



'Churches in Bridgnorth'

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

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 1st,2nd,4th 5th Wednesdays
10.30am Holy Communion – St Mary’s – 3rd Wednesday

Sun 26th January –Epiphany 3 (White)

- 9.00 Holy Communion – Astley Abbots
- 10.00 Holy Communion – Aston Eyre
- 10.30 Family Service/Baptism – St Mary’s
- 10.30 Holy Communion – Quatford
- 11.15 Morning Prayer – Morville

Mon 27th January

- 14.00 Happiness Lab – Shakespeare Function Room

Thurs 30th January

- 10.00 Little Stars – St Mary’s

Sat 1st February

- 10.00 Coffee Shop – St Mary’s

Sun 2nd February – Candlemas (Gold/White)

- 9.00 Holy Communion – Astley Abbots
- 10.00 Morning Prayer – Monkhopton
- 10.30 Holy Communion – St Mary’s
- 10.30 Family Service – St Leonard’s Hall Church
- 10.30 Family Service and Baptism – Oldbury
- 11.15 Morning Prayer – Morville

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Sun 2nd February Candlemas (Gold/White) – Hebrews 2:14-end, Luke 2:22-40 and Psalm 24

Today we celebrate with Ann Clarke on her very special 90th Birthday. We give thanks to God for all her faithful work in the church and in the town.

Mondays - The Happiness Lab will be held in the Shakespeare Function Room from 2pm

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 18th February 2025**

Saturday 8th of February 9.30-4pm ‘Tell our story, dream with God’ A day with Christopher Landau from ReSource to begin to explore what God might be calling us to be, do and pray in. Contact Suzan for more details rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com

A Part-Time(16hrs) Team Administrator is required for the Bridgnorth and Morville Benefice based at the Team Office in Tasley The Team Administrator runs a busy office that provides administrative back-up for the nine parishes which comprise the Bridgnorth and Morville Benefice. The role involves preparing material and notices required for weekly services in the parishes, booking Weddings and Christenings, and liaising with funeral directors and the Priest- in-charge regarding booking funerals and the related fees. Further, it involves dealing with a wide variety of postal matters, phone calls and emails from the parishes, their congregations and members of the public. A monthly Benefice magazine is produced by the office, with parish news and information, and a team website is also updated. Please contact Rev. Suzan Williams for an application and further information rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com



We moan about unpredictable weather here, but 2024 was a year of climate extremes globally. A new report, by Christian Aid, “[Counting the Cost 2024: A year of climate breakdown](#)”, highlights the year’s most expensive climate disasters, including Hurricane Helene damage in US, Cuba and Mexico costing \$55 billion and in Spain & Germany damage from flooding & storm Boris costing \$13.87 billion. But the report highlights even greater scales of human suffering in poorer nations, which did little to contribute to climate change. Heatwaves in Bangladesh affected 33 million people, while floods in West Africa displaced millions across Nigeria, Chad and Niger. See the report on the Christian Aid website for some sobering reading:

www.christianaid.org.uk/

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

POST COMMUNION

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Psalm 19 – Please see attached sheet

PSALM 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he
has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a
strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end
of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the
simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect
their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let
them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and
my redeemer. 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