

# For Your Prayers This Month:



"Glory to the new born King" Romans 15 v 13

Loving Father God,  
At the start of this new year, we pray for peace; for your will to be done; for hearts to be turned to you.

- We pray for Beth and Oli to be settled in a new home and new job.
- Please wrap your arms of love around Ruth, Glen and family.
- We thank you that Debi's sister, Pauline, is making good progress. Thank you that we are so wonderfully-made that our bodies can heal and thank you for the dedication of our doctors and all those who look after and nurse those needing care and compassion. Thank you for your healing touch and the ongoing healing for Eloise-Zoe and Walter. We ask for restoration of sight for Harriet.
- We lift to you those bereaved at this time of the year: Pete Waring and family, Sue Lawrence (Evesham), and those who miss their loved ones whose anniversaries fall at this time; all known to you Lord.
- We continue to ask that there may be break-through for those with long term health conditions: Alex Waring; Margaret's son Alan; Joanna Travers; Sylvia Muller.
- Please grant peace and patience to those waiting for appointments, diagnoses and treatments: Penny Prewer; Terry Singlehurst; Sheila Penney.
- May there be good rest during the holidays for teachers and all those working with children.

**Father God,**

**We thank you for your faithfulness to us in this Heart of England Benefice.**

**We pray that as we travel together into our shared future,  
you will bring a person of your calling to lead us.**

**We pray for that person to be someone close to your heart who will help all of us  
to grow closer to you and enable us to become together a brighter reflection  
of your love in these communities where we live and worship.**

**We ask in the name of your Son, Jesus. 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 January

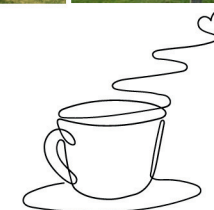


**Saturday 11th January, 8.30am**

St Matthew's Men's Breakfast Group

Meeting at The Vineyard, Abbots Salford.

To book your space or find out costs, please email [johnahead@icloud.com](mailto:johnahead@icloud.com) before 8am Friday 10th January.



**Saturday 18th January, 2-4pm**

Messy Church, St Laurence's, Bidford.

Free! All families with children welcome.

No need to book.



**Tuesday 21st January, 2pm**

Mother's Union: 2pm at Bidford Church Hall

All welcome!



## Upcoming Services for Next Month:

### Sunday 2nd February

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

**1st Reading:** Malachi 3.1-5 | **2nd Reading:** Hebrews 2.14-end | **Gospel Reading:** Luke 2.22-40

### Sunday 9th February

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:** Isaiah 6.1-8 (9-end) | **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 5.1-11



**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.**



# January 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. St Matthew's Church will be following a Bible Study programme and using different readings from January - May.

## 5th January: Epiphany

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

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 60.1-6 | **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 3.1-12 | **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 2.1-12

### Collect

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,  
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light  
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## 12th January: The Baptism of Christ

10.00am Holy Communion Bidford  
10.30am Holy Communion & Muddy Church Salford Priors (*Reading Genesis 1:1-28*)  
10.30am Village Praise Binton  
5.00pm 'Breathing Space' Salford Priors

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 43.1-7 | **2nd Reading:** Acts 8.14-17 | **Gospel Reading:** Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

### Collect

Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognize him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Amen**

### Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## 19th January: The Second Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion Exhall  
10.00am Holy Communion Bidford  
10.30am Café Church (Family Service) Salford Priors (*Reading Genesis 3.1-13*)

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 62.1-5 | **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12.1-11

**Gospel Reading:** John 2.1-11

### Collect

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### Post Communion Prayer

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## 26th January: The Third Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion Wixford  
10.00am Holy Communion Bidford  
10.30am Holy Communion Salford Priors (*Reading Genesis 15*)  
11.00am Village Praise Exhall

**1st Reading:** Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10 | **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 4.14-21

### Collect

God of all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,  
release to the captives,  
and freedom to the oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy Spirit  
and set all your people free  
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
may your people,  
illumined by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen**