

Heart of England Group of Parishes



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Notice Sheet for Sunday 2nd May 2021 5th Sunday of Easter



Services this week: 2nd May

10am Holy Communion
at St Laurence's, Bidford

10.30am Family Service
at St Matthew's—outside
(or inside if weather is poor)
(Tickets required)

Recorded Audio service—access
from the websites

Services next week—9th May

10.30—Holy Communion
in St Matthew's, Salford Priors



10.30am—Muddy Church
at St Matthew's, Salford Priors

**TICKETS REQUIRED THESE
SERVICES**

An on-line audio recorded Service
available via the websites

Worshipping God
Making new Disciples
Transforming Communities



Future Services:

We are now beginning to hold regular services again in some of our churches..

May 9th

10.30am—Muddy Church at St Matthew's *

10.30am—Holy Communion at St Matthew's *



May 16th

10am—Holy Communion at St Laurence's

10.30am—Family Service at St Matthew's *

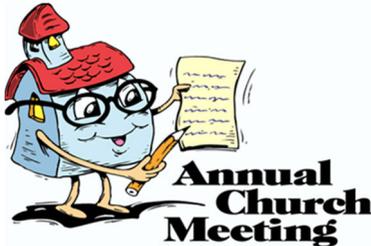
10.30am—Family Service at St Peter's, Binton

May 23rd—Pentecost

10.30am—Holy Communion at St Matthew's*

****Tickets will be required at all services at St Matthew's***

Please email Roger if you have not received an invitation and would like to attend



Are you a signed up member of your church?

St Matthew's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th May at 7.30pm.

The Electoral Roll is being revised on Monday 10th May, so if you are not already on it and wish to join please ask our Electoral Roll officer, Peter

Penney (Tel: 01386 40170), for an application form and return it to him before Monday 10th May.

St Laurence's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place after the 10am service on 30th May.

The Electoral Roll is being updated this year and the last date for inclusion on the roll is 16th May. Please contact Christine Horn for an application form.

Electoral Roll



Belong



Participate



Contribute

We have now had 2 volunteers for the posts of Foundation Governor at Salford Priors and Bidford but would still like one more for Dunnington. If you have a heart for young people and a desire to serve the community in some way, then maybe this could be for you. If so please speak to Peter Walker or Roger Huggins who can provide you with the necessary information and application form.



For your prayers this week:

- All who are unwell, especially:
Eloise Zoe, Joanna Cotterell, Phil Dalby, Mike Dixon, Alan & Sarah Edwards, John England, James Hawkyard, Chloe Lambert, Zena Mason, Pam Sharpe, Rhiannon Simmons, Keith Taylor, Rose Turner, Alex Waring, Laurence, Rosie Pollard, Roger Webb, Vinny (4 yrs old needing heart transplant), Alan (Margaret's son), Joan (Peter Walker's mother-in-law), Steve (a fireman),
and all the families, carers and medical staff who treat them
- all who mourn the loss of loved ones,
- All who are feeling lonely, anxious or depressed
- Sheila and David Bridge as they prepare to leave Rugby
- The Almohamad family settling into their new life in Bidford
- For more aid supplies to be delivered to India to help treat the thousands of Coronavirus patients
- The people of India and Brazil facing huge increases in Covid cases

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3. 22-23

<u>Readings:</u>	2nd May	9th May	16th May	23rd May PENTECOST
1st Reading	Acts 8.26-40	Acts 10.44-48	Acts 1.15-17,21-26	Acts 2.1-21
2nd Reading	1 John 4.7-21	1 John 5.1-6	1 John 5.9-13	Romans 8.22-27
Gospel	John 15.1-8	John 15.9-17	John 17.6-19	John 15.26-27;16.4b-15

St Matthew's Foodbank

**DONATE
FOOD
HERE**

The following items are especially needed this week:

- Tinned fish or meat meals
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Pasta/Spaghetti
- Biscuits/snacks
- Rice pudding



We are also short of carrier bags for delivery

Donations can be brought to the church on Thursday mornings at about 11am when there will be someone there to receive them or on Sunday mornings.

To make financial contributions please contact Roger.

THANK YOU for your continued support.

Please contact Sarah or Roger to arrange delivery/collection.

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Collect & Readings for 2nd May—5th of EASTER

Collect:

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

Amen

1st Reading: Acts 8.26-40

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Go south to the road – the desert road – that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means 'queen of the Ethiopians'). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it.'

³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. 'Do you understand what you are reading?' Philip asked.

³¹ 'How can I,' he said, 'unless someone explains it to me?' So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

'He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth.'

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?' ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptised?' ³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

2nd Reading: 1 John 4.7-21

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. ¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: in this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

Gospel Reading: John 15.1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.