

Welcome

To the Heart of England Group of Parishes

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

There will be no services in church during the month of November



This week, there is an audio recorded lectionary based Sunday service and a

video recorded Messy Church Family Service.

Both of these can be accessed from the church websites



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



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, James Hawkyard, Gwen Hill, Dorothy Johnson, Chloe Lambert, John Lawrence & Sue Short; 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 medical staff who treat them
- all who mourn the loss of loved ones
- The new Parent & Baby Group starting at St Matthew's this week
- All who are feeling lonely, anxious or depressed
- All retailers who are worried about losing their business
- Doctors, nurses, paramedics and all who care for the sick
- America's President Elect Jo Biden as he prepares to take office

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.

"For you, O Lord are my hope, my trust" Psalm 71.5 (ESV)

<u>Readings:</u>	22nd November	29th November ADVENT	6th December	13th December
1st Reading	Ezekiel 3.11-16,20-24	Isaiah 64.1-9	Isaiah 40.1-11	Isaiah 61.1-4,-11
2nd Reading	Ephesians 1.15-23	1 Corinthians 1.3-9	2 Peter 3.8-15a	1 Thess. 5.16-24
Gospel	Matthew 25.31-46	Mark 13.24-37	Mark 1.1-8	John 1.6-8,19-28

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

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



DONATE FOOD HERE



Any donations of these items can be brought to St Matthew's at times by arrangement with Roger or Sarah and will be sorted and distributed each week as required.

As well as these non-perishable items, we are purchasing fresh and frozen produce each week to make up the weekly "hamper" at a cost of about £13 per family. So any financial help will be very welcome.



Advent in a bag!

In partnership with The Barn in Bidford, we are distributing over 100 "Advent in a bag" resources to families in Salford Priors and Bidford.

New parent and baby group in Salford Priors!



Where: St Matthew's Church

When: Starting Wednesday

25th November 10-11.30am and then fortnightly

Who for: Parents and non-mobile babies (due to social distancing rules).

Run by: Sarah Folkes (Family Link Worker)

The group is free but places are limited and must be booked in advance. To register, please email sarah.folkes@covcofe.org or text 07930913643

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Readings and Prayers for 22nd November—Christ the King

Collect:

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

1st Reading: Ezekiel 3.11-16,20-24

¹¹ Go now to your people in exile and speak to them. Say to them, “This is what the Sovereign LORD says,” whether they listen or fail to listen.’

¹² Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me a loud rumbling sound as the glory of the LORD rose from the place where it was standing.^[a] ¹³ It was the sound of the wings of the living creatures brushing against each other and the sound of the wheels beside them, a loud rumbling sound. ¹⁴ The Spirit then lifted me up and took me away, and I went in bitterness and in the anger of my spirit, with the strong hand of the LORD on me. ¹⁵ I came to the exiles who lived at Tel Aviv near the River Kebar. And there, where they were living, I sat among them for seven days – deeply distressed.

¹⁶ At the end of seven days the word of the LORD came to me:

²⁰ ‘Again, when a righteous person turns from their righteousness and does evil, and I put a stumbling-block before them, they will die. Since you did not warn them, they will die for their sin. The righteous things that person did will not be remembered, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. ²¹ But if you do warn the righteous person not to sin and they do not sin, they will surely live because they took warning, and you will have saved yourself.’

²² The hand of the LORD was on me there, and he said to me, ‘Get up and go out to the plain, and there I will speak to you.’ ²³ So I got up and went out to the plain. And the glory of the LORD was standing there, like the glory I had seen by the River Kebar, and I fell face down.

²⁴ Then the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet. He spoke to me and said: ‘Go, shut yourself inside your house.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1.15-23

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit^[a] of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25.31-46

³¹ 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ 'Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

³⁷ 'Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you ill or in prison and go to visit you?"

⁴⁰ 'The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

⁴¹ 'Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry

and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was ill and in prison and you did not look after me.”

⁴⁴ ‘They also will answer, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or ill or in prison, and did not help you?”

⁴⁵ ‘He will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.”

⁴⁶ ‘Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.’