

For Your Prayers This Month:

"I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust'" Psalm 91: 2.



Gracious and Loving God, as you will and as you know, have mercy.

- We bring before you little Isabelle, 5 years old, who is facing further cancer treatment and the very distressing side effects. Lord, we pray, in Jesus' name, for miraculous healing. Strengthen and uphold her and her family Abi, Chris and sister Helen and guide those treating and caring for her.
- Thank you, Father, that Olena, Yuri and Nazar now have a safe home in Pershore. Thank you for all those who have responded to the guiding of your Holy Spirit, given them shelter and helped them get to this place in their lives.

We pray for:

- Safe travels for Julie Hallett's family during the Easter holidays.
- Peace, good rest and good outcomes for those involved in recent school inspections.
- Freedom from anxiety for Mark & Wendy, Margaret Kibblewhite & Alan.
- An answer to health issues for Joanna Travers, Alex Waring, Rhiannon.
- Healing for Eric, Karl, Cathy, John and Beth.
- Comfort for the bereaved - Derek's family and Margaret's family.
- A breakthrough in the treatment of Parkinson's Disease - Sylvia and Dementia, June.
- Peace for those receiving palliative care - Doreen.

Gracious and Loving God, as you will and as you know, have mercy. 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 April

Friday 3rd April, 11am-12.30pm

Messy Easter at St Matthew's Church
Craft, activities, refreshments and songs. Free, all welcome!



Friday 3rd April, 10am

Good Friday Walk of Witness in Bidford.
Begins at St Joseph's RC Church. Coffee and Tea available after the walk.



Saturday 11th April, 9.10am

The Men's Shed breakfast: Come for a chat and enjoy the company!
Meeting at Osco's, Blenheim Nursery, Stratford Rd, Bidford.
To book, please email: johnahead@icloud.com by 10th April, stating any dietary requirements.



Saturday 11th April, 11am-1pm

Spring Churchyard Tidy up. We need your help, come and join us to weed, cut back and prepare our outside area ready for the children.



Saturday 18th April - 9-10.30am

Women's breakfast at Ellenden Farm Shop, WR11 8LU. Tasty food, discipleship, and discussions.
Please contact: deniseandreo@gmail.com or 07791 347651.



Saturday 18th April, 2-4pm

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



Tuesday 21st April, 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 April, 11am

Parish Walk & Picnic. Starting at St Matthew's car park, bring a picnic.
Contact Sarah for more details: sarah.heartparishes@gmail.com



Sunday 26th April 2-4pm



A family biodiversity free event at St Matthew's church.
Help us find as many species as possible from insects to flowers, from birds, to bees!
Everyone welcome!

Sunday 26th April, 4-5pm

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 here. Do please introduce yourself to someone after the service.



April 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.

Wed 1st April: Holy Week	6.30pm	Tenebrae	Bidford
Thurs 2nd April: Maundy Thursday	6.30pm	Holy Communion	Bidford
Fri 3rd April: Good Friday	11am	All age Messy Church workshop	Salford Priors
	12-3pm	Reflective service	Bidford
	2pm	Hour at the Cross	Salford Priors

5th April: Easter Day

6am	Sunrise Service	Salford Priors
6am	Sunrise Service	Bidford
8.45am	Holy Communion	Salford Priors
10am	Holy Communion	Bidford
10.30am	Holy Communion	Binton
10.30am	Holy Communion	Temple Grafton
10.30am	Family Service	Salford Priors
11am	Holy Communion	Exhall
6.30pm	Evensong	Wixford

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31. 1-6 | **2nd Reading:** Acts 10. 34-42 | **Gospel Reading:** John 20. 1-18

Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

12th April: 2nd Sunday of Easter

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

1st Reading: Acts 2.14a, 22-32 | **2nd Reading:** 1 Peter 1. 3-9 | **Gospel Reading:** John 20. 19-end

Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

19th April: 3rd Sunday of Easter

8.00am	Holy Communion	Exhall
10.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
10.30am	Cafe Church & Bake through the Bible	Salford Priors

1st Reading: Acts 2. 14a, 36 - 41 | **2nd Reading:** 1 Peter 1.17- 23 | **Gospel Reading:** Luke 24. 13-35

Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

26th April: 4th Sunday of Easter

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: Acts 2. 42- end | **2nd Reading:** 1 Peter 2. 19-end | **Gospel Reading:** John 10. 1-10

Collect

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Churches will be having their APCMs this month or next, if anyone would like to join the electoral roll for their Church, please speak to a churchwarden or member of the PCC to get a form.

eco tip:



Use a reusable shopping bag when you go to the shops. Pop a couple spare in your car for your unplanned trips.