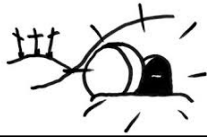


16th April 2017

Easter Sunday

# Welcome



**Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*The Heart of England Group of Parishes*

in the villages of Bidford, Binton, Exhall,  
Salford Priors, Temple Grafton & Wixford

### SERVICES TODAY

6.00am	Sunrise Holy Communion	Bidford
6.00am	Sunrise Service	Salford Priors
6.00am	Sunrise Service	Temple Grafton
9.30am	Holy Communion	Binton
10.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
10.00am	Holy Communion	Temple Grafton
10.30am	Holy Communion	Salford Priors
11.00am	Holy Communion	Exhall

### SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY (23rd April)

8.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
8.00am	Holy Communion	Wixford
9.30am	Village Praise	Binton
10.00am	Family Service	Temple Grafton
10.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
10.30am	Holy Communion + Baptism	Salford Priors



**Worshipping God  
Making new Disciples  
Transforming Communities**



### *Suggestions for prayer during the week for:*

- all who are unwell, especially Rachel Clark, Joanna Cotterell, Ron Draycott, Janet Eastwood, Gwen Hall, Barbara Harrison, Ellen Houghton, Chloe Lambert, Jim Lewis, Geoff Mullett, Linda Mullett, and all their families, carers and the medical staff who treat them
- all those away on holiday at this time—for safety in travelling and happy family time together
- Christians around the world celebrating Jesus' resurrection today and especially those who are persecuted for their faith
- Unity in the church between denominations and within communities
- The beginning of the process to recruit a Children's and schools' worker for our parishes
- Harley Parker-Banks and his family coming to St Matthew's next Sunday for his baptism

*"He answered their prayers because they trusted in Him" 1 Chronicles 5.20*

### APCM DATES:

Please note the following dates for the Annual Church Meetings:

- April 18th—Exhall & Wixford—Exhall Village Hall
- April 25th—Temple Grafton—St Andrew's Church at 7.45pm
- April 26th—Salford Priors—in the Church Room at 7.45pm
- April 27th—Binton—The Grange, Binton at 7pm

### **What's happening during the week around the Group:**

Monday	7.00pm	<b>Monday Prayers</b> at St Andrew's Temple Grafton
Tuesday	7.00pm	<b>Tuesday Prayers</b> at St Laurence's, Bidford
	9.00am	<b>Thursday Prayers</b> at St Matthew's Salford Priors
Thursday	9.30am	<b>Holy Communion—St Laurence, Bidford</b>
	7.30pm	<b>Community Group Meeting—Memorial Hall</b>
Friday	6.30pm	<b>Friday Prayers at Salford Priors—in Edna's house</b>



**URGENT REQUEST!**

We need helpers for our Alpha Course in May (see overleaf); some who can prepare and serve meals and some who can help running the course especially to join the group discussions. If you would like to be involved, please speak to Roger or Peter Walker.

Unfortunately St Matthew's has had part of the lead roof over the south aisle stolen in the last few days. This has meant that we have had to cover part of the roof with temporary tarpaulins until we decide how best to proceed with repairs/replacement. For those visiting the tower, please take extra care as you make your way across the roof to the tower. We are told to pray for those who hate us and for those who persecute us—that includes those who have perpetrated this crime!



<u>Readings:</u>	16th April EASTER DAY	23rd April	7th May	14th May
1st Reading	Acts 10.34-43	Acts 2.14a, 22-32	Acts 2.42-47	Acts 7.55-59
2nd Reading	Colossians 3.1-4	1 Peter 1.3-9	1 Peter 2.19-25	1 Peter 2.2-10
Gospel	John 20.1-18	John 20.19-31	John 10.1-10	John 14.1-14
SP H/group	Penney	Berkley	Hallett	Penney



***Who is Jesus? How can I have faith?***

***Why and how do I pray?***

***How does God guide us?***

**If you are seeking the answers to these type of questions then:  
We are going to be running an Alpha Course starting in May.**

Alpha is a series of around 10 weekly sessions exploring the Christian faith. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone's welcome. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation.

We hope to start on Wednesday 10th May at 7pm in St Matthew's Church, Salford Priors with other sessions following in subsequent weeks.

More details next week. If you think you would like to join the Alpha course, please let Roger Huggins, Peter Walker or your Churchwarden know so that we can make sure we cater for the right numbers.

*There's no charge to attend Alpha – it's free!*

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