

For Your Prayers This Month:

This month we pray:

- For the consultation process ahead of the Arrow Valley Solar Project's application, for those people concerned/affected and for wise decisions and good listening.
- For the new leaders in our Diocese: Bishop Tim and Archdeacon Alison.
- For those in our communities recently bereaved
- For those waiting for hospital appointments: Alex, Mike, Andrew and John
- For those with life-limiting conditions: Doreen, Sylvia, June, Myrtle, Daphne, Marion.
- For those with long term health issues: Rhiannon, Joanna, Sheila Penney.
- For little Walter as he begins a rehabilitation process away from home mid-week, for his mum keeping him company and the family at home.

We give thanks for answered prayer in September: we thank you that Denise has found much to be thankful for in her new home. We thank God for the beginning of the Creative Wellbeing group in St Matthews. We praise God that little Isabelle has been able to go to school.

If you have a prayer request for the newsletter please email Rev Sheila.

Weekly Prayer Meeting:

Please join us for our short, informal weekly prayer meeting at St Matthew's Church.

9.30am every Tuesday in Church Room.

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shop local. Reduce your food miles and taste the difference by getting your fruit and vegetables from local farmers and farm shops

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What's on in October

Creative Wellbeing

Every Tuesday from 1pm to 3pm at St Matthew's Church. Everyone is welcome to join this weekly gathering combining crafting and wellbeing. Bring your own project or try something new. Free of charge, no experience necessary, refreshments provided, quiet space available. Contact Margaret on 07921 252976 for further details.

Friday 2nd October

Join us at St Laurence's for Friday Fellowship: 9:30 Prayer, 10:00 Tea and Coffee, 10:30 Discussion. Come for one, two or all three parts of the session. Everyone is welcome! Contact Rev Helen for more info.

Sunday 4th October 2pm to 4pm

Bring your pets (or a photograph) along to St Laurence's churchyard to receive a blessing on the feast of St Francis of Assisi

Saturday 10th October 9.10am

The Men's Shed breakfast: Come for a chat and enjoy the company! Meeting at the café at Blenheim Nursery, Stratford Rd, Bidford. To book, please email: johnahead@icloud.com by 6 pm on 8th October.

Saturday 17th October 2-4pm

Messy Church at St Laurence's, Bidford. Free! All families with children welcome. No need to book.



Tuesday 20th October 2.30pm

Mothers' Union at St Laurence's Church Hall, Bidford. Everyone welcome. Contact: c.leahy@yahoo.co.uk for further information



Sunday 25th October 5-7pm

SPYING Youth group at St Matthew's Church room.



If you are visiting us today or are here for the first time, we hope you have felt welcomed and have enjoyed worshipping with us. Do please introduce yourself to someone after the service.



October Services Across the Benefice

4th October Harvest Thanksgiving

8.45am	Holy Communion	Salford Priors
10.30am	Harvest Café Church	Bidford
10.30am	Harvest Family Service & Baptism	Salford Priors
6.30pm	Evensong	Temple Grafton

Readings: Deut 8.7–18 or 28.1-14, 2 Cor 9.6–end, Luke 12.16-30 or 17.11-19.

Collect

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
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.

11th October Trinity 19

8.00am	Holy Communion	Temple Grafton
10.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
10.30am	Holy Communion & Muddy Church	Salford Priors
10.30am	Harvest Service	Binton
5.00pm	‘Breathing Space’	Salford Priors

Readings: Isaiah 25.1-9, Philippians 4.1-9, Matthew 22.1-14

Collect

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

18th October Luke the Evangelist

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

Readings: Isaiah 35.3-6, 2 Timothy 4.5-17, Luke 10.1-9

Collect

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

25th October Bible Sunday

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

Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-4a,8-12, Colossians 3:12-17, Matthew 24:30-35

Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.