



The Severn Loop Parishes
Albrighton Bicton Fitz Leaton Montford Shrawardine

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JANUARY LOOP 2025

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

Happy New Year!

Have you got a cuppa? There is LOTS to tell you this month! Settle in and read on....

A new home for REVS

After many years meeting monthly at the Montford Bridge Café, REVS has decided to move venue... to Leaton! We are so excited about this new partnership, which will see the REVS community meeting at Leaton church every third Saturday of the month, 10am-noon.



Adam Gompertz writes....

So what is REVS all about then? Well, cars is probably the obvious answer, but there is a whole lot more to it than just 4 wheels and an engine. REVS is really about creating community; it's about bringing people together who love automotive things but may also want a place to meet. Just as old cars have stories, so do people, and we want to make a space where people can feel safe, welcomed and valued, and so feel able to share their story with us. And we also have a story that they can find out about – the story of a God who loves each one of us – whatever interests we have. So REVS is also a place where people can ask questions about faith, God, the Church – even if they don't agree. REVS is about belonging to something, and it is open to anyone whether they have a collection of cars, one car, a car poster on their wall, or the memory of a family car they went on holiday in. In truth, REVS is for anyone.



REVS was originally started by me, Adam, a local vicar with a background and passion in cars, and a desire to see community grow and flourish; a community where people could explore faith and ask questions.

We are really excited to start a new chapter in the REVS story with you at Leaton, and we are looking forward to meeting you all. We hope you will feel you can come and be a part of the REVS community. To find out more about REVS go to:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/revslimiter>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/revslimiter/>

Twitter: <https://@revslimiter@mastodon.world>



Introducing Rosie- our new Administrator

We are delighted to announce that, following due process, Miss Rosie Dixon has been appointed to the role of Severn Loop Administrator. Rosie has a two-year contract, six hours per week. We are so looking forward to working together to enable the smooth running of the Loop, and to improve our communication and systems. Welcome Rosie!

Forest Church

Our next Forest Church will be in February- date and venue to be confirmed...

Thank you!

A huge thank-you from all the team to all those who were involved in our Christmas services- whatever your role! We are so deeply grateful, and whether it's playing the organ, hoovering the carpet, cleaning the gutters, clearing up after the storm, setting the heating, organising readers, being a reader, decorating the church, delivering flyers or anything else, we do all things in the service of Christ! Your ministry is valued and appreciated.

A further thank-you for all the lovely Christmas cards, prezzies and good wishes we received- totally unnecessary but deeply appreciated too. We hope Christmas went well and that 2025 is a good year for all.

It's Panto time again!

*Montford and Shrawardine Social Committee
with Montford Parish Hall Management Committee
present
The Severn Loop Players in:*

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

**Friday 17th January at 7.30 p.m.
Saturday 18th January at 2.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.
Tickets £8. School age children 16 and under £4
to include light refreshments.**

**Booking with Tricia on 01743 850810
Payment by cash, cheque or BACs
The raffle as always is for a local charity.**

Save the date

On 23rd February, Joyce and Hannah will be hosting a lunch at the Mission Church to give us an opportunity to think about how we look out for each other in our church communities, and how Joyce's ministry in particular fits into the life of Severn Loop. More details next month.

Diary Dates

CAMEO Coffee Morning at Bicton Church- 9th January, 10.30am-11.30am.

The Stepping Out Café in Bomere Heath- 29th January, 2.30pm-4pm

Filling Station- Knockin Village Hall is on 21st January, 7.10pm for a 7.30pm start. The next one at Rodington Village Hall (SY4 4QS) is on 27th January 2025, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

REVS- Saturday, 18th January, 10am-noon, Holy Trinity, Leaton.

For Your Prayers

- For our local farmers.
- For peace.
- For the recently bereaved, especially over the Christmas season.
- For a strong start to the new year.
- For those in hospital, and for our NHS.
- For those sleeping on the streets as the nights get cooler.

Candlemas

This year, we will be holding our united Candlemas service at Bicton- 10.30am on 2nd February. It's been a joy these past few years to mark the end of Christmas together, and so once again we will have a sung Eucharist and (of course!) candles. If you'd like to be part of the scratch choir to help give confidence to the congregation, please come along at 9.15am for a practice. All welcome!



Remembering Jane

Many of you will remember Jane Gray, who lived in Shrawardine and was part of that congregation for many years, until she moved away (during the pandemic) to be closer to her daughter. Jane was also an accomplished stained-glass window artist of national renown. Sadly, Jane died at the start of December. We all think of her so fondly, and she will be greatly missed. Her memorial service will be at St Mary's, Shrawardine on Friday, 24th January 2025 at 1pm. All are most welcome.



A Festival of Hope- save the dates!

A small working group has been convened to organise a *Festival of Hope* around our churches in the Easter season this year. If you'd like to be involved in that group, do let Hannah know! We've still to decide on all the details, but here is a taster of what we are planning:

Forest Church

With a mini-pilgrimage from Shrawardine to Montford- *Sunday, 27th April, 3pm-6pm*

Songs of Praise @Bicton

With stories of hymns that gave us strength in difficult times- *Sunday, 4th May, 5pm*

Concert @Leaton

Come and enjoy music from WWII as we recall the 80th anniversary of VE Day
Sunday, 11th May, 3pm

Stations of the Resurrection

The ultimate hope! Come and enjoy some creative depictions of the resurrection stories of Jesus. There will be a story in every churchyard.

Sunday, 27th April- Sunday 11th May

Community Craft Competitions and heritage displays

Watch this space...

Readings for January

DAY	PSALM	1ST READING	2ND READING/ GOSPEL
5 th January Epiphany (white)	Psalm 72.1-15	Ephesians 3.1-12	Matthew 2.1-12
12 th January Baptism of Christ (white)	Psalm 29	Acts 8.14-17	Luke 3.15-17,21,22
19 th January Epiphany 2 (white)	Psalm 36.5-10	1 Corinthians 12.1-11	John 2.1-11
26 th January Epiphany 3 (white)	Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 12.12-31a	Luke 4.14-21
2 nd February Candlemas (white)	Psalm 24.1-10	Hebrews 2.14-18	Luke 2.22-40

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2025

	Albrighton	Bicton	Bomere Heath	Fitz	Leaton	Montford	Shrawardine
5th January Epiphany	9.15 am HC	11 am HC		9.30 am HC	10.45 am HC		9.30 am MP
12th January Baptism of Christ White		11 am MP	9 am HC		10.45 am MP	9.30 am HC	11 am HC
19th January Epiphany 2 White	9.15 am MP	11 am HC		9.30 am HC	10.45 am HC	9.30 am MP	
26th January Epiphany 3 White		11 am MP	9 am HC		10.45 am MP	11 am HC	9.30 am HC
2nd February Candlemas White		10.30am HC United Service					

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. 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