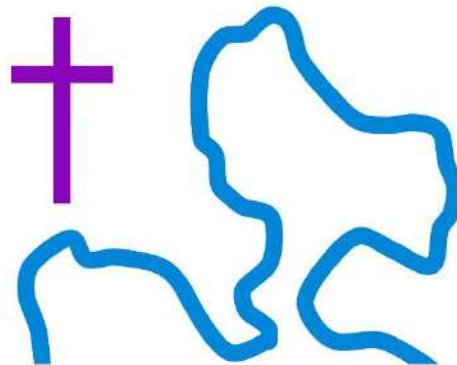


# Severn Loop Parishes



Albrighton  
Battlefield  
Bomere Heath  
Leaton  
Fitz  
Bicton  
Montford  
Shrawardine

**Priest in Charge:** Revd Hannah Lins  
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**Curate:** Revd David Latcham  
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**Safeguarding Officer:** Mrs Philippa Herbert  
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## DECEMBER LOOP 2025

*Can we find traces of the Gospel on the telly?!*



One of the most popular programmes on TV last Christmas was the latest Wallace and Gromit film- *Vengeance most Fowl*.

Behind the cute and creative style, there are some deep messages about good and evil, home and alienation, love, friendship, distraction and the limits of technology! And because it was so widely watched, we know too that it has meaning for our culture- not just in the

charm of stop-go animation, but also in the substance of the story. How do some of those themes help us to understand the love of God in Christ? What resonances might they have with the Gospel message?

On Tuesday mornings during advent, we are going to explore these very questions. We will begin with a short service of Holy Communion, and then (with a cup of coffee in our hands) we will watch a section of the film and discuss its message. We will be joined by our methodist friends, and all are welcome!

10.45am- noon, The Mission Church in Bomere Heath, Tuesdays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> December.

## *Christmas Carol Services*

### **Carol Services around Severn Loop:**

Battlefield- 20<sup>th</sup> December, 11am  
Bicton- 14<sup>th</sup> December, 5pm  
Albrighton Morning Prayer with Carols- 21<sup>st</sup>  
December, 9.15am  
Montford- 14<sup>th</sup> December, 11am  
Leaton- 14<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm  
Preston Gubbals- 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm  
Fitz- 21<sup>st</sup> December, 5pm followed by refreshments at  
The Old Rectory (by kind invitation of the Leach  
family)  
Shrawardine- 21<sup>st</sup> December, 7pm

*Carol singing in the Red Lion pub in  
Bomere Heath will be on 19<sup>th</sup>  
December, 6pm.*



**Stille Nacht**  
**German Christmas Music**

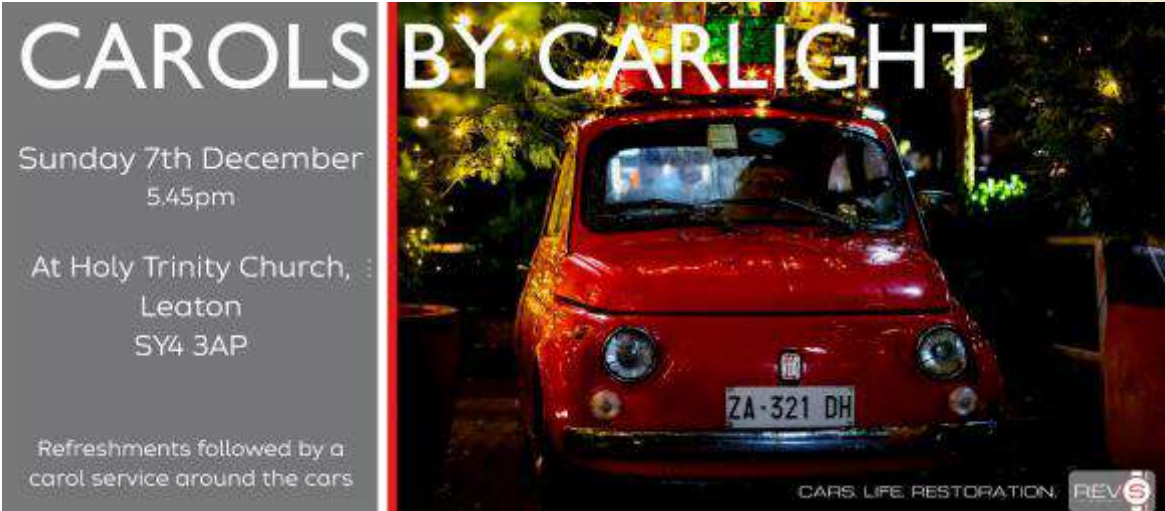
Motje Wolf - Mezzo-Soprano  
Sara Wilander- Piano

Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
5 pm

St. Peter and Paul, Fitz, Shrewsbury  
(Free parking at Fitz Village Hall, SY4 3AS)

Free admission with a retiring collection.

How to find the Church with What3Words:  
click [w3w.co/gives.definite.nicely](https://w3w.co/gives.definite.nicely) to open in a browser or tap to open in the App



**CAROLS BY CARLIGHT**

Sunday 7th December  
5.45pm

At Holy Trinity Church,  
Leaton  
SY4 3AP

Refreshments followed by a  
carol service around the cars

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### *Fancy a Loopy Sunday Afternoon?*

In the new year, we aim to start an informal, Sunday afternoon worship time, meeting at 3pm on the 2nd Sunday each month at Bomere Mission Church. Our plans are still coming together, but we want something that is open for those who might find an afternoon session with interactive stories and activities helpful. If this interests you, and you would like to hear more going forwards, drop Dave an email - [rev.latcham@gmail.com](mailto:rev.latcham@gmail.com)

### *Montford and Shrawardine Pantomime*

Montford Parish Hall Management Committee with Montford and Shrawardine Social Committee present The Severn Loop Players in:

**ALICE IN WONDERLAND**

written by Michele Lee

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7.30 p.m. Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 2.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Tickets: Adults £9. School age children 16 and under £4.50 (includes light refreshments)

Available from Tricia 01743 850810 or 07780 523615



## *Prayer Shawl Ministry- a message from Joyce*

Definition : Prayer shawl ministry combines the art of knitting or crocheting with prayer to create shawls that provide comfort and love. They are a tangible expression of care and support. Each stitch is infused with love and intention making the shawl a form of prayer".



This slightly formal definition does not do justice to the deep joy and emotional response that is displayed by those receiving a prayer shawl. The shawls are often, although not always, given to individuals during difficult times; those who have the gift of creativity give something special to a person who might be struggling. It is a physical reminder of the love and prayers surrounding them and a reminder that they are not forgotten or alone. They are not forgotten by us and they are not forgotten by God. The prayer shawls are accompanied with a personal prayer when being



delivered. A shawl always seems to arrive just when one is needed so thank you to the knitters in the Loop. Patterns can be found on the [website](#) (and I have been asked this, so yes, you can watch tv while knitting!). If you have kindly created a prayer shawl please give to Hannah, Peter, Dave or Joyce and we will ensure that it gets to the right place. This is always confidential.

### *Sunday@6*

Please note, there will be **NO** Sunday@6 on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December- we are all hands to the deck for our carol services!

### *Save the Date*

Bicton Church are hosting a talk with refreshments on the afternoon of Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026. It's called 'The Biscuit Club' and is a fascinating insight into the frontline nursing in Afghanistan. More information next month.

### *Diary Dates*

**CAMEO Coffee Morning at Bicton Church-** 11<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30am-11.30am.

**The Stepping Out Café in Bomere Heath-** None in December.

**Filling Station-** There is no Filling Station in December.

**REVS-** None in December- but there is a Carols by Carlight service, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 5.45pm.

### *Thank you*

An enormous thank you to all of you involved in making our Christmas services happen- to churchwardens, organists, welcomers, cleaners, decorators, readers. Christmas is a very special time in the Loop, and we hope and pray that those who come to our churches will experience the love of God-with-us- Emmanuel.



## *For Your Prayers*

- For our local farmers.
- For peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.
- For our local schools as we welcome them into church at Christmas time.
- For our new lunch club at Corbet School, exploring the questions of faith.
- For all who will come to our Christmas services and events.
- For the children in the choir and handbell club at Bicton, as they visit nursing homes in the area.
- For those in hospital, and for our NHS.
- For those sleeping on the streets as the nights get cooler.
- For the recently bereaved- particularly the family and friends of Maurice Hoare, Jim Anderson, Peggy Ward, John Kaye and John Pugh.

## *Readings for December*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Second/ Gospel Reading</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 2	72. 1-7, 18, 19	Romans 15. 4-13	Matthew 3. 1-12
14 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 3	146. 4-10	James 5. 7-10	Matthew 11. 2-11
21 <sup>st</sup> December Advent 4	80. 1-8, 18-20	Romans 1. 1-7	Matthew 1. 18-25
Christmas Night/ Christmas Day		Isaiah 9.2-7	Luke 2. 1-20
28 <sup>th</sup> December Holy Innocents	124	1 Corinthians 1. 26-29	Matthew 2. 13-18
4 <sup>th</sup> January	72. [1-9] 10-15	Ephesians 3. 1-12	Matthew 2. 1-12

*Please note that on 28th December, there will only be one service in Severn Loop- a united service at the Leaton Church, 10.30am.*

*See next page for service details....*

## SUNDAY SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2025

	Albrighton	Bicton	Bomere Heath	Fitz	Leaton	Montford	Shrawardine
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>purple</i>	9.15 am HC  2pm Preston Gubbals Carol Service	11 am HC		9.30 am MP	10.45 am HC		9.30 am MP
<b>14<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>purple</i>		5pm Carol Service	9 am HC		7pm Carol Service	11am Carol Service	
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	11am Battlefield Carol Service						
<b>21<sup>st</sup> December</b> <i>Purple</i>	9.15 am MP with Carols	11am HC		9.30 am HC 5pm Carol Service	10.45am HC	9.30am MP	7pm Carol Service
<b>24<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i> White		4pm Crib Service  9pm Christmas Communion			4pm Crib Service  11.30pm Christmas Communion	5.30pm Family Christmas Communion and Carols	
<b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>Christmas Day</i> White	9.30am Christmas Communion		10.30am Christmas Communion	10.30am Christmas Communion			9am Christmas Communion
<b>28<sup>th</sup> December</b> White					10.30am United Service		

**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. 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