

For Your Prayers This Month:

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever" Psalm 136 v 1

'Abba', Father,

We thank you that you are always with us.

Thank you that we see your hand at work through the gifts and talents of those you've given us, which enhance our lives.

Loving Lord God,

- We pray for stability in this country and for honesty and integrity among those in leadership positions.
 - We thank you for the increase in medical knowledge. Please help those in decision making to come up with solutions to improve waiting times for medical procedures.
 - Please be with all those who are waiting for appointments with consultants and for treatment: Alex, Mike, Andrew, John
 - We pray your peace with those who have asked for prayer: Doreen, Sylvia, June, Myrtle, Daphne
 - We pray your healing hand upon: Rhiannon, Joanna, Sheila Penney,
 - We ask that you are close to young Isabelle and her family as she goes through more rigorous chemotherapy treatment. We pray that the cancer will be totally banished from her body.
 - Please help us to keep our children safe through these summer holidays and protect those travelling.
 - Inspire us to do all we can to be good stewards of our planet and to take seriously the warnings of global warming as our farmers struggle with the challenges of heat waves. Please protect fire fighters facing wild-fires.
- We make our prayers in Jesus' name. Amen.

Weekly Prayer Meeting:

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

August eco tip: Going for a day out? Walking in your local area? Take a bag in your pocket and (safely) pick up any litter you see.

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What's on in August

Sat 1st August and Tues 25th August 10- 1pm

Churchyard tidy up at St Matthews. Any helpers willing to do gardening type tasks would be most welcome. Coffee and refreshments provided.

Saturday 8th August 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 6 pm on 6th August, stating any dietary requirements.

Thursday 27th August 10 a.m. -12noon

Fun session at St Laurence's Church - free games and activities, indoors and out all families with children any age welcome.

God's Creation Artwork - Deadline 30th August

Toddlers to teens - we will display your artwork in the church gallery as part of our outdoor Prayer trail launch. A4 size please, and hand to Rev Sheila or Sarah.

Boat Naming Competition - Deadline 31 August.

Name our new boat in st the churchyard, suggestions in the black box at the back of St Matthew's Church.

SAVE THE DATE Sunday 20th September

Bishop Sophie Jelley is coming to our Sunday morning service at St Matthew's, and will be formally opening our outdoor prayer trail

Thank you to everyone from around the Benefice who came to Hymns & Pimms at St Peter's. Delighted to say we raised £366 for Shakespeare Hospice.

Mothers' Union - No meeting in August, but many thanks to all who attended and helped at our garden party. We raised £240 for Mothers' Union charities

Allan Steven will be re-licensed as a Reader at the Celebration of Lay Ministry on Saturday 5th September in Coventry Cathedral.

Sundays in August at St Laurence's Church

We're continuing our summer sermon series on Moses.

August 2nd Manna and Quail (God's provision) *Exodus 16*

August 9th Water from the Rock (water of life)

Exodus 17:1-7, Isaiah 41:17-20, John 4:1-15

August 16th The Ten Commandments (living God's way)

Exodus 20:1-21, Psalm 119:1-8, Mark 12:28-34

August 23rd Moses's Death (what can we learn from Moses?)

Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Hebrews 11:23-28, John 1:43-45



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.



August Services Across the Benefice

2nd August Trinity 9

8.45am	Holy Communion	Salford Priors
10.30am	Cafe Church	Bidford
10.30am	Family Service	Salford Priors
6.30pm	Evensong	Wixford

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5 | 2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5 | Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Collect

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

9th August Trinity 10

8.00am	Holy Communion	Temple Grafton
10.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
10.30am	Holy Communion,	Salford Priors
10.30am	Village Praise	Binton
5.00pm	'Breathing Space'	Salford Priors

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18 | 2nd Reading Romans 10:5-15 | Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Collect

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

16th August Trinity 11

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

1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 | 2nd Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 | Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

23rd August Trinity 12

8.00am	Holy Communion	Wixford
10.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
10.30am	Holy Communion	Salford Priors
11.00am	Village Praise	Exhall
6.30pm	Compline	Wixford

1st Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6 | 2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-8 | Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

30th August Trinity 13

8.00am	Holy Communion	Binton
10.30am	Group Holy Communion Service	Bidford

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3.5-12 | 2nd Reading: Romans 8.26-end | Gospel Reading:
Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

Collect

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.