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Loop Special- September 2021

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

Dementia Friendly Churches and looking out for one another

Alongside our regular Sunday services, it's really heartening to see some of the ways in which we spend time in fellowship returning as restrictions lift. In some of our churches, we are beginning to cautiously consider post-service refreshments and occasional coffee mornings. We're also restarting Forest Church (outdoors).

As we (hopefully) continue to live with fewer restrictions, it's a good time for us to think about those who may have lost a connection to our church communities, and who we've not seen since before the pandemic. Let's encourage one another to look out for those people, and others whose health may have deteriorated during the past year, or who may be feeling anxious about coming to church.

We're particularly mindful that many people with Dementia have suffered accelerated deterioration during the periods of lockdown, which have had a profound effect on their wellbeing, and that of their carers. With these concerns on our heart, we've updated our Dementia Friendly Churches annual targets, and they will be displayed in all our churches for the coming year. Here they are:

- 1. In the coming months, as people return to church in person, notice the absences and follow them up, contacting people to see whether/ how patterns have changed and to remain in step with people where they are now- especially in September when the plan is that the Mission Church will re-open.*
- 2. Explore the "Dementia and Spirituality" resource within the Diocese of Lichfield Dementia-Friendly Churches Toolkit, to evaluate whether/ hoe it can be used in the Severn Loop benefice.*
- 3. Feature Dementia-Friendly Churches in the Parish Profile and in all literature for the new Priest-in-Charge.*

It may also be helpful to remind ourselves of the provision we have in place for those who, for whatever reason, are unable to worship with us in person. We have our phonline service- Sharing the Light in the Loop (01743 298285)- which is updated weekly. A number of long-standing members of our congregations who are now housebound have said that they once again feel part of the life of the church by joining with a weekly worship service over the phone. The staff team can also visit and take Home Communion where appropriate- do get in touch with Joyce Jagger if you would like to know more about that. We're also very grateful to our amazing wardens who deliver the weekly Readings and Reflection to those without access to the internet. Finally, we're hoping to be able to resume monthly communion services at Isle Court from September.

The Mission Church re-opens

We are delighted to announce that the Mission Church in Bomere will be re-opening for two Eucharists per month, from September. It's been a very hard 18 months for this congregation, and during that time we've sadly lost a number of members. The size and layout of the building have meant that whilst social distancing was a legal requirement, it was not safe to open. The flip-side of that is that there has been time to carry out some long-needed updates and repairs- the building is looking wonderful with fresh paint and a new heating system (with thanks to the wardens, Pat and Peter, for organising this). We're so grateful for the patience and grace of regular worshippers, most of whom have been worshipping at Leaton... and occasionally popping up at Fitz and Montford, which has been a lovely surprise! We look forward to our first Eucharist on the 12th September.

Forest Church

Do save the date, and please feel encouraged to come along and invite others too. Enjoy time outdoors walking, chatting, crafting, eating, singing and worshipping our Creator God! All ages welcome. Bring your own picnic and appropriate outdoor clothes, parking is at The Isle:

Sunday, 12th September, 3pm, The Isle, Bicton (by kind permission of Edward Tate)

Continuing Restrictions

We are continuing to do what we can to keep each other safe, whilst also recognising the changing times. Masks are still required for all our services, and we are also trusting each other to monitor our own health and risk by staying at home if we feel unwell, rather than coming to church. We are increasingly hearing of 'breakthrough' infections (including me!), where people have still been ill (and therefore contagious) despite having been double-vaccinated. Do take care and be vigilant as we head into Autumn.

Hannah writes...

Thank you SO much for all your kind thoughts, prayers and good wishes when we all went down with Covid! It was so appreciated, and we were really grateful to still be able to enjoy some holiday time in Wales.

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER- 14th after Trinity

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	No service	

SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER- 15th after Trinity

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 19 SEPTEMBER- 16th after Trinity

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 26 SEPTEMBER- 17th after Trinity

Albrighton	No service	
Bicton	11am	Morning Worship
Bomere	9am	Holy Communion
Fitz		No service
Leaton	10.45am	Morning Worship
Montford	9.30am	Harvest Communion
Shrawardine	11am	Harvest Communion

SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER- 18th after Trinity

Albrighton	9.15 am	Harvest Communion
Bicton	11 am	Harvest Communion
Bomere	No service	
Fitz	9.30am	HC BCP
Leaton	10.45 am	Harvest Communion
Montford	No service	
Shrawardine	9.30 am	Morning Worship

For Your Prayers

- The people of Afghanistan (both in the country and those who are now refugees elsewhere), and those supporting them.
- Those affected by the terrible earthquake in Haiti, and the hurricane that swept across parts of the Americas.
- The preparations for COP26 and the collective courage to turn from harmful ways that are destroying the natural world.
- Babies and toddlers from around Severn Loop who are being baptised in September.
- Those who fear the nights drawing in and the coming of Winter.
- The family and friends of Paul Simons, a member of our Montford congregation, who died last month. RIP.

Annual Leave and cover

Peter will be on annual leave from the 15th – 29th September. We hope Peter has a fun and restorative holiday. During that time we will be welcoming Bishop Sarah to take our two Harvest Communion services at Montford and Shraden; and Revd. Phil Cansdale to take the service at Bicton on the 19th September.

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 local number to call.
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