

For Your Prayers This Month:

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." **Romans 15:13**



- Loving Father God, we are praying that you will grow our churches in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community.
- We thank you that a grant has been awarded to create a new garden layout to benefit the community, the environment and the wildlife.
- We are hoping for the funds to install a new, efficient heating system at St Matthew's church.
- We thank you in trust that Sergei's mother will have arrived safely from Ukraine to join him and Maria.
- Lord, your timing isn't our timing, and we trust that you will provide patience for Kate and Mick as they wait for a moving date.
- Please enable us as we seek to comfort the bereaved and lonely, the sick and weary, as we lift to you those known to us.
- We ask you to be close to Nancy's family following her funeral this past week.
- We pray for improvement in health for Mark, for Penny's recovery following her knee operation, that Alex will have some answers and the right treatment for his condition, that Rhiannon's condition will improve, that Julie Singlehurst's father will regain strength after a time in hospital.
- Father God you know the needs of these we name before you: Doreen; Walter; Isabelle; Joanna Travers; Alan (Margaret's son), Sylvia.
- Loving Lord please protect and strengthen all those involved in the care of the children over all our schools in the Benefice. Let the school's be a place where all can thrive.

For inclusion in the Prayer List, please direct your requests to Denise Andreo:

Call: 07791 347651 or email: deniseandreo@gmail.com

Weekly Prayer Meeting:

Please join us for our short, informal weekly prayer meeting at St Matthew's Church. 9:30am every Tuesday in the Church Room.

Contact Information:

Assoc. Minister	Revd Sheila Bridge	07754 784251	minister.stmatthews@heartparishes.org.uk
Trainee Curate	Revd Helen Smith	07544 099787	curate.stlaurences@heartparishes.org.uk
Asst. Clergy	Revd Michael Godfrey	07725 878530	Rev.michael.godfrey@gmail.com
Asst. Clergy	Revd Canon Adrian Leahy	07454 739755	revaleahy@gmail.com
Asst. Clergy	Revd John Ganjavi	07753 619789	johnganjavi@btinternet.com
Asst. Clergy	Revd Dr Steve Bate	07773 583356	sbate@aol.com
Reader	Mr Allan Steven	07816 783382	voll0802@gmail.com
Administrator	Mrs Ellie Macleod	07747 213501	admin@heartparishes.org.uk
SP Family Link Worker	Mrs Sarah Folkes	07930 913643	sarah.heartparishes@gmail.com
Prayer Requests	Mrs Denise Andreo	07791 347651	deniseandreo@gmail.com

Group website: www.heartparishes.org.uk

St Matthew's Church Website: www.stmatthewssalfordpriors.org.uk



www.facebook.com/stmatthewschurchsalfordpriors

WELCOME

to the Heart of England Benefice

Bidford on Avon • Binton • Exhall • Salford Priors • Temple Grafton • Wixford



What's on in November

The Cheese packaging recycling project is closing

Please bring any remaining cheese packets (soft plastic only) to church by 10th November.

First Wednesday of each month - 1-2.30pm

We need volunteers to help with the Rainbow Garden at St Matthew's Church. No experience necessary. If interested, please email: admin@heartparishes.org.uk



Saturday 8th November - 9.10am

The Men's Shed breakfast - Come for a chat and enjoy the company!

Meeting at Osco's, Blenheim Nursery, Stratford Rd, Bidford

To book, please email: johnahead@icloud.com by 9th Nov, stating any dietary requirements.



Saturday 15th November - 2-4pm

Messy Church at St Laurence's, Bidford.

Free! All families with children welcome. No need to book.



Sunday 16th Nov - 10.30am & 23rd Nov, 5-7pm

SPYING Youth group at St Matthew's Church room.



Tuesday 18th November - 2.30pm

Mother's Union at St Laurence's Church Hall, Bidford.

Everyone welcome. Contact: c.leahy@yahoo.co.uk for further information.



Saturday 29th Nov - 9-10.30am

Women's breakfast at Tall Trees Retreat, Cleeve Prior. £7.50 per person.

Tasty food, discipleship, and discussions.

Email Mandy: mandyenglish.me@goolemail.com to book/enquire.



SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd December at 10.30am.

'Making Room for Jesus' - Come and join the Advent group in December at St Laurence's, Bidford.

Considering the journey towards Christmas through the experiences of Mary, mother of Jesus.

For more details, please contact Rev Helen: curate.stlaurences@heartparishes.org.uk

Friday 5th & Saturday 6th December

Bidford Area Community choir presents Christmas Sounds of the Season. At St Laurence's Church, Bidford. For info contact: 07966807373.



Saturday 20th December - 3pm

Bidford Village Nativity, featuring real donkeys, cows & sheep. More details to follow.



Advent Book - Join us in reading the Bible daily through Advent.

Copies of 'Journeying through Advent' are £2.50 available at the group service on Sun 30th Nov; contact Rev Helen for info or to add your name to the list.

November Services across the Benefice

2nd Nov: The Fourth Sunday before Advent

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

1st Reading: Isaiah 1:10-18 | **2nd Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 1 | **Gospel Reading:** Luke 19:1-10

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**

Post Communion Prayer

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

9th Nov: The Third Sunday before Advent - Remembrance

9.30am	Holy Communion for Remembrance	Bidford
10.30am	Remembrance Service	Salford Priors
10.50am	Village Praise & Remembrance	Exhall
10.30am	Remembrance Service	Binton
5.00pm	'Breathing Space'	Salford Priors

1st Reading: Job 19:23-27 | **2nd Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5 13-end | **Gospel Reading:** Luke 20:27-38

Collect

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

16th Nov: The Second Sunday before Avent

8.00am	Holy Communion	Exhall
10.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
10.30am	Café Church (Family Service)	Salford Priors
10.30am	Joint bake through the Bible & SPYING in the church room	Salford Priors

1st Reading: Malachi 4:1-2 | **2nd Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 | **Gospel Reading:** Luke 21: 5-19

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**

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

23rd Nov: Christ the King

8.00am	Holy Communion	Wixford
10.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
10.30am	Holy Communion	Salford Priors
11.00am	Village Praise	Exhall
5-6pm	SPYING in the church room	Salford Priors

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6 | **2nd Reading:** Colossians 1 :11-20 | **Gospel Reading:** Luke 23: 33-43

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**

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

30th Nov: Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion	Binton
10.30am	Group Service	Salford Priors
2.00pm	Guides Carol Service	Bidford

1st Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5 | **2nd Reading:** Romans 13: 11-end | **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 24: 36-44

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**

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*At Family Services or Café Church, worship leaders are free to choose alternative reading(s).
When it is a Communion service, a gospel reading is usual.*

eco tip: Remember not to feed leftover pumpkins to hedgehogs, offer them in trees for the birds or squirrels. Give the hedgehogs some meaty cat or dog food and water instead.

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.

