

News Sheet

Sunday 10th December

2nd of Advent



Welcome

**This church is part of
the Heart of England Group of Parishes:
Bidford on Avon, Binton, Exhall,
Salford Priors, Temple Grafton & Wixford**

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY (10TH December)

8.00am	Holy Communion	Temple Grafton
10.00am	Holy Communion (with Christmas Trees)	Bidford
10.30am	Holy Communion + MUDDY CHURCH	Salford Priors
11.00am	Village Praise	Exhall

3RD SUNDAY

8.00am	Holy Communion	Exhall
10.00am	Carol Service	Bidford
3.00pm	Carol Service	Exhall
4.00pm	Carol Service	Salford Priors

Please note there is NO morning service at Salford Priors on 17th December

*If you are visiting us today or are here for the first time, we
hope you have felt welcomed and have enjoyed worshipping here.
Do please introduce yourself to someone after the service.*



**Worshipping God
Making new Disciples
Transforming Communities**



For your prayers this week:



Little ELOISE ZOE has had a set-back. Please pray that the seizures can be controlled and that the neurologist's appointment will be soon.

RHIANNON SIMMONS's foot has healed. We ask that she will soon have a neurologist appointment and that the right medication will be given to halt her seizures.

We pray for the family of JOSEPHINE, especially her sister Jackie.

JOANNA TRAVERS is in need of effective pain relief and healing from a long term illness.

Please pray that SYLVIA MULLER will continue to know the assurance of God's love and that progress will be made in finding a cure for Parkinson's Disease.

We pray that JUDITH MEEHAN's strength will grow following radiotherapy.

NADJA, CAM & ROSIE will be facing a particularly difficult time before Christmas. Please pray for their courage and for justice to be done.

Please pray that TERRY SINGLEHURST will find new peace and joy.

ALEX WARING is waiting for an appointment with a specialist in FND.

ALAN (Margaret's son) is waiting for an appointment.

PETER DIXON is waiting for an operation.

We pray that BETHANY MORRISS will be well enough to continue working and that she will soon have an effective diagnosis and treatment.

DOREEN BLUNDALL is starting an intensive round of chemo and radiation therapy.

MICHAEL MACDONALD (husband of Mandy's cousin Jane) Following his major operation on 20th November he is now recovering at home. The family thank you for your prayers.

Father God we give thanks that we have received planning permission to go ahead with the roof repairs and we pray that we will soon receive the required faculty.

Loving Heavenly Father would you:

- come close to all those shouldering more responsibility with several parishes in vacancy.
- be with our PCCs and archdeacon when they meet concerning the recruitment of a new rector.
- help those striving for active and effective peacemaking at an international political level concerning the wars in Gaza and Israel and Ukraine and Russia. We give thanks that there has been an exchange of hostages and prisoners in Gaza and Israel.
- comfort those grieving the loss of loved ones.
- be close to those whose homes have been destroyed.
- be with those working to provide relief and aid to those in distress and fear and we ask you to watch over them, especially Kate and those involved with Medics to Medics.
- strengthen those who are persecuted for their faith.

Help us to carry your light into the darkness wherever you have placed us, bringing comfort and hope to the lonely, anxious and bereaved.

For people to be included in the Prayer List, please direct your requests to Denise Andreo (☎ 07791 347651) or deniseandreo@gmail.com

There will be a short informal **Prayer Meeting in St Matthew's Church every Tuesday morning at 9.30 a.m. commencing on 12th December, when we will pray for ourselves, our church and community and the wider world.
Please come to join together and lift to our Heavenly Father those issues weighing on our hearts.**



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Mother's Union would like to invite you to a three-course lunch.
on **Friday 15th December at 12.30**
in St Laurence Church Rooms.
Come along and enjoy some fellowship.
Everyone welcome!

Book by Monday 11th December

by contacting:

Caroline Leahy 07811244279 or
Christine Debenham 07401112973

Cost £5, places limited.

St Peter's have quite a lot of Mission Praise, combined words edition, from the 1990s. As they now use a newer edition, they are offering the old copies to other Churches/organisations who could make good use of them.

Please contact Vivien Gillman for more information: **vivien@gillman.org**

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<http://www.facebook.com/stmatthewschurchsalfordpriors/>

There's plenty of festive services going on around the benefice over the next few weeks.

We'd love for you to join us over the Christmas period!

News and updates of services and other activities across the Heart of England Parishes can be found on our websites:

www.heartparishes.org.uk & www.stmatthewssalfordpriors.org.uk

You can also follow 'St Matthews Church Salford Priors'



 <u>Special Christmas Services</u> 			
17th December	10.00am	Carol Service	Bidford
	3.00pm	Carol Service	Exhall
	4.00pm	Carol Service	Salford Priors
20th December	7.00pm	Carol Service	Binton
 24th December	3.00pm	Nativity Service	Binton
	4.00pm	Crib Service	Bidford
	4.00pm	"Follow the Star" Family Service	Salford Priors
	9.30pm	Holy Communion	Wixford
	9.30pm	Holy Communion	Salford Priors
25th December	10.00am	Family Communion	Bidford
	10.30am	Family Communion	Binton
	10.30am	Family Service	Salford Priors
	11.00am	Family Communion	Exhall

<u>Readings:</u>	10th December ADVENT	17th December ADVENT	24th December ADVENT	31st December
1st Reading	Isaiah 40.1-11	Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-end	2 Samuel 7.1-11,16	Isaiah 61.10– 62.3
2nd Reading	2 Peter 3.8-15a	1 Thessalonians 5.16-24	Romans 16.25-27	Galations 4.4-7
Gospel	Mark 1.1-8	John 1.6-8, 19-28	Luke 1.26-38	Luke 2.15-21