



 **The Severn Loop Parishes**
Albrighton Bicton Fitz Leaton Montford Shrawardine

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NOVEMBER LOOP 2022

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

A Season of Remembrance



***'Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.'* (Laurence Binyon)**

As we enter our season of remembrance, we find ourselves in the desperately sad position of having witnessed a whole new chapter in the tragic story of lives lost in war. The image of 109 empty prams in the centre of Lviv in March, there to recall the number of children who had died by that point, turned out to

be only the beginning of a terrible conflict in which so many Ukrainians and Russians have been killed. As we gather in our churches this year, to remember the names of the fallen, and those whose names we do not know, there is a special poignancy with which we recommit ourselves to the pursuit of peace. Together, we seek out ways to be instruments of the peace which comes from the heart of Christ. Whether at home or in church, may this prayer (which is part of the Remembrance liturgy) grow in our hearts and the hearts of those who have the means to end conflict, wherever it is found:

***O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names we will never know.
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.
As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. Amen.***

Festival of Remembrance

St Peter and St Paul's Church, Fitz will be hosting a Festival of Remembrance with the Yeoman Singers on Sunday, 13th November at 5.30pm. All are welcome.

Other Services:

As usual, all our morning services in around the Loop on the 13th November will include an Act of Remembrance and seasonal readings. At Leaton, we are delighted to be once again welcoming local Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. After that service, there will be Acts of Remembrance at the War Memorial on the junction, and then at Preston Gubbals. Also, for those who live in Bomere Heath, there will be an Act of Remembrance outside the Methodist Chapel at 11am (gather at 10.50am) on Friday, 11th November.



Forest Church

Our next Forest Church will be on the 27th November at Bicton School Forest School Site (3pm). It'll be lovely to be hosted by children from the school, in a space they know well. Parking is in the school car park- and the school is on the left as you turn into Bicton. As it's Advent Sunday, the theme will be light. As usual, do wrap up warm and bring a packed-tea.

Calling all Singers... again!

Plans are underway for some informal carol singing around Severn Loop over the Christmas period, and we'd love as many of you to join us as would like to. There's no need to rehearse- we'll take singing sheets and some sort of accompaniment (a keyboard or accordion) and then we sing the story of God's love over the passers-by! So far we have the following dates booked in- but we're hoping for a couple more as well:

17th November- 1403 Christmas Taster Evening, 6pm-8pm

10th December- Battlefield/ 1403 10am- 11.30am

17th December- Preston Gubbals Church, 3pm-4pm (**please note the earlier time**)

Do let me know if you are willing and available- particularly for the November date.... any age, any ability, tone-deaf or not... all are welcome!

Diary Dates

Bicton CAMEO Coffee Morning- 10th November, 10.30am- noon

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

Filling Station- is now back meeting in person! The next one at Knockin Village Hall is on 15th November, 7.10pm for a 7.30pm start, and the speaker will be our new Rural Dean- Andy Ackroyd. Now that our Deanery has been combined with Wrockwardine, we're also encouraged to attend their Filling Station- Rodington Village Hall, SY4 4QS, 28th November 2022, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start, and the speaker will be Laura Lenander.

A Monk's Tale

Bicton are hosting a talk by Fr. Peter Allan on Thursday, 24th November, 6.30pm, in church. Tickets are £6 to include refreshments, and are available from Wendy Horan (01743 850237) or Clare Dixon (01743 391906). It promises to be an interesting, engaging and enjoyable evening- do feel very welcome to come along!

Harvest Donations

Thank you so much for your harvest donations- they were very much appreciated. It was also lovely to welcome both Bicton and Bomere Schools into church for their Harvest Celebrations- and there was a huge haul to take to the Foodbank after that!

Community Diary Dates

As the life of our communities gets more busy at this time of year, we're providing a space in the Loop to publicise other local events- so do see below for dates, and do let me know if you would like events included:

Fitz Village Hall

Friday, 18th November, 4pm-9pm- Craft Fayre

Saturday, 3rd December, 10.30am- noon- Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday, 3rd December, 2pm- Family Snowman Drive- tickets available from Ann Malpass (01743 850527, adults £5, children £2.50, families £10)

Saturday, 10th December- Door Decoration Workshop

Montford Parish Hall

The Llanymynech Amateur Dramatic Society (The LADS) is celebrating its 30th anniversary!

Come and join us for a thrilling murder mystery.....DEAD ON TIME

Montford Parish Hall - Fri 18th, Sat 19th November 7.45 pm, Licensed Bar

Tickets for the Montford performances are £8 (U18's £4) and available from Tricia Jones on 01743 850810

Bells and Prayers for COP 27

On 5th November, 5pm (the eve of COP27), Bicton Bell-ringers will be joining with ringers round the country to ring out for action on Climate Change. Bicton Church will also be open at the same time (5pm-6pm) for prayer.

For Your Prayers

- For the wellbeing of the whole country- especially those living with food and fuel poverty, and those trying to access health and mental health services.
- For all who mourn. Our Funeral Directors are reporting very high levels of suicide locally.
- The people of Ukraine and the people of Russia- for a peaceful end to the conflict.
- For policy-makers and those in government- for wisdom, integrity and a steady hand.
- All who work in local agriculture, after an extremely dry summer.
- For the work of our Foodbank and Food Hub

Readings for November

Date	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading/ Gospel
6th November 3 rd before Advent	17.1-9	2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-17	Luke 20.27-38
13th November Remembrance Sunday	98	Romans 8: 31-39	John 15: 9-17
20th November Christ the King	46	Colossians 1.11-20	Luke 23.33-43
27th November 1 st of Advent	122	Romans 13.11-14	Matthew 24.36-44
4th December 2 nd of Advent	72.1-7,18,19	Romans 15.4-13	Matthew 3.1-12

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

	Albrighton	Bicton	Bomere Heath	Fitz	Leaton	Montford	Shrawardine
6th November	9.15 am HC	11 am HC		9.30 am HC BCP	10.45 am HC		9.30 am MP
13th November Remembrance		10.45 am MP	9 am HC	Festival of Remembrance 5.30pm	10.45 am MP	9.30 am HC	10.50 am MP
20th November Christ the King	9.15 am MP	11 am HC		9.30 am HC BCP	10.45 am HC	9.30 am MP	
27th November 1 st of Advent		11 am MP Forest Church 3pm	9 am HC		10.45 am MP	11 am HC	9.30 am HC
4th December	9.15 am HC	11 am HC		9.30 am HC BCP	10.45 am HC		9.30 am MP

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

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