

# For Your Prayers This Month:



“Not to us, O Lord, but to your name be the glory” Psalm 115 v 1

Loving Father God...

- We thank you for the special links we have with local schools, and for the inspiration of your Holy Spirit enabling creative ways of working with the children, bringing them closer to you.
- We thank you for Sheila, Sarah, and all who serve our church community, we and ask your protection over them.
- We ask for your presence on the next Explore course led by Sheila, and trust that you will touch the hearts of those you are calling to discuss the Big Questions of life, and to learn of your love.
- We pray for your hand to be upon the process of finding a new rector for this benefice.
- Lord, please be in the planning and moving process for Beth and her husband, who hope to move nearer to Fran and family.
- We pray for the peace of mind of Margaret and her family regarding Alan.
- Ruth, Glen and Rhiannon are praying for patience as they wait for more test results and appointments, and hope that their treatments will soon be scheduled.
- Margaret Cottrell asks us to lift to you, Lord, her daughter, Joanna Travers. We ask for a pain-free quality of life.
- Lord Jesus, please keep in your loving care: the Singlehurst family; Karl; Pauline (Debi's sister); Sylvia Muller; Alex Waring; Sue Lawrence (Evesham); Jack and all Julie's family; Wendy and Mark; Penny; Walter and his family.

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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# WELCOME

to the Heart of England Benefice

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



## What's on in October



**Saturday 5th October, 10am-12pm**

Coffee Connect at St Matthew's Church.  
Enjoy refreshments and cakes with friends.



**Starting Wednesday 9th October, 7.30-9pm**

The Explore Course - 4 x weekly evening sessions exploring the meaning of life, the universe, and everything inbetween.

**Tuesday 15th October, from 2pm**

Mother's Union: 2pm at Bidford Church Hall  
All welcome!



**Saturday 19th October, 2-4pm**

Messy Church, St Laurence's, Bidford.  
Free! All families with children welcome.  
No need to book.



## COMING SOON!

**Bidford Nativity: Saturday 21st December, 3pm**

Starting at St Joseph's church, going around the village, finishing at St Laurence's, with real donkey, sheep and cow.  
More details soon!

**Can you help on the day?**

Contact Caroline Leahy: [c.leahy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:c.leahy@yahoo.co.uk)  
or Sarah Folkes: [sarah.heartparishes@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.heartparishes@gmail.com)

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



# October Services across the Benefice

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.

## 6th October 2024: The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.45am	Holy Communion	Salford Priors
10.30am	Harvest Café Church	Bidford
10.30am	Harvest Family Service	Salford Priors
6.30pm	Temple Grafton	Binton

**1st Reading:** Genesis 2:18-24

**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 10:2-16

### Collect

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## 13th October 2024: The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion	Temple Grafton
10.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
10.30am	Holy Communion & Muddy Church	Salford Priors
10.30am	Harvest Service	Binton
5.00pm	'Breathing Space'	Salford Priors

**1st Reading:** Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 4:12-end

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 10:17-31

### Collect

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

# EXPLORE THE BIG QUESTIONS



Join in a conversation about some of the bigger questions of life: meaning, the universe, and everything inbetween.

We've got two 4-week courses to pick from: Explore 1 and Explore 2. The next course begins Wednesday 9th October at St Matthew's Church, Salford Priors. Contact Rev. Sheila Bridge for more information or to book your place: sheila.heartparishes@gmail.com

## 20th October 2024: The Twenty First Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion	Exhall
10.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
10.30am	Café Church (Family Service)	Salford Priors

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 53: 4-end

**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 5:1-10

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 10:35-45

### Collect

Almighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom: teach us to obey you with loving hearts and steadfast wills; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Post Communion Prayer

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## 27th October 2024: The Last Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion	Wixford
10.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
10.30am	Holy Communion	Salford Priors
11.00am	Village Praise	Exhall
3:30pm	Memorial Service	Bidford
6.30pm	Compline	Wixford

**1st Reading:** Jeremiah 31:7-9

**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 7:23-end

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 10:46-end

### Collect

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Everybody

Talking Jesus

16th October 7:30pm-9pm  
St Nicholas' Church, Alcester

Join us as we unpack the latest Talking Jesus research and explore how it can help us communicate the good news of Jesus in a way that's clear & natural.

With **Archdeacon Barry Dugmore** & **Gareth Fitzpatrick** (Evangelism Enabler, Diocese of Coventry).

Book tickets via [equiphub.org.uk](http://equiphub.org.uk)

ST LAURENCE'S CHURCH, BIDFORD-ON-AVON

Enter a tree into the  
**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL!**

Planned dates: Sat 14th & Sun 15th Dec

- Individual/family
- Children's Groups (Schools, clubs etc)
- Unassisted Children under 12
- Businesses (get your name out there!)
- Adult Groups (Clubs, societies etc)

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