



The Severn Loop Parishes  
Albrighton Bicton Fitz Leaton Montford Shrawardine

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## JULY LOOP 2023

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

### *Praying Together*



The picture on the left is of the growing group of pray-ers at Battlefield. Every Wednesday and Saturday at 10am there is a service of Morning Prayer (using the Northumbria Celtic liturgy), and all are welcome. You may want to give it a try and follow it with a walk, coffee or shopping trip! Since Advent there has been a prayer tree in the church, and in a time of open prayer the group prays through the messages that have been left by the community of visitors. It's a real privilege to be

trusted with the hopes and longings of those who come into the building each day- and there are many. For months Judith did this alone (she is second from the left), but it is such an encouragement to her and to us that there is now a group of people who join together to worship God and make intercession for God's beloved in that place, week by week.

Another opportunity to join one another for prayer is at Sunday@6, our weekly Zoom service. There are usually about ten people present, and again you would be very welcome to join us. We follow the Church of England liturgy for Evening Prayer (I've attached this week's service to the email). The link changes each week, but here is the one for this coming Sunday (2nd July) in case you'd like to give it a try:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83559073805?pwd=MU1Ha283T2VFQlIwTitNVmQxRmVldz09>

Meeting ID: 835 5907 3805

Passcode: 371222

Then there are our home groups. Seekers runs on a Monday night at the home of Chris and Robin Oake (Mamre, Bicton), 7.30pm. This month they are studying the Paul's letter to the Galatians, before having a break during August. Home groups typically include a discussion on a bible passage and time to pray together. All are most welcome! Our Bomere Heath home group is hoping to restart in September- do talk to David Fletcher if you are interested in joining.

Finally, some months ago I mentioned the possibility of starting a weekly early morning Zoom service for Morning Prayer- if you would be interested in that, do contact one of the staff team.

## *Thank you to covering clergy*

We are very grateful to a whole host of clergy who will be covering services in July (whilst Peter is at Chapter). They are:

Revd. Andy Ackroyd (Rural Dean)- 9<sup>th</sup> July, Bomere

Bishop Alistair Magowan (retired Bishop of Ludlow)- 16<sup>th</sup> July, Fitz and Bicton

Revd. Fi Iddon (Assistant Rural Dean)- 23<sup>rd</sup> July, Bomere

## *Forest Church*

Our next Forest Church will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> July, 3pm at Leaton Hall (by kind permission of Philippa and Al Herbert). They are developing an amazing wildlife area, so there will be lots to see. There will also be archery and a climbing wall on offer! Parking will be at Leaton Church, and then it's a short walk through the field to reach the site.

## *Deanery Quiet Day*



Please do book on to our Quiet Day at Shrawardine- details below:

*Refreshments will be provided, but do bring a picnic, rug and/or chair. There will be craft options available, but if you like drawing/ sketching you might like to bring your own art materials. We've hired a portalo for the occasion! There will be a talk at the start of our time together, and a service with a chance to share reflections at the end. We will also have a walk down to the river at lunchtime- which has some breathtaking views.*

**10.30am- 2.30pm**

**Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

To book a place contact Esther Oates (warden)- 01743 851352/  
[stmvshraden@gmail.com](mailto:stmvshraden@gmail.com)

There is no cost for the day, but donations are welcome.

## *Hymns and Pimm's*



Please do come along and support our Hymns and Pimm's service at Bicton- 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 6.30pm. It does exactly what it says! Sing some favourite hymns (chosen by the community) and enjoy a drink and good company whilst you do.

## Summer Coach Trip

Our summer coach trip will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> September and the destination is Worcester. There are details and sign-up sheets in all of our churches, so do please book in! We would love to take a good number along.



## Diary Dates

**Montford Beer Festival-** 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2pm-late, Montford Parish Hall.

**Bicton Fete-** 8<sup>th</sup> July, noon-4pm, Bicton Village Hall.

**Bicton CAMEO Coffee Morning-** 13<sup>th</sup> July, 10.30am- noon. In church.

**Bicton Open Church-** Saturdays throughout the summer months, 10am-noon

**The Stepping Out Café in Bomere Heath-** 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2.30pm-4pm.

**Filling Station-** Knockin Village Hall is on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 7.10pm for a 7.30pm start. The next one at Rodington Village Hall (SY4 4QS) is on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

**REVS-** 16<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30am-noon, Montford Bridge Café.

**Deanery Quiet Day-** 15<sup>th</sup> July, 10.30am-2.30pm, Shrawardine.

**Hymns and Pimm's-** 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 6.30pm, Bicton.

**Craft Fayre-** 19<sup>th</sup> August, 11am-4pm, Bicton Church.

**Bomere Fete-** 9<sup>th</sup> September (to include a Dog Show!), all round the village.

## For Your Prayers

- For those preparing for Baptism or Marriage. We have lots over the summer months!
- For places of war.
- For refugees and all who seek safety.
- For our local farming community, and all who work in the public sector.
- For the work of our Foodbank, Food Hub, The Ark, Street Pastors and other local charities.

## Readings for July

DAY	PSALM	1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING/ GOSPEL
2 <sup>nd</sup> July Trinity 4, Green	89.1-4,15-18	Romans 6.12-23	Matthew 10.40-42
9 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 5, Green	145.8-15	Romans 7.15-25a	Matthew 11.16-19,25-30
16 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 6, Green	65.8-13	Romans 8.1-11	Matthew 13.1-9,18-23
23 <sup>rd</sup> July Trinity 7, Green	86.11-17	Romans 8.12-25	Matthew 13.24-30,36-43
30 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 8, Green	119.129-136	Romans 8.26-39	Matthew 13.31-33,44-52
6 <sup>th</sup> August <b>The Transfiguration</b> Trinity 9, white	97	2 Peter 1.16-19	Luke 9.28-36

### SUNDAY SERVICES FOR JULY 2023

	Albrighton	Bicton	Bomere Heath	Fitz	Leaton	Montford	Shrawardine
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> July Trinity 4</b>	9.15 am HC	11 am HC		9.30 am HC BCP	10.45 am HC		9.30 am MP
<b>9<sup>th</sup> July Trinity 5</b>		11 am MP	9 am HC		10.45 am MP	9.30 am HC	11 am HC
<b>16<sup>th</sup> July Trinity 6</b>	9.15 am MP	11 am HC		9.30 am HC BCP	10.45 am HC  3pm Forest Church	9.30 am MP	
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> July Trinity 7</b>		6.30pm Hymns and Pimm's	9 am HC		10.45 am MP	11 am HC	9.30 am HC
<b>30<sup>th</sup> July Trinity 8</b>					10.30am United Service		
<b>6<sup>th</sup> August The Transfiguration</b>	9.15 am HC	11 am HC		<b>NO SERVICE</b>	10.45 am HC		9.30 am MP

**HC- Holy Communion; MP- Morning Prayer; BCP- Book of Common 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