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Loop Special- March 2022

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

Lent

Will I ever feel ready for Lent?! It always seems to take me by surprise. It is though, a joy to be able to enter into it in company with each other this year. Here are some dates and details:

Ash Wednesday

11.30am, Bicton- a service of Holy Communion with Ashing, followed by a soup lunch (please book with Wendy, 01743 850237 if you would like lunch).

6.30pm, The Methodist Chapel, Bomere Heath- an Ecumenical service led by Revd. MacNeill Cooper. All are welcomed to this short but reflective worship to mark our journey into Lent. Face coverings strongly encouraged.

Lent Study Groups

LENT 2022 in the Severn Loop Parishes : 5 ways God comes to us

Lent is a gift: a time for learning a little, sharing a lot, and discovering the generosity of God that pours love and hope and joy on us in the midst of all life's challenges. This year we have the opportunity of meeting 5 times at the Vicarage in Bomere. We will take five central aspects of Christian life as lenses for seeking to understand better God's gifts to us all and asking for the grace to respond with all that we have. Unsurprisingly, we shall discover that, everywhere we look, we find Jesus already gazing at us!

1 Baptism (Jesus and the Sacraments); Sunday, 13th March, 4pm

2 Worship ("Lo I am with you always"); Sunday, 20th March, 4pm

3 Scripture (Jesus the Word of God); Sunday, 27th March, 4pm

4 Living Faithfully ("if you keep my commandments you will abide in my love"); Thursday, 31st March, 2pm

5 Believing ("Believe in God, believe also in me"); Thursday, 7th April, 2pm

Lent Lunches

Sunday, 6th March, St Mary's, Shrawardine, following the 11am service (please book with Esther)

Friday, 18th March, The Mission Church, Bomere Heath, 12pm-2pm

Midweek Communion

A simple, said service, Wednesdays (except the 16th), 12.30pm, as below:

9th March- Shrawardine

23rd March- Bomere

30th March- Montford

6th April- Fitz

13th April- Albrighton

Women's World Day of Prayer Service

Friday, 4th March, 2.30pm @The Mission Church, Bomere Heath. Followed by refreshments.

24/7 Prayer

Tuesday, 8th March. From 9am until 5pm, in the Greatorex room, Fitz village hall. Refreshments will be available in the kitchen. Please do book an hour or so if you'd like to be back in a real-life prayer room again! There will be a short time of fellowship with prayer and some songs at mid-day in the main hall, so please do drop in for that if you'd like to. From 5pm through to 9am on Wednesday 9th, slots will be available for you to spend an hour or so in your own home. Book at philippa.herbert@btinternet.com or using this link <https://pray.24-7prayer.com/signup/972d0f>.

Fourth Sundays at Montford and Shrawardine

Following a PCC decision, the service times on the fourth Sunday of the month have swapped from March onwards- so Shrawardine's service will be at 9.30am, and Montford's will be at 11am.

Prayers for Ukraine

As you know, I've sent an email update about the fast-developing and terrible situation, suggesting how we can respond practically and prayerfully. Here is a prayer from the Methodist Church:

Holy and Gracious God, we pray for the people of the Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders. We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear. We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness. We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace. We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ. Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine. And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son. Lord have mercy. Amen

Looking ahead- Holy Week

Palm Sunday (10 th April):	Forest Church, 3pm, Leaton Forest. There will be a donkey!
Maundy Thursday (14 th April):	11am Chrism Eucharist at Lichfield Cathedral 7pm Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene, Battlefield 7pm Ecumenical Agape, Bomere Heath (please book)
Good Friday (15 th April):	10.30am Town Centre Passion Play, beginning at the Castle 2pm Final Hour @Leaton and @Bicton

Please note that some of our service times on Easter Day will be different- details next month

Readings for February

Wed 2 March Ash Wednesday	51.1-18	Joel 2.1-2,12-17	John 8.1-11
Sun 6 March 1 st of Lent	91.1-2,9-16	Deuteronomy 26.1-11	Luke 4.1-13
Sun 13 March 2 nd of Lent	27	Genesis 15.1-12,17-18	Luke 13.31-35
Sun 20 March 3 rd of Lent	63.1-9	Isaiah 55.1-9	Luke 13.1-9
Sun 27 March Mothering Sunday	32	Joshua 5.9-12	Luke 15.1-3,11b-32
Sun 3 April 5 th of Lent	126	Isaiah 43.16-21	John 12.1-8

SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH- Ash Wednesday

Bicton 11.30am Holy Communion with ashing

This will be followed by a soup lunch- if you would like lunch please contact Wendy- 01743 850237.

SUNDAY 6 MARCH- Lent 1

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

SUNDAY 13 MARCH- Lent 2

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 20 MARCH- Lent 3

Albrighton **No service**

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 27 MARCH- Mothering Sunday

Albrighton No service

Bicton 11am Morning Worship

Bomere 9am Holy Communion

Fitz No service

Leaton 10.45am Morning Worship

Montford 11am Holy Communion

Shrawardine 9.30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 3 APRIL- Lent 5

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

For Your Prayers

- The people of Ukraine- for peace.
- The introduction of a Sunday breakfast in the town centre.
- For those living with fuel and food poverty, and for the work of our local foodbank.
- The appointment process for a Priest in Charge.
- For all those who are preparing for baptisms and weddings over the coming months.
- The family and friends of Eileen Holbrook (Montford) and Nell Knowles (Bomere). RIP.

Bicton CAMEO Coffee Morning

The next one will be 10.30am- noon on Thursday, 10th March. All welcome.

The Stepping Out Café

All are welcome- 2.30pm-4pm, 30th March.

Holy Trinity, Bicton

Lilies & Flowers for Easter

If you would like a lily or flowers in memory of someone please let Wendy have £3 along with their name by 1st April (01743 850237).

Jubilee Plans

We are starting to hear of plans developing around the Loop. Do let us know any details for next month's edition, so we can keep diaries free! At Bicton people are being asked to keep the Saturday afternoon available (4th June), for an event in and around the church.

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

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