

For Your Prayers This Month:

“And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” **Philippians 4: 7**



Heavenly Father, we thank you for bringing healing, relief and peace.

Loving Lord we bring to you our prayers for those:

- Living with Parkinson’s Disease
- Facing cancer treatment
- With dementia
- Experiencing bereavement
- Coming to terms with having to leave their homeland
- Waiting for treatment
- Suffering anxiety & depression
- With long term illness
- Facing the end of life

We pray for: Sylvia; Karl; Derek; June; Margaret; Sue; the Dunne family; Olena; Alexi; Yuri; Lera; Nazar; Alex; Mark; Alfie; Sarah; Matthew; Penny; Julie’s mum & dad; Alan; Beth; Joanna; Doreen and Maureen.

We pray also for strength and peace for those who support them.

May their lives be filled with hope, kindness and care. **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

First Friday of each month, Fri 6th Feb, 9:30-11:30am

Join us at St Laurence’s for Friday Fellowship: 9:30 Prayer, 10:00 Tea and Coffee, 10:30 Discussion.
Everyone is welcome! More details email Rev Helen.

Sunday 8th Feb, 10:30am

SPYING Youth group at St Matthew’s Church room.



Saturday 14th Feb, 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 johnhead@icloud.com by 13th Feb, stating any dietary requirements.

Saturday 14th Feb, 2-4pm



Half Term Family Board Game Fun! Join us to play board games!
All welcome at St Matthew’s Church.

Saturday 21st Feb, 2-4pm

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



Tuesday 17th Feb, 2.30pm

Mother’s Union at St Laurence’s Church Hall, Bidford.
Everyone welcome. Contact c.leahy@yahoo.co.uk for further information.

Tuesdays - 24th Feb, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March, 10.30am

Join the Lent group at St Laurence’s as we journey towards Easter
in the presence of Jesus. For more details, email Rev Helen.

Wednesday 18th Feb, 10.30am

Visit to the food pantry from ‘Act on Energy’
A charity offering support with Energy advice - leaflets at the back of church.

Thursday 26th Feb, 10am

Hedge planting at St Matthew’s Church - could you help?
Warwickshire wildlife fund are donating a hedge to go around the memorial garden
and we need some willing helpers to come and plant it.



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.

1st February: 4th Sunday of Epiphany

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

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17.8-16 | **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1. 1-end | **Gospel Reading:** John 2. 1-11

Collect

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Generous Lord,
in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love:
help us so to live out our days
that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

8th February: 2nd Sunday before Lent

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

1st Reading: Genesis 1. 1-2.3 | **2nd Reading:** Romans 8.18-25 | **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 6.25- end

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**



eco tip:

SWITCH OFF

It sounds obvious when you think about it, but a switched-off device uses less energy than something left on, so be vigilant at home and at work to turn off appliances you're not using.

15th February: Sunday next before Lent

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

1st Reading: Exodus 24. 12-end | **2nd Reading:** 2 Peter 1.16-end | **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 17. 1-9

Collect

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

18th February: Ash Wednesday

10.30am Holy Communion with Ashing	Bidford
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1st Reading: Isaiah 58. 1-12 | **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 6. 1-6

22nd February: 1st Sunday of Lent

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

1st Reading: Genesis 2. 15-17; 3.1-7 | **2nd Reading:** Romans 5. 12-19 | **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 4. 1-11

Collect

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

UPCOMING SERVICES: 1st March: 2nd Sunday of Lent

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

1st Reading: Genesis 12.1-4
2nd Reading: Romans 4.1-5, 13-17
Gospel Reading: John 3. 1-17