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MAY LOOP 2022

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

Staying together!

It's a joy and a delight to be able to confirm that I have been appointed as the Priest-in-Charge! I'm so pleased to be able to remain in Severn Loop. We will be moving into the parish in the coming months, and my Licensing Service will be on the evening of 8th September, at Bicton.

A huge thank-you to all who were involved in the appointment process, and to everyone who came along to the Eucharist on the interview day. Thanks too for all your words of encouragement.

To quote myself (!) on my Licensing to the interim role:

Fellow pilgrims, we are heralds of God's Kingdom at work and those who notice its unfolding glory in unlikely places- blessing, renewing and restoring the whole of creation. As we watch, worship and journey together, thank you for your continued company!

Forest Church

Our next Forest Church is on Sunday 8th May, 3pm. The wood we are going to visit is on the road to Shrawardine (by kind permission of Mr Anthony Hill). Just after you pass the sign for Shrawardine you will see a big green potato store on your right (just after the right hand lane to Ensdon). Cars can be parked on the hard standing in front of the store (by kind permission of Mr Adrian Bright). Take care crossing the road and go through the two sets of metal farm gates opposite the store.

There will be a toilet and a marquee should the weather be damp. If you like to sit down please bring with you a folding garden chair. There is a fishing pool to sit beside. The ground is uneven in places. Please wear suitable clothes for the weather and wellington boots or walking boots. Bring your own picnic, refreshments provided.

The next Forest Church after this will be on the 17th July.

Food Bank

With the increase in energy costs, the use of the Food Bank has doubled since this point in 2021, and yet donations have halved. Can I encourage us all to increase our food bank donations- even perhaps to consider providing a bigger box at our dropping-off points, so that people have an indication of how great the need currently is. Items in demand just now are: tinned main meals, pasta sauce, rice, tinned light meals, meatballs, hot dogs, spreads, rice pudding, custard, UHT milk, soap, toothpaste, shower gel, toilet rolls, shampoo.

Ascension Day, 24/7 Prayer and Pentecost

Our Ascension Day service this year will be on Thursday, 26th May, 7pm at St Mary's, Shrawardine. Our 24/7 prayer room will open from 7pm on the 26th until 7pm on the 27th, with the option of booking a slot at Fitz Village Hall between 9am and 5pm on the 27th. To book or find out more, contact Philippa Herbert (philippa.herbert@btinternet.com).

Pentecost falls on the Jubilee weekend, so we've taken the decision to have just two services that Sunday (5th June), to which all are welcome. There will be a BCP Communion at Fitz at 9.30am, and an Ecumenical service at Leaton at 10.30am (jointly led with Revd. Shalome MacNeill Cooper).

Jubilee Events around the Loop

This is not an exhaustive list- and you may know of other events- do check parish magazines as well!

- Holy Trinity, Bicton Platinum Jubilee Celebration
Saturday, 4th June, 11am – 1pm
Outside, weather permitting! Do bring a picnic, chair or rug. Cake and drinks will be available, and we will also include the return of the legendary Teddy Bear Parachute Drop!
- Montford and Shrawardine Parishes Tea Party at Montford Parish Hall
Sunday 5th June 3 p.m. for 3.30 p.m. Afternoon Tea with games on the grass for all ages. This free event is open to all in the parish. If you'd like to attend please let Tricia 01743 850810 or Esther 0748477625 know, so we have an idea of how many we are catering for. See posters or Parish News for details of the decorated Victoria sandwich cake competition and the "design your own postcard to the Queen" competition.
- Bomere Heath Beacon- 2nd June, 7pm-10.15pm. The beacon will be lit at 9.45pm, and there is a programme of entertainment for the evening. There will also be a short ecumenical service to mark the occasion.

Bishop Sarah's Pilgrimage

Bishop Sarah will be passing through Severn Loop as part of her St Winefride Pilgrimage. All are welcome to join her for a service at Shrawardine on the 11th May, 3pm. On 18th May, we are welcome to join her to walk from Shrawardine to Bicton, via Montford. We will meet at Shrawardine at 9am. Do let Hannah know if you would like a lift back to your cars at the end- that can be sorted! To find out more about the whole route, go to [The St Winefride Trail - Diocese of Lichfield \(anglican.org\)](http://The St Winefride Trail - Diocese of Lichfield (anglican.org)).

Readings for May

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| Sun 1 May , 3 rd of Easter | Psalm 30 | Acts 9.1-6 | John 21.1-19 |
| Sun 8 May , 4 th of Easter | Psalm 23 | Acts 9.36-43 | John 10.22-30 |
| Sun 15 May , 5 th of Easter | Psalm 148 | Acts 11.1-18 | John 13.31-35 |
| Sun 22 May , 6 th of Easter | Psalm 67 | Acts 16.9-15 | John 14.23-29 |
| Thurs 26 May , Ascension Day | Psalm 47 | Acts 1.1-11 | Luke 24.44-53 |
| Sun 29 May , 7 th of Easter | Psalm 97 | Acts 16.16-34 | John 17.20-26 |
| Sun 5 June , Pentecost | Psalm 104.26-36,37b | Acts 2.1-21 | John 14.8-17 |

SERVICES FOR MAY

SUNDAY 1 MAY- 3rd of Easter

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| Albrighton | 9.15 am | Holy Communion |
| Bicton | 11 am | Holy Communion |
| Bomere | No service | |
| Fitz | 6.30pm | Pimm's and Hymns |
| Leaton | 10.45 am | Holy Communion |
| Montford | No service | |
| Shrawardine | 9.30am | Morning Worship |

SUNDAY 8 MAY- 4th of Easter

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| 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 15 MAY- 5th of Easter

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| 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 22nd MAY- 6th of Easter

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| 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 |

THURSDAY 26th MAY- Ascension Day

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| Shrawardine | 7pm | Holy Communion |
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SUNDAY 29th MAY- 7th of Easter

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| Albrighton | 10.30am | United Service |
| Bicton | 6pm | British Legion Service |

SUNDAY 5th JUNE- Pentecost

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| Fitz | 9.30am | Holy Communion BCP |
| Leaton | 10.30am | Ecumenical Communion |

For Your Prayers

- The people of Ukraine- for peace.
- The church in Ukraine and the church in Russia.
- For students around the country as the exam season begins.
- 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 food bank.
- For all those who are preparing for baptisms and weddings over the coming months.
- For the family and friends of Ron Haynes of Bomere Heath, particularly his wife Gwen.
- Bishop Sarah's pilgrimage.

Bicton CAMEO Coffee Morning

The next one will be 10.30am- noon on Thursday, 12th May. All welcome.

The Stepping Out Café in Bomere Heath

All are welcome- 2.30pm-4pm 25th May.

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