

For Your Prayers This Month:



"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lam 3:22-23.

Loving Heavenly Father,
Thank you for loving each one of us.

Please comfort those recently bereaved and those remembering the anniversary of the death of loved ones.

Thank you for giving us your Holy Spirit to be with us always. We pray for those recently confirmed at St Matthew's church, that they will grow in love for you and for their neighbour, whilst coming together for the support of their church families.

We thank you for those who have received healing; for our doctors and those working in the care professions; and we pray for those caring for their loved ones who need support.

We lift to you those needing a healing touch: Glen; Rhiannon; Penny; Alan (Margaret's son); Sylvia; Joanna Travers; Beth; Andrew; Sheila Penney, Terry Singlehurst; Alex Waring.

Please protect the children of our local communities; teachers, staff and all who help them to grow. Enable them to keep the pressure of exams in perspective.

Thank you for the people in our communities who have stepped up to help as school governors, council members and who have taken on roles to help the smooth running of life within our churches and our communities. Enable us to come alongside those needing help by giving to the food bank, listening without judgment, through hearing your prompting, and through praying.

We thank you for your faithfulness to us in this Heart of England Benefice and that, as we travel together into our shared future, you are bringing us a person of your calling, close to your heart, to travel with us and help us to become a brighter reflection of your love in these communities where we live and worship. 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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WELCOME

to the Heart of England Benefice

Bidford on Avon • Binton • Exhall • Salford Priors • Temple Grafton • Wixford



What's on in June

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 14th June, 9-10.30am

St Matthew's Men's Breakfast Group

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

To book, please email johnahead@icloud.com by 13th June, stating any dietary requirements.



Sunday 15th June, 10.00am

There will be no service at St Matthew's Church.

Instead, there is a group Holy Communion at St Laurence's Church, Bidford, at which we'll welcome the Rt Revd Sophie Jelley, Bishop of Coventry.

Tuesday 17th June, 2.30pm

Mother's Union Garden Party at Caroline's: 2.30pm

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



Saturday 21st June, 9-10.30am

Women's breakfast at Tall Trees Retreat.

Tasty food, discipleship, and discussions.

Email sarah.heartparishes@gmail.com to book/enquire about future events.



Saturday 21st June, 2-4pm

Messy Church at St Laurence's, Bidford.

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



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 5th July

Alcester Deanery Synod Festival Day

A day to celebrate our deanery, share good practice, and learn together.

For more information and to register your interest in attending this FREE event, please email alcester-deanery-secretary@ardenmarches.co.uk



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.



June 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 June: The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

1st Reading: Acts 1.6-11

2nd Reading: Revelation 22.12-14, 16-17, 20-end

Gospel Reading: John 17.20-end

Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

8th June: Pentecost

8.00am Holy Communion	Temple Grafton
10.00am Holy Communion	Bidford
10.00am Muddy Church	Salford Priors
10.30am Holy Communion	Salford Priors
10.30am Village Praise	Binton

1st Reading: Acts 2.1-21 | **2nd Reading:** Romans 8.14-17

Gospel Reading: John 14.8-17 [25-27]

Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

15th June: Trinity Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion	Exhall
10.00am Holy Communion (Group Service)	Bidford

1st Reading: Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31 | **2nd Reading:** Romans 5.1-5
Gospel Reading: John 16.12-15

Collect

Holy God, faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever. **Amen**

22nd June: The First 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: Isaiah 65.1-9 | **2nd Reading:** Galatians 3.23-end

Gospel Reading: Luke 8.26-39

Collect

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer
Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

29th June: The Second Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion	Binton
10.30am Holy Communion (Group Service)	Salford Priors

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19.15-16, 19-end

2nd Reading: Galatians 5.1,13-25

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16.13-19

Collect

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer
Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

UPCOMING SERVICES:

6th July:

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

13th July:

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

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