

Sunday Services

1st September – 11th after Trinity

Albrighton	9.15 am	Eucharist
Bicton	11.00am	Eucharist
Bomere Heath	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Fitz	9.30 am	Eucharist
Leaton	10.45 am	Eucharist
Montford	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
Shrawardine	9.30 am	Matins/Morning Worship

8th September – 12th after Trinity

Albrighton		No service
Bicton	11.00am	Family Service
Bomere Heath	9.00 am	Eucharist
Fitz	9.30 am	Matins
Leaton	10.45 am	Matins
Montford	9.30 am	Annual Family Service
Shrawardine		Worshipping with Montford

15th September – 13th after Trinity

Albrighton	9.15 am	Harvest Festival
Bicton	6.30 pm	Harvest Festival
Bomere Heath	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Fitz	9.30 am	Eucharist (BCP)
Leaton	10.45 am	Eucharist
Montford	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
Shrawardine	9.30 am	Family Service

22nd September – 14th after Trinity

Albrighton		No service
Bicton	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
Bomere Heath	9.00 am	Eucharist
Fitz		No service
Leaton	10.45 am	Family Service
Montford	9.30 am	Eucharist
Shrawardine	11.00 am	Eucharist

29th September – St Michael and All Angels

Fitz	10.30 am	United Service (Eucharist)	Genesis 28.10–17 John 1.47–end
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Readings

Psalm 81.1, 10–16
Jeremiah 2.4–13
Luke 14.1, 7–14

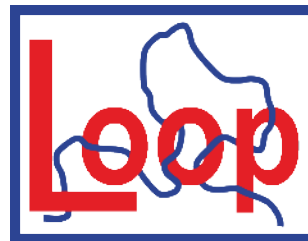
Psalm 139.1–5
Jeremiah 18.1–11
Luke 14.25–33

Psalm 14
Jeremiah 4.11–12, 22–28
Luke 15.1–10

Psalm 79.1–9
Jeremiah 8.18–9.1
Luke 16.1–13

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

To arrange Home Communion please contact one of the clergy or Joyce Jagger.



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Albrighton Bicton Fitz Leaton Montford Shrawardine

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September 2019

Diana's Ordination

Diana Barnett (centre) after her ordination in June at Lichfield Cathedral, along with her sending incumbent, Mary-Lou, and her new training incumbent, the Revd Maureen Read, of the nearby Benefice of Meres and Meadows.



Peter's Working Hours

As many of you will know, an assistant priest who is 'House for Duty' gives Sundays and two working days midweek to ministry in the parishes. To begin with, Peter's midweek working days will be Mondays and Wednesdays.

Come follow Christ  in the footsteps of St Chad

Know the Story Share the Story Live the Story

From the start of the autumn term Peter will also be teaching elsewhere on Tuesdays, so as far as possible his days off will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday. I'm grateful that Peter has offered to be flexible when necessary, but that will be the occasional exception rather than the regular pattern and I know you'll respect that. (M-L)

Holidays

Mary-Lou and Allan will be on leave 2nd – 16th September, inclusive, and Peter will be on leave from 27th September to 6th October, inclusive.

Bicton Flower Rota

If anyone is willing to go on Bicton Church Flower Rota it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Jenny 01743 367459.

Coming Up

PCC Meetings

Leaton 24th, 7.30 pm at the Mission Church
Albrighton 25th, 6.30 pm at Huffle Estate Office
Bicton 26th, 7.00 pm, at Mamre
and Montford & Shraden meet on 1st October, at 7.00 pm in St Chad's – remember to bring a torch!

Saturday 7th September Introducing Forest Church

Enjoy communing with nature?! We sometimes use the term as a joke, but it is a very real experience for many of us – we feel close to God in God's creation. *Forest Church* taps into this sense, and has a particular emphasis on all-age worship. Here in the Loop we are blessed with rich natural resources and very wise stewards of the land who can share their love and their knowledge and recognise that our environment can inspire worship. So, we're giving *Forest Church* a go! Our first one will be in Shrawardine, at Julie and Robin Pocock's house, on 7th September at 4.00 pm. Park and meet on the Castle Mound. We will have a nature walk, do a craft together (there are rumours of a coracle...), enjoy a short worship service in the open air, and then eat together – people can either bring a picnic or something to cook on the fire – finishing around 6.00 pm. All are most welcome, of any age! Please pray for good weather! In faith, we've also got two more events in the diary: 6th October in Fitz, and another in December, so watch this space...

Monday 9th September

Seekers

This informal group meets on Monday evenings in the home of members for coffee, Bible study, discussion and fellowship from 8.00 pm – 9.30 pm and YOU would be most welcome to join us! Do please talk to Robin or Chris if you would like to come – you will be amongst friends! We start again after the summer break at "Mamre", Bicton Lane, SY3 8EU, 01743 850421 or 07526 100928. We look forward to hearing from you !

Thursday 12th September

CAMEO Coffee Morning

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

Saturday 14th September

Ride and Stride

This year, Holy Trinity, Bicton, and St John the Baptist, Albrighton, will be open from 11.00am to 4.00 pm for *Ride & Stride (and jog)*, the UK's biggest fundraising day to keep historic churches looking beautiful. Holy Trinity, Leaton, will have refreshments and signing-in facilities in the porch.

Friday 20th September

Bicton Harvest Supper

Join us for our annual Harvest Supper in Bicton Village Hall – always a fun evening – on Friday, 20th September, 2019 at 7.30 pm. Tickets £11 available from Wendy 01743 850237 or Clare 01743 361906. In aid of Church funds.

Friday 20th September

Ukelele Evening

A Ukelele evening is being held at Bomere Heath Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £10 to include supper and are available from 01939 290485 or 01939 290637. In aid of Leaton and Mission churches.

We're very sorry that the above two dates clash, but it was unavoidable.

17th September

Filling Station

Coffee and cake on Tuesday 17th at Knockin Assembly Rooms, 7.15 pm, ready for a 7.30 pm start. Informal contemporary worship, teaching and prayer. Phil Cansdale, rural Dean for Shrewsbury, will be speaking.

Wednesday 25th September

Stepping Out Café

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

Friday 27th September Bomere Heath Messy Church

Come and join the fun at 3.15 pm in Bomere Heath Mission Church.

Saturday 28th September Bicton Messy Church

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

From Sat 28th September Pathways to Ministry 2019–20

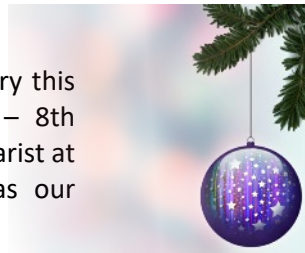
Anyone interested in exploring how God is calling them (including, but not limited to, vocations to lay ministry), is invited to come on the Diocese of Lichfield's *Pathways to Ministry* course. *Pathways* starts with a full day (10.00 am – 3.30 pm) in Stafford on Saturday 28th September and is made up of four Saturdays in Stafford and 15 evenings in Shrewsbury, beginning 2nd October, over the next academic year, ending on 13th May, 2020. The evening sessions run from 7.45 – 9.15 pm at Emmanuel Church, Shrewsbury.

Hannah and Fi Iddon (Curate at St George's, Frankwell) will be running the evening course. Do speak to Hannah if you're interested – it's a really great way to engage with and reflect on the practice of ministry, the gifts God has given you and the future of the church – all through exploring some aspects of theology and scripture in the supportive setting of a small group.

A Date for your Diary

Holy Trinity Leaton's 160th anniversary

Holy Trinity Leaton celebrates its 160th anniversary this year with a Christmas Tree Festival from 6th – 8th December. There will be a united celebration Eucharist at 10.30 am on Sunday 8th, with Bishop Sarah as our Preacher and President.



Next time

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.