

# For Your Prayers This Month:

"Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen." **1 Timothy 1 v 17**



Our Loving Heavenly Father,

- Thank you, Father God, for the gift of family and friends. Help us to give ourselves away to others, being kind to everyone we meet.
- We thank you for Pete and the work he is engaged with on the Youth Version of The Bereavement Journey. We pray that the funding needed to take this forward will be forthcoming and that there will be good progress as they meet with those taking part in the pilot.
- We pray that the bereaved will be enfolded in the warmth of our good Lord's love. Help us to be good listeners, as we are His people here on earth.
- Help us Lord to welcome those who have fled for their lives from Ukraine. We lift to you the Evesham Vale Welcomes Refugees organisation. We pray that as Olena and Nazar persevere with their English learning classes, and they will find a sense of belonging.
- Please watch over and give strength to Julie Singlehurst as she cares for her elderly parents.

We pray for all kinds of healing from: anxiety and depression, recovery from operations, appointments with medical consultants, breakthrough for those suffering from dementia and Parkinson's disease and cancer. We mention by name: John AH; Karl; Derek; June; Doreen; Sylvia; Alfie; Penny; Matthew; Walter; Isabelle; Mark; Joanna; Alex; Alan; Rhiannon; Yuri and Lera.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." **Philippians 4 v 6**

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

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## What's on in January

**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](mailto:admin@heartparishes.org.uk)

**First Friday of each month, 9:30-11:30am**

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!  
More details on the website or from Rev Helen. First meeting **Friday 2nd January**.

**Sunday 11th Jan, 10:30am & 25th Jan, 5-7pm**

SPYING Youth group at St Matthew's Church room.



**Saturday 10th Jan, 9.10am**

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

Meeting at Oscos, Blenheim Nursery, Stratford Road, Bidford  
To book, please email [johnahead@icloud.com](mailto:johnahead@icloud.com) by 9th Jan,  
stating any dietary requirements.



**Saturday 17th Jan, 2-4pm**

Messy Church at St Laurence's, Bidford.

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



**Tuesday 20th Jan, 2.30pm**

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

Everyone welcome. Contact [c.leahy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:c.leahy@yahoo.co.uk) for further information.

**Saturday 24th Jan, 9-10.30am**

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

Tasty food, discipleship, and discussions.

Email [mandyenglish.me@googlemail.com](mailto:mandyenglish.me@googlemail.com) to book/enquire about future events.



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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.



# January Services Across the Benefice

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.

## 4th January : 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas

8.45am Holy Communion  
10.30am Café Church  
10.30am Family Service  
6.30pm Evensong

Salford Priors  
Bidford  
Salford Priors  
Binton

**1st Reading:** Jeremiah 31.7-14 | **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 1. 3-14 | **Gospel Reading:** John 1. 1-18

### Collect

God our Father,  
in love you sent your Son  
that the world may have life:  
lead us to seek him among the outcast  
and to find him in those in need,  
for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen**

### Post Communion Prayer

All praise to you, almighty God and heavenly king,  
who sent your Son into the world to take our nature upon him  
and to be born of a pure virgin: grant that, as we are born again in him,  
so he may continually dwell in us and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,  
now and for ever. **Amen**

## Tuesday 6th January : The Epiphany

10.30am Holy Communion Bidford

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 60.1-6 | **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 3.1-12 | **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 2.1-12

## 11th January: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after The Epiphany (The Baptism of Christ)

10.00am Holy Communion Bidford  
10.30am Holy Communion, Muddy Church & SPYING Youth Salford Priors  
10.30am Village Praise Binton  
5.00pm 'Breathing Space' Salford Priors

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 42.1-9 | **2nd Reading:** Acts 10.34-43 | **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 3. 13-end

### Collect

Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognize him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

### Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**eco tip**



**Wash your clothes at 30 degrees**  
To make your washing more eco friendly you can  
wait until you have a full load of washing and  
wash at 30 degrees or lower.

## 18th January : 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after The Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Café Church (Family Service)

Exhall  
Bidford  
Salford Priors

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 49.1-7 | **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1. 1-9 | **Gospel Reading:** John 1.29-42

### Collect

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Post Communion Prayer

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## 25th January : 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of The Epiphany (Conversion of Paul)

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

**1st Reading:** Jeremiah 1.4-10 | **2nd Reading:** Acts 9.1-22 | **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 19.27 - End

### Collect

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel  
to shine throughout the world  
through the preaching of your servant Paul:  
grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion  
may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost  
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles  
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,  
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:  
by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth  
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## UPCOMING SERVICES:

## 1st February : 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of The Epiphany

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

**1st Reading:** 1 Kings 17.8-16  
**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1.18-end  
**Gospel Reading:** John 2.1-11