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**MARCH LOOP 2024**

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

**Preparing for Easter**

Easter just sneaks in at the end of March this year. It’s lovely that we’ve been able to organise our rota so that we can have an Easter Morning Eucharist at all seven churches- as follows (do note the different times in some cases):

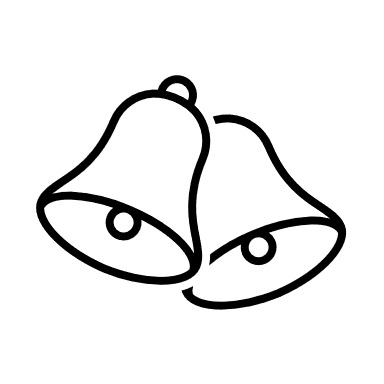
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| ***Shrawardine 8am***  ***Montford 9am***  ***Fitz 10.15am***  ***Bicton 11.15am*** | ***Bomere Heath 8am***  ***Albrighton 9.15am***  ***Leaton 10.45am*** |



In Holy Week, we have a Maundy Thursday Eucharist at Montford at 7pm, and the Agape meal at Bomere Heath, also at 7pm. Then on Good Friday, our Last Hour at the Cross services are at Bomere and Bicton, both at 2pm. Do join us if you can as we journey from the celebration of Palm Sunday through to the agony of the cross… and beyond into resurrection joy.

**Opportunities to join in!**



Back at Christmas we dusted off the Montford handbells and a small group managed a verse of *Silent Night*! We would love to have a group of ringers who can ring a tune or two on Easter Morning at our services in Montford (9am) and Shrawardine (8am). Rather ambitiously, we may even discover that we have enough people to have a separate group at each service. The bells can be quite heavy, so we are suggesting a minimum age of 10 years old, but as long you meet that condition, if you’re interested in joining, please let Hannah know (revhannahlins@gmail.com)- we will have a couple of rehearsals before the day itself. It’s a real lesson in teamwork, as well as a thing of joy to hear the bells chime out.

Secondly, we are holding a one-off Evensong at Fitz on Sunday, 21st April, 6pm. As ever, we’re looking for choir members. If you’re interested in joining, please do let Hannah or Peter know. There’ll be more details in the April Loop. The service will be followed by refreshments- knowing that might help your decision-making!

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Description automatically generated with medium confidence**Forest Church**

We had a great time with the lambs at Huffley! We also managed to make enough sheep for the noticeboard at Bicton- thank you so much (there’s still time to add more fields/ sheep if you took anything home to finish). Our next Forest Church will be on 14th April, 3pm at Preston Montford Field Centre. More details to follow….

**Men’s Breakfast**

David Fletcher and Mike Bell are hoping to organise another breakfast in May- if you are interested, do contact them (01939 290455 and 01939 291140 respectively)

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**Diary Dates**

**Bicton CAMEO Coffee Morning-** 14th March, 10.30am- noon. In church.

**The Stepping Out Café in Bomere Heath-** 27th March, 2.30pm-4pm, Mission Church

**Filling Station**- Knockin Village Hall is on 19th March, 7.10pm for a 7.30pm start. The next one at Rodington Village Hall (SY4 4QS) is on 25th March 2024, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

**Wine, Canapes and Pre-loved Clothes**

Enjoy a glass of wine and canapés while browsing through quality pre-loved clothes and accessories. Have you bought something and only worn it a few times or not at all? Help us be more ethical and environmentally friendly with fashion.

**Montford Parish Hall**, **7.30 p.m, Friday 12th April**

*Tickets £7.50 available from Esther 07484777625 or Tricia 01743 850810*

Bring along clean, quality pre-loved garment(s) on hanger(s) if possible, which you are willing to donate. Some beautiful items have already been donated. Then purchase for a fraction of the cost

something new to you. Day wear, evening wear, wedding outfits, shoes, handbags, hats.There could be children’s wear as well. Proceeds are in aid of Montford and Shrawardine Churches.

**For Your Prayers**

* For the people of Israel and Palestine and the people of Ukraine- for peace.
* For all those preparing for Baptism or Confirmation.
* For those who depend on the health of the land for their livelihood.
* For all who mourn, particularly the family and friends of John Ward, John Onions, Sid Lawley, Roger Bright, Phyllis Rowley and Daphne Feakes.

**Readings for March**

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| **Date** | **Psalm** | **First Reading** | **Second Reading/ Gospel** |
| 3rd March | 19 | Exodus 20.1-17 | John 2.13-22 |
| 10th March | 34.11-20 | 1 Samuel 1.20-28 | John 19.25-27 |
| 17th March | 51.1-13 | Jeremiah 31.31-34 | John 12.20-33 |
| 24th March | 118.1-2, 19-24 | Isaiah 50.4-9a | Mark 11.1-11 |
| 28th March | 116.1,10-17 | Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14 | John 13.1-17,31b-35 |
| 29th March | 22 | Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12 | John 18.1 - 19.42 |
| 31st March | 118.1-2, 14-24 | Acts 10.34-43 | Mark 16.1-8 |
| 7th April | 133 | Acts 4.32-35 | John 20.19-31 |

**SUNDAY SERVICES FOR MARCH 2024**

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|  | **Albrighton** | **Bicton** | **Bomere**  **Heath** | **Fitz** | **Leaton** | **Montford** | **Shrawardine** |
| **3rd March**  **Lent 3**  **Purple** | 9.15 am  HC | 11 am  HC |  | 9.30 am  HC | 10.45 am  HC |  | 9.30 am  MP |
| **10th March**  **Mothering Sunday**  **Purple** |  | 11 am  MP | 9 am  HC |  | 10.45 am  MP | 9.30 am  HC | 11 am  HC |
| **17th March**  **Lent 5**  **Purple** | 9.15 am  MP | 11 am  HC |  | 9.30 am  HC | 10.45 am  HC | 9.30 am  MP |  |
| **24th March**  **Palm Sunday**  **Red** |  | 11 am  MP | 9 am  HC |  | 10.45 am  MP | 11 am  HC | 9.30 am  HC |
| **28th March**  **Maundy Thursday**  **white** |  |  | 7pm  Agape  Meal |  |  | 7pm  Eucharist |  |
| **29th March**  **Good Friday**  **Hangings removed, red for liturgy** |  | 2pm  Last Hour | 2pm  Last Hour |  |  |  |  |
| **31st March**  **Easter Day** | 9.15 am  HC | 11.15 am  HC | 8am  HC | 10.15 am  HC | 10.45 am  HC | 9am  HC | 8am  HC |
| **7th April**  **Easter 2**  **White** | 9.15 am  HC | 11 am  HC |  | 9.30 am  HC | 10.45 am  HC |  | 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.

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DAILY HOPE – national phone line, see number above.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL- www.lichfield-cathedral.org 10.30 am Eucharist