

# June 2019

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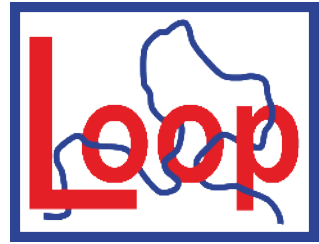
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## Revd Peter Allan to join us this summer!

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We are delighted that, following interview, the Revd Peter Allan has been offered the post of House-for-Duty Assistant Priest here in Severn Loop. We hope that he will be able to move into the Vicarage at Bomere Heath during July. Bishop Michael has provisionally offered us the date of Monday 5th August in the evening for Peter's licensing and the service will be held at Leaton. More details about that and confirmation to follow in the coming weeks. The diocese are working at the house to bring it up to date and do some necessary maintenance at the moment. Please pray for Peter as he comes to his retirement from Mirfield Theological College and prepares for the transition to parish life – also that all the work is finished in good time! Peter will be working on Sundays and two other days each week, to be arranged flexibly.

## New Bishop of Shrewsbury

Please pray for the Ven Sarah Bullock who is to be our next Area Bishop. Sarah will be consecrated on 3rd July at St Paul's and begin her ministry here soon after.

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# Coming Up

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## Thy Kingdom Come 2019

Be part of this worldwide season of prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost! Severn Loop's opportunities are ...



### 31st May – 1st June

### 24 Hours of Prayer for 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!

At Fitz Village Hall from 10.30 am to 1.00 pm-ish. See the May Loop for details.

### Friday 7th June

### Mini Pilgrimage

There will be a series of mini-pilgrimages taking place between Ascension Day and Pentecost, one of which passes through part of the Loop on Friday 7th June. Starting with prayer from the viewpoint at Nesscliffe, the approximately 12-mile walk takes in Shrawardine, Montford and Bicton, and finishes in Shrewsbury's Riverside Mall. If interested in taking part, look on the website [shropshirehope.co.uk](http://shropshirehope.co.uk) for details or speak to Philippa, who will be walking.

### Sunday 2nd June

### Royal British Legion Parade & Service

Starting at Bicton Village Hall at around 5.50pm, the band will march through the village before the 6.30pm church service, to which all are welcome. The service will be led by Revd Mary-Lou and the speaker is Revd David O'Brien, RBL Chaplain.

### Sunday 9th June

### Pimms, Paté and Puddings

A summer evening in aid of Montford and Shrawardine Churches at 6.00pm for 6.30pm until 9.00 pm at The Clamp, Shrawardine, SY4 1AH, by kind invitation of the Hardman family. Tickets £12.50 available from Cheri 01743 850200, Tricia 01743 850810 or Esther 01743 851352. Raffle in aid of CALM.

### Thursday 13th June

### CAMEO Coffee Morning

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

## Saturday 6th July

## Cottage Garden Open Afternoon

Silver Birch Cottage, Old Woods, Bomere Heath, SY4 3AX, will be open for visitors from 2.00 to 6.00 pm, by kind permission of Caroline and David Fletcher. In aid of Leaton and Mission Churches.

## Saturday 6th July

## Shropshire Hope Conference

The theme of the conference at Christ Church, Bayston Hill, is *Exploring the Mission of God and what God might be up to in Shropshire*. This event is free but a £5 donation is suggested per person on the morning to help cover the event costs. 8.15 am – 12 noon (toast & croissants from 8.15 – 8.45 am). You can also reserve your place by contacting [info@shropshirehope.co.uk](mailto:info@shropshirehope.co.uk)

## Saturday 31st August

## Severn Loop Annual Coach Trip

The cut-off date for booking and payment for this trip to Gloucester and its cathedral is 10th August. For full details see the May Loop or contact Diana Barnett on 01939 291052.

## Summer weddings season begins in earnest this month.

Please pray for: Sarah and David, marrying at Montford on Friday 7th June. Daisy and Dean, marrying at Bicton on Saturday 8th June, and Joan and John, marrying at Montford on Saturday 15th June. We also send our special wishes, love and prayers to Joan Clorley and John Everall from the congregation at Montford for their forthcoming marriage.

## A Big Thank You

to all of you who helped welcome the Trustees of the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust to Severn Loop for their tour on 18th May.

## Visiting Pilgrim

Kim Fitzwarine Smith visited Bicton Parish, St Chad's Montford (seeing the new Easter Diarama), and St Mary's Shrawardine. She stopped overnight with the Pockocks in Shraden, joining the early morning Sunday service, whilst on route walking 135 miles from her Methodist church in Broseley to Bardsey Island off the Llyn Peninsula in NW Wales. Her pilgrimage was a personal goal and on her way hoped to raise over £1,000 towards a school for orphans in war-torn Congo. She managed to arrive on Bardsey in time for Easter after walking for nearly two weeks.

## Tuesday 18th June

## Filling Station

Coffee and cake on Tuesday 18th at Knockin Assembly Rooms, 7.15 pm, ready for a 7.30 pm start. The speaker will be Terry Hotchkiss from Barnabas Community church in Shrewsbury.

## Friday 21st / Saturday 22nd June

## Messy Church

Come and join the fun on Friday 21st from 3.20 to 5.00 pm in Bomere Heath Mission Church and on Saturday 22nd from 3.00 to 4.45 pm in Holy Trinity Church, Bicton.

## 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. 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

## Wednesday 26th June

## Stepping Out Café

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

## Thursday 27th June

## Severn Loop Prayer Evening

7.30 pm at Mamre, Bicton. Thanks to Robin and Chris Oake for hosting. After this evening we will take a break over the summer and reconvene on Tuesday 10 September (venue still to be confirmed.)

## 10am Sun 30th June

## Diana's Ordination at Lichfield Cathedral

Diana has been very generous with 30 tickets for those from the Loop who would like to attend her ordination as deacon. There will be drinks and nibbles after the service in the Reeve Room. It's a short distance from the Cathedral, about 3 minutes, through the white barrier to the left of the Cathedral then immediately on the right. **Please let Mary-Lou know if you would like a ticket.**

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## Next time

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

## Sunday and Other Services

## Readings

### 2nd June – Seventh Sunday of Easter / Sunday after Ascension

Albrighton	9.15 am	Eucharist	Psalm 97
Bicton	No morning service		Acts 16.16–34
	6.30 pm	RBL Parade Service	John 17.20–end
Bomere Heath	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	
Fitz	9.30 am	Eucharist	
Leaton	10.45 am	Eucharist	
Montford	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	
Shrawardine	No service	Village Stroll from 9am–12 noon.	

Option to worship with Montford, Fitz or Bicton in the morning.

### 9th June – Day of Pentecost

Albrighton		No service	
Bicton	11.00 am	Family Service	Psalm 104.25–35
Bomere Heath	9.00 am	Eucharist	Acts 2.1–21
Fitz	9.30 am	Matins	John 14.8–17
Leaton	10.45 am	Matins	
Montford	9.30 am	Eucharist	
Shrawardine	11.00 am	Eucharist	

### 16th June – Trinity Sunday

Albrighton	9.15 am	Morning Worship	Psalm 8
Bicton	11.00 am	Eucharist	Romans 5.1–5
Bomere Heath	No service	Worshipping at Leaton	John 16.12–15
Fitz	9.30 am	Eucharist	
Leaton	10.45 am	Eucharist	
Montford	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	
Shrawardine	9.30 am	Family Service	

### 26th June – First after Trinity

Albrighton		No service	
Bicton	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Psalm 42
Bomere Heath	9.00 am	Eucharist	Galatians 3.23–29
Fitz		No service	Luke 8.26–39
Leaton	10.45 am	Family Service	
Montford	9.30 am	Eucharist	
Shrawardine	11.00 am	Eucharist	

### 30th June – Second after Trinity

Shrawardine	10.30 am	<b>United Service</b>	Galatians 5.1 + 13–25 Luke 9.51–62
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Morning Prayer is held at 8.30 am on Monday and Thursday each week in the Mission Church in Bomere Heath.