

7th May 2017

4th Sunday of Easter

# Welcome

*The Heart of England Group of Parishes*

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

*A very warm welcome if you are visiting us today or  
are here for the first time.*

*Do please introduce yourself to someone  
after the service.*

### SERVICES TODAY

8.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
8.45am	Holy Communion	Salford Priors
10.00am	Children's Service	Temple Grafton
10.30am	Café Church	Bidford
10.30am	Family Service	Salford Priors
6.30pm	Evensong	Binton

### SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY (14th May)

8.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
8.00am	Holy Communion	Temple Grafton
10.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
10.00am	Family Service	Temple Grafton
10.30am	Holy Communion	Salford Priors
4.00pm	Party Church	Bidford



**Worshipping God  
Making new Disciples  
Transforming Communities**



### Alpha POSTPONED!

Unfortunately there has been little interest in attending the course this time, so we have decided to postpone it until the autumn, which is a more usual time for Alpha to be held.

We are intending to do a much better job of promoting it in our churches and villages, so please keep your eyes open to opportunities that this will produce and also try to encourage those who would benefit to sign up. We will announce new dates later in the summer. Apologies to those who were hoping to attend.

### *Please pray this week for:*

- those who are unwell, especially Rachel Clark, Joanna Cotterell, Ron Draycott, Janet Eastwood, Gwen Hall, Barbara Harrison, Chloe Lambert, Geoff Mullett, Linda Mullett, and all their families, carers and the medical staff who treat them
- all who mourn the loss of a loved one
- Bidford PCC meeting this week
- First Steps meeting each Monday lunchtime in Bidford
- the Salford Priors Community Group meeting each Thursday
- local Candidates who are standing for election to Parliament in June
- the continuing crisis in east Africa
- Coventry Diocese senior staff as they have to make difficult decisions and for the recruitment of a new archdeacon and area dean
- Our new churchwardens as they prepare to be sworn in to take office

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



#PLEDGE2PRAY

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, is inviting Christians around the world to pray as one for people to know Jesus Christ in the "Thy Kingdom Come" programme from 25th May—4th June (Ascension to Pentecost).

If you would like a copy of the daily prayer booklet designed for these 9 days: "Conversations in the In-Between" or a leather bracelet to tie knots in—to remind you who you are praying for, please contact Roger Huggins



There will be a **Group Rogation Service** held outside (*weather permitting*) at St Giles' Church Exhall at 10.30am on Sunday 21st May. Do come and join us as we celebrate God's creation

**Compline at St Milburga's Wixford**

Compline starts again on Sunday 28 May at 6.30pm at St Milburga's, Wixford.



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

Monday	1.30pm	<b>First Steps</b> in Bidford Church Hall
	7.00pm	<b>Monday Prayers</b> at St Andrew's Temple Grafton
Tuesday	7.00pm	<b>Tuesday Prayers</b> at St Laurence's, Bidford
Wednesday	8.00pm	<b>Baptism Preparation 1</b> —at the Vicarage in Bidford
Thursday	9.00am	<b>Thursday Prayers</b> at St Matthew's Salford Priors
	9.30am	<b>Holy Communion—St Laurence, Bidford</b>
	7.30pm	<b>Bidford PCC Meeting</b>
Friday	7.30pm	<b>Community Group Meeting</b> —Memorial Hall
	6.30pm	<b>Friday Prayers at Salford Priors</b> —in Edna's house

<u>Readings:</u>	7th May	14th May	21st May	28th May
1st Reading	Acts 2.42-47	Acts 7.55-59	Acts 17.22-31	Acts 1.6-14
2nd Reading	1 Peter 2.19-25	1 Peter 2.2-10	1 Peter 3.13-22	1 Peter 4.12-14;5.6-11
Gospel	John 10.1-10	John 14.1-14	John 14.15-21	John 17.1-11
SP H/group	Hallett	Penney	NO SERVICE	Berkley

Beginning in June the St Matthew's Homegroups will no longer be responsible for refreshments, readings and prayers. Instead there will be new rotas drawn up to cover these activities and if you would like to be included and have not been asked, please speak to Roger or Greg

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