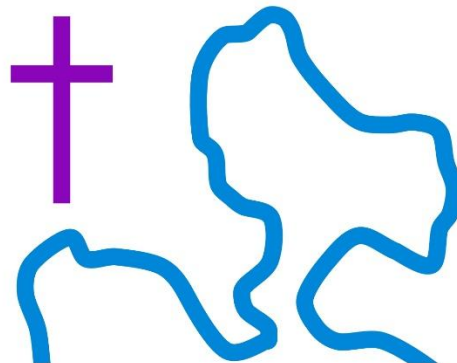


Severn Loop Parishes



Albrighton
Battlefield
Bomere Heath
Leaton
Fitz
Bicton
Montford
Shrawardine

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AUGUST LOOP 2025

Summer is here!

'All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." ⁶ He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.⁷ The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." ⁸ So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he travelled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. ⁹ There he went into a cave and spent the night.'

1 Kings 19. 5b-9

This story of God's provision when someone is utterly exhausted and at the end of themselves can feel particularly resonant as the summer holidays begin! If you are ready for a rest, I pray that time away from the usual routines will nourish you- just as the angel nourished Elijah in the cave.



With that in mind, we are very grateful to Revd. Paul Firmin, who will be covering services in August, and to Peter, who will be holding the fort whilst I'm away- do contact him for all Loop business. Here is a summary of the relay (!) of holidays over the coming month:

Joyce- away from 6th-12th August

Dave- away from 24th July- 6th August, 11th August- 13th August

Hannah- away from 2nd August- 26th August

Please note also that there will be no services at Fitz during August.

KISS GOODBYE TO HEART DISEASE

A HEARTFELT DAY OF MUSIC, FUN, AND REMEMBRANCE - IN MEMORY OF MUM



The Red Lion, Bomere Heath
Saturday 16th August - From 12 Noon.

WHY WE'RE DOING THIS:

She was full of love, full of life & full of dreams.

She had every symptom of Ischaemic heart disease - but it was missed. No checks, No tests, No answers.

Now we carry the weight of that sudden, heart-breaking loss, but we carry her light too.

We're turning grief into purpose, raising awareness, raising voices & raising funds to protect every heart still beating.

This is for her. This is for every Mum, Sister, Nan & Daughter. This is for you.

Will you stand with us?

Let's kiss goodbye to heart disease. For Mum. Forever. ❤️



EVERY £24 FUNDS TWO HOURS OF HEART RESEARCH



WEAR SOMETHING RED AS LITTLE OR AS BOLD AS YOU LIKE!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

🎧 Live DJ spinning feel-good tunes

🎤 EDDIE P live on stage – 7PM!

🎲 Rock & Roll Heart Bingo
🏰 Bouncy Castle & Soft Play Fun

🎨 Face Painting for Kids & Adults

❤️ Love & Memory Wall – leave a message

🧠 Heart Health Quiz – win while you learn!

🎁 Raffle Draw – epic prizes to be won!

🍖 Delicious Hog Roast

🍪 Sweet Treats & Goodies Galore

👗 Clothes Rack Sale – grab a bargain!

🎮 Drinks, Games, and Laughter All Day

👥 Guess How Many Hearts in the Jar

🎉 Fun for the Whole Family

Forest Church

Our next Forest Church will be on 21st

September at Battlefield, featuring bulb and possibly herb planting! We had great fun at Bicton with our maypole and nature trail, and we're very thankful to Sue Dancey and Rosie Dixon for leading us through the afternoon. Despite the heat, 32 people came along, which was very encouraging.

Diary Dates

CAMEO Coffee Morning at Bicton Church- 14th August, 10.30am-11.30am.

The Stepping Out Café in Bomere Heath- 27th August, 2.30pm-4pm

Filling Station- THERE IS NO FILLING STATION AT KNOCKIN IN AUGUST. The next one at Rodington Village Hall (SY4 4QS) is on 25th August 2025, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

REVS- Saturday, 16th August, 10am-noon, Holy Trinity, Leaton.

Home Groups

Until recently, we had two home groups in Severn Loop. In a typical evening, people spend time together in fellowship, Bible study and prayer. *Seekers* meets on a Monday evening, 7.30pm, at the home of Chris and Robin Oake, in Bicton. They are having a summer break at the moment and will begin again on 8th September. During the week before that, Chris is organising a meal out- particularly with any new recruits in mind. If you would like to know more, do get in touch with her on 01743 850421.

We are also looking to relaunch a group in Bomere Heath, on a Wednesday night. We'll meet in the Mission Church initially, and probably we will then do a combination of meeting in person in the lighter months, and online in winter. We'd love to hear from anyone who might be interested. Dave and I will get it underway, and then we will see where things take us. We will make a start on a Wednesday night in September- look out for dates and details in the next Loop.

Dementia-Friendly Churches

Another year has passed, and we have reviewed our targets to help us work towards becoming a Dementia-Friendly Church. The targets are below. One of them is to go along to a training session. Luckily, one is being held at Oxon on 8th November. It would be great if some of us could attend- particularly anyone who is on the Worship Team for leading services, as this will also serve as our training provision for the coming term. Contact Hannah for details.

1. Work with Bomere Heath School to refresh connections on dementia-friendly school and church, sharing a staff training session on dementia-friendly school.
2. Have available the Diocese of Lichfield "Book of Prayers" through dementia to share within our churches and community.
3. Publicise the "Dementia-Friendly Church Training" morning that will be held at Oxon Parish Church in Shrewsbury on Saturday 8 November, encouraging people to attend.

For Your Prayers

- For our local farmers.
- For peace, and for food convoys to get through to those in need.
- For the recently bereaved, especially the family and friends of David Clarke and Brian Rowley.
- For Forest Church and our ministry to children.
- For those in hospital, and for our NHS.
- For those enjoying a holiday now or soon.
- For Lucinda and Huw and Catrin and Andrew, all getting married in Severn Loop soon.
- For those preparing for baptism.

Deanery Synod News

We recently enjoyed an excellent Deanery Synod on Mental Health, led by Revd. Charlotte Gompertz (vicar of Oxon). Using Luke 8.26-39 she spoke about the importance of understanding the difficulties any of us can have with our mental health, and how to welcome and give dignity to those coming into our churches who may be experiencing seasons of mental illness. If you would like to find out more, she is leading a diocesan training day on 3rd October, in Lichfield. Contact Hannah for more information.

Confirmations!

We are delighted to be holding a confirmation service on 7th September, 5pm at Leaton Church. We already have a good number of candidates, who have been preparing for this significant moment in faith- where they will declare for themselves their Christian belief and receive Holy Communion. Bishop Michael will be coming for the service, and we would love to see as many of you there as possible. There will be no morning service at Leaton on that day.



Readings for August

Date	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading/ Gospel
3 rd August Trinity 7, green	Psalm 49.1-12	Colossians 3.1-11	Luke 12.13-21
10 th August Trinity 8, green	Psalm 33.12-22	Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16	Luke 12.32-40
17 th August Trinity 9, green	Psalm 82	Hebrews 11.29-12.2	Luke 12.49-56
24 th August Trinity 10, green	Psalm 103.1-8	Hebrews 12.18-29	Luke 13.10-17
31 st August Trinity 11, green	Psalm 112	Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16	Luke 14.1, 7-14
7 th September Trinity 12, green	Psalm 1	Philemon 1-12	Luke 14.25-33

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2025

	Albrighton	Bicton	Bomere Heath	Fitz	Leaton	Montford	Shrawardine
3 rd August	9.15 am HC	11 am HC		No service	10.45 am HC		9.30 am MP
10 th August		11 am MP	9 am HC		10.45 am MP	9.30 am HC	11 am HC
17 th August	9.15 am MP	11 am HC		No service	10.45 am HC	9.30 am MP	
24 th August		11 am MP	9 am HC		10.45 am MP	11 am HC	9.30 am HC
31 st August	10.30am HC with prayer for healing						
7 th September	9.15 am HC	11 am HC		9.30 am MP	5.00 pm Confirmation		9.30 am MP

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. DAILY HOPE – national phone line, see number above. LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL- www.lichfield-cathedral.org 10.30 am Eucharist

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