



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

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## SEPTEMBER LOOP 2024

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

### *Equipped for Mission!*

About twenty years ago there was a trend for 'mission consultants'- people who would come into church communities and look at the things folk could do to help enable church growth. Congregations might have expected some challenging suggestions about training for evangelism, or books to read, or massive overhauls of the pews (shudder!). But actually, the most frequent answer was (drum roll)... a toilet and running water!

Here in Severn Loop that can be something of a luxury- we have four churches without either, but who still cope brilliantly- managing

to provide refreshments and even hosting coffee mornings. These are such important acts of hospitality that welcome people in and show something of God's love. Thank you.



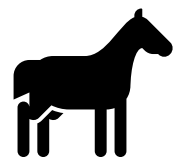
At the Mission Church in Bomere Heath we do have both water and a toilet, but we have long been due an overhaul. Work has been underway this summer, and we are extremely thankful for some legacy money which has funded our refurbishment. As September begins we reopen with a new (and more accessible) toilet, and a bigger, better-equipped kitchen. We hope our new facilities will help us to do even more to reach out to the surrounding community and provide a good quality venue.

### *Forest Church*

Our next Forest Church is:

**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 3pm**  
**Plex Stable yard SY4 3AH**

We are so excited to be holding a **pet service** for our next Forest Church! You absolutely don't have to have a pet to come along, but do please feel free to bring your pets- up to and including horses! There is plenty of room for trailers.



To get there, take the A528 off the Ellesmere Road roundabout (signposted Wem). Go as far as Albrighton, and after the church there will be a right turn, signposted to Plex (this little lane eventually goes to Hadnall). Take that, and the stables and yard is along that lane, on the right-hand side.

## Ministry Update

From late September Peter will be taking some time away from parish life in order to focus on his broader ministry in the Church of England, but he will be back in time to enjoy the busyness of Christmas in our churches! In the meantime we are deeply grateful to the usual suspects (!), who will be covering our services. On 22<sup>nd</sup> September one of the team from Meole Brace will be at Bomere and Leaton.

In other news, our Rural Dean- Revd. Andy Ackroyd- is moving on to pastures new. Our two assistant Rural Deans will be stepping into the breach for now- Revd. Fi Iddon and Revd. Lisa Knight.

### *Ride and Stride, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024*

The annual Ride and Stride event around Shropshire churches takes place on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September. We are hoping that all of our churches will be involved- some will be providing 'porch welcomes' and others will be open. Please do take the opportunity to visit some of Shropshire's historic churches and spread the word.

Bicton Church- open 11am-3pm  
Leaton Church- open 10am-4pm  
Montford Church- open 10am-5.30pm  
Shrawardine Church- open all day



Pat and Matthew Hall (from our Leaton congregation) will also be doing their sponsored tour of the churches- so do support them if you can!

### *Diary Dates*

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO BICTON COFFEE MORNING IN SEPTEMBER (back in October).**

**Friends Coffee Morning, St Mary's, Shrawardine-**, 17<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30am.

**The Stepping Out Café in Bomere Heath-** 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2.30pm-4pm.

**Autumn Coffee Morning Fitz Village Hall-** 28<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30am- noon.

**Filling Station-** Knockin Village Hall is on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 7.10pm for a 7.30pm start. The next one at Rodington Village Hall (SY4 4QS) is on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

**REVS-** 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 9.30am-noon, Montford Bridge Café.

### *For Your Prayers*

- For our new government and parliament.
- For the people of Israel and Palestine and the people of Ukraine- for peace.
- For Jack and Katie preparing to be married at Leaton.
- For Imogen, being baptised at Bicton.
- For those in hospital, and for our NHS.
- For the presidential campaign in the US.
- For those bringing in the Harvest.

## *Prayer and Praise Evening*

Our next Loop Prayer and Praise evening will be at the Mission Church, on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm-8pm. Join us for an informal hour of extempore prayer and sung worship as we pray for the life of Severn Loop.

### *Readings for September*

Date	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading/ Gospel
1 <sup>st</sup> September Trinity 14 (Green)	15	Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-9	Mark 7.1-8,14,15,21-23
8 <sup>th</sup> September Trinity 15 (Green)	146	Isaiah 35.4-7a	Mark 7.24-37
15 <sup>th</sup> September Trinity 16 (Green)	116.1-8	Isaiah 50.4-9a	Mark 8.27-38
22 <sup>nd</sup> September Trinity 17 (Green)	54	Jeremiah 11.18-20	Mark 9.30-37
29 <sup>th</sup> September Trinity 18 (Green)	19. 7-14	Numbers 11.4-6,10-16,24-29	Mark 9.38-50
6 <sup>th</sup> October Trinity 19 (Green)	8	Genesis 2.18-24	Mark 10.2-16
<i>Harvest Readings</i>	<i>126</i>	<i>1 Timothy 6. 6-10</i>	<i>Matthew 6. 25-33</i>

### **SUNDAY SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024**

	Albrighton	Bicton	Bomere Heath	Fitz	Leaton	Montford	Shrawardine
<b>1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	9.15 am HC	11 am HC		9.30 am HC	10.45 am HC		9.30 am MP
<b>8<sup>th</sup> September</b>		11 am MP	9 am HC		10.45 am MP	9.30 am HC	11 am HC
<b>15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	9.15 am MP	11 am HC		9.30 am HC	10.45 am HC	9.30 am MP	
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>		11 am MP 12.30pm Baptism	9 am HC		10.45 am MP	11 am HC	9.30 am HC
<b>29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	United Service 10.30am						
<b>6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	9.15 am HC	11 am Harvest Communion		9.30 am Harvest Communion	10.45 am Harvest Communion		9.30 am Harvest Festival

**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](http://www.lichfield-cathedral.org) 10.30 am Eucharist


  
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