



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

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## AUGUST LOOP 2024

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

### *Hotspur Unveiling*

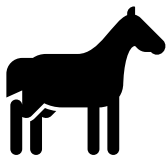
A big thank you to all who came along to support the unveiling of a new painting of Hotspur at Battlefield Church on the anniversary of the Battle of Shrewsbury. It was very well-attended, and the artist (Stephen Hopper) gave a very informative talk explaining a bit about why he chose to paint Henry Percy (Hotspur). The Deputy Mayor was in attendance, along with about forty people. It was lovely to be able to lead those present through a brief service to remember the battle and commit ourselves to peaceful paths. We're particularly grateful to Judith Hall, who gave a talk about the church. There is a beautiful wildflower project thriving at Battlefield, and all are welcome to join Judith and others for Morning Prayer twice a week- 10am on Wednesdays and Saturdays.



### *Forest Church*

Our next Forest Church is:

**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 3pm**  
**Plex Stable yard SY4 3AH**



We are so excited to be holding a **pet service** for our next Forest Church! You absolutely don't have to have a pet to come along, but do please feel free to bring your pets- up to and including horses! There is plenty of room for trailers. To get there, take the A528 to Wem. Go as far as Albrighton, and after the church there will be a right turn, signposted to Plex (this little lane eventually goes to Hadnall). Take that, and the stables and yard is along that lane, on the right-hand side.

## Ministry Update

We'd like to let you know that there has been a change in Peter's relationship with the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield. He has formally ceased to be a Brother, as of 25th July. Peter (and we in Severn Loop) will still enjoy a close fellowship with the community, and his ministry amongst them continues, albeit in a new way.

Please be assured that from our perspective here in the Loop, things will continue as they are. The Working Agreement that was set up in February 2023 still stands, along with the arrangement with the vicarage in Bomere Heath. From October Peter will be taking some time away from parish life in order to focus on his broader ministry in the Church of England, but he will be back in time to enjoy the busyness of Christmas in our churches!

Please do keep Peter and the community at Mirfield in your prayers.

### *Ride and Stride, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024*

The annual Ride and Stride event around Shropshire churches takes place on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September. We are hoping that all of our churches will be involved- some will be providing 'porch welcomes' and others will be open. Please do take the opportunity to visit some of Shropshire's historic churches and spread the word.



### *Summer Concert at Bicton Church*

We're very much looking forward to welcoming the Shrewsbury Male Voice Choir and guests for a summer concert at Bicton- tickets are available on the door (please bring cash). Details below...

### *The Mission Church and Fitz*

Work is being carried out on the Mission Church in Bomere Heath over the summer... and we're very excited! We're looking forward to a bigger and better equipped kitchen area, and a new toilet. Because of the disruption this will entail, the building will be out of use. This means that there will be **NO Stepping Out Café in August, and no Sunday services in August.** Thank you so much for your understanding. As has been the case for a number of years now, there are no services at Fitz during August.

Summer  
Concert

Friday, 30th  
August 24

19:00 - 21:30  
Doors open at 18:30

Bicton Trinity Church  
Church Ln, Bicton, Shrewsbury SY3 8EH

Tickets  
£8

Performances by  
Shrewsbury Male Voice Choir  
Mynyddislwyn Male Voice Choir  
Special Guests



## *Summer Craft Fair at Bickton Church*

**Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> August, 11am-3pm**

*Back by popular demand- do come along and enjoy the day!*

*Sale tables are £10 (please supply your own table)- to book one, contact Clare Dixon on 01743 361906.*

### *Diary Dates*

**Bickton CAMEO Coffee Morning-** 8<sup>th</sup> August, 10.30am- noon. In church.

**Friends Coffee Morning, St Mary's, Shrawardine-**, 27<sup>th</sup> August, 10.30am.

**Montford and Shrawardine Social Committee Coffee Morning-** 31<sup>st</sup> August, 10.30am, Weir Farm Barn, Montford

**The Stepping Out Café in Bomere Heath-** CANCELLED FOR AUGUST

**Filling Station-** Knockin Village Hall is on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 7.10pm for a 7.30pm start. The next one at Rodington Village Hall (SY4 4QS) is on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

**REVS-** 18<sup>th</sup> August, 9.30am-noon, Montford Bridge Café.

**Bickton Church is now open on Saturday mornings- 10am-noon- for visitors and/ or private prayer.**

### *Prayer and Praise Evening*

Our next Loop Prayer and Praise evening will be at the Mission Church, on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm-8pm. Join us for an informal hour of extempore prayer and sung worship as we pray for the life of Severn Loop.

### *For Your Prayers*

- For our new government and parliament.
- For the people of Israel and Palestine and the people of Ukraine- for peace.
- For all those preparing to be married, and for our local wedding venues.
- For those in hospital, and for our NHS.
- For the presidential campaign in the US.
- For those enjoying holidays.

### *Readings for August*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Second Reading (Gospel)</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 10	78.23-29	Exodus 16.2-4,9-15	John 6.24-35
11 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 11	34.1-8	1 Kings 19.4-8	John 6.35,41-51
18 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 12	34.9-14	Proverbs 9.1-6	John 6.51-58
25 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 13	34.15-22	Joshua 24.1-2a,14-18	John 6.56-69
1 <sup>st</sup> September Trinity 14	15	Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-9	Mark 7.1-8,14,15,21-23

## SUNDAY SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2024

	Albrighton	Bicton	Bomere Heath	Fitz	Leaton	Montford	Shrawardine
<b>4<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 10</b>	9.15 am HC	11 am HC		NO SERVICE	10.45 am HC		9.30 am MP
<b>11<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 11</b>		11 am MP	NO SERVICE		10.45 am MP	9.30 am HC	11 am HC
<b>18<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 12</b>	9.15 am MP	11 am HC		NO SERVICE	10.45 am HC	9.30 am MP	
<b>25<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 13</b>		11 am MP	NO SERVICE		10.45 am MP	11 am HC	9.30 am HC
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sept Trinity 14</b>	9.15am HC	11am HC		9.30am HC	10.45am HC		9.30am 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.

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](http://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