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## Loop Special- January 2022

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

### *Happy New Year!*

We begin with a huge and hearty thank-you to all those who enabled our Christmas services to happen- whether it was cleaning the church, helping to advertise, doing a reading, providing refreshments, playing the organ, decorating, stewarding the parking... we are so grateful! It was wonderful to welcome so many people and to worship together.

We'd also like to thank all of you who gave us (Joyce, Peter and Hannah) cards and gifts- completely unnecessary, but extremely kind and thoughtful.

Below is a Collect for New Year. As we journey onwards, may we give thanks for all that has gone before and greet 2022 with the hope that is to be found in Christ:

***O God, by whose command the order of time runs its course:  
forgive our impatience, perfect our faith  
and, while we wait for the fulfilment of your promises,  
grant us to have a good hope because of your word;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### *Living in Love and Faith- Deanery Course*

The Church of England has put together a course exploring how questions of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ. The aim is to help us all to listen to each other in friendship, to enrich our understanding of different perspectives and to encourage us to live well with difference within the Body of Christ.

This issue has been at the heart of some very painful discussions in the Church in recent years, and society has changed profoundly as well. A quick conversation with any teenager or young adult soon teaches us that issues of identity, sexuality and relationships are part of their daily experience- so engaging with these questions will help us to better understand today's world.

The deanery is running the course for us all- so we are encouraged to join folk from other churches as we explore what it means to live in love and faith together. The venue is Christ Church, Bayston Hill on the evenings of 9/2, 16/2, 2/3, 9/3, 16/3. To sign up, go to [Living in Love and Faith Deanery Course at Christchurch Bayston Hill \(09-Feb-2022\) - ChurchSuite Events](#) or use the QR Code on the attached poster. If you don't have internet access and would like to join, just contact Peter or Hannah and we will sign you up.

### *Forest Church*

Our next Forest Church is going to be at Albrighton (partly in honour of their new portaloos!) on the 6<sup>th</sup> February, 3pm. As usual, do wrap up warm and bring a packed tea. We will meet in the church carpark. We're very grateful to the Downes family, on the neighbouring farm, who are going to talk to us about their sheep (and maybe introduce us to a few!) as we mark the end of the Christmas season and look for signs of Spring.

### *Chapter*

Peter will be at Chapter at Mirfield during January. We are very grateful to Revd. Alex Aldous, the Chaplain at Prestfelde School, who will be taking Communion services at Montford and Shraden on 9<sup>th</sup> January.

### *PCC Meetings in January- PCC members, take note!*

11 <sup>th</sup> January	Fitz	6pm
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Bicton	7pm
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Albrighton	2pm
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Leaton	7.30pm
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Montford and Shraden	7pm

### *Readings for January*

<b>Sun 2 January</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Christmas	Psalm 147.13-21	Ephesians 1.3-14	John 1. 10-18
<b>Sun 9 January</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> of Epiphany- Baptism of Christ	Psalm 29	Acts 8.14-17	Luke 3.15-17,21,22
<b>Sun 16 January</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Epiphany	Psalm 36.5-10	1 Corinthians 12.1-11	John 2.1-11
<b>Sun 23 January</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> of Epiphany	Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 12.12-31a	Luke 4.14-21
<b>Sun 30 January</b> Presentation of Christ- Candlemas	Psalm 24.1-10	Hebrews 2.14-18	Luke 2.22-40

### *Embers Home Group- Bomere Heath*

*David Fletcher writes....*

"Embers" is every 1st and 3rd Wednesday in the month, beginning 5<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30- 9pm in the Wale Room in Bomere Heath. We aim to hold informal evenings for Christians and doubters to enjoy each others' company over a "cuppa". Following refreshments, we will show a part of the "Alpha course" and then have a chat about our beliefs. Please come along and bring any friends who you think may welcome discussion about the Christian faith. It may strengthen our faith as well.

### *Seekers Home Group- Bicton*

Seekers is meeting again at Mamre (home of Chris and Robin Oake), every Monday. 7.30pm. All are welcome- they would love to have new members!

## SERVICES FOR JANUARY

### SUNDAY 2 JANUARY- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	

### SUNDAY 9 JANUARY- Baptism of Christ

Albrighton	No service	
Bicton	11am	Morning Worship
Bomere	9am	Holy Communion
Fitz	No service	
Leaton	10.45am	Morning Worship
Montford	9.30am	Holy Communion
Shrawardine	11am	Holy Communion

### SUNDAY 16 JANUARY- 2<sup>nd</sup> of Epiphany

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

### SUNDAY 23 JANUARY- 3<sup>rd</sup> of Epiphany

Albrighton	No service	
Bicton	11am	Morning Worship
Bomere	9am	Holy Communion
Fitz	No service	
Leaton	10.45am	Morning Worship
Montford	9.30am	Holy Communion
Shrawardine	11am	Holy Communion

### SUNDAY 30 JANUARY- Candlemas

\* United Service at Montford, 10.30am \*

### SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY

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	9.30am	Morning Worship

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

### For Your Prayers

- Those who are homeless or hungry this winter (see notice below).
- 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 working to understand the Omicron variant.
- The appointment process for a Priest in Charge.
- For all those who came to our Christmas services.

### Bicton CAMEO Christmas Coffee Morning

The next one will be 10.30am- noon on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> January. 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 from Tricia Jones- 01743 850810.  
£7.50 adult, £4 child (to include light refreshments).

### Sunday breakfasts for the homeless

St Chad's is hoping to start these in the town centre. If you would like to get involved, contact Joyce Jagger for more information.

### 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 number.  
DAILY HOPE – national phone line, see number above.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL  
www.lichfield-cathedral.org 10.30 am  
Eucharist