



**'Churches in Bridgnorth'**

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Linking the parishes of Bridgnorth, Tasley, Astley Abbots, Oldbury, Quatford, Morville, Aston Eyre, Acton Round, Monkhoppton

**Priest in Charge:** Revd. Suzan Williams, **Hon. Assistant Ministers:** Revd. Marjorie Brooks, Revd Simon Boxall, and **Anna Chaplain and Team Reader:** Jane Peeler

**Wednesdays – St Mary's - 10.30am Morning Prayer 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays**  
**10.30am Holy Communion – St Mary's – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday**

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup> January –Baptism of Christ (Gold/White)**

- 9.30 Family Service – Astley Abbots
- 10.00 Morning Prayer – Acton Round
- 10.00 Morning Prayer – Aston Eyre
- 10.30 Holy Communion – St Mary's
- 10.30 Holy Communion – Quatford
- 11.15 Morning Prayer – Morville

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> January**

- 14.00 Happiness Lab – St Mary's

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> January**

- 10.00 Little Stars – St Mary's

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> January –**

- 10.00 Coffee Shop – St Mary's

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> January –Epiphany 2 (White)**

- 9.00 Morning Prayer – Astley Abbots
- 10.30 Morning Prayer – St Mary's
- 10.30 Holy Communion – Tasley
- 10.30 Family Communion – St Leonard's HC
- 10.30 Holy Communion – Oldbury
- 11.15 Morning Prayer – Morville
- 16.00 The journey of the wise men – St Mary's (see below)

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Sun 19<sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 2 (White) 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11 and Psalm 36: 5-10**

**St Mary's Connect – Third Tuesday of the month–** at The Shakespeare Inn – for lunch and chat. If you would like to join us please contact Catherine Wilson on 01746 761786 to book a place– **Next date we will meet is Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm – St Mary Magdalene Bridgnorth** – Come and explore the journey of the 'wise men'. Enjoy an interactive session where through food, crafts, discussion and singing we explore what it means to unpack the greatest gift at Christmas that we may not have opened yet. Contact Suzan for more details. [revwilliams1991@icloud.com](mailto:revwilliams1991@icloud.com)



**Eco Eric's Tip:** The third Monday in January is dubbed 'Blue Monday', allegedly the saddest day of the year. One way of helping to overcome January blues is by taking time to really appreciate the natural world around us. Maybe take a walk with friends or just spend a while enjoying the colours, shapes and textures of the natural world around us. The days are short but there's still plenty to see in the garden or out and about in the local countryside. Perhaps you can fall in love with nature in a new way allowing it to lead your thoughts towards God our Creator.

## **COLLECT**

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## **Acts 8:14-17**

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

## **POST COMMUNION**

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

## **Psalm 29**

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendour. The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!' The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.

May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace! Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever.

Amen