

For Your Prayers This Month:



"Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect unity." Colossians 3: 13-14

Gracious and loving Lord,

- We thank you for ongoing miracles of healing for those known to us and You, in our Benefice and beyond.
- We thank you for long-awaited and prayed-for medical appointments that have come through.
- We lift to you those family members who have suffered long-term illness and ask for your hand of healing to be upon them.
- Thank you for all those who minister to us in this Benefice, for those who work to keep things running smoothly.
- We thank you for the dedication and calling of our teachers and headteachers. We ask you to strengthen and uphold them as they help to grow the children of our local communities.
- We pray for those families recently bereaved.
- Help us to have patient endurance as we wait for resolutions to our needs, and may adversity bring us closer to you.

Father God,

We thank you for your faithfulness to us in this Heart of England Benefice.

We pray that as we travel together into our shared future, you will bring a person of your calling to lead us.

We pray for that person to be someone close to your heart who will help all of us to grow closer to you and enable us to become together a brighter reflection of your love in these communities where we live and worship.

We ask in the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen

For inclusion in the Prayer List, please direct your requests to Denise Andreo:

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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 February

Saturday 8th February, 8.30am

St Matthew's Men's Breakfast Group

Meeting at The Vineyard, Abbots Salford. £10.

To book, please email johnahead@icloud.com



Saturday 15th February, 2-4pm

Messy Church, St Laurence's, Bidford.

Free! All families with children welcome.

No need to book.



Saturday 15th February, 3-5pm

Family board games at St Matthew's, Salford Priors

Games, refreshments & friendships. Free to attend.



Tuesday 18th February, 2pm

Mother's Union: 2pm at Bidford Church Hall

Speaker Jaime Richards, from Coventry Haven Women's Aid,

joins us to talk about their work.

All welcome!



Saturday 22nd February, 9-10.30am

Women's breakfast at Tall Trees.

Tasty food, discipleship, and discussions.

£7.50 per person.

Email sarah.heartparishes@gmail.com to book.



Tuesday 11th March, 6-7pm

'The Parable Keeper' at St Matthew's Church, Salford Priors

Join us for a special performance for the whole family.

Theatre company '4Front' will be exploring many of Jesus' parables

with energetic songs and interactive storytelling.

Tickets £3 per person. Scan QR code to prepay.



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.



February 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. St Matthew's Church will be following a Bible Study programme and using different readings from January – May.

2nd February: Candlemas

8.45am Holy Communion Salford Priors
10.30am Café Church Bidford
10.30am Family Service Salford Priors (*Reading Genesis 28:10-22*)
6.30pm Evensong Wixford

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-5 | **2nd Reading:** Hebrews 2:14-end | **Gospel Reading:** Luke 2:22-40

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

9th February: The Fourth Sunday before Lent

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 6:1-8 [9-end] | **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 | **Gospel Reading:** Luke 5:1-11

Collect

Lord of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms or hurts
and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Go before us, Lord, in all we do
with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

16th February: The Third Sunday before Lent

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

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10 | **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 | **Gospel Reading:** Luke 6:17-26

Collect

Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

23rd February: The Second Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion Wixford
10.00am Holy Communion Bidford
10.30am Holy Communion Salford Priors (*Reading Ezekiel 37:1-12*)
11.00am Village Praise Exhall

1st Reading: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-end | **2nd Reading:** Revelation 4 | **Gospel Reading:** Luke 8:22-24

Collect

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,
by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

UPCOMING SERVICES:

2nd March: Next before Lent

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

1st Reading: Exodus 34:29-end

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

5th March: Ash Wednesday

10.30am Holy Communion with Ashing Bidford