

News Sheet

Sunday 19th November 2023

2nd before advent

WELCOME!

**This church is part of
the Heart of England Group of Parishes:
Bidford on Avon, Binton, Exhall,
Salford Priors, Temple Grafton & Wixford**

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY (19th November)

8.00am	Holy Communion	Exhall
10.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
10.30am	Family Service + Bake thro' the Bible	Salford Priors

4TH SUNDAY (26th November)

8.00am	Holy Communion	Wixford
10.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
10.30am	Holy Communion	Salford Priors
11.00am	Village Praise	Exhall

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:

For people to be included in the Prayer List below please direct your requests to Denise Andreo (☎ 07791 347651)



We give thanks to God for answered prayer:

NOREEN HALE is thankful that her medication continues to be effective.

Little ELOISE ZOE has had a miraculous healing and we praise God for the skill of those who have been treating her. Recent scans show that she remains cancer-free. She is enjoying life. Please pray for protection from neurological challenges, and for immunity and strength to increase, especially through the winter months.

We pray that RHIANNON SIMMONS will experience healing in her foot.

JOSEPHINE is in hospital now and we pray for her peace and knowledge of God's love.

JOANNA TRAVERS is in need of effective pain relief and healing from a long term illness.

Please pray that SYLVIA MULLER will continue to know the assurance of God's love and that progress will be made in finding a cure for Parkinson's Disease.

We pray that JUDITH MEEHAN's strength will grow following radiotherapy.

NADJA, CAM & ROSIE ask for peace and courage.

Please pray that TERRY SINGLEHURST will regain strength.

ALEX WARING is waiting for an appointment with a specialist in FND.

ALAN (Margaret's son) is waiting for an appointment.

PETER DIXON is waiting for an operation.

We pray that BETHANY MORRISS will be well enough to continue working and that she will soon have an effective diagnosis and treatment.

DOREEN BLUNDALL is starting an intensive round of chemo and radiation therapy.

MICHAEL MACDONALD (husband of Mandy's cousin Jane) is preparing for a 12 hour major surgery on 20th November.

Heavenly Father would you...

- Look with compassion on the anguish of the world; those who are caught up in war and by your healing power make whole both people and nations.
- Help us to reach out to those known to us who are feeling lonely, depressed and anxious.
- Be close to those who mourn the death of loved ones.
- Help us in the process of recruiting a new Rector for our Benefice, and be with us when PCCs meet with the archdeacon next month.
- Come close to Rev Kate Mier, Area Dean, as she shoulders more responsibility with several parishes in vacancy.

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Amy James as our new Group Administrator. Amy will be working parttime for 10 hours a week and there will be a handover period with Roger before she takes over sometime next month. We wish her every success in this new role and look forward to working with her across the benefice.



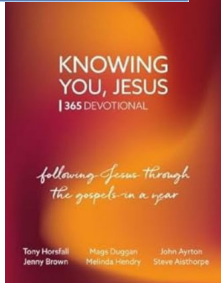


Would you like some help to create daily time with God?

Sheila has ordered copies of a little book of readings for ADVENT. The devotionals run from Dec 3rd until Christmas and are written by a local author. These are only £2 each.

If you'd like a year's worth of readings, you could purchase 'Knowing You Jesus'. This book contains 365 daily readings taking you through the life of Jesus, starting with the birth stories for December, then going through all 4 gospels, but telling the story in one chronological line.

Sheila has some copies available of 'Knowing You Jesus' at the special price of £15 (normally £19.99), although it is also available on Kindle for £9.99, which makes it easier to take your readings on holiday with you!



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After this week's Family Service + Bake thro' the Bible session at St Matthew's , we will be staying on for a special **'bring and share lunch'** to say goodbye to Roger (our Church administrator) and his wife Dianne.



Please do join us as we celebrate all that they have contributed to the life of St Matthew's, thanking them for their humble service, and wishing them all the best as they move up north.



Coffee Connect will be open again next Saturday 2nd December from 10am in St Matthew's Church.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Sat 9th & Sun 10th Dec
Noon - 6pm
at St Laurence's Church
Bidford B50 4DA

Community Choir,
Raffle, Refreshments

Adults £4, 12-17 £1
Under 12s Free

BACC
BIDFORD AREA COMMUNITY CHOIR
PRESENT

Tinsel Time

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER AT 7.00PM

THE BARN, WATERLOO ROAD
ADULTS £8 | U16s FREE
TO BOOK CONTACT STEVE ON 07758 088828
OR LIBBY ON 07966 807373

<u>Readings:</u>	19th November	26th November	3rd December ADVENT	10th December ADVENT
1st Reading	Zephaniah 1.7,12-18	Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24	Isaiah 64.1-9	Isaiah 40.1-11
2nd Reading	1 Thess 5.1-11	Ephesians 1.15-23	1 Corinthians 1.3-9	2 Peter 3.8-15a
Gospel	Matthew 25.14-30	Matthew 25.31-46	Mark 13.24-37	Mark 1.1-8