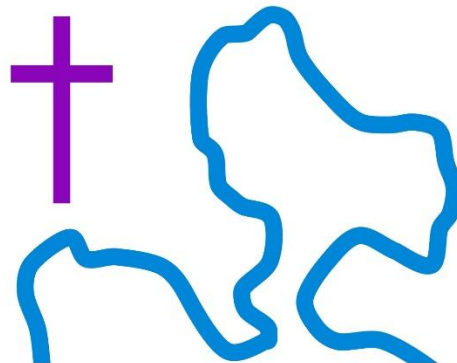


Severn Loop Parishes



Albrighton
Battlefield
Bomere Heath
Leaton
Fitz
Bicton
Montford
Shrawardine

Priest in Charge: Revd Hannah Lins
Assistant Priest: Revd Peter Allan
Pastoral Minister: Mrs Joyce Jagger
Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Philippa Herbert
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APRIL LOOP 2025

Hope-filled? Be part of our Festival of Hope!
27th April- 11th May

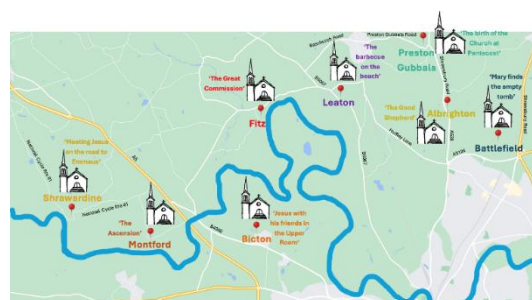
'Hope-filled' - online gallery

How do you express hope? If you have a craft project, Easter display or photo that gives you hope or communicates encouragement, we'd love to add it to our gallery! We are creating an online exhibition of hope-filled images from folk around Severn Loop. If you'd like to be part of it, send us a picture (in landscape orientation), along with your name and a brief description- and we will incorporate it as appropriate. To take a look, go to [Photos - Severn Loop Parishes](https://severnloopparishes.org.uk/news-and-events/). Send entries to severn.loopparishes@gmail.com.

Stations of the Resurrection pilgrimage

Come on a pilgrimage around Severn Loop Parishes! In any order, taking one day or many... each of our churches/ churchyards will have a creative depiction of one of the resurrection stories of Jesus- stories that give us hope in God who continues to transform lives today. Whether it's in the small moments, like the confusion of Mary Magdalene as she peered into an empty tomb; or the enormous moments, like the birth of the Church at Pentecost as God's Spirit filled the people and continues to fill them today; we hope that in each of our displays you will find something that matters, that encourages you and that changes you as you journey onwards.

Shrawardine, Montford, Preston Gubbals and Battlefield will have displays in the church buildings. Bicton, Fitz, Leaton and Albrighton will have displays in the churchyards or church porches. To download a *Pilgrim Passport* and map with parking tips, go to <https://severnloopparishes.org.uk/news-and-events/> from April onwards. *Suitable for all ages.*



Celebration Events

Forest Church- Sunday, 27th April, 3pm-6pm

Church in the open air! Time for exploring, and a mini-pilgrimage from Shrawardine to Montford (about 1.5 miles), where we will have a celebration service. Beginning at Shrawardine, we will have some time to explore nature before heading over the bridleway to Montford, where we will have a short outdoor service. Do bring a packed-tea if you'd like to.

Concert @Leaton Church- Sunday, 4th May, 3pm

Come and enjoy music from *The Ronnies* (a singing group who specialise in WWII music) as we recall the 80th anniversary of VE Day. There is no charge (donations are welcome). Just turn up, but if you do know you are coming please email severn.loopparishes@gmail.com, or phone 01939 290637 as that will help us with catering.

Songs of Praise @Bicton Church- Sunday, 11th May, 5pm

With stories of hymns that gave us strength in difficult times. If you have a story, or a favourite hymn, email revhannahlins@gmail.com. This will be our festival finale!

Holy Week and Easter

Join us on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day- service times and details are at the end of the Loop. Just to be clear, all are welcome at Battlefield, 5.30am!

APCM Meetings

Our annual meetings are coming up in April and May. This is a chance to celebrate all that's going on around Severn Loop and to hear reports from those involved in various ministries in our churches. As last year, I will be giving my review of the year talk as a homily in our morning services. Here are the dates and times:

Parish	APCM date and time	Date of the Priest in Charge report (given in a Sunday service)
Leaton	3 rd April, 7.15pm, Mission Church	11 th May at Bomere 18 th May at Leaton
Albrighton	10 th April, 2pm	18 th May
Montford and Shrawardine	10 th April, 7.15pm, Shrawardine	27 th April at Montford and Shrawardine
Bicton	1 st May, 1.30pm	4 th May
Fitz	8 th May, 6pm	4 th May

Forest Church

Our next Forest Church will be on 27th of April 3-6pm at Shrawardine, details above!

Confirmation

We are delighted that Bishop Michael will be coming to do confirmations on 7th September, 5pm. We are on the look-out for candidates! If you are aged between 10 and 100+, have never been confirmed and would like to make this commitment to the Christian faith, please let me know! We are asking children in the local schools as well, and we have at least one adult in the Loop who has put their name forward- which is very exciting. Please keep all the potential candidates in your prayers.



Loop Life has got off to a lovely start! We've met twice so far, and explored a different Bible story each time. Young people aged between 11-18 (years 7 to 13) are most welcome- please do keep spreading the word. We are hoping eventually to meet twice a month, but diary commitments in April mean that our next meeting will be on **1st May, 7pm, The Rectory in Bicton.**

Diary Dates

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

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

Filling Station- Knockin Village Hall is on 15th April, 7.10pm for a 7.30pm start. The next one at Rodington Village Hall (SY4 4QS) is on 28th April 2025, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

REVS- Saturday, 19th April, 10am-noon, Holy Trinity, Leaton.

For Your Prayers

- For our local farmers.
- For peace.
- For the recently bereaved, especially the family and friends of Glynne Price.
- For our Festival of Hope.
- For those in hospital, and for our NHS.
- For those preparing for baptism.
- For those preparing for marriage- particularly Gemma and George who are getting married on 17th April.

Common Cup

Thank you all for adapting so well to our request that we get back within Canon Law in the way we administer communion- we are very grateful!

Readings for April

Date	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading/ Gospel
6 th April, Lent 5, purple	Psalm 126	Philippians 3. 4b-14	John 12. 1-8
13 th April Palm Sunday, red	Psalm 118. 1-2, 19-29	Philippians 2. 5-11	Luke 19. 28-40
17 th April Maundy Thursday, white then stripped	Psalm 116.1,10- end	1 Corinthians 11.23-26	John 13.1-17,31b-35
18 th April Good Friday, stripped	Psalm 22	Hebrews 10.16-25	John 18.1 - 19.42
20 th April Easter Day, white	Psalm 118. 1-2, 14-24	Acts 10. 34-43	John 20. 1-18
27 th April, Easter 2, white	Psalm 150	Acts 5. 27-32	John 20. 19-31
4 th May, Easter 3, white	Psalm 30	Acts 9. 1-6	John 21. 1-19

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR APRIL 2025

	Albrighton	Bicton	Bomere Heath	Fitz	Leaton	Montford	Shrawardine
6th April	9.15 am HC	11 am HC		9.30 am HC	10.45 am HC		9.30 am MP
13th April		11 am MP	9 am HC		10.45 am MP	9.30 am HC	11 am HC
17th April		7pm Eucharist	7pm Agape Meal				
18th April		2pm Last Hour	2pm Last Hour				
20th April	Battlefield sunrise- 5.30am 9.15 am HC	11.15 am HC	8am HC	10.15 am HC	10.45 am HC	9am HC	8am HC
27th April		11 am MP	9 am HC		10.45 am MP	11 am HC	9.30 am HC 3pm Forest Church
4th May	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. 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
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