

For Your Prayers This Month:



Jesus said, "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matt 28 v 20b

Loving Father God...

- As the new school term begins, please be with teachers, staff and children transitioning to new schools and classes, and those starting school for the first time. We pray especially for Eloise-Zoe.
- We thank you for our vicar, Sheila; Sarah, our Family Link Worker; and all the children's activities during the summer holidays.
- We give thanks that Doreen's last scan was clear.
- Beth and her husband are moving house to be nearer to Fran and family. We pray for the process to go smoothly to help with anxiety levels.
- We pray for peace of mind for Margaret and family regarding Alan.
- Ruth, Glen and Rhiannon ask for patience as they wait for more appointments and test results, and hope that plans for their treatments will soon be in place.
- We continue to pray for strength for Wendy, and for Mark's ongoing recovery from a stroke.
- We pray for Peter Dixon's treatment.
- Margaret Cottrell asks us to continue to pray for her daughter, Joanna Travers, to have a better, pain-free quality of life. Some swelling has gone down in one leg.

We continue to pray for:

- Julie Singlehurst and her family; Karl; Pauline (Debbie's sister); Sylvia Muller; Alex Waring; Sue Lawrence (Evesham); and little Walter.
- Ukraine.
- Jack and all Julie's family, who ask for peace and stability.
- Friends and family of those mentioned above who are anxious about their loved ones.
- Those recently bereaved and those waiting for test results and appointments.

**For inclusion in the Prayer List, please direct your requests to Denise Andreo:
Call: 07791 347651 or email: deniseandreo@gmail.com**

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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What's on in September



Saturday 7th September, from 9:30am

in Bidford Church Hall:

Coffee Morning with tombola, cakes, tea and coffee.
Raising money for Warwick Hospital breast cancer unit.

Donations for tombola & cakes to Judith 773328 or Midge 490234



Saturday 7th September, 11am-2pm

St Matthew's Day: Bouncy Castle, BBQ, Coffee Connect,
Flying Teddies, Crafts, Games, and Face Painting.
Fun for all the family!



Tuesday 17th September, from 2pm

Mother's Union: An afternoon of fellowship and planning.
2pm at Bidford Church Hall
All welcome!



Saturday 21st September, 2-4pm

Harvest at Messy Church, St Laurence's, Bidford.
Free! All families with children welcome.
Bring a non-perishable item for a food bank if you can.



COMING SOON!

Starting Wednesday 9th October:

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



**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**



September 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.

1st September 2024: The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.45am	Holy Communion	Salford Priors
10.30am	Café Church	Bidford
10.30am	Family Service	Salford Priors
6.30pm	Evensong	Binton

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

2nd Reading: James 1:17-end

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Collect

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

8th September 2024: The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

2nd Reading: James 2:1-17

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:24-end

Collect

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

15th September 2024: The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

2nd Reading: James 3:1-12

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-end

Collect

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

22nd September 2024: The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion	Wixford
10.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
10.30am	(Holy Communion	Salford Priors
11.00am	Village Praise	Exhall
6.30pm	Compline	Wixford

1st Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

2nd Reading: Hebrews 1:5-end

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37

Collect

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

29th September 2024: The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion	Binton
10.30am	Group Service: Holy Communion	Bidford

1st Reading: Revelation 12:7-12

2nd Reading: Hebrews 1:5-end

Gospel Reading: John 1:47-end

Collect

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love, that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **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
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