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Sharing the Light in the Loop 01743 298285 weekly worship
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Loop Special – Sunday 2 May 2021 – 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collect, Readings and Reflection are on the website (see above.)

Mary-Lou's Farewell Service

Friday 25 June – 7 pm – Bicton - Eucharist

Bookings open from 25 May. Details available soon.

Please book the date!

Hannah writes ...

As I'm sure you will have heard by now, I'm going to be with you a little while longer. It is a joy and a privilege to have been asked by Bishop Sarah to be the Interim Priest-in-Charge for the next year, covering the period of the vacancy. Thank you to so many of you who have emailed or texted words of encouragement as the news spread. I feel deeply grateful to be amongst such generous and gracious fellow pilgrims, and a wise and wonderful staff team in Peter and Joyce.

I've loved being part of Severn Loop as your curate, and Mary-Lou's training, supervision, humour and wisdom have played no small part in enabling me to flourish. As you know, I came from a very different parish and though my experience there had been long and deep, it was very narrow. Here in the Loop I've learned so much; and the glorious breadth of the Anglican tradition continues to unfold! New responsibilities are just around the corner and I must admit there is a bit of terror mingled with excitement. I've felt so comforted by those of you who have reassured me you are there to help- please know that it will be called upon. Your collective knowledge and experience is going to be my greatest resource this coming year!

Here at home we're also pleased to be settled for another year. It's been a strange time to be considering pastures new, and with all the uncertainties that the pandemic still brings we're grateful that there are no big changes on the horizon just yet. Though they don't often worship in the Loop, Richard, Jude, Aloma and Henia all hold you lovely people in such high regard- if they've met you once, they remember you- I'm often shocked at how clear their memories are! There will inevitably be some teething problems in stepping up to full-time work having been part-time these past four years, but we will adapt, and if I end up working too much other family members are very quick to point that out loudly... and clearly... and repeatedly if necessary.

Please be assured of my love and prayers as we all begin the very difficult task of saying farewell to Mary-Lou and moving into a new season. We're in this adventure together!

In friendship and with blessings,

Hannah x

Mary-Lou writes ... The handover begins later this month. I will be worshipping with the Sunday @ Six congregation on the Feast of Pentecost, 23 May, then concentrating on the files and paperwork for Hannah, before beginning annual leave on 26 May. **So from the 24th, please refer to Hannah.** We're staggering the move, but the main event will be on 15 June, giving us time to clear and clean after that. We'll still be in Shrewsbury!

PS On Day 21 of the heating system saga, we finally had both heating up and downstairs AND hot water. Yeay! 😊

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR MAY

SUNDAY 2 MAY

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 9 MAY

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

ASCENSION DAY – 13 MAY – 7 pm

Holy Communion – venue to be announced shortly

SUNDAY 16 MAY

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

SUNDAY 23 MAY – FEAST OF PENTECOST

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 30 MAY – TRINITY SUNDAY

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

OTHER WAYS TO WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS ~

PYJAMA CHURCH 9.30 am

Access via Trinity Churches' website & Facebook.

SUNDAY AT SIX 6 pm via Zoom – email Peter to receive the link which is sent out on Sunday.

SHARING THE LIGHT IN THE LOOP

Our own weekly phone line worship – see top of this page for the local number to call.

DAILY HOPE – national phone line, see number above.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL

www.lichfield-cathedral.org 10.30 am Eucharist

For Your Prayers

The funeral of Mrs Hazel Johnson from the Mission Church congregation and Leaton Parish will take place on Thursday 6 May, with Committal at Emstrey at 12.30 pm, followed by a private church service at Holy Trinity, 1.30 pm. Please pray for Hazel's family and her many friends.

Home Group in May

Wednesdays 5th and 19th – Bible Study on Zoom, all welcome. Hannah and Mary-Lou will be leading.

Hannah's Licensing – 5 July at 7 pm

Booking will open from 5 June, details soon.

Social Distancing and Places of Worship

Although we all hope things will be opened up completely from 21 June, there has as yet been no indication that the limits will be lifted in time for Mary-Lou's farewell or Hannah's licensing. So we're planning on the basis that they'll still be in place, to be on the safe side. The service will be live-streamed on 25 June, to enable you to watch at home online if numbers are still limited inside the church. And if we can relax the restrictions legally, we will!

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