



# To the Heart of England Group of Parishes

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

On line Church Sunday services are available via our church websites and Facebook pages.

Our rector, Revd Peter Walker is producing an audio recording of a lectionary based service of hymns, prayers, readings and a short sermon



St Matthew's is producing a weekly video recording of a family friendly Messy Church service. In July this will be cut to twice a month starting with the first one on July 12th (see page 3 for details)



So do go to our websites or Facebook pages to access it.



St Matthew's also hosts a Zoom Coffee & Chat session each Sunday at 11.15am after the main morning services!

*Coffee & Chat*

***Do come and join in!***



**Worshipping God  
Making new Disciples  
Transforming Communities**



## **For your prayers this week:**

- all who are unwell, especially Joanna Cotterell, John England, Reg Francis, Anne Gibbs, Gwen Hill, Cheryl Jefferson, Dorothy Johnson, Chloe Lambert, John Lawrence, Rose Turner, Alex Waring, Laurence, Roger Webb, Alan (Margaret's son), Joan (Peter Walker's mother-in-law), Ruth Walker, Charlotte (Penny Prewer's niece), Steve (a fireman), Phil Dalby, Alan & Sarah Edwards and all their families, carers and the medical staff who treat them
- The D family—for God's peace
- all who mourn the loss of loved ones .
- All who live alone and are feeling lonely—especially Rosalind Jones still living at home at 101 years old, and for their families unable to visit
- Anyone facing uncertainty about their future work prospects
- Schools reopening and people returning to work - for safety for everyone
- All NHS and front line staff in hospitals and care homes
- All residents of Care Homes feeling at risk and isolated
- All scientists working to find a vaccine for the coronavirus
- For families able to spend more time together

***“For you, O Lord are my hope, my trust” Psalm 71.5 (ESV)***

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**The Rector is taking a break this week and will not be available until Saturday 4th July. Please contact the Administrator at the Parish Office for any queries or emergencies. (contact details on page 3)**

### **What's happening this week:**

Thursday	9.00am	<b>Thursday Prayers</b> —please join in at home
Friday	6.30pm	<b>Friday Prayers</b> —please join in at home

<u>Readings:</u>	28th June	5th July	12th July	19th July
1st Reading	Genesis 22.1-14	Gen 24.34-38,42-49, 58-67	Genesis 25.19-34	Genesis 28.10-19a
2nd Reading	Romans 6.12-23	Romans 7.15-25a	Romans 8.1-11	Romans 8.12-25
Gospel	Matthew 10.40-42	Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30	Matt. 13.1-9,18-23	Matt. 13.24-30,36-43



### **Plans for future recorded services:**

As you can imagine producing the Messy services each week is a huge task involving several people including musicians, speakers, puppeteers and technicians! As people start returning to work, this is becoming more difficult to find time to put together. So from July onwards (not sure for how long) Messy Church will be produced every 2 weeks

starting on July 12th. On the other Sundays (5th, 19th) there will be a short video Praise Service made up of songs used in previous Messy recordings together with some prayers.

The services recorded by Revd Peter Walker will continue every week for the time being.

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## **Readings & Prayers for 28th June — 3rd after Trinity**

### **The Collect:**

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts  
whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,  
that we and all creation may be brought  
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

**Amen**

### **1st Reading : Genesis 22.1-14**

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven,

“Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

“Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

### **2nd Reading : Romans 6.12-23**

Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey – whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Gospel: Matthew 10.40-42**

Jesus said: “He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me. Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And

if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.”