



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

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OCTOBER LOOP 2024

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

*The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them God's glory also show!*

Harvest time around the Loop



So much to be grateful for! Over the coming weeks we will be celebrating Harvest around our communities. It's a wonderful opportunity to remember not to take the abundance that we have for granted, and to give thanks to God for this amazing ecosystem that sustains us all.

It's also an opportunity to pray for the land, and for all who work in agriculture. It's been an

immensely difficult year for our local farmers, with extreme levels of rainfall and the mild weather affecting the lambing season as well as the crop yield. We're aware too that the changes in climate and land use are giving rise to more surface water flooding and ground water flooding around our lanes, in our fields and in our churchyards. So as we thank God for the harvest, we're also invited to reflect on our relationship with nature, and to pray for the wisdom and courage needed to be good stewards of creation.



Do join us at one (or more!) of our Harvest Festivals. In all cases, we will be collecting non-perishable donations for the Foodbank.

Fitz- 6th October, 9.30am
Shrawardine- 6th October, 9.30am
Leaton- 6th October, 10.45am
Bicton- 6th October, 11am
Montford- 13th October, 11am
Albrighton- 20th October, 9.15am



Items in demand at the time of writing: soup, biscuits, jam/spread, tinned main meals, soap, tinned meat.

Forest Church

We had a wonderful time at Plex for our Pet Service! We're so grateful to Dean and the team for making us really welcome, and it was brilliant to have so many animals.

Our next Forest Church will be on **1st December, 3pm at the Mission Church in Bomere Heath**. We are stretching the definition and going indoors for the darkest time of the year! We'll be doing a variety of Christmas card crafts. All are welcome.



Diocesan Vision

The Diocese has put together a document outlining its priorities for the next six years. As church communities we have been asked to select three (out of the nine- see below) to focus on. In our recent round of PCC meetings, and at our united service last Sunday, we spent some time reflecting on these. We've been asked to submit our choices to the Bishop- so here are the three we've gone with:

Community engagement plans for every parish- All our churches work really hard to be a full part of the local community and to engage with the community as widely as possible- making sure all are informed about the life of the local church, and all feel welcome to attend services and events.

Connection with every primary and secondary school- We have positive, deep and extensive connections with Bicton and Bomere Heath primary schools. These really matter to us, and are a mutual blessing. There are other schools too- and as resources allow, we would like to get to know them.

34,000 new disciples (across the diocese!)- Our ultimate motive in all that we do is to join in with God's mission, which is always drawing people into the life of love. We hope for growth in numbers because that is growth in discipleship- lives lived in the conscious company of Christ. This is not simply about growth in Sunday morning attendance, though it will include that.



Developing Discipleship,
Encouraging Vocations
Inspiring Evangelism
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Shaping
for Mission
Strategic
Framework
2024 -2030

growing younger



Festive Pot Painting Evening

Wednesday 20th November 7pm
Mission Church, Bomere Heath.
Cost £12 to include a pot to paint, materials to paint with and refreshments.

*A great Christmas present for a friend or relative!
Please give your name with money to Pat Hall, 01939 290637.*



Ministry Update

As we said in last month's Loop, Peter is taking some time away from parish life to focus on his broader ministry within the Church of England. This month, we are very grateful to Revd. Paul Firmin, Revd. Kevin Roberts, Fr. Stan Swift and someone (we don't yet know who!) from the team at Meole Brace who will be covering services for us.

We're also looking to employ an Administrator for the parish. This will be a two-year contract, and a paid position (six hours per week). If you would be interested in applying for this role, then contact Hannah by 14th October 2024, at revhannahlins@gmail.com.

The Revd. Phil Cansdale- vicar of Meole Brace (Trinity Churches) and former Rural Dean is moving on to pastures new. He will be the new Director of Mission for the Manchester Diocese. We are so grateful for his time in our Deanery, and he goes with our love and our prayers.

Diary Dates

Bring and Share Harvest Supper at Bomere Mission Church- 7th October, 7pm for 7.30pm, contact Pat Hall to book (01939 290637).

CAMEO Coffee Morning at Bicton Church- 10th October, 10.30am-11.30am.

Montford and Shrawardine Harvest Lunch- 13th October, Montford Parish Hall. Contact Tricia Jones to book (01743 850810).

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

Filling Station- Knockin Village Hall is on 15th October, 7.10pm for a 7.30pm start. The next one at Rodington Village Hall (SY4 4QS) is on 28th October 2024, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

REVS- 20th October, 9.30am-noon, Montford Bridge Café.

For Your Prayers

- For our local farmers.
- For peace in the Middle East.
- For Leaton churchyard- as the rain brings more groundwater flooding.
- For Kristen and Jake preparing to be married at Leaton.
- For those in hospital, and for our NHS.
- For the presidential campaign in the US.
- For those sleeping on the streets as the nights get cooler.

Remembering with Love

Our annual Remembering with Love service will be at 3pm on Sunday, 3rd November, at Leaton. At this service we read out the names of loved ones lost. If you would like a name remembered, please let Hannah know by 27th October at revhannahlins@gmail.com.

Readings for October

Date	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading/ Gospel
<i>Harvest Readings</i>	126	1 Timothy 6. 6-10	Matthew 6. 25-33
6 th October Trinity 19	8	Genesis 2.18-24	Mark 10.2-16
13 th October Trinity 20	90.12-17	Amos 5.6-7,10-15	Mark 10.17-31
20 th October Trinity 21	91.9-16	Isaiah 53.4-12	Mark 10.35-45
27 th October Last after Trinity/ Bible Sunday	19.7-14	Isaiah 55.1-11	John 5.36b-47
3 rd November All Saints	24.1-6	Isaiah 25.6-9	John 11.32-44

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2024

	Albrighton	Bicton	Bomere Heath	Fitz	Leaton	Montford	Shrawardine
6 th October Green	9.15 am HC	11 am Harvest Communion		9.30 am Harvest Communion	10.45 am Harvest Communion		9.30 am Harvest Festival
13 th October Green		11 am MP	9 am HC		10.45 am MP	11 am Harvest Festival	NO SERVICE
20 th October Green	9.15 am Harvest Festival	11 am HC		9.30 am HC	10.45 am HC	9.30 am MP	
27 th October Green		11 am MP	9 am HC		10.45 am MP	11 am HC	9.30 am HC
3 rd November All Saints White	9.15 am HC	11 am HC		9.30 am HC	10.45 am HC 3pm Remembering with Love		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.

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