

For Your Prayers This Month:



“My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.” Psalm 121 v 2

Heavenly Father,
We come to you with thanksgiving that we can boldly approach your throne of grace and present our requests.

- We thank God that Eloise Zoe’s latest MRA scan is clear, and we pray for protection against infection.
- We give thanks that Sylvia Muller is showing improvement.
- We thank you, Lord, that Karl is making good progress.
- Julie Singlehurst’s father is waiting for a much-needed appointment.
- Sergii’s brother Alexi and his family are hoping to soon have their own home.
- Penny finally has a date for her eye operation. We pray for its success and for great improvement in her eyesight.
- Thank you that our new government is putting a process in place to heal our National Health Service.
- We pray for an anxiety-free time for Beth and her husband, planning to move house nearer to Fran and family.
- Please pray with Ruth, Glen, and Rhiannon as they seek patience while waiting for appointments and test results so that their treatments can soon be scheduled.
- Father God, we lift to you Margaret Kibblewhite’s son Alan; Alex Waring; Walter and his family; Wendy and Mark; Jack and all Julie’s family; Pauline (Debi’s sister); Margaret Cottrell’s daughter, Joanna Travers; Sue Lawrence (Evesham).
- We pray for those on the ‘Explore’ course and for Sheila as she leads.
- We pray for a new rector at St Laurence’s Church, serving this benefice.
- We thank you for Sarah and all she does to maintain special links with the children of this community and our local schools.

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 November



Saturday 2nd November, 10am-12pm

Coffee Connect at St Matthew’s Church.
Enjoy refreshments and cakes with friends.

Saturday 16th November, 2-4pm

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



Tuesday 19th November, from 2pm

Mother’s Union: 2pm at Bidford Church Hall
All welcome!



St Matthews’ Church Christmas Appeal

Donations being taken during November to support those in our community who face financial hardship. Details inside.

COMING SOON!

Bidford Nativity: Saturday 21st December, 3pm

Starting at St Joseph’s church, going around the village, finishing at St Laurence’s, with real donkey, sheep and cow.

Can you help on the day?

Contact Caroline Leahy: c.leahy@yahoo.co.uk
or Sarah Folkes: sarah.heartparishes@gmail.com



Christmas Tree Festival: Saturday 14th-Sunday 15th December

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



November 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.

3rd November 2024: The Fourth Sunday before Advent

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

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-9 OR, IF CELEBRATED AS ALL SAINTS DAY: **1st Reading:** Wisdom 3: -9 or Isaiah 25:6-9
2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:11-14 **2nd Reading:** Revelation 21:1-6a
Gospel Reading: Mark 12:29-34 **Gospel Reading:** John 11:32-44

Collect

God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,
that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

10th November 2024: Remembrance

9.40am	Holy Communion for Remembrance	Bidford
10.30am	Remembrance Service	Salford Priors
10.50am	Village Praise & Remembrance	Exhall
10.30am	Remembrance Service	Temple Grafton
5.00pm	'Breathing Space'	Salford Priors

1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10
2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-end
Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20

Collect

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

ST LAURENCE'S CHURCH, BIDFORD-ON-AVON

Enter a tree into the
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL!

Planned dates: Sat 14th & Sun 15th Dec

Details from: Andrew Pitt
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Categories:

Individual/family
Children's Groups (Schools, clubs etc)
Unassisted Children under 12
Businesses (get your name out there!)
Adult Groups (Clubs, societies etc)



17th November 2024: The Second Sunday before Advent

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

1st Reading: Daniel 2:1-3

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:1-8

Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

24th November 2024: Christ the King

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

1st Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

2nd Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

Gospel Reading: John 18:33-37

Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

ST MATTHEW'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2024

This Christmas, St Matthew's congregation and our village community are keen to support families who are facing financial hardship and need some extra help. These families have children at either Salford Priors C of E Academy or Dunnington Primary.

We plan to give supermarket gift cards to the families which can be used to buy gifts, food or clothing. If you'd like to donate this year, please use our Dona card machine at the back of Church OR you can give online: <https://donate.mydona.com/st-matthews-church-s-priors>
If using the link, please click the 'Donate with Dona' button and then choose the 'Christmas Appeal' button.

To ensure we can get the vouchers out to families on time, please make your donations by the end of November.

We will collate all of the donations and divide the total out to buy enough vouchers for the families in need in time for Christmas.

Many thanks for your kindness and generosity this festive season.

