

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**

SERVICES TODAY		
8.00am	Holy Communion by Extension	Exhall
8.45am	Holy Communion	Salford Priors
10.00am	Family Service	Temple Grafton
10.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
10.30am	Family Service	Salford Priors
3.30pm	Mix- <b>CANCELLED</b>	The Barn
7.00pm	Fresh Expressions	Salford Priors MH

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY (22nd March)		
8.00am	Holy Communion	Wixford
10.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
10.30am	Village Praise	Binton
10.30am	Family Communion	Salford Priors

Readings:	15th March	22nd March Mothering Sunday	29th March	6th April PALM SUNDAY
1st Reading	Exodus 17.1-7	Exodus 2.1-10	Ezekiel 37.1-14	Isaiah 50.4-9a
2nd Reading	Romans 5.1-11	2 Corinthians 1.3-7	Romans 8.6-11	Philippians 2.5-11
Gospel	John 4.5-42	Luke 2.33-35	John 11.1-45	Matthew 27.11-54

**For your prayers this week:**

- all who are unwell, especially Joanna Cotterell, John England, Reg Francis, Anne Gibbs, Jonathan Grumball, Gwen Hill, Simon Huggins, Cheryl Jefferson, Chloe Lambert, John Lawrence, Cherry Stanley, Rose Turner, Alex Waring, Laurence, Alan (Margaret's son), Joan (Peter's mother-in-law), Charlotte (Penny Prewer's niece) and all their families, carers and the medical staff who treat them
- all who mourn the loss of loved ones
- everyone who is working to control the Coronavirus worldwide
- someone you know that you could invite to the Alpha course starting next month
- The people of Italy as they face hardships during the coronavirus epidemic
- All NHS staff as they come under more pressure to cope with the virus
- Heart & Homes meeting for volunteers this week

*"Pray for each other" James 5.16*

**PLEASE NOTE! The Mix this evening is cancelled.**



Beyond weather talk.  
Try Alpha

#MyAlpha



Have you got lots of questions?  
Want to know more about being a  
Christian?  
How to pray?  
How to read the Bible?  
What is the Holy Spirit?

We will be running an **Alpha Course** based on Matthew's but open to all where you can explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.

It will run for 5 sessions on Thursday evenings beginning on Thursday 30th April at 7.30pm then 7th, 14th, 21st May and 4th June, followed by a break then another 5 sessions later on. If you would like to join the course, to know more about it or would like to be involved as a volunteer helping on the course or preparing meals, then please contact:

Peter Walker (01789 772217) or Mick Cocker (07891 189988)



**Worshipping God  
Making new Disciples  
Transforming Communities**



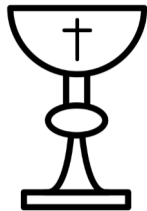
## Coronavirus COVID-19—UPDATE

Current Government advice is that individuals should follow good hygiene practices including:



- carrying tissues and using them to catch coughs and sneezes, and binning the tissue;
- washing hands with soap and water (for 20 seconds – about the time it takes to pray the Lord's Prayer!) or using sanitiser gel to kill germs

Following guidance from the Church of England and in light of the



continued increase of COVID-19 cases in the United Kingdom, it is now necessary to suspend the administration of the chalice as well as physical contact during the sharing of the peace, blessing or "laying on of hands". Therefore for the time being and until further notice we will:

- Offer Communion in one kind only to all communicants i.e. the consecrated bread/wafer/host, with the priest alone taking the wine;
- suspend handshaking or other direct physical contact during the sharing of the peace;
- suspend direct physical contact as part of a blessing or 'laying on of hands'.



This policy is based on the latest advice available (Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March) but it may be updated in the future.

*Peter Walker*

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

Tuesday	7.00pm	<b>Tuesday Prayers</b> at St Laurence's, Bidford
	7.30pm	<b>Ministry Team Prayers</b> —St Matthew's
Wednesday	7.30pm	<b>Heart &amp; Homes Meeting</b> —at St Matthew's
Thursday	9.00am	<b>Thursday Prayers</b> at St Matthew's
Friday	6.30pm	<b>Friday Prayers</b> in Salford Priors

Please do not park on the grass verges outside St Matthew's Church. If the car park is full please find alternative parking on the roadside around the church and the village.

**Salford Priors Youth Club** is looking for new leaders and an Administrator to handle bookings and finance. If these are not forthcoming the Youth Club is in danger of closing at the end of this school term. If you are interested in helping out please contact Pat Dare on 01789 778940 There is an Open Meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th March to discuss this which will be held in the TOPS building

## Electoral Roll



**Belong**



**Participate**



**Contribute**

**St Matthew's Electoral Roll** is being revised and will be presented to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Wednesday 29th April 2020. If you are already on the Roll and wish to remain, then there is no need for any action. However if you would like to be added to the Roll then please contact our Electoral Roll Officer, Peter Penney, who will let you have the appropriate form. The revised roll will be completed by Easter Saturday, 11th April.

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