

18th & 25th October 2020  
19th & Last after Trinity



# To the Heart of England Group of Parishes

in the villages of Bidford, Binton, Exhall,  
Salford Priors, Temple Grafton & Wixford

There is a lectionary based "On line Sunday audio service" with hymns, prayers, readings and a short sermon available each week for the present time, accessed via our church websites.

Holy Communion & Family services are being held in Bidford & Salford Priors . See below for more details.

There is also a service of Choral Evensong (BCP) with the Four Villages Choir on Sunday 1st November at Temple Grafton.

**\* PLEASE NOTE: All Salford Priors services will be ticketed.**

## SERVICES 18th October

|         |                 |                |
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| 10.00am | Holy Communion  | Bidford        |
| 10.30am | *Family Service | Salford Priors |

## SERVICES 25th October

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| 10.30am | *Family Holy Communion | Salford Priors |
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## SERVICES 1st November

|         |                     |                |
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| 10.00am | Holy Communion      | Bidford        |
| 10.30am | *Family Service     | Salford Priors |
| 6.30pm  | Sung Evensong (BCP) | Temple Grafton |



Worshipping God  
Making new Disciples  
Transforming Communities



## For your prayers this week:

- all who are unwell, especially Joanna Cotterell, Margaret Cotterell, John England, Reg Francis, Anne Gibbs, Gwen Hill, Dorothy Johnson, Chloe Lambert, John Lawrence, Rhiannon Simmons, Rose Turner, Alex Waring, Laurence, Roger Webb, Alan (Margaret's son), Joan (Peter Walker's mother-in-law), Ruth Walker, Steve (a fireman), Phil Dalby, Alan & Sarah Edwards and all the families, carers and the medical staff who treat them
- all who mourn the loss of loved ones,
- All who are feeling lonely, anxious or depressed
- Anyone facing the loss of employment or worried about finances
- All who live in Level 3 areas of the country facing more restrictions
- All pupils, teachers and parents at Dunnington school now closed until after half term because of Covid-19
- All hospitals and medical staff facing a second wave of infections
- Safety for all who attend services in our church services

### ***“For you, O Lord are my hope, my trust” Psalm 71.5 (ESV)***

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Amen.**



### **St Matthew's Food Bank**

We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported the Foodbank by supplying non-perishable produce and financial assistance over the past few weeks—the response has been overwhelming! We can now continue to support families in the area desperately in need of food and who are extremely grateful for this help. If you would like to know more about it please speak to Sarah Folkes or Roger Huggins.



**FACE MASK  
MUST BE  
WORN**

Please remember that when attending any services inside our churches, face coverings must now be worn.  
They are not compulsory at outdoor events.  
Hand sanitiser will be provided, so please use it on entering and exiting the church.  
All other safety advice and regulations will be explained during the service.

| <u>Readings:</u> | 18th October           | 25th October       | 1st November      | 8th November            |
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| 1st Reading      | Exodus 33.12-23        | Nehemiah 8.1-12    | Revelation 7.9-17 | Amos 5.18-24            |
| 2nd Reading      | 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 | Colossians 3.12-17 | 1 John 3.1-3      | 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 |
| Gospel           | Matthew 22.15=22       | Matthew 24.30-35   | Matthew 5.1-12    | Matthew 25.1-13         |



Would you like a free Messy Church Light bag for the half term break? With crafts, games activities, sweets and a 'Who is the light?' booklet from Scripture Union. If so, please contact Sarah Folkes by 6pm tomorrow, Monday 19th October.

There will be a BCP **Sung Evensong service** with the Four Villages Choir in St Andrew's, Temple Grafton on Sunday 1st November at 6.30pm. All safety precautions will be observed with social distancing and Covid-19 restrictions. All are welcome!



### What's happening this week:

|          |        |   |
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| Thursday | 9.00am | <b>Thursday Prayers</b> —please join in at home |
| Friday   | 6.30pm | <b>Friday Prayers</b> —please join in at home   |

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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## Food stuffs that will be welcomed by our local families in need:

- Soups (tinned or packet)
- Pasta (any type)
- Pasta sauces
- Rice
- Custard
- Baked Beans
- Spaghetti hoops
- Peach slices (or any tinned fruit)
- Orange/Apple juice
- Breakfast cereals
- Tinned pies
- Tinned meals

# DONATE FOOD HERE



Any donations of these items can be brought to St Matthew's on Sundays or at other times by arrangement and will be sorted and distributed each week as required. We are estimating that a full weekly "hamper" will cost about £10. However we are also including some frozen products (meat & fish) which adds a further £3 to the total.

### APCM Dates:

**Bidford:** Tuesday 27th October at 7.30pm in the church hall

**Binton:** Tuesday 13th October at 7.30pm in the church

**Exhall with Wixford:** TBA

**Salford Priors:** Wednesday 28th October at 7.30pm in the church

**Temple Grafton:** TBA



### St Matthew's Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll has now been revised and is displayed on the porch noticeboard. This will be presented to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October .

### **Electoral Roll**



**Belong**



**Participate**



**Contribute**

## **Readings & Prayers for 18th October — 19th after Trinity**

### **The Collect:**

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### **1st Reading: Exodus 32.12-23**

Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favour with me.' If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favour with you. Remember that this nation is your people."

The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no-one may see me and live."

Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

### **2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10**

Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace and peace to you.

We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia – your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

**Gospel: Matthew 22.1-14**

The Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap Jesus in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?"

"Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

## **Readings & Prayers for 25th October — Last after Trinity**

### **The Collect:**

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them  
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast  
the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **1st Reading: Nehemiah 8.1-12**

<sup>1</sup> All the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel.

<sup>2</sup> So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. <sup>3</sup> He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

<sup>4</sup> Ezra the teacher of the Law stood on a high wooden platform built for the occasion. Beside him on his right stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah and Maaseiah; and on his left were Pedaiah, Mishael, Malkijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah and Meshullam.

<sup>5</sup> Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. <sup>6</sup> Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, 'Amen! Amen!' Then they bowed down and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

<sup>7</sup> The Levites – Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan and Pelaiah – instructed the people in the Law while the people were standing there. <sup>8</sup> They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.

<sup>9</sup> Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep.' For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

<sup>10</sup> Nehemiah said, 'Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

<sup>11</sup> The Levites calmed all the people, saying, 'Be still, for this is a holy day. Do not grieve.'

<sup>12</sup> Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.

### **2nd Reading: Colossians 3.12-17**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### **Gospel: Matthew 24.30-35**

<sup>30</sup> 'Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup> And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

<sup>32</sup> 'Now learn this lesson from the fig-tree: as soon as its twigs become tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. <sup>33</sup> Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it <sup>[G]</sup> is near, right at the door. <sup>34</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. <sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.