

For Your Prayers This Month:



"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord" Psalm 150: 6

Lord of all hope, be with those who carry the responsibility of positions of power and influence. May they serve in all goodness and may peace talks continue, according to your will.

We continue to pray for safety, peace and sanctuary for the people of Palestine, Israel, Ukraine and Russia, and for those affected by the devastation of the monsoon in Pakistan. Please give safety for those bringing aid to areas of suffering.

We pray for paramedic Kate who will be supporting Olena and Nazor as they make their way to Mandy and Pete.

Help us to extend the shalom of your kingdom into broken places.

We remember our farmers, trying to provide food during this season of drought.

We pray for those finding it difficult to make ends meet in the current economic climate, and we give thanks for the food pantry and those who support it.

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.

For local families with children who are going through intense medical treatments, we pray for miraculous healing, extra strength and give thanks for the medical professionals.

We pray for those caring for their families now in ways that need extra fortitude. Loving Father God, would you wrap your arms of love around those recently bereaved, the sick, and those facing end of life.

We pray for Helen and welcome her as she starts her role as curate in the parish.

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 September

We will be welcoming Revd Helen Smith to St Laurence's church during the morning service on Sunday 14th September.

Helen's days in the parish are Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Sundays. She is with us on a curacy training placement.

Tuesday 9th September, 7.30-9 pm (Salford Priors Vicarage) and Tuesday 16th & 30th September, 7.30pm (St Matthew's Church room)
The return of 'Midweek Meet-up' at St Matthew's Church Room (3 further sessions in October).
Exploring the basics of faith. Every session is just 90 minutes, and at some point in the Autumn term, these sessions will revisit the Explore Course.
Contact Rev Sheila Bridge for more information.

First Wednesday of each month, 1-2.30pm

We need volunteers to help with the Rainbow Garden at St Matthew's Church. No experience necessary. If interested, please email: admin@heartparishes.org.uk

Saturday 13th September, 11am-2pm

St Matthew's Church Family Fun Day!
Bouncy Castle, BBQ, Refreshments, Flying Teddies, Crafts, Games, and Face Painting.
Fun for all the family!

Tuesday 16th September, 2.30pm

Mother's Union at St Laurence's Church Hall, Bidford. Join us to hear our speaker from 'Friends of Holy Land'. Everyone welcome. Contact c.leahy@yahoo.co.uk for further information.

Saturday 20th September, 2-4pm

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

Saturday 27th September, 9-10.30am

Women's breakfast at Tall Trees Retreat. Tasty food, discipleship, and discussions. Email sarah.heartparishes@gmail.com to book/enquire about future events.



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.



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.

7th September: The Twelfth 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 30.15–end | **2nd Reading:** Philemon 1–21 | **Gospel Reading:** Luke 14.25–33

Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

14th September: The Thirteenth 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: Exodus 32.7–14 | **2nd Reading:** 1 Timothy 1.12–17 | **Gospel Reading:** Luke 15.1–10

Collect

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Eco eating: Buying local produce produces fewer food miles and gives business to local growers. You can also help reduce waste by sourcing food from your local Community Pantries, which would otherwise go to landfill.

21st September: The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

1st Reading: Proverbs 3.13–18 | **2nd Reading:** 2 Corinthians 4.1–6 | **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 9.9–10

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**

28th September: The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

1st Reading: Amos 6.1a, 4–7 | **2nd Reading:** 1 Timothy 6.19–end | **Gospel Reading:** Luke 16.19–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**

UPCOMING SERVICES:

5th October: The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.45am	Holy Communion	Salford Priors	1st Reading: Habakkuk 1.1–4; 2.1–4
10.30am	Harvest Café Church	Bidford	2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1.1–14
10.30am	Harvest Family Service	Salford Priors	Gospel Reading: Luke 17.5–10
6.30pm	Evensong	Wixford	

12th October: The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion	Temple Grafton	1st Reading: 2 Kings 5.1–3, 7–15c
10.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford	2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2.8–15
10.30am	Holy Communion	Salford Priors	Gospel Reading: Luke 17. 11–19
10.30am	Harvest Village Praise	Binton	
5.00pm	‘Breathing Space’	Salford Priors	