

3rd December 2017

Advent Sunday

Welcome



This church is part of

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 or are here for the first time. Do introduce yourself to someone after the service.

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
8.45am	Holy Communion	Salford Priors
10.30am	Café Church	Bidford
10.30am	Christingle Service + Baptisms	Salford Priors
3.00pm	Guiding Carol Service	Bidford
6.30pm	Evensong (with Refreshments)	Wixford

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY (10th December)

8.00am	Holy Communion by Extension	Bidford
8.00am	Holy Communion	Temple Grafton
10.00am	Holy Communion with Christmas Trees	Bidford
10.30am	Holy Communion by Extension	Salford Priors
11.00am	Family Service	Exhall

Please pray this week for:

- those who are unwell, especially Margaret Beesley, Gill Czaicka, Peter Butcher, Joanna Cotterell, Les & Joy Foster, Cheryl Jefferson, Chloe Lambert, Geoff Mullett, Linda Mullett, Andrew Mumford, Edna Philpott, Rose Turner, Jackie, Laurence, and all their families, carers and the medical staff who treat them
- those who mourn the loss of a loved one
- the Titley & Clarke families and their friends as they come to St Matthew's this morning for the baptisms of Aidan & Astrid and Honey, Phoebe & Quinn
- the changes taking place at Salford Priors School as they become part of the Diocese of Coventry Multi Academy Trust
- the process to recruit a House for Duty priest at Salford Priors
- the opportunities to welcome many people into our churches this Christmas

"..in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4.6

What's happening during the week around the Group:

Monday	1.30pm	First Steps—St Laurence Church Hall, Bidford
Tuesday	7.00pm	Tuesday Prayers at St Laurence's, Bidford
Wednesday	7.00pm	Bidford School Carol Service at St Laurence's
Thursday	9.00am	Thursday Prayers at St Matthew's Salford Priors
	7.30pm	Community Group Meeting—SP Memorial Hall
Friday	6.30pm	Friday Prayers at Salford Priors
Saturday	9.00am	St Matthew's Ministry Team Prayers



**Worshipping God
Making new Disciples
Transforming Communities**



Readings:	3rd December ADVENT	10th December	17th December	24th December Midnight services	25th December Christmas Day
1st Reading	Isaiah 64.1-9	Isaiah 40.1-11	Isaiah 6.1-4,8-13	Isaiah 9.2-7	Isaiah 52.7-10
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 1.3-9	2 Peter 3.8-15a	1 Thess. 5.16-24	Titus 2.11-14	Hebrews 1.1-4
Gospel	Mark 13.24-37	Mark 1.1-8	John 1.6-8,19-28	Luke 2.1-14	John 1.1-14



Advent Evensong will be held at St Milburga's Wixford this evening at 6.30pm with the Four Villages Choir. At this well loved annual event refreshments are served after the service round the Crewe monument and you are very welcome to come.

St Laurence's 20th Christmas Tree Festival

will take place next Saturday and Sunday
9th & 10th December
from 10am—6pm on Saturday
and 12noon—6pm on Sunday.

Organist will be playing on Saturday afternoon
Community Choir will be singing on Sunday afternoon
There will be a Raffle & Lucky Dip along with a
"Remember a Loved One Table"
and refreshments will be available in the Church Hall
33 entries to date—so come along and enjoy the spectacular trees and
choose your favourite!



CAROL SINGING

St Matthew's are going to be Carol Singing in Salford House Care Home on the afternoon of Sunday 17th December at 3.30pm. You are welcome to join us, just turn up at Salford House.

St Giles Exhall will also be Carol Singing around the village. Meet at 'Mewstone', the home of Jean and John Horseman at 6.30pm on Wednesday 20th December. We shall be collecting for The Childrens Society.



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Details of Special Christmas Services across the Group:

3rd December:

Salford Priors: 10.30am Christingle Family Service + Baptism
Bidford: 3pm Guiding Carol Service
Wixford: 6.30pm Evensong with refreshments

16th December:

Bidford: 3.30pm Village Torchlight Nativity

17th December:

Exhall 3pm Carol Service
Temple Grafton 3pm TG School Christingle
Temple Grafton 6.30pm Carol Service
Salford Priors 6.30pm Carol Service



19th December:

Binton 7pm Carol Service

20th December:

Bidford 10am Bidford School Carol Service

22nd December:

Bidford 7pm Carol Service

24th December: (Only the following services will be held on Christmas Eve)

Binton 3pm Nativity
Bidford 4pm Crib Service
Salford Priors 4pm "Road to Bethlehem"
Wixford 9.30pm "Bethlehem" Midnight Communion
Salford Priors 11.30pm Midnight Communion
Bidford 11.30pm Midnight Communion

25th December:

Bidford 10am Family Communion
Binton 10.30am Family Service
Temple Grafton 10.30am Family Communion
Salford Priors 10.30am Family Communion
Exhall 11am Family Communion