

16th July 2017

5th after Trinity

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.*

Please pray this week for:

- those who are unwell, especially Peter Butcher; Joanna Cotterell, Ron Draycott, Janet Eastwood, Alf Farmer, Barbara Harrison, Cheryl Jefferson, Jeanne Knight, Chloe Lambert, Geoff Mullett, Linda Mullett, Laurence, David Smith, Pam Smith and all their families, carers and the medical staff who treat them
- all who mourn the loss of a loved one.
- Isabel Jacques and Charles Turpitt being baptised at St Matthew's and St Laurence's this morning
- our schools Leavers Services next week
- all who are away on holiday at the moment or about to go away—for safety and relaxation
- love and harmony in our homes during the summer holiday period

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." James 5.16

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am	Holy Communion	Exhall
8.45am	Holy Communion	Salford Priors
10.00am	Family Service	Temple Grafton
10.00am	Holy Communion + Baptism + Blessing	Bidford
10.30am	Village Praise + Baptism	Salford Priors
3.30pm	Mix	The Barn
7.00pm	Fresh Expressions	Salford Priors MH

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY (23rd July)

8.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
8.00am	Holy Communion	Wixford
9.30am	Village Praise	Binton
10.00am	Village Praise	Temple Grafton
10.00am	Holy Communion by Extension	Bidford
10.30am	Holy Communion + Baptism	Salford Priors
6.30pm	Compline	Wixford

What's happening during the week around the Group:

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



Please note that Compline will be held at St Milburga's Church, Wixford on next Sunday, 23rd July. It starts at 6.30pm and makes for a lovely peaceful ending to the day.



PLEASE NOTE—there is NO Cup Cake Café in August.

It starts again on 2nd September at 10am in the TOPS Building in Salford Priors.



**Worshipping God
Making new Disciples
Transforming Communities**



Group Service

Sunday 30th July is a 5th Sunday, so there will be a
Group Family Service at Salford Priors at 10.30am
(NOT as previously stated in the Vicarage garden in Bidford)



We are still planning to run an Alpha Course starting in the autumn.

If you are seeking the answers to questions like:
***Who is Jesus? How can I have faith?
 Why and how do I pray?
 How does God guide us?***
then Alpha is the place to find them.

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.

Once we have enough people interested we will announce the dates and times.

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!

<u>Readings:</u>	16th July	23rd July	30th July	6th August
1st Reading	Genesis 25.19-34	Genesis 28.10-19a	Genesis 29.15-28	Genesis 32.22-31
2nd Reading	Romans 8.1-11	Romans 8.12-25	Romans 8.26-39	Romans 9.1-5
Gospel	Matthew 13.1-9,18-23	Matthew 13.24-30,36-43	Matthew 13.31-33,44-52	Matthew 14.13-21



What is Community Sponsorship?

Community Sponsorship is a practical way for communities to help transform the lives of a vulnerable refugee family who are being resettled to the UK. Sponsor groups take on the responsibility of welcoming them into their new environment and supporting them on their journey as they build a new life.

Why get involved?

The evidence shows that their networks can help refugees settle more quickly and better address past experiences. Sponsors help them to practice English, find employment quicker and access services. This experience has also been transformative for sponsors, bringing people together through practical support.



St Matthew's Church is investigating the possibility of setting up a local project in the near future probably in Salford Priors and if you are interested and would like to know more, please contact Roger Huggins or Julie Singlehurst.



First Steps—for pre-school children, babies and their mums and carers is held on Monday lunchtime during term-time from 1.30-2.30pm in the Church Hall in Bidford. Do come and enjoy some time together with others and some chat, a cup of tea and some simple worship. Tomorrow will be the last one before the holidays.

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