

For Your Prayers This Month:



"The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express." Romans 8:26.

Loving Lord God,

We thank you that you have given us your Holy Spirit. Please help us to pray in faith for:

- Isabelle and her family. Following her recent scan, unfortunately a further operation is necessary, on 2nd July, to clear the tumour from her lung.
- Julie Singlehurst's mum who has a new health concern.
- All baby and toddler groups around the country and especially those linked to our own Saplings group.
- Those who need healing in mind and body. May they know your peace.
- Those who don't yet know you, Lord.
- The political leaders of our United Kingdom and those in positions of trust and authority.

Gracious and loving Father

We thank you for the ways in which we are fearfully and wonderfully made, that our bodies are designed to heal, but also for the doctors, nurses and caring people that you have given us.

We thank you for our farmers who face challenging times in the changing climate.

Thank you for those who have a heart to advocate for change in the way we misuse our planet. Help us to be better stewards of your gift to us.

Merciful Father, give us caring hearts and help us to be the answer to prayer where it is ours to do so in love for our neighbour.

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 July

Friday 3rd July - Friday Fellowship 9.30-11.30am

Join us at St Laurence's for Friday Fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

Contact Rev Helen for more info.



Saturday 11th July, 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 July, stating any dietary requirements.

Saturday 18th July, 9-10.30am

Women's breakfast at Tall Trees retreat, Cleeve Prior.

Tasty food, discipleship, and discussions. Please contact:

mandyenglish.me@googlemail.com



Saturday 18th July, 9.30am - 12pm

Churchyard Tidy Up! At St Laurence's.

Tuesday 21st July, 2.30pm

Mothers' Union invites everyone to a Garden Party with afternoon tea,

2.30pm at 67 Victoria Road. Donations to Mothers' Union charities (minimum £5).

Contact: c.leahy@yahoo.co.uk for further information.

God's Creation Artwork - Deadline 30th August

Toddlers to teens - we will display your artwork in the church gallery as part of our outdoor Prayer trail launch. A4 size please, and hand to Rev Sheila or Sarah.

Boat Naming Competition - Deadline 31st August. Name our new boat in the churchyard, suggestions in the black box at the back of church.

SAVE THE DATE Sunday 20th September

Bishop Sophie Jelley is coming to our Sunday morning service at St Matthew's, and will be formally opening our outdoor prayer trail.



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.



July 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 July: 5th Sunday after Trinity

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

1st Reading: Zechariah 9.9-12| **2nd Reading:** Romans 7.15-25a |

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11.16-19, 25- end

Collect

Almighty God, send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

12th July: 6th 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: Isaiah 55. 10-13| **2nd Reading:** Romans 8.1-11 | **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

Collect

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

During the summer holidays, St Laurence's will be having a Summer series of Sermons on Moses, so will follow a different set of readings.

July 19th: Exodus 3:1-12, Acts 7:20-22, 30-34 and Mark 9:2-8

July 26th: Exodus 14:1-4, 19-25, Psalm 106:1-12 and Mark 1:9-13

19th July: 7th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion	Exhall
10.00am Holy Communion	Bidford
10.30am Cafe Church	Salford Priors

1st Reading: Isaiah 44. 6-8| **2nd Reading:** Romans 8.12-25 | **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43

Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

26th July: 8th Sunday after Trinity

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

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3.5-12 | **2nd Reading:** Romans 8.26-end | **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 13.31-25, 44-52

Collect

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever. **Amen**

eco tip:



Please put out shallow bowls of water for wildlife in hot weather.