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Loop Special- August 2021

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

We can sing!!!

*'The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.'*

Song of Solomon 2: 12

Would any of us dare liken ourselves to the turtledove?! Probably not... But what a joy it is to be able to sing out our faith once more. Singing reaches the very depths of our souls- places so deep that they elude even the most basic spoken articulation of what we feel. When we sing, we join the song of the angels and the song of creation, in praise of the love in which we are held. Often when we sing, we are profoundly moved as we discover something of who we truly are. I know you've missed it!

So what a delight that we can once again sing indoors. We've certainly made some memories these past months, shivering in the cold and wind, stood in our beloved churchyards and belting out hymns of praise to the (poor?!) folk living nearby. It's been a new kind of witness too, as loud voices and the unforgiving blurt of the accordion or CD player have sung of God's love, quite literally over our communities. Thank you for your patience in waiting for this time to come, and remember that when we sing from our hearts it doesn't matter how others would judge the quality of the sound, to God we are as the turtle dove- soaringly beautiful and beloved.

Other Restrictions

In most other respects, our services will look much the same as they have these past months. The research shows that masks benefit others more than ourselves, so because we want to put others first, we are asking you to continue to wear a mask for worship. We will also continue to spread people out as much as we can, to minimise the risk. Many of you have expressed concern about the return of the common cup for communion. We've decided to keep our policy as it is for now- so we will continue to have communion in one kind only, and bring it to you in your places. The national guidelines do allow for this. We will review the situation at our next staff meeting on the 25th August, when we'll have a better idea of the consequences of the country opening up, and we'll be beyond the 19th August, when the requirement for the double vaccinated to isolate comes to an end.

Individual congregations are considering whether they would like to resume refreshments after the service- if they choose to do so, it will be risk-assessed in accordance with the current guidance.

Forest Church

Do save the date, and please feel encouraged to come along and invite others too! In both cases, bring your own picnic and appropriate outdoor clothes:

Sunday, 12th September, 3pm, The Isle, Bicton (by kind permission of Edward Tate)

Sunday, 19th September, 3pm, Leaton Forest (by kind permission of Charles Bridgeman)

Pyjama Church

After 15 months of producing a weekly online service for all-ages around Shrewsbury, Pyjama Church came to an end last Sunday! The team is deeply grateful to all of you who contributed various clips over that time. It's been a joy and privilege to be able to minister in this way. It may resume again if the national situation changes, but for now we are taking a break. If you want to watch again (not sure you would!) all of the previous services are available on the Trinity Churches Facebook page (www.trinitychurches.org).

Hannah writes...

Thank you SO much for kindness and good wishes these past weeks as my time as Interim Priest-in-Charge has begun. It was a joy to see so many of you at my Licensing Service, and I'm really grateful to those who spoke, and to all at Leaton Church who worked behind the scenes to get everything ready. Thank you x

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR AUGUST

**** Please note there are no services at Fitz this month****

SUNDAY 1 AUGUST- 9th after Trinity

Albrighton	9.15 am	Holy Communion
Bicton	11 am	Holy Communion
Fitz	No service	
Leaton	10.45 am	Holy Communion
Montford	No service	
Shrawardine	9.30 am	Morning Worship

SUNDAY 8 AUGUST- 10th after Trinity

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

SUNDAY 15 AUGUST- 11th after Trinity/ Blessed Virgin Mary

Albrighton	9.15am	Morning Worship
Bicton	11am	Holy Communion
Fitz	No service	
Leaton	10.45am	Holy Communion
Montford	9.30am	Morning Worship
Shrawardine	No service	

SUNDAY 22 AUGUST- 12th after Trinity

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

For Your Prayers

- All those hoping to get married this summer, especially two couples who will be marrying at Bicton.
- The victims of the terrible floods in Germany, Holland, Switzerland and China, their families and those involved in the clean-up operation.
- Peace and patience as we all live with new restrictions and sometimes disagree about daily decisions.
- Babies and toddlers from around Severn Loop who are being baptised in August.

Annual Leave

Hannah will be on holiday from the evening of 25th July until 21st August. During August we welcome Bishop Alistair Magowan and Archdeacon Paul Thomas to cover some services.

United Service at Shrawardine on the 29th August

We are very pleased to be able to resume 5th Sunday united services! Assuming restrictions remain as they are, this service will be the only one in Severn Loop that day. During the first Lockdown, Dee Radford and Esther Oates discovered a long-lost Maiden's Heart, in memory of a girl called Dolly. It's been restored, and will be returned to the church at this service- which happens to be the 268th anniversary of her funeral.

SUNDAY 29 AUGUST- 13th after Trinity

Shrawardine United Service 10.30am
(with Leaton in reserve if restrictions change)

SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER- 14th after Trinity

Albrighton	9.15 am	Holy Communion
Bicton	11 am	Holy Communion
Fitz	9.30am	Holy Communion BCP
Leaton	10.45 am	Holy Communion
Montford	No service	
Shrawardine	9.30 am	Morning Worship

ISLE COURT AND HOME COMMUNIONS

Do get in touch with Joyce if you, or someone you know, would like a pastoral visit or Home Communion. Visits to Isle Court are slowly beginning to return, and we are hoping that we can resume our monthly services there in September.

OTHER WAYS TO WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS

SUNDAY AT SIX 6 pm via Zoom – email Peter or Hannah to receive the link.

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

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