

For Your Prayers This Month:

*"O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you.
Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 63: 1, 5*



Loving heavenly Father,
We pray for your protection over the rescue teams bringing help to those suffering flooding in Pakistan; landslides and conflict in Sudan; and earthquakes in Afghanistan.

We thank you that Olena and Nazar (from Ukraine) have arrived safely with Mandy and Pete. Thank you for those working to protect the vulnerable.

Please watch over and protect those young people leaving home for the first time to go to University.

We wait for grants and faculties for a new, cheaper-to-run, and environmentally friendly heating installation for St Matthew's Church, Salford Priors. We pray for the generosity of local people to enable the funds to come in.

We pray by name for those needing your healing touch and to know your peace: Doreen, who has completed palliative chemotherapy and is soon to receive immunotherapy; Isabelle; Walter; Rhiannon, that her condition improves over the next few months; Julie Singlehurst and her family; Penny Prewer; Alex Waring; Joanna Travers; Alan (Margaret's son); and Sylvia.

We pray for those going through bereavement and ask for your love and peace to surround them.

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 October

Tuesday 7th & 28th October, 7.30-9 pm (St Matthew's Church room)

St Matthew's Church 'Midweek Meet-up' continues its series 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 11th October, 9.10am

The Men's Shed breakfast: Come for a chat and enjoy the company!

Meeting at Osco's, Blenheim Nursery, Stratford Road, Bidford

To book, please email johnahead@icloud.com by 10th October, stating any dietary requirements.



Saturday 11th October, meet at 10.45am

St Matthew's Churchyard working party.

Everyone welcome!

Email minister.stmatthews@heartparishes.org.uk for more information.

Saturday 11th October, 2-4pm

Messy Church at St Laurence's, Bidford.

Free! All families with children welcome. No need to book.



Tuesday 21st October, 2.30pm

Mother's Union at St Laurence's Church Hall, Bidford.

Everyone welcome. Contact c.leahy@yahoo.co.uk for further information.



Saturday 25th October, 9-10.30am

Women's breakfast at Tall Trees Retreat, Cleeve Prior. £7.50 per person.

Tasty food, discipleship, and discussions.

Email sarah.heartparishes@gmail.com

to book/enquire about future events.



Sunday 26th October, 2-4pm

Ernie Hall, a long time member of St Laurence's and a bell-ringer, is turning 100 on 26th Oct.

He now lives at Salford House Residential Care Home.

The family will be with him on the afternoon of Sunday 26th enjoying a birthday tea from 2pm - 4pm and others are welcome to pop along at that time or around the time of his birthday if they are able.

Happy Birthday Ernie!



**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.**



October 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.

5th October: Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4 | **2nd Reading:** 2 Timothy 1.1-14 | **Gospel Reading:** Luke 17.5-10

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. **Amen**

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. **Amen**

12th October: Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion	Temple Grafton
10.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
10.30am	Holy Communion & Muddy Church	Salford Priors
10.30am	Harvest Village Praise	Binton
5.00pm	'Breathing Space'	Salford Priors

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c | **2nd Reading:** 2 Timothy 2.8-15 | **Gospel Reading:** Luke 17.11-19

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. **Amen**

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. **Amen**



If you have a garden, make sure to leave an area for small animals to hibernate. Piles of leaves or long patches of grass can be perfect autumn & winter habitats. Compost bins are great too, but make sure you leave them unturned so as not to disturb any wildlife living there.

19th October: Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

1st Reading: Genesis 32.22-31 | **2nd Reading:** 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5 | **Gospel Reading:** Luke 18.1-8

Collect

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
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**

26th October: Last Sunday after Trinity

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

1st Reading: Jeremiah 14.7-10, 19-end | **2nd Reading:** 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18 | **Gospel Reading:** Luke 18.9-14

Collect

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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**

UPCOMING SERVICES:

2nd November: Fourth Sunday before Advent

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

1st Reading: Isaiah 1.10-18
2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1
Gospel Reading: Luke 19.1-10