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## MARCH LOOP 2023

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

### *Good news about Peter!*

We are delighted to formally announce that Fr. Peter Allan will be with us in the Loop for some time to come. Peter writes:

‘The Lord moves in mysterious ways...! When the end of my agreed three years in Severn Loop came to an end there was some uncertainty – for you, for me and for the monastic Community at Mirfield. All I can say is thank you to one and all for enabling me to spend a little longer in this little patch of the Lord’s vineyard. You all do me much good, and if I am able to give a little support and encouragement then I am glad. Brother Roger, the founder of Taizé, was very insistent in reminding us that everything in this world is **provisional**, and I have his words much in mind!’

He will continue to serve as Assistant Priest to Severn Loop Parishes, but with a new working agreement, which has been approved by all our PCCs (as well as the Diocese and the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield). We are very grateful, and VERY blessed!

### *Coffee and Play Warm Space*

Last month I wrote about this new group which runs on Tuesday mornings in the Mission Church, and is an opportunity for caregivers and babies to meet up. Our role is to host the space- so set-up, make (and clear away) refreshments and sit and chat with those who come. It’s very much a ministry of welcome, and does require some physical work. If anybody would like to be part of a hospitality rota for this, do let me (Hannah) know- at the moment I do this every week, but it would be wonderful to share the load a bit- if you think you could help, please get in touch- I’d be so grateful.

### *Forest Church*

Our next Forest Church will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 3pm at Shrawardine. We will be based in the church grounds, and there will be an opportunity to make an Easter Garden to take home. We will also have chance to sample the newly developed church porch- which contains picnic blankets for visitors, and even a puncture repair kit!

I’ll send directions and details nearer the time, but we do hope to see you there.

## Confirmation

We are very excited to announce that Bishop Sarah will be coming to do a Service of Confirmation on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 4pm. We now just need some candidates! In the Anglican Church, where infant baptism is common, confirmation is an opportunity to affirm our faith for ourselves- it's also traditionally been linked to receiving holy communion. I'm going to invite children from years 5 and 6 in our local schools to consider whether they would like to be confirmed, but if you know of anybody else who would be interested, then please do send them our way! We would love to have as many candidates as possible when November comes. To be confirmed, a person must first have been baptised- so for those candidates who have not yet been baptised, there is that to look forward to as well. Bishop Sarah is happy to confirm anyone who is at least ten years old- and there is absolutely no upper age limit!

## Lent and Easter

We have a series of midweek Eucharists running from 1<sup>st</sup> March to the 29<sup>th</sup> March inclusive (Wednesdays, 10am, The Mission Church in Bomere Heath), followed by coffee and a discussion. Each week our discussion will be based on the Lenten material from the *Visual Commentary on Scripture*.

Looking ahead to Holy Week, here is the plan:

<b>Palm Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> April)-</b>	Forest Church at Shrawardine, 3pm.
<b>Maundy Thursday (6<sup>th</sup> April)-</b>	Ecumenical Agape at Bomere Mission Church, 7pm. Eucharist at Shrawardine, 7pm
<b>Good Friday (7<sup>th</sup> April)-</b>	Last Hour at the cross Bicton, 2pm. Last Hour at the cross Leaton, 2pm.
<b>Easter Day (9<sup>th</sup> April)-</b>	Shrawardine and Bomere, 8am Montford, 9am Albrighton, 9.15am Fitz, 10.15am Leaton, 10.45am Bicton, 11.15am

## For Your Prayers

- Those who have been bereaved.
- The people of Ukraine and other places where war rages.
- For all refugees.
- For our local farming community.
- For all who work in the public sector.
- For policy-makers and those in government- for wisdom, integrity and a steady hand.
- For the work of our Foodbank, Food Hub, The Ark, Street Pastors and other local charities.

## Diary Dates

**Women's World Day of Prayer-** 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Shrewsbury Abbey, 10.30am.

**Bicton CAMEO Coffee Morning-** 9<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30am- noon. In church.

**Fitz Easter Family Bingo-** **To be confirmed-** 18<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm, Fitz Village Hall.

**The Stepping Out Café in Bomere Heath-** 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2.30pm-4pm

**Filling Station-** is now back meeting in person! The next one at Knockin Village Hall is on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 7.10pm for a 7.30pm start. The next one at Rodington Village Hall (SY4 4QS) is on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

## Readings for March

Date	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading/ Gospel
Sun 5 March	121	Genesis 12.1-4a	John 3.1-17
Sun 12 March	95	Exodus 17.1-7	John 4.5-42
Sun 19 March	34.11-20	Exodus 2.1-10	Luke 2.33-35
Sun 26 March	130	Ezekiel 37.1-14	John 11.1-45
Sun 2 April	118.1-2,19-29	Isaiah 50.4-9a	Matthew 21.1-11

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## *Save the date: something to look forward to!*

On Corpus Christi (8<sup>th</sup> June) we are hoping to have a Severn Loop Summer Garden Party! There will be a sung Eucharist at Leaton at 4pm, followed by a get-together at Albrighton House from 5pm onwards, kindly hosted by Joyce and David Jagger.

**SUNDAY SERVICES FOR MARCH 2023**

*HC- Holy Communion; MP- Morning Prayer*

	<b>Albrighton</b>	<b>Bicton</b>	<b>Bomere Heath</b>	<b>Fitz</b>	<b>Leaton</b>	<b>Montford</b>	<b>Shrawardine</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> March 2<sup>nd</sup> of Lent Purple</b>	<b>NO SERVICE</b>	11 am HC		9.30 am HC BCP	10.45 am HC		9.30 am MP
<b>12<sup>th</sup> March 3<sup>rd</sup> of Lent Purple</b>		11 am MP	9 am HC		10.45 am MP	9.30 am HC	11 am HC
<b>19<sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday Purple</b>	<b>NO SERVICE</b>	11 am HC		9.30 am HC BCP	10.45 am HC	9.30 am MP	
<b>26<sup>th</sup> March 5<sup>th</sup> of Lent Purple</b>		11 am MP	9 am HC		10.45 am MP	11 am HC	9.30 am HC
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April Palm Sunday Red</b>	9.15 am HC	11 am HC		9.30 am HC BCP	10.45 am HC with Baptism		9.30 am MP  3pm Forest Church

**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

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