

For Your Prayers This Month:



"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55: 9.

Gracious Heavenly Father, Healer, Restorer:

- We thank you for Reverend Helen, who has been signed off on her curacy, and will be remaining on placement with us as next steps are decided.
- Give us patience Lord as we wait for the necessary faculty before the work on the heating system can go ahead in St Matthew's church.
- We lift to you little Isabelle battling against cancer. Be with her on this journey please Lord and strengthen her and her family.
- Thank you for doctors and nurses and those in the caring professions.
- We pray for Rhiannon as we hope that her medication will be effective.
- We lift to you Mark and Wendy and pray that the meeting of consultants will bring hope and peace.
- We remember Margaret and her son Alan and ask that all anxiety may be banished.
- Bring healing and hope to Joanna Travers for a new quality of life.
- We pray for Julie Singlehurst and brother Mark, as they care for their mum and dad.
- We pray that Alex Waring will very soon get the appointment that he's waited a long time for.
- Father, we ask for your healing hand upon Karl, Karen, John, Walter, Nicola. And we ask for a breakthrough in the treatment of dementia and Parkinson's Disease and remember June and Sylvia.
- We remember Doreen, Lord have mercy. And we pray for all those grieving the loss of family and friends, including Sarah Greene, Margaret Curtis and Michael Cocker.

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 June

Saturday 6th June, 9.30am - 12.00pm

Churchyard Safari at St Laurence's. Fun activities for children and families, to include Tree Bingo and Bug Hunt.

Come and learn about the fascinating wildlife that can be found in your local churchyard.



Saturday 13th June, 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 12th June, stating any dietary requirements.



Tuesday 16th June, 2.30pm

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

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



Saturday 20th June, 9-10.30am

Women's breakfast at Tall Trees retreat, Cleeve Prior. Tasty food, discipleship, and discussions.

Please contact: mandyenglish.me@googlemail.com



Saturday 20th June, 2-4pm

Messy Church at St Laurence's, Bidford.

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



Sunday 21st June, 4pm

Deanery Confirmation service in Henley in Arden.

Friday 26th June, 6.30pm

Summer Concert from Bidford Community Choir at St Laurence's Church

To book your tickets contact - 07966 807373



Sunday 28th June, 5-7pm

Sunday 28th June - SPYING Youth group visit to Cleeve Prior.

A big **thank you** to those who attended and supported the Cafe Connect event last Saturday we raised £45 for Prodigal Bike's.

And a thanks to John who fixed 3 bikes for children in the community!

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday 20th September

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



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.



June 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.

7th June: 1st Sunday after Trinity

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

1st Reading: Hosea 5. 15-6.6 | **2nd Reading:** Romans 4.13-end | **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

Collect

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope, and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

14th June: 2nd Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion	Temple Grafton
10.00am Holy Communion followed by River Avon Blessing	Bidford
10.30am Holy Communion & Muddy Church, SPYING	Salford Priors
10.30am Village Praise	Binton
5.00pm 'Breathing Space'	Salford Priors

1st Reading: Exodus 19.2-8a | **2nd Reading:** Romans 5.1-8 | **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 9.35-10.8

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**

Saturday 20th June: Messy Church

2pm - 4pm Messy Church	Bidford
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21st June: 3rd Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion	Exhall
10.00am Holy Communion	Bidford
10.30am Cafe Church	Salford Priors

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20.7-13 | **2nd Reading:** Romans 6.1b-11 | **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 10.24-39

Collect

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

28th June: 4th Sunday after Trinity

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

1st Reading: Jeremiah 28.5-9 | **2nd Reading:** Romans 6.12-end | **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 10.40-end

Collect

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

eco tip:



Collect rainwater by setting up a bucket or water butt, as a sustainable way of watering our plants.