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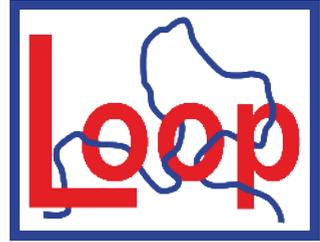
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The Severn Loop Parishes
Albrighton Bickton Fitz Leaton Montford Shrawardine



Coming Up

Thursday 2nd May

House-for-Duty Post Interview

I'm delighted to be able to confirm that we now have a candidate to interview for our House-for-Duty assistant priest post! The arrangements are that there will be a service of **Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Leaton at 11.30 am** that day and **you are invited to come**. Archdeacon Paul will preside and our candidate will be preaching. (After the service the interview panel and candidate will move on to Peverey House, Yeaton, at the kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Stephens, for the rest of the process.) Please do come to communion if you can and pray for everyone involved on the day.

Sunday 5th May

Short Walking Treasure Hunt

2.30 pm from Bomere Heath Mission Church. £2 to cover cost of Treasure Hunt. Children free. Leaving from the Mission Church and returning to the Mission Church for tea and cake and Grand Raffle Draw.

Come follow Christ  **in the footsteps of St Chad**
Know the Story **Share** the Story **Live** the Story

Thursday 9th May

CAMEO Coffee Morning

Coffee Morning in Holy Trinity Church, Bicton at 10.30 am, in aid of Church funds.

Saturday 11th May

Messy Church

Come along – let's get Messy, In Holy Trinity Church, Bicton, at 3.00 pm.

Tuesday 14th May

Next Severn Loop Prayer Evening

This month we meet at 26 Brook Road, Bomere Heath SY4 3PU – thank you Pat (Hall.) Pat's telephone number is 01939 290637.

Friday 17th May

Messy Church

Come and join the fun at 3.00 pm in Bomere Heath Mission Church.

Saturday 18th May

Visit to Severn Loop

The Trustees of the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust are visiting our churches. This charity has helped a number of our churches and we are delighted to welcome them with their Chair, the Revd William Price.

Tuesday 21st May

Filling Station

Coffee and cake on Tuesday 21st at Knockin Assembly Rooms, 7.15 pm, ready for a 7.30 pm start. Informal contemporary worship, teaching and prayer. This month's speaker is Helen Hotchkiss from Barnabas Church in Shrewsbury.

PCC meetings fixed for May

Leaton – Tuesday 21st, 7.30 pm at the Mission Church

Fitz – Wednesday 22nd, 10.30 am at Pevery House

Montford & Shrawardine – Tuesday 28th, 7.30 pm, St Mary's, Shrawardine

Wednesday 29th May

Stepping Out Café

Bomere Heath Mission Church from 2.30 pm to around 4.00 pm for free tea, cake and good company.

Thursday, 30th May

Ascension Day

Our United Service for Ascension Day this year will be at 3.00 pm at the Mission Church, Bomere Heath. We'll share in Holy Communion, with refreshments to follow.

Friday 31st May

24 Hours of Prayer for the Loop

Thy Kingdom Come 2019. 24 hours of prayer in the Loop. From 8.00 pm, Friday 31st May until 8.00 pm, Saturday 1st June, in the Mission Church, Bomere Heath. If you may be able to help on the rota by praying for an hour, please let Philippa know on 01939 291352.

Saturday 1st June

Meet in the Middle!

Meet in the Middle is an all-age event that brings together both of our Messy Church congregations, along with our regular Sunday Worshipers, for a morning of fellowship, food and fun. We will be cooking together, holding a short informal worship service and then sharing lunch. We'd love to see you there, at Fitz Village Hall from 10.30 am to 1.00 pm-ish.



Our event will be part of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Thy Kingdom Come campaign – we are encouraged to pray for our communities (there will be interactive prayer stations) and to bake bread together (we have a pizza oven!). If you are willing to help, that would be so appreciated – do email to let me know: revhannahlins@gmail.com. Thanks! Hannah

New altar frontal at St John the Baptist, Albrighton

A beautiful design by Claire Lea, the nimble fingers of Trixie Cooper, who also coordinated the project, Clare Kirk, David Jagger, Julia Browne and



Hazel Johnson, combined to produce a stunning new altar frontal for St John the Baptist Church, revealed at the United Service for Palm Sunday on 14th April. Well done all!

Also Coming Up and Other News

Sunday 2nd June

Shrawardine Stroll

Come and join us for a 6km or 9km stroll (jog or run optional) through our beautiful countryside. Suitable for children and adults and dogs on leads are welcome. Registration (free entry) at Montford Parish Hall, SY4 1AD, from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon, then set off at your own pace around the marked routes. Maps will be provided. Refreshments, plant and book sales, and children's event. Donations and proceeds to be split between St Mary's Church, Shrawardine and the Alzheimer's Society.

Wednesday 26th June

Loop Quiet Day

After a lovely experience at St Chad's, Boningale last year, we are going again! We've booked for Wednesday, 26th June – do save the date. The theme will be Psalm 23, lunch is included and the cost of the day is £6. To book, please contact me by email: revhannahlins@gmail.com

Praying for One Another

New! Helping us to pray for one another. Please look at our new **Severn Loop Prayer Calendar** on the website (www.severnloopparishes.org.uk) – from the home page, click on *Prayer* and you'll find it. The calendar offers a cycle of daily prayer for our parishes through the month. If anyone would like to request prayer for themselves or for something going on in the parish, please speak to Mary-Lou or Hannah. This resource is for our private prayers, but may also help those of you leading Sunday intercessions.

Envelopes for Recycling

If you have any A4 envelopes for recycling, please save them for Mary-Lou – they'll be extremely useful for sorting and delivering the Loop each month!

Next time

If you have any church-related announcements to go in the next or future editions of Loop, please send them to me before the third Sunday in the month prior to publication month. Thank you. Gillian Steedman, gillian.steedman@gmail.com, 01743 850027.

Saturday 31st August

Severn Loop Annual Coach Trip



This year, our annual cathedral trip is to Gloucester Cathedral, set in the centre of the city of Gloucester.

The price of the ticket, which is £34, includes coach travel, a private guided tour of the Cathedral and a cream tea. The first pick-up is from Bicton (by the church) at 8.00 am followed by Bomere Heath (outside the Red Lion), leaving at approximately 8.15 am, arriving at the Cathedral about 11.00 am. There will be time then for you to either explore the city of Gloucester, where there are plenty of eateries available, or perhaps to experience one of other tours that the Cathedral offers which you can book in advance online at www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk or on arrival. If you don't want to leave the Cathedral grounds for lunch there is the Monk's Kitchen with a limited light menu which includes soup, sandwiches, jacket potato and 'unique pies' which sound very inviting.

Our guided tour starts at 2.15 pm and lasts for approximately one hour. This will be followed by a cream tea in the Parliament Room, before we complete our visit with Choral Evensong at 4.30 pm. The journey home will be leaving immediately after the service.

This is slightly further afield than our visits in previous years. The Cathedral, however, has a lot to offer in addition to our guided tour: for those who are feeling energetic, there is the chance to climb the 269 steps to the top of the tower for a fantastic view of Gloucestershire. For the not-so-energetic, there are tours of the library, lasting around 30 minutes, to see the medieval manuscripts and early histories of the Cathedral, and you may want to take the opportunity of a trip around the stonemason's workshop; Gloucester is one of only nine cathedrals in the UK to have its own team of on-site masons.

Although this is still a way off the date will soon come round. Numbers are limited, so it will be first come, first served. The cut-off date for booking and payment this year is 10th August.

If you interested in coming, whether you have been before or are considering coming for the first time, please contact Diana Barnett on 01939 291052.

Sunday and Other Services

Readings

2nd May - House-for-Duty interview service

Leaton 11.30 am Eucharist/Morning Worship??????

5th May – Third Sunday of Easter

Albrighton	9.15 am	Eucharist	Psalm 30
Bicton	11.00 am	Eucharist	Revelation 5.11–end
Bomere Heath	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	John 21.1–19
Fitz	9.30 am	Eucharist	
Leaton	10.45 am	Eucharist	
Montford	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	
Shrawardine – No service – worshipping with Montford, Fitz or Bicton			

12th May – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Albrighton		No service	
Bicton	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Psalm 23
Bomere Heath	9.00 am	Eucharist	Acts 9.36–end
Fitz	9.30 am	Matins	John 10.22–30
Leaton	10.45 am	Matins	
Montford	9.30 am	Eucharist	
Shrawardine	11.00 am	Eucharist	

19th May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Albrighton	9.15 am	Morning Worship	Psalm 148
Bicton	11.00 am	Eucharist	Acts 11.1–18
Bomere Heath	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	John 13.31–35
Fitz	9.30 am	Eucharist	
Leaton	10.45 am	Eucharist	
Montford	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	
Shrawardine	9.30 am	Family Service	

26th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Albrighton		No service	
Bicton	11.00 am	Family Service	Psalm 67
Bomere Heath	9.00 am	Eucharist	Acts 16.9–15
Fitz		No service	John 5.1–19
Leaton	10.45 am	Family Service	
Montford	9.30 am	Eucharist	
Shrawardine	11.00 am	Eucharist	

Thursday 30th May – Ascension Day

Bomere Heath	3.00 pm	United Service	Acts 1.1–11
with light refreshments to follow			Luke 24.44–53

Morning Prayer is held at 8.30 am on Monday and Thursday each week in the Mission Church in Bomere Heath.