



 **The Severn Loop Parishes**  
Albrighton Bicton Fitz Leaton Montford Shrawardine

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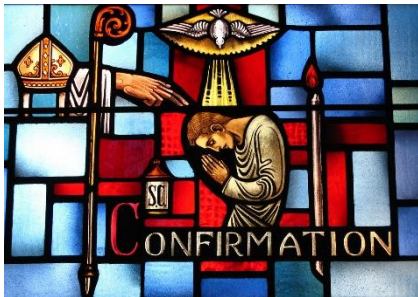
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## NOVEMBER LOOP 2023

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

### Confirmation



We are delighted to be holding our first Confirmation service since 2019! Five local young people will be getting confirmed on **5<sup>th</sup> November, 4pm at Leaton**. Please do pray for them as they embark on this significant step in their faith journey. We would love to have as many of you as possible supporting them at the service itself- you are very, very welcome to come along. Bishop Sarah will be confirming them, and the service will also include the candidates' first communion. **We hope to see you there!**

### 24/7 Prayer

Our next 24/7 prayer will be from the evening of the 15<sup>th</sup> November until the evening of the 16<sup>th</sup> November. The prayer room will be set up at Fitz Village Hall, and we will gather for singing at noon on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is most welcome! To book a slot to pray, contact Philippa Herbert at [herbertphilippa66@gmail.com](mailto:herbertphilippa66@gmail.com).



### Forest Church

Our next Forest Church will be stretching the definition! Probably better called Forest-Inspired Church, it'll be held indoors (I know!) on **19<sup>th</sup> November at the Mission Church in Bomere Heath**. We will enjoy an afternoon of festive woodland crafting, as we prepare for advent.

Do join us from 3pm- as usual, we will conclude with a short service. Hot and cold drinks and cake will be provided, so there's no need to bring a picnic on this occasion.

The next Forest Church after that will be 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024, at 1403... for lambing!

### Diary Dates

**Bicton CAMEO Coffee Morning-** 9<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30am- noon. In church.

**The Stepping Out Café in Bomere Heath-** 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2.30pm-4pm.

**Filling Station-** Knockin Village Hall is on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 7.10pm for a 7.30pm start. The next one at Rodington Village Hall (SY4 4QS) is on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

**REVS-** 19<sup>th</sup> November, 9.30am-noon, Montford Bridge Café.



## *Festival of Remembrance*

All are welcome at our Festival of Remembrance with the Yeoman Singers at Fitz Church, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 5.30pm.

### *Christmas*

After the joy of singing in Battlefield and Preston Gubbals last year, we've decided to hold carol services in both places this time round. As follows:

St Mary Magdalene, Battlefield- 2pm, Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> December  
St Martins, Preston Gubbals- 2pm, Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December

There is also going to be a Christmas Tree Festival at Leaton on 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> December, 10am-4pm, culminating in a celebration service at 4pm on 10<sup>th</sup> December, at which we will welcome Bishop Alistair Magowan (retired bishop of Ludlow).



We're going to be carol singing at the Red Lion in Bomere Heath from 6pm on 5<sup>th</sup> December, and we're hoping to do a similar thing at the Albrighton Hall Hotel- date to be confirmed.

Finally, a bit like they do at the Hospice, we are going to have *Light for a Loved One* at Bicton- so throughout December there will be a tree lit in memory of loved ones, and a list of names on the notice board. There is information in Bicton Village News, or contact Hannah to find out more.

### *RIP*

We are very sad to announce the deaths of Morlais Morgan and Stella Beale. Morlais was a member of our Bicton congregation and a well-known member of the community. Stella was so central to the life of the Mission Church in Bomere Heath, and looked after it as our booking secretary for many years. Both are beloved of our congregations and will be profoundly missed- may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

### *Advent Lunch and Singalong*

Fitz will be hosting an advent community lunch with Christmas singalong on 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 12.30pm. Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children up to 11 years old. There will be a prize for the best nativity costume for the children! Bring your own drinks. To book a place, contact Avril Stephens on 01743 850262 or [avril.stephens10@gmail.com](mailto:avril.stephens10@gmail.com).

### *For Your Prayers*

- For the people of Israel and Palestine- for peace and dialogue.
- For those living with the aftermath of the earthquake in Morocco and the flooding in Libya.
- For those preparing for Confirmation- Phoebe, Dylan, Evan, Mack and Gracie
- For our local homeless community, following the temporary closure of *The Ark*.
- For those who find the season of remembrance particularly poignant.
- For the families and friends of Morlais Morgan and Stella Beale

## *Readings for November*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Second Reading/ Gospel</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> November	34.1-10	1 John 3.1-3	Matthew 5.1-12
12 <sup>th</sup> November	23	Romans 8.31-39	John 15.9-17
19 <sup>th</sup> November	90.1-12	1 Thessalonians 5.1-11	Matthew 25.14-30
26 <sup>th</sup> November	95.1-7	Ephesians 1.15-23	Matthew 25.31-46
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	80.1-8,18-20	Isaiah 64.1-9	Mark 13.24-37

### **SUNDAY SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2023**

	<b>Albrighton</b>	<b>Bicton</b>	<b>Bomere Heath</b>	<b>Fitz</b>	<b>Leaton</b>	<b>Montford</b>	<b>Shrawardine</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>All Saints</b> <b>White</b>	9.15 am HC	11 am HC		9.30 am HC BCP	Confirmation 4pm		9.30 am MP
<b>12<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Remembrance</b> <b>Red</b>		10.45 am A service of Remembrance, hosted by the RBL	9 am HC To include an act of remembrance	5.30pm Festival of Remembrance	10.45 am A service of Remembrance	9.30 am HC To include an act of remembrance	10.50 am A service of Remembrance
<b>19<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> before Advent</b> <b>Green</b>	9.15 am MP	11 am HC		9.30 am HC BCP	10.45 am HC	9.30 am MP	
<b>26<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Christ the King</b> <b>Red</b>		11 am MP	9 am HC		10.45 am MP	11 am HC	9.30 am HC
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> December</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> of Advent</i> Purple	9.15 am HC	11 am HC		9.30 am HC BCP	10.45 am HC		9.30 am MP

**HC- Holy Communion; MP- Morning Prayer; BCP- Book of Common Prayer**

#### **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- 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](http://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