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**Loop Special – Sunday 28 March 2021 – Palm Sunday**

**Collect, Readings and Reflection are on the website**

**WE BEGIN RE-OPENING FOR**



**IN-PERSON WORSHIP**

**FROM THIS SUNDAY!**

**PLEASE BOOK A PLACE!**

**YOU CAN WORSHIP AT CHURCH THIS PALM SUNDAY AT ...**

**Bicton 9.30 am Holy Communion Please note earlier time!**

**Leaton 10.45 am Holy Communion**

**Montford 9.30 am Holy Communion**

**Shrawardine 11.00 am Holy Communion**

**Sunday@ Six: 6.00 pm Email Mary-Lou or Peter for the link.**

**CONTACTS FOR BOOKING PLACES AT WORSHIP FOR PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK & EASTER:**

Albrighton Mrs J Jagger 07802 695954

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Leaton Mrs P Hall 01939 290637

Montford Mrs P Jones 01743 850810

Shrawardine Mrs E Oates, via village WhatsApp Group or stmvshraden@gmail.com

**Our services for the rest of Holy Week and Easter Day are shown on the next page.**

* Importantly, if you hope to travel to another church in the Loop rather than your home parish, please contact the churchwarden(s) in advance to see if there will be space.
* All social distancing (2m) regulations are still in place and you will need to wear a face covering (unless legally exempt.)
* Please, if you are in the clinically extremely vulnerable group, do not feel you must take any risks with your health to be in church at Easter. Our churchwardens have all carried out new Risk Assessments and we are working very hard to make our churches as Covid-secure as possible, as was the case through 2020. But we don’t want anyone taking risks. This is still a vulnerable time.

**OTHER WAYS TO WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY**

* **PYJAMA CHURCH 9.30 am**  Access via Trinity Churches’ website & Facebook.
* **SUNDAY AT SIX 6 pm via Zoom** – email Mary-Lou to receive the link which is sent out on Sunday.
* **SHARING THE LIGHT IN THE LOOP** Our own weekly phone line worship – see top of this page for the local number to call.
* **DAILY HOPE** – national phone line, see number above.
* **LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL -** [www.lichfield-cathedral.org](http://www.lichfield-cathedral.org) 10.30 am Eucharist

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES AND WORSHIP ON EASTER DAY – BOOKING REQUIRED!**

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**Holy Week – 29, 30, 31 March** – Daily Midday Prayer via Zoom,

email Mary-Lou or Peter for link.

**Maundy Thursday 1 April**

7.30 pm St John’s Albrighton, Holy Communion. In person worship. Advance booking required

**7.30 pm Eucharist of the Last Supper at Lichfield Cathedral:** In-person and live-streamed.

<https://www.lichfield-cathedral.org/lent/holyweek-easter2021>

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**Good Friday 2 April**

12 Noon **The First Hour** with the Reading of the Passion of Christ according to Mark: online worship via Zoom, email Mary-Lou or Peter for link.

2 pm **The Final Hour** at Holy Trinity Leaton. In-person worship. Advance booking required

**Holy Saturday 3 April**

5 pm ‘*In Memoriam*’ – **online worship** from Lichfield Cathedral

The focus will be to gather together memories of those we have loved and lost and to hold them before our Lord in anticipation of the resurrection joy.

Please email Mary-Lou, Peter or Hannah for the link.

**Easter Day 4 April – Please book!**

Albrighton 9.15 am Holy Communion

Bicton 11 am Holy Communion

Fitz 9.30 am Holy Communion [BCP]

Leaton 10.45 am Holy Communion

Montford 10 am Morning Worship for Easter Day

Shrawardine 8 am Holy Communion

Sunday @ Six: email Mary-Lou or Peter for the link.

**DISPENSATION**

We are very grateful to Bishop Sarah for another canonical dispensation for Severn Loop,

which means we will be able to continue our usual patterns of worship. It lasts until 30 June, by which time we hope we may be able to recommence worship at the Mission Church if the government has been able to relax the current regulations affecting social distancing and ventilation by then.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS – DAILY PODCAST**

The Stations of the Cross have formed part of Christian devotion at Passiontide for many centuries because they enable us to engage actively with the path of suffering walked by Jesus. They originated when early Christians visited Jerusalem and wanted to follow literally in the footsteps of Jesus, tracing the path from Pilate’s house to Calvary. They would pause for prayer and devotion at various points. Eventually, those pilgrims brought the practice back to their home countries and ever since then Christians of differing traditions have used this form of devotion. The Church of England has produced a series of daily podcasts called **Walking the Way of the Cross**. They last up to about 5 minutes and include a reading, a reflection and prayer. You can pick them up at any point in the journey to the Cross. Just Google: ‘Church of England Stations of the Cross’. It’s a lovely way to walk a little more closely with our Lord in these holy days.