



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



**Notice Sheet for Sunday 28th November
2021
1st Sunday of ADVENT**

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

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY (5th December)		
8.45am	Holy Communion	Salford Priors
10.30am	Café Church	Bidford
10.30am	Christingle Family Service	Salford Priors
6.3pm	Evensong	Wixford

*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, 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,
- All who are feeling lonely, anxious or depressed
- Schools holding Christingle services in the next few weeks
- All refugees seeking shelter and safety away from danger and persecution
- For our personal Advent journeys as we prepare for Christmas

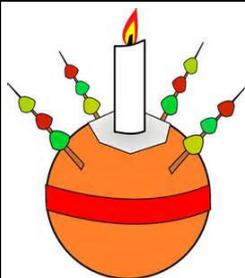
Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;
give new courage to your people,
who trust in your love.

By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom
on earth as in heaven,
where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.”

2 Timothy 3.16 (NLT)



St Matthew's Christingle Service will be held next Sunday 5th December at 10.30am. Please collect a cardboard candle collection box from the back of church to add your contributions to the Childrens Society and bring them back to church on 5th December.

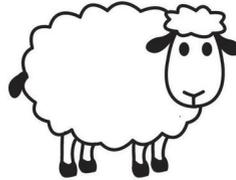
<u>Readings:</u>	28th November ADVENT	5th December	12th December	19th December
1st Reading	Jeremiah 33.14-16	Malachi 3.1-4	Zephaniah 3.14-20	Micah 5.2-5a
2nd Reading	1 Thessalonians 3.9-13	Philippians 1.3-11	Philippians 4.4-7	Hebrews 10.5-10
Gospel	Luke 21.25-36	Luke 3.1-6	Luke 3.7-18	Luke 1.39-45



Salford Priors Advent Sheep Trail.

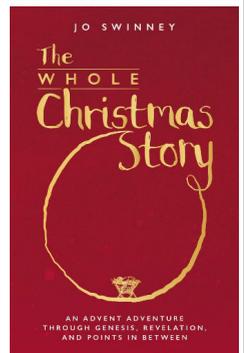
This starts on Wednesday 1st December and runs through until the end of the month. Collect a sheet from the shop, the church or download it from the church website and follow the instructions for the trail around the village, noting when you find one of the named sheep. When you have completed it, you can take it back to

the shop where they will check it and give you your prize.



Advent Reading:

Rev Sheila Bridge is recommending a book of daily readings through Advent called *The Whole Christmas Story* by Jo Swinney, this is the Bible Reading Fellowship's Advent Book for 2021. It sets the Nativity Story in the fullest frame of the whole story of Redemption from Genesis to Revelation and points in between. All you need to do to join in is order yourself a copy (£7.49 from Eden.co.uk) and read along. There will be a few copies available to buy at St Matthew's. Sheila will arrange a couple of opportunities to meet up to discuss either on zoom or in person and you can come to either or both or just read along for yourself.



Do you have any old, redundant spectacles or hearing aids sitting in a drawer that you no longer use? Then bring them to St Matthew's and place them in the box at the back of church and they will be recycled!



St Matthew's Homegroups

If you are interested in joining a Homegroup at St Matthew's, please sign the list at the back of church, indicating which day would suit you best and whether you would like a daytime or an evening group.

Special Christmas Services across the Group:

5th December:

10.30am	Salford Priors	Family Christingle Service
6.30pm	Wixford	Advent Evensong with choir

12th December:

10.00am	Bidford	Holy Communion with Christmas Trees
10.30am	Binton	Christingle
4.00pm	Temple Grafton	Carols with Choir

19h December:

10.00am	Bidford	Carol Service
3.00pm	Exhall	Carol Service
4.30pm	Salford Priors	Carol Service
6.00pm	Binton	Carol Service

23rd December:

4.00pm	Bidford	Crib Service
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24th December:

2.00pm	Salford Priors	“Follow the Star” 1 *
3.00pm	Binton	Nativity
4.00pm	Salford Priors	“Follow the Star” 2 *
9.30pm	Wixford	Holy Communion
11.00pm	Salford Priors	Holy Communion

25th December:

8.00am	Temple Grafton	Holy Communion
10.00am	Bidford	Family Communion
10.30am	Salford Priors	Family Service
11.00am	Exhall	Family Communion

These are in addition to or in place of the other regular Sunday services.

** If you are coming to the Salford Priors “Follow the Star” service, please come at either 2pm or 4pm*

Readings and Prayers for Sunday 28th November—ADVENT

Collect:

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16

¹⁴ “‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfil the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

¹⁵ “‘In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line;

he will do what is just and right in the land.

¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.

This is the name by which it will be called:

The LORD Our Righteousness.”

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3.9–13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. ¹² May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

Gospel: Luke 21.25-36

²⁵ ‘There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

²⁹ He told them this parable: ‘Look at the fig-tree and all the trees. ³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. ³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

³² ‘Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

³⁴ ‘Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.’

Post Communion Prayer:

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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