

For Your Prayers This Month:



"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" Eph 1 v 3 Amen

Loving Heavenly Father...

- We continue to lift the concerns of our Ukrainian friends to you.
- We thank you that a vacancy has been filled in the Alcester Deanery and continue to ask that your hand be upon the selection of a Rector for this Benefice.
- Thank you for our own Vicar, Sheila and for Sarah our Family Link Worker. Would you protect and strengthen them.
- Please bless the work for children and families that has been prepared for the summer holidays bringing them closer to you and keep them safe.
- We lift to you all those recently bereaved, especially those known to us: Jane; Brian's family; Penny; Tabitha and family.
- Lord, would you inspire those in positions of authority with insight to heal our National Health Service so that all those waiting may be helped to better health.
- We thank you for the skill and compassion of our doctors, nurses and those who care and we rejoice in ongoing healing for Eloise-Zoe and Mark.
- We thank you that Glen has an appointment with a specialist and we pray for strength for Ruth.
- Rhannon and Beth are waiting for specialist appointments.
- Thank you that Peter Dixon has a specialist appointment early this month.
- We pray for better health and your healing hand upon Elaine, Alex Waring, Terry Singlehurst, Alan (Margaret's son), Joanna Travers, Sue Lawrence (Evesham), Sylvia Muller, Doreen, Pauline (Debbie's sister), Karl, and Walter.
- We pray that Kate's mum will receive the loving care she needs at this time.
- Please help Jack and all Julie's family to a position of peace and stability.
- We also lift to you the friends and family of those mentioned above, who are anxious about their loved ones and those waiting for medical results.

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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to the Heart of England Benefice

Bidford on Avon • Binton • Exhall • Salford Priors • Temple Grafton • Wixford



What's on in August



Summer holiday activities.

Clay birds, outdoor nature & crafts, and Boogie Bounce.

For more information, visit our websites or the St Matthew's Church Facebook page!
Booking ESSENTIAL.



Wednesday 14th August

Messy Church at St Laurence's Church, Bidford.
No need to book. FREE entry (donations welcome).
For more info, email c.leahy@yahoo.co.uk

Tuesday 20th August

Mother's Union reflective afternoon at Laurence church 2-4 pm.
Readings, prayers and time for quiet. Led by Adrian Leahy. Refreshments available.
Everyone welcome.



COMING SOON!

Saturday 14th September

St Matthew's Church Family Fun Day!

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS:

Please ensure all items donated to the food pantry have a long shelf life!

You can find information on our services for August inside this sheet and online:
heartparishes.org.uk | stmatthewssalfordpriors.org.uk

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.



Worshipping God
Making New Disciples
Transforming Communities



August Services across the Benefice

4th August 2024: The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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

1st Reading: Jeremiah 28

2nd Reading: Psalm 119: 89-96

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

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.

Amen

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.

Amen

18th August 2024: The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion	Exhall
10.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
10.30am	Family Service	Salford Priors

1st Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel Reading: John 6:51-58

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.

Amen

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.

Amen

11th August 2024: The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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 19:4-8

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Gospel Reading: John 6:35, 41-51

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.

Amen

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.

Amen

25th August 2024: The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

2nd Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Gospel Reading: John 6:56-69

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.

Amen

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.

Amen

*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.*