

13th September 2020

14th after Trinity

Welcome

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 over the next few weeks. See below for more details.

It is hoped that all the services at Salford Priors will be held outside for as long as possible, but where necessary they will be held in church with limits on numbers. ***All Salford Priors services will be ticketed.**

SERVICES 13th September

10.30am	*Family Service	Salford Priors
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SERVICES 20th September

10.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
10.30am	*Holy Communion	Salford Priors

SERVICES 27th September

10.30am	*Family Service	Salford Priors
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Worshipping God
Making new Disciples
Transforming Communities



For your prayers this week:

- all who are unwell, especially Joanna Cotterell, John England, Reg Francis, Anne Gibbs, Gwen Hill, Cheryl Jefferson, 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 their families, carers and the medical staff who treat them
- all who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially Glenn & Ruth Simmons and family following the death of Glenn's father
- The people of USA as they prepare for the presidential elections
- All who are feeling lonely, anxious or depressed
- Our schools as they learn to adapt and deal with new regulations
- all students moving up to new schools colleges or universities
- Scientists worldwide trying to produce a vaccine for the virus
- Ourselves as we adapt to changing rules to protect the community

“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, which has been very successful over the past few months, is hoping to become a self financing project to provide free food for several local vulnerable families. We are appealing for either regular financial support to enable us to purchase food and/or donations of non-perishable foodstuffs which can be stored

to enable the food hampers to be stocked and distributed each week.

If you would like to help and support this initiative please contact Roger Huggins or Sarah Folkes who will answer any questions you may have or be able to give you details of how you can begin your support.

What's happening this week:

Thursday	9.00am	Thursday Prayers —please join in at home
Friday	6.30pm	Friday Prayers —please join in at home

<u>Readings:</u>	13th September	20th September	27th September	4th October
1st Reading	Exodus 14.19-31	Exodus 16.2-15	Exodus 17.1-7	Exodus 20.1-4,7-9,12-20
2nd Reading	Romans 14.1-12	Philippians 1.21-30	Philippians 2.1-13	Philippians 3.4b-14
Gospel	Matthew 18.21-35	Matthew 20.1-16	Matthew 21.23-32	Matthew 21.33-46



**FACE MASK
MUST BE
WORN**

The Archbishop of Canterbury has confirmed that worship gatherings (services) at churches in England will not be affected by the government's decision to restrict social gatherings to a maximum of six people.

Please remember that when attending any services inside our churches, face coverings must be worn. They are not compulsory at outdoor events.

Hand sanitiser will be provided, so please use it on entry and exit.

All other safety advice and regulations will be explained during the service.



St Matthew's has a large supply of ground coffee which will go "out of date" in December. So if anyone would like to have some, please speak to Debi or Kevin Harrison

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Readings & Prayers for 13th September — 14th after Trinity

The Collect:

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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 14.19-31

¹⁹ Then the angel of God, who had been travelling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, ²⁰ coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other; so neither went near the other all night long.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, ²² and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

²³ The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. ²⁴ During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. ²⁵ He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, 'Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.'

²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.' ²⁷ Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing towards it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. ²⁸ The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen – the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

²⁹ But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. ³⁰ That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. ³¹ And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

2nd Reading: Romans 14.1-12

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters. ² One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³ The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴ Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. ⁶ Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸ If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹ For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹ It is written:

"As surely as I live," says the Lord,

"Every knee will bow before me;

every tongue will acknowledge God."

¹² So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?'

²² Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.'

²³ 'Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him

ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ 'At this the servant fell on his knees before him. "Be patient with me," he begged, "and I will pay back everything." ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ 'But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. "Pay back what you owe me!" he demanded.

²⁹ 'His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, "Be patient with me, and I will pay it back."

³⁰ 'But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² 'Then the master called the servant in. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ 'This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'