

Welcome

Heart of England Group of Parishes:
Bidford on Avon, Binton, Exhall, Salford Priors, Temple
Grafton & Wixford

| SERVICES TODAY | | |
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| 8.00am | Holy Communion | Temple Grafton |
| 10.00am | Holy Communion | Bidford |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion + MUDDY CHURCH | Salford Priors |
| 10.30am | Family Service | Binton |

| SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY (16th January) | | |
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| 8.00am | Holy Communion | Exhall |
| 10.00am | Holy Communion | Bidford |
| 10.30am | Family Service | Salford Priors |

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**



For your prayers this week:

- All who are unwell, especially:
Eloise Zoe, Henry, Lorraine Cattrell, Joanna Cotterell, Margaret Cotterell, Phil Dalby, Alan & Sarah Edwards, Izzy Foster, Sheila Hagerty, Roger Huggins, Chloe Lambert, Bethany Morriss, Sylvia Muller, Pam Sharpe, Rose Turner, Alex Waring, Laurence, Rosie Pollard, Martyn Wheller, Vinny, Alan (Margaret's son), Joan (Peter Walker's mother-in-law),
and all the families, carers and medical staff who treat them
- all who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially over Christmas
- All who are feeling lonely, anxious or depressed
- Our hospitals as they deal with a possible surge in Covid patients
- Anyone having to self isolate at the moment and those who are suffering from the virus
- Plans for St Matthew's Weekend Away in June

God our Father,
in love you sent your Son
that the world may have life:
lead us to seek him among the outcast
and to find him in those in need,
for Jesus Christ's sake.
Amen.

***“You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast,
because he trusts in you ”***
Isaiah 26.3

Please note that there will be no Choir Practice
until further notice and therefore no Choral
Evensong services in February or March.

| <u>Readings:</u> | 9th January | 16th January | 23rd January | 30th January |
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| 1st Reading | Isaiah 43.1-7 | Isaiah 62.1-5 | Nehemiah 8, 1-3,5-6,8-10 | Ezekiel 43.27-44.4 |
| 2nd Reading | Acts 8.14-17 | 1 Corinthians 12.1-11 | 1 Corinthians 12 13-31a | 1 Corinthians 13.1-13 |
| Gospel | Luke 3.15-17, 21-22 | John 2.1-11 | Luke 4.14-21 | Luke 2.22-40 |



Lenchwood Trust

St Matthew's are planning for better times, so we would like to encourage you to think carefully about booking for our Church Weekend Away on 24th-26th June at the Lenchwood Christian Centre. Please read the flyer which gives you more information, (available in church or on website) but we really need commitments for this event in the next few days. The flyer includes a booking slip at the bottom which we would like you to return as soon as possible please.



The Life Course

Six sessions to learn skills that will enhance your mental well-being

This course, written from a Christian perspective, is for people of any faith or no faith

- Cost:** FREE (small contribution for course materials if possible £5)
- When:** 7.30pm to 9pm Weds evenings 1 weekly session for 6 weeks starting Weds 2nd Feb 2022
- Location:** Salford Priors Memorial Hall, the Eddie Clarke Suite
- More info:** Email: Sheila Bridge on sheila@heartparishes.org.uk or call/text 07754784251

Please book a place to attend. Maximum number of participants is 12. This is not therapy but simply learning life skills together and finding the encouragement and support to live more positively. More info on church website: <https://www.stmatthewssalfordpriors.org.uk/>

Recycle your soft plastic cheese packs.



St Matthew's Salford Priors has become an official drop off location for a great recycling scheme. In the church porch there is now a collection box in which you can place the soft plastic packaging of any brand of cheese.

Accepted waste is: any brand of individual cheese wrappers, any brand of plastic film top of sliced cheese pack, any flexible plastic cheese pouches, plastics label and nets containing multiple packs of mini cheese.

These will be sent off (at no cost to us) and be turned into plastic furniture. To see a video about how it works go to terracycle.com and search for cheese packaging recycling scheme.

We hope in time to offer one other recycling scheme so watch this space! This facility is as much for the congregation as for people in the local area. Offering recycling facilities helps us become a better Eco Church. Let's all do the world, all the good we can.

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