

Heart of England Group of Parishes



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Notice Sheet for Sunday 21st February 2021 1st of Lent

ALL OUR CHURCHES ARE NOW CLOSED AND LIVE SERVICES SUSPENDED DURING THE NATIONAL LOCKDOWN PERIOD OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Online Services this Sunday:

“Service of the Word”
recorded in St Laurence
Church, Bidford

A recorded Family Service
from St Matthew’s, Salford
Priors

An online service from the
Church of England.

Services next week:

28th February

Service of the Word
recorded in St Peter’s
Church, Binton

An online service from the
Church of England

Worshipping God
Making new Disciples
Transforming Communities



For your prayers this week:

- All who are unwell, especially:
 - i. Eloise Zoe (18 months old) starting chemotherapy for a brain tumour on 22nd February in Royal Marsden Hospital for 5-6 weeks
 - ii. Joanna Cotterell, John England, James Hawkyard, Chloe Lambert, John Lawrence & Sue Short; Rhiannon Simmons, Keith Taylor, Rose Turner, Alex Waring, Laurence, Roger Webb, Alan (Margaret's son), Joan (Peter Walker's mother-in-law), Steve (a fireman), Phil Dalby, Alan & Sarah Edwards
and all the families, carers and medical staff who treat them
- all who mourn the loss of loved ones
- All who are feeling lonely, anxious or depressed
- the Hearts & Homes refugee family waiting for their flight to the UK next month
- Peace for the people of Myanmar and an end to torture and oppression
- All NHS workers and those working to administer the vaccinations
- The people of all countries where access to vaccines is difficult

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

Lamentations 3. 22-23

<u>Readings:</u>	21st February	28th February	7th March	14th March
1st Reading	Genesis 9.8-17	Genesis 17.1-7,15-16	Exodus 20.1-17	Numbers 21.4-9
2nd Reading	1 Peter 3.18-22	Romans 4.13-25	1 Corinthians 1.18-25	Ephesians 2.1-10
Gospel	Mark 1.9-15	Mark 8.31-38	John 2.13-22	John 3.14-21

St Matthew's Foodbank continues to need further donations of non-perishable foodstuffs to distribute to the families we support.

Contributions of the following items are especially needed:



- Pasta sauces
- Fresh fruit juices (orange/apple etc)
- Tinned meats
- Breakfast cereals
- Custard
- Rice pudding
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned vegetables

Donations can be brought to the church on Thursday mornings at about 11am when there will be someone there to receive them.

To make financial contributions please contact Roger.

THANK YOU for supporting this wonderful project.

Please contact Sarah or Roger to arrange delivery/collection.

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Collect & Readings for 21st February—1st of Lent

Collect:

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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: Genesis 9.8-17

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: ⁹ 'I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ¹⁰ and with every living creature that was with you – the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you – every living creature on earth. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you: never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.'

¹² And God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: ¹³ I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. ¹⁶ Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.'

¹⁷ So God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.'

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3.18-22

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits – ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolises baptism that now saves you also – not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience towards God. It saves you by the resurrection of

Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand – with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1.9.17

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'

¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!'

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.'