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**AUGUST LOOP 2025**

**Summer is here!**

*‘All at once an angel touched him and said, “Get up and eat.” 6He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.7The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.” 8So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he travelled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. 9There he went into a cave and spent the night.’*

1 Kings 19. 5b-9

This story of God’s provision when someone is utterly exhausted and at the end of themselves can feel particularly resonant as the summer holidays begin! If you are ready for a rest, I pray that time away from the usual routines will nourish you- just as the angel nourished Elijah in the cave.

With that in mind, we are very grateful to Revd. Paul Firmin, who will be covering services in August, and to Peter, who will be holding the fort whilst I’m away- do contact him for all Loop business. Here is a summary of the relay (!) of holidays over the coming month:

Joyce- away from 6th-12th August

Dave- away from 24th July- 6th August, 11th August- 13th August

Hannah- away from 2nd August- 26th August

**Please note also that there will be no services at Fitz during August.**

**Forest Church**

Our next Forest Church will be on **21st September** at Battlefield, featuring bulb and possibly herb planting! We had great fun at Bicton with our maypole and nature trail, and we’re very thankful to Sue Dancey and Rosie Dixon for leading us through the afternoon. Despite the heat, 32 people came along, which was very encouraging.

**Diary Dates**

**CAMEO Coffee Morning at Bicton Church-** 14th August, 10.30am-11.30am.

**The Stepping Out Café in Bomere Heath-** 27th August, 2.30pm-4pm

**Filling Station**- THERE IS NO FILLING STATION AT KNOCKIN IN AUGUST. The next one at Rodington Village Hall (SY4 4QS) is on 25th August 2025, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

**REVS-** Saturday, 16th August, 10am-noon, Holy Trinity, Leaton.

**Home Groups**

Until recently, we had two home groups in Severn Loop. In a typical evening, people spend time together in fellowship, Bible study and prayer. *Seekers* meets on a Monday evening, 7.30pm, at the home of Chris and Robin Oake, in Bicton. They are having a summer break at the moment and will begin again on 8th September. During the week before that, Chris is organising a meal out- particularly with any new recruits in mind. If you would like to know more, do get in touch with her on 01743 850421.

We are also looking to relaunch a group in Bomere Heath, on a Wednesday night. We’ll meet in the Mission Church initially, and probably we will then do a combination of meeting in person in the lighter months, and online in winter. We’d love to hear from anyone who might be interested. Dave and I will get it underway, and then we will see where things take us. We will make a start on a Wednesday night in September- look out for dates and details in the next Loop.

**Dementia-Friendly Churches**

Another year has passed, and we have reviewed our targets to help us work towards becoming a Dementia-Friendly Church. The targets are below. One of them is to go along to a training session. Luckily, one is being held at Oxon on 8th November. It would be great if some of us could attend- particularly anyone who is on the Worship Team for leading services, as this will also serve as our training provision for the coming term. Contact Hannah for details.

1. Work with Bomere Heath School to refresh connections on dementia-friendly school and church, sharing a staff training session on dementia-friendly school.
2. Have available the Diocese of Lichfield “Book of Prayers” through dementia to share within our churches and community.
3. Publicise the “Dementia-Friendly Church Training” morning that will be held at Oxon Parish Church in Shrewsbury on Saturday 8 November, encouraging people to attend.

**For Your Prayers**

* For our local farmers.
* For peace, and for food convoys to get through to those in need.
* For the recently bereaved, especially the family and friends of David Clarke and Brian Rowley.
* For Forest Church and our ministry to children.
* For those in hospital, and for our NHS.
* For those enjoying a holiday now or soon.
* For Lucinda and Huw and Catrin and Andrew, all getting married in Severn Loop soon.
* For those preparing for baptism.

**Deanery Synod News**

We recently enjoyed an excellent Deanery Synod on Mental Health, led by Revd. Charlotte Gompertz (vicar of Oxon). Using Luke 8.26-39 she spoke about the importance of understanding the difficulties any of us can have with our mental health, and how to welcome and give dignity to those coming into our churches who may be experiencing seasons of mental illness. If you would like to find out more, she is leading a diocesan training day on 3rd October, in Lichfield. Contact Hannah for more information.

**Confirmations!**

We are delighted to be holding a confirmation service on 7th September, 5pm at Leaton Church. We already have a good number of candidates, who have been preparing for this significant moment in faith- where they will declare for themselves their Christian belief and receive Holy Communion. Bishop Michael will be coming for the service, and we would love to see as many of you there as possible. There will be no morning service at Leaton on that day.

**Readings for August**

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| **Date** | **Psalm** | **First Reading** | **Second Reading/ Gospel** |
| 3rd AugustTrinity 7, green | Psalm 49.1-12 | Colossians 3.1-11 | Luke 12.13-21 |
| 10th AugustTrinity 8, green | Psalm 33.12-22 | Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16 | Luke 12.32-40 |
| 17th AugustTrinity 9, green | Psalm 82 | Hebrews 11.29-12.2 | Luke 12.49-56 |
| 24th AugustTrinity 10, green | Psalm 103.1-8 | Hebrews 12.18-29 | Luke 13.10-17 |
| 31st AugustTrinity 11, green | Psalm 112 | Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16 | Luke 14.1, 7-14 |
| 7th SeptemberTrinity 12, green | Psalm 1 | Philemon 1-12 | Luke 14.25-33 |

**SUNDAY SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2025**

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|  | **Albrighton** | **Bicton** | **Bomere** **Heath** | **Fitz** | **Leaton** | **Montford** | **Shrawardine** |
| 3rd August | 9.15 amHC | 11 amHC |  | No service | 10.45 amHC |  | 9.30 amMP |
| 10th August |  | 11 amMP | 9 amHC |  | 10.45 amMP | 9.30 amHC | 11 amHC |
| 17th August | 9.15 amMP | 11 amHC |  | No service | 10.45 amHC | 9.30 amMP |  |
| 24th August |  | 11 amMP  | 9 amHC |  | 10.45 amMP  | 11 amHC | 9.30 amHC |
| 31st August | 10.30amHC with prayer for healing  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7th September | 9.15 amHC | 11 amHC |  | 9.30 amMP | 5.00 pmConfirmation |  | 9.30 amMP |

***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

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