

For Your Prayers This Month:



"I will declare that your love stands firm for ever" Psalm 89: 2

Gracious and ever faithful Father God,
The summer holidays have arrived, and we ask that you watch over the children of our Benefice and keep them safe. Give good rest to all those who teach, look after and work with the children in our four schools. Strengthen them we pray during this time of restoration.

Loving Father, would you continue the good work of miracles of healing which you have started in the lives of local children needing your healing touch.

We pray for Helen as she prepares to join us in September as curate. Help us to make her feel welcome within our parishes.

We thank you for the work of the paramedic, Kate, who is helping Olena and Nazor to come safely to Mandy and Pete's home, seeking refuge from the war in Ukraine.

We pray for the starving people of Gaza, that aid will get through to provide them with every substance necessary for life, and that they may find hope for a better future. We pray for your protection over those delivering aid.

We lift to you by name those needing your healing touch: Terry Singlehurst, Glen, Rhiannon, Joanna Travers, Alan (Margaret's son), Alex Waring, Beth, Sylvia, Penny, Andrew, Kat, Julie Ramage, and Doreen. Please quiet their fears and storms with your abundant grace and love.

We lift Julie Hallett's family to you, and those families experiencing change. We ask that an unexpected serenity may surprise them as they receive your strength and peace.

For inclusion in the Prayer List, please direct your requests to Denise Andreo:
Call: 07791 347651 or email: deniseandreo@gmail.com

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.

Please note the new, updated email addresses for Revd. Sheila Bridge and the Benefice Administrator, Amy James:

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to the Heart of England Benefice

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What's on in August

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 9th August, 9-10.30am

Women's breakfast at Tall Trees Retreat.

Tasty food, discipleship, and discussions. £7.50 per person.

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



Sunday 10th August, 10:30am-4pm

St Peter's Binton celebrates 150 years since laying the foundation stone of the rebuilt Church. Service at 10.30. Displays and refreshments in Church until 4 pm.



Wednesday 20th August, 2-4 pm

Fun afternoon at St Laurence's Church. Games, crafts, and lego.

All free! Refreshments provided. No need to book.

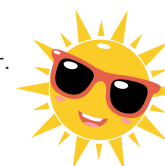
For children of all ages (must be accompanied by an adult).

Summer holiday activities FULLY BOOKED!

Thank you to all who have attended the activities and helped so far.

Please pray for the remaining activity days to:

run smoothly and safely, be a source of joy for those involved, and a positive opportunity to serve the community.



The Men's Breakfast, Mothers' Union, and Messy Church are all taking a break in August.

The next dates will be published in September's pewsheet.

COMING SOON

Saturday 13th September, 11am-2pm

St Matthew's Church Family Fun Day!

Most Tuesdays, 7.30-9 pm, starting from 2nd September

The return of 'Midweek Meet-up' at St Matthew's Church Room.

Exploring the basics of faith.

Every session is just 90 minutes,

and at some point in the Autumn term, these sessions will go back over the Explore Course.

Contact Rev Sheila Bridge for more information.



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.



August 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.

3rd August: The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14; 2.18-23

2nd Reading: Colossians 3.1-11

Gospel Reading: Luke 12.32-40

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**

10th August: The Eighth 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: Genesis 15.1-6 | **2nd Reading:** Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

Gospel Reading: Luke 12.32-40

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**

17th August: The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23.23-29 | **2nd Reading:** Hebrews 11.29-12.2

Gospel Reading: Luke 12.49-56

Collect

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

24th August: The Tenth 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 58.9b-end | **2nd Reading:** Hebrews 12.18-end

Gospel Reading: Luke 22.24-30

Collect

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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tip:

Help to conserve water...

- Collect rainwater to water your garden. Search "how to collect rainwater" online for tips.
- Collect excess tap water when making yourself a cool drink - use it to water house plants.
- Fix leaky taps!
- Don't leave the tap running when brushing your teeth.

31st August: The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion	Binton
10.30am Group Service	Bidford

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 10.12-18 | **2nd Reading:** Hebrews 13.1-8

Gospel Reading: Luke 14.1, 7-14

Collect

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

UPCOMING SERVICES:

7th September: Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30.15-end

2nd Reading: Philemon 30.15-end

Gospel Reading: Luke 14.25-33

14th September: Thirteenth 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: Exodus 32.7-14

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1.12-17

Gospel Reading: Luke 15.1-10

