



**'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 - Holy Communion**

**Sun 16<sup>th</sup> March – Lent 2 (Purple)**

- 9.00 Morning Prayer - Astley Abbots
- 10.30 Morning Prayer – St Mary’s
- 10.30 Holy Communion – Tasley
- 10.30 Holy Communion – Oldbury
- 10.30 Holy Communion – St Leonard’s Hall Church
- 11.15 Morning Prayer – Morville

**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> March**

- 12.30 St Mary’s Connect lunch - Shakespeare
- 19.30 Lent Course – 19 Ludlow Road

**Weds 19<sup>th</sup> March**

- 18.30 Lent Compline – Morville

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> March**

- 10.00 Little Stars – St Mary’s
- 12.00 Lent Lunch – Morville (see below)
- 14.00 Lent Course – 19 Ludlow Road

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

- 10.00 Coffee Shop – St Mary’s
- 10.00 Chamber Choir rehearsals – St Mary’s

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Lent 3 (Purple)**

- 10.00 Holy Communion – Aston Eyre
- 10.30 Family Service & Baptism – St Mary’s
- 10.30 Holy Communion – Quatford
- 11.15 Family Service & Baptism – Morville
- 16.00 Lent Devotion – Astley Abbots

**Wednesdays in Lent – Compline at 6.30pm – See below for venues**

**Lent courses – see below**

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> March –Lent 3 (Purple) – Isaiah 55:1-9, Luke 13:1-9 and Psalm 63: 1-9**

**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 18<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Compline in Lent – Wednesdays all at 6.30pm** –19<sup>th</sup> March – Morville, 26<sup>th</sup> March – Quatford, 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Tasley, 9<sup>th</sup> April – Acton Round, 16<sup>th</sup> April Tenebrae service at St Mary’s

**Lent Courses - (Please note this is a change of venue from advert in Cross+Link - All now taking place at 19 Ludlow Road, Evening Lent Course (Alive in Christ) Tuesdays – 7.30-9.30pm - 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> April. Afternoon Lent Courses – Thursdays – 2 - 4.30pm on - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April - for more details contact Suzan on 01746 599528 or [rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com](mailto:rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com)**

**Lent Lunch at Morville Church** - The Morville Parishes will be holding a Lent Lunch (soup and a roll) open to everyone. The lunch will be at St Gregory’s Church, Morville between **12.00pm and 2.00pm** on **Saturday 15 March**. Come along and meet your neighbours for a chat. The event is to raise funds to help Blossoms Barns which provides day opportunities for adults with learning difficulties at their farm at Chelmarsh. As we do not have card facilities in the church, donations in cash would be greatly appreciated.



It’s **EARTH HOUR** next Saturday evening, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 8:30-9:30pm. That’s the time when millions of people around the world connect with others and switch off their lights to show they care about the future of our planet. It reminds us that even small actions can make a big difference. Change is possible, but only if we act together. So why not join in, save a bit of electricity, and demonstrate to world leaders that we care. See [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org) for more information and tips on how to use the hour to benefit the planet.

## **COLLECT**

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen

## **Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

## **POST COMMUNION**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **Luke 13:31- end**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

## **Psalm 27**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!' Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up. Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! 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