it to be 'proper' worship. Those of us privileged to be able to access the internet over the past months have discovered the amazing reality that worship via Zoom or YouTube really IS worship, when we offer our presence, our time and attention to God. Yes, I would LOVE to be in a church, worshipping with God's people – it has been so long since I was able to do that. Even this techno-phobe has come to appreciate so much the chance to worship God together with others in new, digital ways.

Mary-Lou

Parish newsletters and magazines

In the current strict regulations, the usual monthly newsletter/magazine will not be produced for Leaton & Bomere Heath, or for Montford, Shrawardine & Fitz. Production will resume as soon as possible, and in time – we hope! - for April and Easter.

Home Group reconvenes on Weds 20 January (this week!) at 7 pm via Zoom to share in **Bible Study**. Please let one of the ministry team know if you'd like to be part of these fortnightly evening gatherings. You don't have to be part of the Leaton or Mission Church congregations, all are welcome.

May Light Perpetual Shine Upon Them

Mrs Bridget Overall

of the congregation of St Mary the Virgin, Shrawardine
passed to her eternal rest last week.

Please pray for all her family, friends and neighbours.
Bridget's funeral takes place at St Mary's on Monday.

May She Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

For Our Prayers~

- *For relief and release from Coronavirus*
- *For all NHS and care home staff, exhausted and highly stressed*
- *For other frontline workers, for their protection*
- *For all enabling the vaccine rollout*
- *For the USA, as President Elect Biden is Sworn-In on Wednesday; for equality, justice and peace.*
- *For those who are in need of healing, in body, mind or spirit.*
- *For all who mourn, in this time of such great loss.*

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