



The Severn Loop Parishes  
Albrighton Bicton Fitz Leaton Montford Shrawardine

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## MAY LOOP 2024

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

### *Thy Kingdom Come*

The ten days between Ascension and Pentecost have now become well established as a time for focused prayer- *Thy Kingdom Come*. Usually we have a 24/7 prayer room at some point during this period, but this year we are being a little more ambitious!



We are hoping that folk around the Loop commit to pray at the same time daily, throughout the ten days. Philippa Herbert will be coordinating this- do get in touch with her if you would like to find out more ([herbertphilippa66@gmail.com](mailto:herbertphilippa66@gmail.com)). She has ordered copies of the prayer journal, which will be available for you to pick up in church. You can also get resources at [How to join in with Thy Kingdom Come as an individual! \(mailchi.mp\)](#).

There is no one particular theme this year, though there is plenty to pray about! There is a tradition of praying for five named people over the ten-day period, as well as praying about the world in all its agony and complexity, and the life of our parishes- so for example you could use the recent APCM report which I shared in morning services as a prompt for prayer. A copy can be found here- [Annual Reports - Severn Loop Parishes](#).

In addition to that, you are warmly invited to:



**Ascension Day Eucharist-** Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm at Bicton Church (followed by refreshments)

**Loop Prayer and Praise-** an hour of open prayer and singing- Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm at the Mission Church in Bomere Heath

Then of course the ten-day period culminates at Pentecost- which we celebrate on 19<sup>th</sup> May in our usual raft of Sunday services.

## *Forest Church*

We had a great time at Preston Montford Field Centre! Our next Forest Church is:

**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 3pm**  
**Beam House, Little Ensdon, SY4 1EP**

We will be spending the afternoon in a beautiful patch of woodland that has been left to naturalise for many years. Please do wear long trousers and sturdy shoes (there are plenty of nettles). Because there are badger sets and the area is rarely disturbed, please leave dogs at home this time. We will walk across a field to the woodland, but there is a truck-taxi available for those who would rather a lift! Beam House is also rare in that it has a traditional farmyard (and we'll settle there if it rains).

I'll send directions by email next week- it's quite tucked away, so we want to make sure we give clear route instructions.

## *Pimm's and Proms in the Pews*

There will be a Brass Band concert at Holy Trinity Church, Leaton **on FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE** at 7.30pm, featuring music from the Proms. Tickets priced £10 are available from Pat Hall 01939 290637 or Valerie Rennie 01939 290604. Refreshments including a glass of Pimm's or alternatives.

*There will be a raffle. Proceeds from the event will be shared between Lingen Davies Cancer Fund and Holy Trinity Church, Leaton.*

## *Teddy Bear Parachute Drop and Bake-Off*

**Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024**  
**11.30am-1pm**

Make a parachute for your teddy and bring it along. It'll be launched off the top of the tower- and there will be a prize for the teddy who hits the target!

Details of how to enter the Bake-Off will be in the next Loop, or contact Wendy Horan at [wm@horanhome.com](mailto:wm@horanhome.com).



## *Diary Dates*

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

**Friends Coffee Morning, St Mary's, Shrawardine-** 21<sup>st</sup> May, 10.30am.

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

**Filling Station-** Knockin Village Hall is on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 7.10pm for a 7.30pm start. The next one at Rodington Village Hall (SY4 4QS) is on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

**\*Please note that Fitz Village Fete, which had been scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> June, has been cancelled.\***

## *For Your Prayers*

- For the people of Israel and Palestine and the people of Ukraine- for peace.
- For all those preparing for Baptism or to be married.
- For those in hospital, and for our NHS.
- For our local schools.
- For all who mourn, including the family and friends of Glenis Higgins and Ken Lunt.
- For the Royal Family, and all who are living with a cancer diagnosis.

## *Readings for May*

Date	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading/ Gospel
5 <sup>th</sup> May Easter 6, white	98	Acts 10.44-48	John 15.9-17
9 <sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day, white	47	Acts 1.1-11	Luke 24.44-53
12 <sup>th</sup> May Easter 7, white	1	Acts 1.15-17,21-26	John 17.6-19
19 <sup>th</sup> May Pentecost, red	104.26-36,37b	Acts 2.1-21	John 15.26-27;16.4b-15
26 <sup>th</sup> May Trinity Sunday, white	29	Isaiah 6.1-8	John 3.1-17
2 <sup>nd</sup> June Trinity 1, green	81.1-10	Deuteronomy 5.12-15	Mark 2.23 - 3.6

## **SUNDAY SERVICES FOR MAY 2024**

	Albrighton	Bicton	Bomere Heath	Fitz	Leaton	Montford	Shrawardine
<b>5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.15 am HC	11 am HC		9.30 am HC	10.45 am HC		9.30 am MP
<b>9<sup>th</sup> May</b>		7pm HC					
<b>12<sup>th</sup> May</b>		11 am MP	9 am HC		10.45 am MP	9.30 am HC  Forest Church 3pm	11 am HC
<b>19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.15 am MP	11 am HC		9.30 am HC	10.45 am HC	9.30 am MP	
<b>26<sup>th</sup> May</b>		11 am MP	9 am HC		10.45 am MP	11 am HC	9.30 am HC
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	9.15am HC	11am HC		9.30am HC	10.45am HC		9.30am MP

**HC- Holy Communion; MP- Morning Prayer**

## *Service Cover in May*

We're very grateful to to Bishop Alistair Magowan, who will be covering services at Albrighton and Leaton on 5<sup>th</sup> 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- 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