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## FEBRUARY LOOP 2025

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

### *Welcome to Dave!*

We are delighted to announce that David Latcham will be joining us at the end of June... as our Curate! You may remember that this is how I first landed here, eight years ago. It'll be a joy and a privilege to welcome Dave to the team, and the whole family to Severn Loop, as he serves his title with us. It's also a lovely bit of synchronicity because it's exactly two years since Dave preached at our Candlemas service, after having completed a short placement with us. Dave has been studying for ordination at Trinity College Bristol, but has been doing so from a distance, having been based in Shrewsbury and on placement across the border in Oxon parish. He is married to Sarah, and together they have three energetic young boys in Marty, Jago and Gilbert (pictured the other way round on the photo!). Dave writes...



*"I'm really looking forward to coming back to Severn Loop. I enjoyed my time dipping into the life and ministry of the parishes a couple of years back, and am excited to be able to learn and serve amongst you, and alongside Hannah and the team. Do be praying for me as I complete my academic training and prepare for all that ordained ministry will have to throw at me, and for our family as we all adjust to these changes. We look forward to meeting you all!"*

Before pursuing ordained ministry, Dave worked locally for the Alzheimer's Society as a Dementia Support Worker, and has also previously worked as a Graphic Designer. He enjoys walking, gardening and board games, and as a family they will often be found exploring the countryside and historical sites. Inspired by Sarah's knowledge as a local Classics teacher, they recently enjoyed a trip to Athens that combined both their biblical and classical interests. They anticipate many muddy walks exploring the countryside and communities of Severn Loop.

## *Forest Church*

Our next Forest Church will be on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 3pm at Leaton Forest (by kind invitation of Mr Charles Bridgeman). There will be plenty of wildlife, as well as crafts and den building! Please dress for the weather, although there is plenty of shelter if we need it. Refreshments will be provided.

## *Street Pastors are looking for new recruits*

Street Pastors are a team of Volunteers who go out on Saturday Evenings and help those who may be in need. From homeless people to drunk people trying to get home, Street Pastors are the "Good Samaritans" on the streets of Shrewsbury for those who need a helping hand. Armed with First Aid kits, Professional Training and equipment, Bottles of water, flip flops and of course lollypops, Street Pastors are prepared to help whatever the circumstance, to make sure everyone gets home safe and sound. Although they make a huge difference to the town, they continue to search for people with a caring heart and a spare Saturday Evening once a month to join in volunteering so they can continue with the amazing work they do. Could this be you? Why not get in touch and come along as an Observer to see what it is all about, no commitments, no catches, just kind and caring people! Get in touch at [shrewsbury@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:shrewsbury@streetpastors.org.uk)"

Anni Dean (a member of our Leaton congregation) writes:

*'I have been a Street Pastor for 2 years now, doing a patrol on Saturday evenings, once a month. You never know what situations you're going to come across - I love caring for people when they are at their most vulnerable - I am proud to represent the Church on the Streets.'*



## *'Looking after each other' - lunch and fellowship*



On 23<sup>rd</sup> February (12.30pm-3pm), we will be hosting a lunch at the Mission Church for anyone from any of our congregations. Please consider yourself invited! After enjoying a meal together, we will have an opportunity to think about how we look out for each other in our church communities, and how Joyce's ministry in particular fits into the life of Severn Loop. A hot lunch will be provided- if you'd like to come along, do let Hannah know ([revhannahlins@gmail.com](mailto:revhannahlins@gmail.com)), along with any dietary requirements.

## *A group for young people*

We're hoping to start a Bible-study and friendship group for young people fortnightly, in the evenings. It'll be open to anyone of secondary school age who might be interested. Please get in touch with Hannah if you would like to know more.

## *Pancakes and Quiz Night*

4<sup>th</sup> March, 7 30 pm

The Mission Church in Bomere Heath  
Tickets £5 from Pat Hall (01939 290637)



## *Lent*

**Ash Wednesday-** 5<sup>th</sup> March- Service with Ashing, 11.30am, Bicton Church. Please let Wendy Horan know if you'd like to stay for the soup lunch (01743 850237).

**Ecumenical midweek communion and discussion-** 10.45am on Tuesdays 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March, and 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> April. In the Mission Church in Bomere Heath.

## *Diary Dates*

**CAMEO Coffee Morning at Seven Hills, Bicton Lane-** 13<sup>th</sup> February, 10.30am-11.30am.

**The Stepping Out Café in Bomere Heath-** 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2.30pm-4pm

**Filling Station-** Knockin Village Hall is on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 7.10pm for a 7.30pm start. The next one at Rodington Village Hall (SY4 4QS) is on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

**REVS-** Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 10am-noon, Holy Trinity, Leaton.

## *For Your Prayers*

- For our local farmers.
- For peace.
- For the recently bereaved, especially the family and friends of Bert Clarke and Jean Jones.
- For Forest Church and our ministry to children.
- For those in hospital, and for our NHS.
- For those sleeping on the streets as the nights are so cold.



## *The Feast of St Chad*

Because Mothering Sunday falls on the fifth Sunday of the month this year, we will have a united service on the first Sunday in March. This happens to be the Feast of St Chad, so we will be going to St Chad's, Montford to celebrate! 10.30am, 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

## *A Festival of Hope- save the dates!*

**We have had to swap a couple of dates,** so if you wrote anything in your diary last month, you'll need to change the Songs of Praise and the concert around- as below...

### **Forest Church**

With a mini-pilgrimage from Shrawardine to Montford- *Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 3pm-6pm*

### **Concert @Leaton**

Come and enjoy music from WWII as we recall the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day

*Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 3pm*

### **Songs of Praise @Bicton**

With stories of hymns that gave us strength in difficult times- *Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 5pm*

## *Readings for February*

Date	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading/ Gospel
2 <sup>nd</sup> February Candlemas, white	Psalm 24.1-10	Hebrews 2.14-18	Luke 2.22-40
9 <sup>th</sup> February 4 before Lent, green	Psalm 138	1 Corinthians 15.1-11	Luke 5.1-11
16 <sup>th</sup> February 3 before Lent, green	Psalm 1	1 Corinthians 15.12-20	Luke 6.17-26
23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2 before Lent, green	Psalm 65	Revelation 4	Luke 8.22-25
2 <sup>nd</sup> March Feast of St Chad, white	Psalm 99	Acts 13.46-49	Matthew 9.35-38

### SUNDAY SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2025

	Albrighton	Bicton	Bomere Heath	Fitz	Leaton	Montford	Shrawardine
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>		10.30am united service					
<b>9<sup>th</sup> February</b>		11 am MP	9 am HC		10.45 am MP  3pm Forest Church Leaton Forest	9.30 am HC	11 am HC
<b>16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9.15 am MP	11 am HC		9.30 am HC	10.45 am HC	9.30 am MP	
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>		11 am MP	9 am HC		10.45 am MP	11 am HC	9.30 am HC
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>						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. 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