

For Your Prayers This Month:

'When doubts filled my mind your comfort gave me renewed hope and cheer'.

Psalms 94:19

This month we pray for

- The children in our communities as they return to school or start new schools and for those who work in schools, for fresh energy and good health.
- For the appointment process for the Rector's post
- For the celebration at St Matthew's with Bishop Sophie blessing the new prayer walk in the churchyard.
- For Denise who has moved to Worcester for her to feel at home soon.
- 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.
- And we also pray for hope, comfort and resilience for those caring for these we have named.

We give thanks for answered prayer in August: for Sareh, for Isabell who is home from hospital and for the installation of new heating in St Matthews.

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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What's on in September

Friday 4th September

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.

Saturday 5th September

Celebration of Lay Ministry in Coventry Cathedral, during which Allan Steven will be re-licensed as a Reader and Sarah Folkes' ministry will be celebrated in recognition of her work with children and young people



Saturday 12th September 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 10th September.

Tuesday 15th September 2.30pm

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



Saturday 19th September 2-4pm

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



Sunday 20th September

St Matthew's Day celebrations include Bishop Sophie Jelley leading worship at St Matthew's and formally opening our outdoor prayer trail. There will also be a BBQ, crafts and teddy zip line from 11.30-1.30.

Sunday 20th September 7:00pm

St Peter's Church, Binton. Professional musicians and local talent play a selection of easy listening jazz and well-known pieces. Tickets £10 at the door or via www.ianpalmer.com/binton

Sunday 27th September 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.



September Services Across the Benefice

6th September Trinity 14

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

Readings: Ezekiel 33.7-11, Romans 13.8-end, Matthew 18.15-20

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.

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.

13th September Trinity 15

8.00am	Holy Communion	Temple Grafton
10.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
10.30am	Holy Communion (inside), Muddy Church (outside), SPYING youth (Church Room)	Salford Priors
10.30am	Village Praise	Binton
5.00pm	'Breathing Space'	Salford Priors

Readings: Genesis 50.15-21, Romans 14.1-12, Matthew 18.21-35

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.

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.

20th September Trinity 16

8.00am	Holy Communion	Exhall
10.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
10.30am	Family Service and dedication of Prayer Trail	Salford Priors

Readings: Jonah 3.10-end of 4, Philippians 1.21-end, Matthew 20.1-16

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.

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.

27th September Trinity 17

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

Readings: Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end, Philippians 2.1-13, Matthew 21.23-32

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.

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.

eco tip:

Create a compost pile. Good things to compost include vegetable peelings, fruit waste, teabags, plant prunings and grass cuttings.