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## Loop Special – Sunday 7 February 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

Collect, Readings and a Sermon are on the website

### ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP TODAY:

**PYJAMA CHURCH 9.30 pm** – Film premieres, available any time after that. Access via Trinity Churches' website & Facebook.

**SUNDAY AT SIX 6 pm** via Zoom – email Mary-Lou to receive the link which is sent out on Sunday. You can also phone in to participate. Please ask for details if you cannot Zoom.

### SHARING THE LIGHT IN THE LOOP

Our own weekly phone line worship – see top of this page for the local number to call.

**DAILY HOPE** – national phone line, see number above.

### LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL

[www.lichfield-cathedral.org](http://www.lichfield-cathedral.org)

Sung Eucharist live-streamed direct from the Cathedral.

Sundays at 10.30 am.

### Suspension of Public Worship:

As promised, this decision was reviewed early this week. Although the tremendous progress with vaccinations was noted, the rate of infections and number of deaths is felt still to be too high to risk re-opening our churches at this point. There will be a further review once we hear the advice and any new regulations from government later this month. We are in step with all other churches in the deanery.

Mary-Lou

### ONLINE WEEKLY SUNDAY WORSHIP

Your link for this Sunday is

<https://youtu.be/xXk7MqD2oRg>

Copy and paste the link into your web browser.

### For our prayers ....

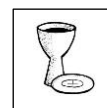
- Pray for the people of Myanmar, following this week's coup.
- Pray for Northern Ireland - for relationships over the highly sensitive border issues; for resolution of the problems of the supply of food and other goods; for peace to be restored amid such unease and tension.
- Give thanks for the amazing success of the vaccines rollout in our area.
- Pray for those who are ill at this time.
- Pray for all who mourn, including Hannah and the family, who have suffered a family bereavement this week, and giving thanks for the life of Captain Tom.

### THE EUCHARIST

Your clergy will offer the Eucharist at home on behalf of us all at the following times:

Peter and Hannah – 8 am

Mary-Lou – 11 am.



You can share in this by praying with the **Spiritual Communion** resource which is available on the website.

## LENT 2021 - Ash Wednesday – 17 February – LENT BEGINS!

Sadly, another Lent is going to be affected by the pandemic. The Bishop has not chosen a Lent book for the Diocese this year – instead he is encouraging all of us to prepare by a greater devotion to prayer and worship, especially at home. So we have been planning how to mark this important time of the Church's year and we invite you all to take part if you can.



### Ash Wednesday – 9.30 am Pyjama Church service online

**Ash Wednesday - 11.30 am:** Our **Online Eucharist** for this special day, to be released so you can participate at 11.30 am, which is the time when we usually come together to worship. We hope to enable you to share in the traditional practice of ashing at home – more details next week! (If you can't manage 11.30 am, the film will be available at any point after that time so you won't miss out.)

### Ash Wednesday – 7 to 8 pm - Bible Study - Home Group via Zoom:

A chance to look more deeply at a passage from the Bible and share the company of others. Let one of the team know if you'd like to be part of this so we can make sure you receive the invitation link. All are welcome.

### Ash Wednesday – 8 pm - 24/7 Prayer begins

Our next Severn Loop House of Prayer opens straight after the Bible Study and continues to 8 pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate please contact Philippa Herbert on [Philippa.herbert@btinternet.com](mailto:Philippa.herbert@btinternet.com) or 07871 865253.

### Jars of Grace

We won't be able to hold any Lent lunches this year and the Bishop is not holding the usual Lent Appeal. But we think some of you will already be familiar with the idea of a 'Jar of Grace'. Through the Easter season last year we had Blessing Jars, as we offered our thanks for the particular blessings God was giving us, even in the midst of the continuing pandemic. **A Jar of Grace, is a simple way of giving.** While we're at home so much, instead of coming to a Lent lunch, we invite you to have your own simple – frugal! – lunch, once a week. As you do so, you put into your own Jar of Grace either real cash money (although that's in short supply at the Rectory!) or a note of how much you would like to give/pay forward at Easter. The giving is sometimes thought of as what you might have spent on the meal if you weren't making it a more frugal one, but you can put in whatever you feel is appropriate and being more generous if you can is always fine! At Easter, you decide where you would like to give the contents of your Jar of Grace. We're not going to say we'll all give to just one nominate charity, but we'd love it if as many as possible of us can take part and give to the charity of our choice. Grace received – grace given in our response of love. You may know the worship song *Freely, freely, you have received, freely, freely give*. Jars of Grace can be a way of introducing a small but helpful discipline into our Christian faith through Lent. They're also a sign and a practical way of our response to God's grace into practice. **Why not start on Ash Wednesday after participating in our online worship?**

### Weekly Prayer and Worship

The ministry team invites you to join us **every Wednesday through Lent from 24 April to share in Midday Prayers via Zoom**. You may remember we did this through the final days of Advent. It will last 20-30 minutes, allowing some time to catch up with each other as well as to worship. You don't have to commit to being there every week, you'll be welcome to drop in now and again. You will just need to let us know if you'd like to be part of this, so that we can send you the invitation link.

### Daily Prayer in Holy Week

Gather every day for Midday Prayer via Zoom through the most holy week of the Church's year.

