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Loop Special- January 2022

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

Happy New Year!

We begin with a huge and hearty thank-you to all those who enabled our Christmas services to happen- whether it was cleaning the church, helping to advertise, doing a reading, providing refreshments, playing the organ, decorating, stewarding the parking... we are so grateful! It was wonderful to welcome so many people and to worship together.

We'd also like to thank all of you who gave us (Joyce, Peter and Hannah) cards and gifts- completely unnecessary, but extremely kind and thoughtful.

Below is a Collect for New Year. As we journey onwards, may we give thanks for all that has gone before and greet 2022 with the hope that is to be found in Christ:

***O God, by whose command the order of time runs its course:
forgive our impatience, perfect our faith
and, while we wait for the fulfilment of your promises,
grant us to have a good hope because of your word;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Living in Love and Faith- Deanery Course

The Church of England has put together a course exploring how questions of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ. The aim is to help us all to listen to each other in friendship, to enrich our understanding of different perspectives and to encourage us to live well with difference within the Body of Christ.

This issue has been at the heart of some very painful discussions in the Church in recent years, and society has changed profoundly as well. A quick conversation with any teenager or young adult soon teaches us that issues of identity, sexuality and relationships are part of their daily experience- so engaging with these questions will help us to better understand today's world.

The deanery is running the course for us all- so we are encouraged to join folk from other churches as we explore what it means to live in love and faith together. The venue is Christ Church, Bayston Hill on the evenings of 9/2, 16/2, 2/3, 9/3, 16/3. To sign up, go to [Living in Love and Faith Deanery Course at Christchurch Bayston Hill \(09-Feb-2022\) - ChurchSuite Events](#) or use the QR Code on the attached poster. If you don't have internet access and would like to join, just contact Peter or Hannah and we will sign you up.

Forest Church

Our next Forest Church is going to be at Albrighton (partly in honour of their new portaloo!) on the 6th February, 3pm. As usual, do wrap up warm and bring a packed tea. We will meet in the church carpark. We're very grateful to the Downes family, on the neighbouring farm, who are going to talk to us about their sheep (and maybe introduce us to a few!) as we mark the end of the Christmas season and look for signs of Spring.

Chapter

Peter will be at Chapter at Mirfield during January. We are very grateful to Revd. Alex Aldous, the Chaplain at Prestfelde School, who will be taking Communion services at Montford and Shraden on 9th January.

PCC Meetings in January- PCC members, take note!

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| 11 th January | Fitz | 6pm |
| 20 th January | Bicton | 7pm |
| 25 th January | Albrighton | 2pm |
| 25 th January | Leaton | 7.30pm |
| 26 th January | Montford and Shraden | 7pm |

Readings for January

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| Sun 2 January 2 nd of Christmas | Psalm 147.13-21 | Ephesians 1.3-14 | John 1. 10-18 |
| Sun 9 January 1 st of Epiphany- Baptism of Christ | Psalm 29 | Acts 8.14-17 | Luke 3.15-17,21,22 |
| Sun 16 January 2 nd of Epiphany | Psalm 36.5-10 | 1 Corinthians 12.1-11 | John 2.1-11 |
| Sun 23 January 3 rd of Epiphany | Psalm 19 | 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a | Luke 4.14-21 |
| Sun 30 January Presentation of Christ- Candlemas | Psalm 24.1-10 | Hebrews 2.14-18 | Luke 2.22-40 |

Embers Home Group- Bomere Heath

David Fletcher writes....

“Embers” is every 1st and 3rd Wednesday in the month, beginning 5th January at 7.30- 9pm in the Wale Room in Bomere Heath. We aim to hold informal evenings for Christians and doubters to enjoy each others' company over a “cuppa”. Following refreshments we will show a part of the “Alpha course” and then have a chat about our beliefs. Please come along and bring any friends who you think may welcome discussion about the Christian faith. It may strengthen our faith as well.

Seekers Home Group- Bicton

Seekers is meeting again at Mamre (home of Chris and Robin Oake), every Monday. 7.30pm. All are welcome- they would love to have new members!

SERVICES FOR JANUARY

SUNDAY 2 JANUARY- 2nd of Christmas

| | | |
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| Albrighton | 9.15 am | Holy Communion |
| Bicton | 11 am | Holy Communion |
| Bomere | No service | |
| Fitz | 9.30am | HC BCP |
| Leaton | 10.45 am | Holy Communion |
| Montford | No service | |
| Shrawardine | No service | |

SUNDAY 9 JANUARY- Baptism of Christ

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| Albrighton | No service | |
| Bicton | 11am | Morning Worship |
| Bomere | 9am | Holy Communion |
| Fitz | No service | |
| Leaton | 10.45am | Morning Worship |
| Montford | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| Shrawardine | 11am | Holy Communion |

SUNDAY 16 JANUARY- 2nd of Epiphany

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| Albrighton | 9.15am | Morning Worship |
| Bicton | 11am | Holy Communion |
| Bomere | No service | |
| Fitz | 9.30am | HC BCP |
| Leaton | 10.45am | Holy Communion |
| Montford | 9.30am | Morning Worship |
| Shrawardine | No service | |

SUNDAY 23 JANUARY- 3rd of Epiphany

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| Albrighton | No service | |
| Bicton | 11am | Morning Worship |
| Bomere | 9am | Holy Communion |
| Fitz | No service | |
| Leaton | 10.45am | Morning Worship |
| Montford | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| Shrawardine | 11am | Holy Communion |

SUNDAY 30 JANUARY- Candlemas

* United Service at Montford, 10.30am *

SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY

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| Albrighton | 9.15 am | Holy Communion |
| Bicton | 11 am | Holy Communion |
| Bomere | No service | |
| Fitz | 9.30am | HC BCP |
| Leaton | 10.45 am | Holy Communion |
| Montford | No service | |
| Shrawardine | 9.30am | Morning Worship |

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

For Your Prayers

- Those who are homeless or hungry this winter (see notice below).
- The NHS and Care Sector, who are working at the very edges of their capacity.
- Refugees who seek safety and sanctuary.
- Our local schools.
- For those working to understand the Omicron variant.
- The appointment process for a Priest in Charge.
- For all those who came to our Christmas services.

Bicton CAMEO Christmas Coffee Morning

The next one will be 10.30am- noon on Thursday, 13th January. All welcome.

Tickets for the Pantomime

There will be three performances of Cinderella at Montford Parish Hall:

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| 21/01/22 | 7.30pm |
| 22/02/22 | 2.30pm and 7.30pm |

Tickets from Tricia Jones- 01743 850810.
£7.50 adult, £4 child (to include light refreshments).

Sunday breakfasts for the homeless

St Chad's is hoping to start these in the town centre. If you would like to get involved, contact Joyce Jagger for more information.

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
Our own 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