

The Severn Loop Parishes
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Loop Special - December 2021

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

The Diorama is back!

Many of you will remember the beautiful Diorama at Montford, created by Andrina Lowe. Last year it featured rather heavily in our online Christmas services! This year it is back in situ, with some changes (see if you can spot them!). You are most welcome to go and see it on the 12th and 19th December, 10.30am-4pm; or by arrangement with Andrina (07985 004373).



In the book of Exodus we read about Bezalel and Oholiab. They were filled with God's Spirit in order to carry out the work of creative craftsmanship. They built the Temple, its furnishings and the Ark of the Covenant. God's words are recorded here:

'See, I have called by name Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: ³ and I have filled him with divine spirit,^[a] with ability, intelligence, and knowledge in every kind of craft, ⁴ to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, ⁵ in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, in every kind of craft.'

Exodus 31: 2-5

It's a beautiful passage that helps us to appreciate the diversity of God's gifts and the contribution that craftwork can make to the life of the Church. The Diorama sits within that tradition- it is a piece of devotional art that gives us an insight into the story to which we belong, drawing us deeper into the life of discipleship and the wonder of the incarnation. We hope it will be a blessing to all who come and take a look!

Evening Prayer in Advent

From the 17th to the 23rd December we will be holding daily Evening Prayer at 6pm. The first and last will be at the Mission Church, Bomere Heath and the ones in the middle will be on Zoom. As last year, we will be using the Advent Antiphons- or the 'Great Os'- as they are also known.

If you would like to join us in person on the 17th or 23rd, do just turn up. If you would like the Zoom invite for the 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd, then please let Peter or Hannah know. You are most welcome to come to as many or as few as you are able. We are hoping the later time of 6pm might suit more of you- particularly those who are at work during the day.

Forest Church

Forest Church at Battlefield was very well-supported. We are hoping to hold our next one at the end of January. Watch this space!

Supporting those in need this Christmas



Many of you regularly support the Foodbank- thank you. They also run a Christmas Hamper campaign. To find out how to get involved, go to [Shrewsbury Food Bank — BARNABAS COMMUNITY PROJECTS](#).

Mask wearing

As masks once again become compulsory in other contexts, we continue to recommend and expect people to wear masks for services. Thank you so much for your continued commitment to keeping one another safe.

Readings for December

Sun 5 December 2 nd of Advent	Psalm 75	Philippians 1.3-11	Luke 3.1-6
Sun 12 Dec 3 rd of Advent	Psalm 50: 1-6	Philippians 4.4-7	Luke 3.7-18
Sun 19 Dec 4 th of Advent	Psalm 80.1-8	Hebrews 10.5-10	Luke 1.39-45
Christmas Night and Christmas Day	Psalm 98	Hebrews 1.1-4	John 1.1-14
Sun 26 Dec 1 st of Christmas	Psalm 148	Colossians 3.12-17	Luke 2.41-52

 *Joyce, Peter and Hannah wish all of you a very happy and peaceful Christmas. As ever, we are massively grateful to everyone- those who work tirelessly to make sure all our services happen, that the churches and churchyards are made ready, and that those who are unable to come along in person feel loved and cared-for. Thank you.* 



SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER- 2nd of Advent

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

SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER- 3rd of Advent

Albrighton	No service	
Bicton	6.30pm	Carol Service
Bomere	9am	Holy Communion
Fitz	No service	
Leaton	10.45am	Morning Worship
Montford	4pm	Carol Service
Shrawardine	11am	Holy Communion

SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER- 4th of Advent

Albrighton	9.15am	Morning Worship with carols
Bicton	11am	Holy Communion
Bomere	No service	
Fitz	6.30pm	Carol Service
Leaton	6.30pm	Carol Service
Montford	9.30am	Holy Communion
Shrawardine	No service	

WEDNESDAY 22 DECEMBER

Shrawardine	7pm	Carol Service
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FRIDAY 24 DECEMBER- Christmas Eve

Bicton	4pm	Crib Service
Bicton	9pm	Christmas Communion
Leaton	4pm	Crib Service
Leaton	11.30pm	Christmas Communion
Montford	5.30pm	Christmas Communion and carols

SATURDAY 25 DECEMBER- Christmas Day

Albrighton	9.30am	Christmas Communion
Bomere	10.30am	Christmas Communion
Fitz	10.30am	Christmas Communion BCP
Shrawardine	9am	Christmas Communion

SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER- 1st of Christmas

Fitz	9.30am	BCP Communion, said service
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SUNDAY 2 JANUARY- 2nd of Christmas

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

For Your Prayers

- Those who are homeless or hungry this winter.
- The NHS and Care Sector, who are working at the very edges of their capacity.
- Refugees who seek safety and sanctuary.
- Our local schools.
- For those who feel the loss of loved ones particularly acutely this time of year.
- For those working to understand the Omicron variant.
- For all who will come to our Christmas services.
- The appointment process for a new Priest in Charge.

Bicton CAMEO Christmas Coffee Morning

The next one will be 10.30am- noon on Thursday, 9th December. All welcome.

Tickets for the Pantomime

There will be three performances of Cinderella at Montford Parish Hall:

21/01/22	7.30pm
22/02/22	2.30pm and 7.30pm

Tickets available from Tricia Jones- 01743 850810. £7.50 adult, £4 child (to include light refreshments).

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