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**OCTOBER LOOP 2024**

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

**The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them God's glory also show!**

**Harvest time around the Loop**

So much to be grateful for! Over the coming weeks we will be celebrating Harvest around our communities. It’s a wonderful opportunity to remember not to take the abundance that we have for granted, and to give thanks to God for this amazing ecosystem that sustains us all.

It’s also an opportunity to pray for the land, and for all who work in agriculture. It’s been an immensely difficult year for our local farmers, with extreme levels of rainfall and the mild weather affecting the lambing season as well as the crop yield. We’re aware too that the changes in climate and land use are giving rise to more surface water flooding and ground water flooding around our lanes, in our fields and in our churchyards. So, as we thank God for the harvest, we’re also invited to reflect on our relationship with nature, and to pray for the wisdom and courage needed to be good stewards of creation.

Do join us at one (or more!) of our Harvest Festivals. In all cases, we will be collecting non-perishable donations for the Foodbank.

Fitz- 6th October, 9.30am

Shrawardine- 6th October, 9.30am

Leaton- 6th October, 10.45am

Bicton- 6th October, 11am

Montford- 13th October, 11am

Albrighton- 20th October, 9.15am

*Items in demand at the time of writing: soup, biscuits, jam/spread, tinned main meals, soap, tinned meat.*

**Forest Church**

We had a wonderful time at Plex for our Pet Service! We’re so grateful to Dean and the team for making us really welcome, and it was brilliant to have so many animals.

Our next Forest Church will be on **1st December, 3pm at the Mission Church in Bomere Heath**. We are stretching the definition and going indoors for the darkest time of the year! We’ll be doing a variety of Christmas card crafts. All are welcome.

**Diocesan Vision**

The Diocese has put together a document outlining its priorities for the next six years. As church communities we have been asked to select three (out of the nine- see below) to focus on. In our recent round of PCC meetings, and at our united service last Sunday, we spent some time reflecting on these. We’ve been asked to submit our choices to the Bishop – so here are the three we’ve gone with:

**Community engagement plans for every parish-** All our churches work really hard to be a full part of the local community and to engage with the community as widely as possible- making sure all are informed about the life of the local church, and all feel welcome to attend services and events.

**Connection with every primary and secondary school-** We have positive, deep and extensive connections with Bicton and Bomere Heath primary schools. These really matter to us and are a mutual blessing. There are other schools too- and as resources allow, we would like to get to know them.

**34,000 new disciples (across the diocese!)-** Our ultimate motive in all that we do is to join in with God’s mission, which is always drawing people into the life of love. We hope for growth in numbers because that is growth in discipleship- lives lived in the conscious company of Christ. This is not simply about growth in Sunday morning attendance, though it will include that.



**Festive Pot Painting Evening**

Wednesday 20th November 7pm

Mission Church, Bomere Heath.

Cost £12 to include a pot to paint, materials to paint with and refreshments.

*A great Christmas present for a friend or relative!*

*Please give your name with money to Pat Hall, 01939 290637.*

**Ministry Update**

As we said in last month’s Loop, Peter is taking some time away from parish life to focus on his broader ministry within the Church of England. This month, we are very grateful to Revd. Paul Firmin, Revd. Kevin Roberts, Fr. Stan Swift and someone (we don’t yet know who!) from the team at Meole Brace who will be covering services for us.

We’re also looking to employ an Administrator for the parish. This will be a two-year contract, and a paid position (six hours per week). If you would be interested in applying for this role, then contact Hannah by 14th October 2024, at revhannahlins@gmail.com.

The Revd. Phil Cansdale – vicar of Meole Brace (Trinity Churches) and former Rural Dean – is moving on to pastures new. He will be the new Director of Mission for the Manchester Diocese. We are so grateful for his time in our Deanery, and he goes with our love and our prayers.

**Diary Dates**

**Bring and Share Harvest Supper at Bomere Mission Church-** 7th October, 7pm for 7.30pm, contact Pat Hall to book (01939 290637).

**CAMEO Coffee Morning at Bicton Church-** 10th October, 10.30am-11.30am.

**Montford and Shrawardine Harvest Lunch-** 13th October, Montford Parish Hall. Contact Tricia Jones to book (01743 850810).

**The Stepping Out Café in Bomere Heath-** 30th October, 2.30pm-4pm.

**Filling Station**- Knockin Village Hall is on 15th October, 7.10pm for a 7.30pm start. The next one at Rodington Village Hall (SY4 4QS) is on 28th October 2024, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

**REVS-** 20th October, 9.30am-noon, Montford Bridge Café.

**For Your Prayers**

* For our local farmers.
* For peace in the Middle East.
* For Leaton churchyard- as the rain brings more groundwater flooding.
* For Kristen and Jake preparing to be married at Leaton.
* For those in hospital, and for our NHS.
* For the presidential campaign in the US.
* For those sleeping on the streets as the nights get cooler.

**Remembering with Love**

Our annual Remembering with Love service will be at 3pm on Sunday, 3rd November, at Leaton. At this service we read out the names of loved ones lost. If you would like a name remembered, please let Hannah know by 27th October at revhannahlins@gmail.com.

**Readings for October**

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| **Date** | **Psalm** | **First Reading** | **Second Reading/ Gospel** |
| *Harvest Readings* | *126* | *1 Timothy 6. 6-10* | *Matthew 6. 25-33* |
| 6th OctoberTrinity 19 | 8 | Genesis 2.18-24   | Mark 10.2-16   |
| 13th OctoberTrinity 20 | 90.12-17 | Amos 5.6-7,10-15 | Mark 10.17-31 |
| 20th OctoberTrinity 21 | 91.9-16 | Isaiah 53.4-12  | Mark 10.35-45   |
| 27th OctoberLast after Trinity/ Bible Sunday | 19.7-14 | Isaiah 55.1-11  | John 5.36b-47  |
| 3rd NovemberAll Saints | 24.1-6 | Isaiah 25.6-9 | John 11.32-44 |

**SUNDAY SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2024**

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|  | **Albrighton** | **Bicton** | **Bomere** **Heath** | **Fitz** | **Leaton** | **Montford** | **Shrawardine** |
| **6th October****Green** | 9.15 amHC | 11 amHarvest Communion |  | 9.30 amHarvest Communion | 10.45 amHarvest Communion |  | 9.30 amHarvest Festival |
| **13th October****Green** |  | 11 amMP | 9 amHC |  | 10.45 amMP | 11 amHarvest Festival  | NO SERVICE |
| **20th October****Green** | 9.15 amHarvest Festival | 11 amHC |  | 9.30 amHC  | 10.45 amHC | 9.30 amMP |  |
| **27th October****Green** |  | 11 amMP  | 9 amHC |  | 10.45 amMP | 11 amHC | 9.30 amHC |
| **3rd November** **All Saints****White** | 9.15 amHC | 11 amHC |  | 9.30 amHC  | 10.45 amHC3pmRemembering with Love |  | 9.30 amMP |

***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 10.30 am Eucharist