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**DECEMBER LOOP 2024**

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

**Sink into Advent, and then…**

**Merry Christmas!**

A group of dolls around a christmas tree

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Although it can be exhausting and we quickly lose track of the number of times we sing the Christmas Story in different places (!), it’s a real privilege to share the Gospel at this time of year. Over the past couple of years, we’ve once again re-established our rhythm of festive worship round the Loop, and we’ve added in some new things- carol services at Preston Gubbals and Battlefield, and carol singing in the Red Lion Pub in Bomere Heath amongst them.

So now that we’re in the groove, why not invite someone new to one of our services? A friend or neighbour perhaps? We are confident that they will receive a warm welcome, and we pray that they are blessed the experience. Go on, be brave!

**A Happy Christmas to you all, from Hannah, Joyce and Peter xxx**



**Forest Church**

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.

**Advent Communion and Discussion**

As we did during Lent, we will be having three simple communion services followed by refreshments and discussion during advent. We’ll meet in the Mission Church in Bomere Heath at 10am and will be joined by our Methodist friends. All are welcome!

Monday, 2nd December

Monday 9th December

Monday 16th December

**Christmas Carol Services**

**Carol Services around Severn Loop:**

Battlefield- 8th December, 2pm

Bicton- 12th December carol concert (see below- tickets available on the door or from Wendy)

Albrighton- 15th December, 9.15am

Montford- 15th December, 11am

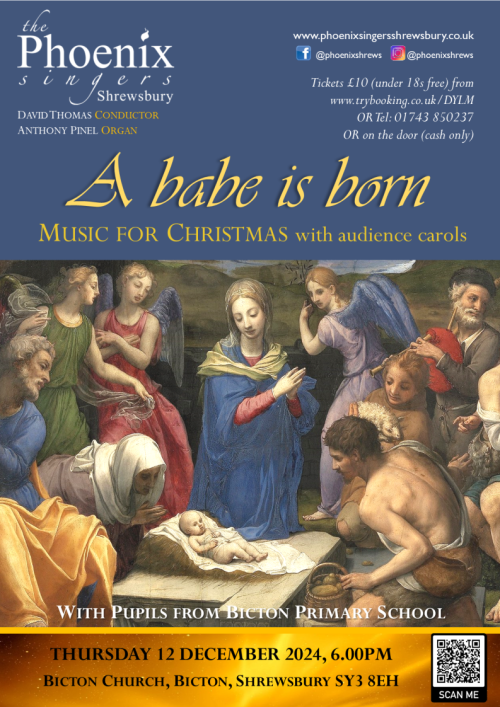
Leaton- 15th December, 7pm

Preston Gubbals- 22nd December, 2pm

Fitz- 22nd December, 5pm

Shrawardine- 22nd December, 7pm

*Carol singing in the Red Lion pub in Bomere Heath will be on 10th December, 6pm.*

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**Ministry Update**

This month, we are very grateful to Bishop Alistair Magowan and Revd. Paul Firmin who will be covering services for us. Fr. Peter will be back in time for Christmas!

**Diary Dates**

**CAMEO Coffee Morning at Bicton Church-** 5th December, 10.30am-11.30am.

**The Stepping Out Café in Bomere Heath-** None in December

**Filling Station**- Knockin Village Hall is on 17th December, 7.10pm for a 7.30pm start. The next one at Rodington Village Hall (SY4 4QS) is on 27th January 2025, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

**REVS-** 15th December, 9.30am-noon, Montford Bridge Café.

**For Your Prayers**

* For our local farmers.
* For peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.
* For Leaton churchyard- as the rain brings more groundwater flooding.
* For all who will come to our Christmas services and events.
* For those in hospital, and for our NHS.
* For those sleeping on the streets as the nights get cooler.

**Thank you**

An enormous thank you to all of you involved in making our Christmas services happen- to churchwardens, organists, welcomers, cleaners, decorators, readers. Christmas is a very special time in the Loop, and we hope and pray that those who come to our churches will experience the love of God-with-us- Emmanuel.

**Readings for December**

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| **Date** | **Psalm** | **First Reading** | **Second/ Gospel Reading** |
| 1st December  Advent Sunday | 25.1-9 | Jeremiah 33.14-16 | Luke 21.25-36 |
| 8th December  Advent 2 | 75 | Malachi 3.1-4 | Luke 3.1-6 |
| 15th December  Advent 3 | 50.1-6 | Zephaniah 3.14-20 | Luke 3.7-18 |
| 22nd December  Advent 4 | 80.1-8 | Micah 5.2-5a | Luke 1.39-45 |
| Christmas Night/ Christmas Day |  | Isaiah 9.2-7 | Luke 2.1-14 |
| 29th December  Christmas 1 | 148 | Colossians 3.12-17 | Luke 2.41-52 |
| 5th January  Epiphany | 72.1-15 | Ephesians 3.1-12 | Matthew 2.1-12 |

*Please note that on 29th December, there will only be one service in Severn Loop- a united service at the Mission Church in Bomere Heath, 10.30am. There is parking along the road, but we’re also hoping to get permission to park in the village hall car park.*

**SUNDAY SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2024**

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|  | **Albrighton** | **Bicton** | **Bomere**  **Heath** | **Fitz** | **Leaton** | **Montford** | **Shrawardine** |
| **1st December**  *purple* | 9.15 am  HC | 11 am  HC | 3pm Forest Church | 9.30 am  HC | 10.45 am  HC |  | 9.30 am  MP |
| **8th December**  *purple* | 2pm  Battlefield Carol Service | 11am  MP | 9 am  HC |  | 10.45am  HC | 9.30 am  HC | 11 am  HC |
| **15th December**  *Purple* | 9.15 am  MP with Carols | 11am  HC |  | 9.30 am  HC | 7pm  Ecumenical Carol Service | 11am  Carol Service |  |
| **22nd December**  *purple* | 2pm Preston Gubbals Carol Service | 11am  HC | 9am  HC | 5pm  Carol Service | 10.45am  HC | NO SERVICE | 7pm  Carol Service |
| **24th December**  *Christmas Eve*  White |  | 4pm  Crib Service  9pm Christmas Communion |  |  | 4pm  Crib Service  11.30pm  Christmas Communion | 5.30pm Family Christmas Communion and Carols |  |
| **25th December**  *Christmas Day*  White | 9.30am  Christmas Communion |  | 10.30am  Christmas Communion | 10.30am  Christmas Communion |  |  | 9am  Christmas Communion |
| **29th December**  White |  |  | 10.30am  United Service |  |  |  |  |

***HC- Holy Communion; MP- Morning Prayer***

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