



The Severn Loop Parishes
Albrighton Bicton Fitz Leaton Montford Shrawardine

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MARCH LOOP 2024

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

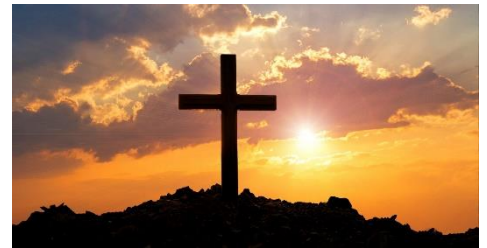
Preparing for Easter

Easter just sneaks in at the end of March this year. It's lovely that we've been able to organise our rota so that we can have an Easter Morning Eucharist at all seven churches- as follows (do note the different times in some cases):

Shrawardine 8am
Montford 9am
Fitz 10.15am
Bicton 11.15am

Bomere Heath 8am
Albrighton 9.15am
Leaton 10.45am

In Holy Week, we have a Maundy Thursday Eucharist at Montford at 7pm, and the Agape meal at Bomere Heath, also at 7pm. Then on Good Friday, our Last Hour at the Cross services are at Bomere and Bicton, both at 2pm. Do join us if you can as we journey from the celebration of Palm Sunday through to the agony of the cross... and beyond into resurrection joy.



Opportunities to join in!



Back at Christmas we dusted off the Montford handbells and a small group managed a verse of *Silent Night!* We would love to have a group of ringers who can ring a tune or two on Easter Morning at our services in Montford (9am) and Shrawardine (8am). Rather ambitiously, we may even discover that we have enough people to have a separate group at each service. The bells can be quite heavy, so we are suggesting a

minimum age of 10 years old, but as long you meet that condition, if you're interested in joining, please let Hannah know (revhannahlins@gmail.com)- we will have a couple of rehearsals before the day itself. It's a real lesson in teamwork, as well as a thing of joy to hear the bells chime out.



Secondly, we are holding a one-off Evensong at Fitz on Sunday, 21st April, 6pm. As ever, we're looking for choir members. If you're interested in joining, please do let Hannah or Peter know. There'll be more details in the April Loop. The service will be followed by refreshments- knowing that might help your decision-making!

Forest Church

We had a great time with the lambs at Huffley! We also managed to make enough sheep for the noticeboard at Bicton- thank you so much (there's still time to add more fields/ sheep if you took anything home to finish). Our next Forest Church will be on 14th April, 3pm at Preston Montford Field Centre. More details to follow....



Men's Breakfast

David Fletcher and Mike Bell are hoping to organise another breakfast in May- if you are interested, do contact them (01939 290455 and 01939 291140 respectively)

Diary Dates

Bicton CAMEO Coffee Morning- 14th March, 10.30am- noon. In church.

The Stepping Out Café in Bomere Heath- 27th March, 2.30pm-4pm, Mission Church

Filling Station- Knockin Village Hall is on 19th March, 7.10pm for a 7.30pm start. The next one at Rodington Village Hall (SY4 4QS) is on 25th March 2024, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

Wine, Canapes and Pre-loved Clothes

Enjoy a glass of wine and canapés while browsing through quality pre-loved clothes and accessories. Have you bought something and only worn it a few times or not at all? Help us be more ethical and environmentally friendly with fashion.

Montford Parish Hall, 7.30 p.m, Friday 12th April

Tickets £7.50 available from Esther 07484777625 or Tricia 01743 850810

Bring along clean, quality pre-loved garment(s) on hanger(s) if possible, which you are willing to donate. Some beautiful items have already been donated. Then purchase for a fraction of the cost something new to you. Day wear, evening wear, wedding outfits, shoes, handbags, hats. There could be children's wear as well. Proceeds are in aid of Montford and Shrawardine Churches.

For Your Prayers

- For the people of Israel and Palestine and the people of Ukraine- for peace.
- For all those preparing for Baptism or Confirmation.
- For those who depend on the health of the land for their livelihood.
- For all who mourn, particularly the family and friends of John Ward, John Onions, Sid Lawley, Roger Bright, Phyllis Rowley and Daphne Feakes.

Readings for March

Date	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading/ Gospel
3 rd March	19	Exodus 20.1-17	John 2.13-22
10 th March	34.11-20	1 Samuel 1.20-28	John 19.25-27
17 th March	51.1-13	Jeremiah 31.31-34	John 12.20-33
24 th March	118.1-2, 19-24	Isaiah 50.4-9a	Mark 11.1-11
28 th March	116.1,10-17	Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14	John 13.1-17,31b-35
29 th March	22	Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12	John 18.1 - 19.42
31 st March	118.1-2, 14-24	Acts 10.34-43	Mark 16.1-8
7 th April	133	Acts 4.32-35	John 20.19-31

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR MARCH 2024

	Albrighton	Bicton	Bomere Heath	Fitz	Leaton	Montford	Shrawardine
3rd March Lent 3 Purple	9.15 am HC	11 am HC		9.30 am HC	10.45 am HC		9.30 am MP
10th March Mothering Sunday Purple		11 am MP	9 am HC		10.45 am MP	9.30 am HC	11 am HC
17th March Lent 5 Purple	9.15 am MP	11 am HC		9.30 am HC	10.45 am HC	9.30 am MP	
24th March Palm Sunday Red		11 am MP	9 am HC		10.45 am MP	11 am HC	9.30 am HC
28th March Maundy Thursday white			7pm Agape Meal			7pm Eucharist	
29th March Good Friday Hangings removed, red for liturgy		2pm Last Hour	2pm Last Hour				
31st March Easter Day	9.15 am HC	11.15 am HC	8am HC	10.15 am HC	10.45 am HC	9am HC	8am HC
7th April Easter 2 White	9.15 am HC	11 am HC		9.30 am HC	10.45 am HC		9.30 am MP

HC- Holy Communion; MP- Morning 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 10.30 am Eucharist


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