

For Your Prayers This Month:

- The appointment process for the vacant Rector post – for the wounds of disappointment to heal and for fresh hope, especially we pray for our Parish reps.
- For those waiting for hospital appointments or undergoing treatments: Alex, Mike, Andrew and John.
- For those with life-limiting conditions: Doreen, Sylvia, June, Myrtle, Daphne, Marion.
- For those with long term health issues: Rhiannon, Joanna, Sheila Penney (Sheila continues her recovery in Pershore hospital)
- Please also pray for those who are carers for all of the above.
- Pray for our church schools: particularly Salford Priors School which has another interim head till the end of term and hopes for new permanent head from January.

If you have a prayer request for the newsletter please email Rev Sheila.

Weekly Prayer Meeting:

Please join us for our short, informal weekly prayer meeting at St Matthew's Church at 9.30am every Tuesday in Church Room.

eco tip:

Plan for a greener Christmas early: Transition to ethical choices like Fairtrade advent calendars, local/organic food, and non-physical or second-hand gifts.

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What's on in November

Creative Wellbeing

Every Tuesday from 1pm to 3pm at St Matthew's Church. Everyone is welcome to join this weekly gathering combining crafting and wellbeing. Bring your own project or try something new. Free of charge, no experience necessary, refreshments provided, quiet space available. Contact Margaret on 07921 252976 for further details.

Friday 6th November

Join us at St Laurence's for Friday Fellowship: 9:30 Prayer, 10:00 Tea and Coffee, 10:30 Discussion. Come for one, two or all three parts of the session. Everyone is welcome! Contact Rev Helen for more info.

Saturday 14th November 9.10am

The Men's Shed breakfast: Come for a chat and enjoy the company! Meeting at the café at Blenheim Nursery, Stratford Rd, Bidford. To book, please email: johnahead@icloud.com by 6 pm on 12th November.



Tuesday 17th November 2.30pm

Mothers' Union at St Laurence's Church Hall, Bidford. Everyone welcome. Contact: c.leahy@yahoo.co.uk for further information



Saturday 21st November 9-10.30am

Women's breakfast at Tall Trees Retreat, Cleeve Prior, WR11 8JY. Tasty food, discipleship, and discussions. Please contact: mandyenglish.me@googlemail.com

Saturday 21st November 2-4pm

Messy Church at St Laurence's, Bidford. Free! All families with children welcome. No need to book



Sunday 22nd November 5-7pm

SPYING Youth group at St Matthew's Church room.



Blessing Bags for Ukraine -Please donate such items as toiletries, sweets, tea, biscuits, warm socks, candles for the elderly in Ukraine for this winter. Items will be collected from your church by 29th November by The Hearts and Homes team for Christmas delivery. For details contact Michael Godfrey 07725878530.



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



Looking ahead to December

Friday 4th at 7pm and Saturday 5th at 4pm Bidford Area Community Choir present “Christmas Melodies” in St Laurence’s Church. Under 16s free, others £10. Call 07966 807373 or 07758 088828.

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th St Laurence’s Church Christmas Tree Festival. To enter a tree (fresh/artificial) in the Individual/Family, Children’s, Unassisted Children under 12, Businesses or Adult groups contact Andrew Pitt at rttavi258@outlook.com.

Saturday 19th Bidford Village Nativity leaves St Joseph’s Church at 3pm and travels around the village to arrive at St Laurence’s Church.

November Services Across the Benefice

1st November All Saints’ Day

8.45am	Holy Communion	Salford Priors
10.30am	Café Church	Bidford
10.30am	Family Service	Salford Priors
3.30pm	Memorial Service	Bidford
6.30pm	Evensong	Exhall

Readings: Revelation 7.9-end, 1 John 3.1-3, Matthew 5.1-12

Collect

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

8th November Remembrance

9,30am	Holy Communion for Remembrance	Bidford
10.30am	Remembrance Service	Salford Priors
10.30 am	Remembrance Service	Temple Grafton
10.50 am	Village Praise & Remembrance Service	Exhall
5.00pm	‘Breathing Space’	Salford Priors

Readings: Amos 5.18-24, 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end, Matthew 25.1-13

Collect

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

15th November 2nd before Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion	Exhall
10.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
10.30am	Café Church (Family Service)	Salford Priors

Readings: Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end, 1 Thess 5.1-11, Matthew 25.14-30

Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world’s salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

22nd November Christ the King

8.00am	Holy Communion	Wixford
10.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
10.30am	Holy Communion	Salford Priors
11.00am	Village Praise	Exhall

Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24, Ephesians 1.15-end, Matthew 25.31-end

Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory. Amen.

29th November Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion	Binton
10.30am	Group Service	Salford Priors

Readings: Isaiah 64.1-9, 1 Corinthians 1.3-9, Mark 13.24-end

Collect

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen