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Loop Special – Sunday 21 March 2021 – 5th Sunday in Lent

Collect, Readings and Reflection are on the website

Good News! Public Worship – Severn Loop to Re-open in time for Holy Week and Easter!

As you know, we are very much hoping to be able to re-open our churches for public worship in time for Easter! This means that unless there is a dramatic change in the pandemic data over the coming week, we will be able to hold usual services for the churches who usually gather on a 4th Sunday in the month, on **Palm Sunday, 28 March**. (Please note there is a change of time for Bicton that day.) After this long wait, all services on Palm Sunday will be Holy Communion.

Our services for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Day are shown on the next page.

- I'm afraid as our numbers of available clergy are still as they were, we cannot quite manage the usual pattern of services for Easter Day this year and hope you will understand.
- It is very difficult to judge how many people are likely to come to church after the long break, and you will see that for some services you will need **to book a place in advance**, to avoid disappointment on the day. **This includes Easter Day**.
- Importantly, if you hope to travel to another church in the Loop rather than your home parish, please contact the churchwarden(s) in advance to see if there will be space. We hope most of you will worship locally to reduce the risk of transmitting the virus.
- All social distancing (2m) regulations are still in place and you will need to wear a face covering (unless legally exempt.)
- Sadly, as all the regulations are still in place we remain unable to use the Mission Church for now but we are keeping this under careful consideration.
- Please, if you are in the clinically extremely vulnerable group, do not feel you must take any risks with your health to be in church at Easter. Our churchwardens have all carried out new Risk Assessments and we are working very hard to make our churches as Covid-secure as possible, as was the case through 2020. But we don't want anyone taking risks. This is still a vulnerable time.

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

- ❖ **PYJAMA CHURCH 9.30 am** Access via Trinity Churches' website & Facebook.
- ❖ **SUNDAY AT SIX 6 pm via Zoom** – email Mary-Lou to receive the link which is sent out on Sunday.
- ❖ **SHARING THE LIGHT IN THE LOOP** Our own weekly phone line worship – see top of this page for the local number to call.
- ❖ **DAILY HOPE** – national phone line, see number above.
- ❖ **LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL** - www.lichfield-cathedral.org
Sung Eucharist live-streamed direct from the Cathedral. Sundays at 10.30 am.



PALM SUNDAY – 28 MARCH (don't forget the clocks go forward in the wee small hours!)

Bicton	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Please note, different time!
Leaton	10.45 am	Holy Communion	
Montford	9.30 am	Holy Communion	
Shrawardine	11 am	Holy Communion	

Sunday@ Six: email Mary-Lou or Peter for the link.

Holy Week – 29, 30, 31 March – Daily Midday Prayer via Zoom, email Mary-Lou or Peter for link.

Maundy Thursday 1 April

11 am	Chrism Service, live link online with Bishop Michael leading, from the Cathedral
7.30 pm	St John's Albrighton, Holy Communion. Advance booking required

Good Friday 2 April

12 Noon	The First Hour – online worship via Zoom, email Mary-Lou or Peter for link.
2 pm	The Final Hour at Holy Trinity Leaton. Advance booking required

Holy Saturday 3 April

5 pm	'In Memoriam' – live link, online worship from Lichfield Cathedral
	The focus will be to gather together memories of those we have loved and lost and to hold them before our Lord in anticipation of the resurrection joy.

Easter Day 4 April – Please book!

Albrighton	9.15 am	Holy Communion
Bicton	11 am	Holy Communion
Fitz	9.30 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
Leaton	10.45 am	Holy Communion
Montford	10 am	Morning Worship for Easter Day
Shrawardine	8 am	Holy Communion

Sunday @ Six: email Mary-Lou or Peter for the link.

**For all services where booking is required, please contact your churchwarden(s).
Thank you.**



*God of Love,
As we think about all that has changed this year,
help us to trust that you are always with us.
As we remember those who have died,
help us to trust they are at peace with you.
As we reach out to others with kindness and care,
may hope shine out in every heart and home.
Amen*



*National Day of Reflection
Tuesday 23 March*

Since the first UK Covid-19 lockdown began on March 23rd 2020, millions have been bereaved. You may like to use this prayer to mark the National Day of Reflection. The Marie Curie website has helpful material too, including videos: www.mariecurie.org.uk/get-involved/day-of-reflection. (Copy and paste into your web browser.)