

Heart of England Group of Parishes



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Notice Sheet for Sunday 7th March 2021 3rd of Lent

As the National Lockdown begins to ease, we are starting some Live services. Along side these,
Video recorded services will continue through March.
For details see below.

Services this week:

Service of the Word
recorded in St Matthew's
Church, Salford Priors



A Muddy
Church service
from
St Matthew's

An online service from the
Church of England

Services next Sunday 14th March:



Holy Communion Service in
St Laurence Church, Bidford
at 10am

An outdoor Family Service at
St Matthew's Church,
Salford Priors at 10.30am
(Tickets required)

An online service from the Church
of England with a Link on our
websites.

Worshipping God
Making new Disciples
Transforming Communities



St Matthew's
Church presents

THE BIG
BEAR HUNT



Free and
open
every
day*



Everyone
welcome



Can you spot all
30 bears hidden
in the
Churchyard?



10th-28th March



Please maintain social distancing.

*Please avoid 14th March 10-11.30am

Paths may be slippery when wet



To see an introduction video clip of our new Associate Minister, Rev Sheila Bridge, please go to the St Matthew's website:
www.stmatthewssalfordpriors.org.uk

GREAT NEWS!

The Hearts & Homes refugee family have finally arrived and are now living in Bidford where they will have to isolate themselves for 10 days. Please pray for them as they start to adjust to their new life among us.

St Matthew's Foodbank

The following items are especially needed this week:

**DONATE
FOOD
HERE**



- Pasta sauces
- Fresh fruit juices (orange/apple etc)
- Tinned meats/meals
- Breakfast cereals
- Custard
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned vegetables
- Dry Rice

Donations can be brought to the church on Thursday mornings at about 11am when there will be someone there to receive them.

To make financial contributions please contact Roger.

THANK YOU for supporting this wonderful project.

Please contact Sarah or Roger to arrange delivery/collection.

For your prayers this week:

- All who are unwell, especially:
Eloise Zoe, Joanna Cotterell, John England, James Hawkyard, Chloe Lambert, John Lawrence & Sue Short; Zena Mason, Rhiannon Simmons, Keith Taylor, Rose Turner, Alex Waring, Laurence, Roger Webb, Alan (Margaret's son), Joan (Peter Walker's mother-in-law), Steve (a fireman), Phil Dalby, Alan & Sarah Edwards
and all the families, carers and medical staff who treat them
- all who mourn the loss of loved ones, and especially those whose anniversary falls at this time
- All who are feeling lonely, anxious or depressed
- Sheila and David Bridge as they prepare to leave Rugby and move to Salford Priors to start their new ministry here
- the Hearts & Homes refugee family now in the UK but having to isolate in their new home for 10 days
- Peace for the people of Myanmar and an end to violence and oppression
- The COVAX initiative getting vaccines to poorer countries of the world
- All teachers and pupils returning to school this week
- NHS staff and volunteers helping the vaccination programme

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Amen.

“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

Lamentations 3. 22-23

<u>Readings:</u>	7th March	14th March	21st March	28th March PALM SUNDAY
1st Reading	Exodus 20.1-17	1 Samuel 1.20- 28	Jeremiah 31.31-34	Isaiah 50.4-9a
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 1.18-25	Colossians 3.12-17	Hebrews 5.5-10	Philippians 2.5-11
Gospel	John 2.13-22	Luke 2.33-35	John 12.20-33	Mark 14-15

Future Services:



As we start to see some restrictions being eased over the next few weeks, some church services will begin once again. However recorded video services will continue to be available throughout March.

March 14th:

- 10am Holy Communion at St Laurence, Bidford, then regular fortnightly Sunday services, still with Covid precautions—including wearing of face coverings and social distancing.
- 10.30am Outdoor Family Service for Mothering Sunday at St Matthew's, Salford Priors (Tickets required)

March 21st:

- St Matthew's Children's Zoom session at 10am

March 28th—PALM SUNDAY:

- 10am Holy Communion at St Laurence, Bidford
- 10.30am Outdoor Family Service at St Matthew's, Salford Priors (Tickets required)

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Collect & Readings for 7th March—3rd of Lent

Collect:

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

1st Reading: Exodus 20.1-17

And God spoke all these words:

² 'I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³ 'You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ 'You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ 'You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸ 'Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labour and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² 'Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ 'You shall not murder.

¹⁴ 'You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ 'You shall not steal.

¹⁶ 'You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.

¹⁷ 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.'

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.18-25

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written:

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;

the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.'

²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Reading: John 2.13-22

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, 'Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!' ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, 'What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?'

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.'

²⁰ They replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?' ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.