





Linking Parish Churches
around Bridgnorth

CROSS+LINK

					
St Mary Magdalene Bridgnorth	SS Peter + Paul Tasley	St Calixtus Astley Abbots	St Nicholas Oldbury	St Mary Magdalene Quatford	St Leonards Hall Bridgnorth



Bridgnorth	Acton Round	Aston Eyre	Monkhopton	Morville	Upton Cressett
St James' Hall	St Mary the Virgin	Aston Eyre	St Peter's	St Gregory the Great	St Michael's
					

FROM DEAN SARAH

Oh Lord. It is election time again...

Many years ago I attended a girl's grammar school. Most of the young ladies of this excellent institution wore a smart navy blue uniform right down to the nether garments (by which I mean socks). The rebellious girls wore their ties fat-knotted and at half mast, daringly adapted the standard pleated skirt in a way that endangered the morality of the entire town and sported (Quelle horreur!) pierced ears and wedge shoes. The scruffy oiks, of which I was one, technically wore all the right things but in a manner that was at least as subversive of the dignity of the school and its policies. The rebels rebelled. We just didn't care.

In the 6th form despite my total disregard for matters sartorial I was elected Head Girl. Clearly my peers and staff were not voting on external appearances!

The day my head girliness was announced I was surprised to have abuse shouted at me from the top of the tower block. Confused, I climbed 6 flights of stairs to face an enraged 4th form mob. When I besought the reason for their hatred it emerged that they had heard that I was going to change the school uniform policy so that everyone would have to wear white knee socks with ankle frills. Anyone less likely to care what sort of socks anyone wore could not be imagined. I disabused them of this heinous untruth and went on my way.

I am reminded of this as we endure our current National and local electioneering. Slander is justified by allegedly righteous anger; winning arguments are valued more than truthful ones; soundbites trump nuance; personal attacks abound and dissension and vitriol are stirred up by people who want to destabilise rather than work for unity. So here are a few thoughts about how Christians might engage better in all this.

Media owners get rich when headlines instil fear. Check the facts. Take the ideology with more than a pinch of salt and make decisions based on fact not gossip and opinion. There may be no white socks conspiracy at all.

We are called to love our neighbours, even if they have poor taste in hosiery. This is not justification to vilify and hate them.

Thinking your party's platform is unflawed is folly. Manifestos are made by ambitious people feeding tribal fears and things change. White socks might be the right way to go these days.

Scripture tells us to pray for our leaders and respect those in authority. Deriding them on Facebook is wrong. Pray for their wisdom and that their hearts may be right and perhaps they will see the light and abandon the white socks manifesto.

Do not be paranoid. The world will not end if your candidate loses and white socks are temporarily back in fashion.

Whatever your preferred sock colour in this election may you know that you are for Him before party and be filled with God's peace.

Dean Sarah

St Mary's Patronal Day – 21st July – 10.30am St Mary Magdalene Bridgnorth

Mary Magdalene was a woman who according to the four Gospels travelled with Jesus and helped support his ministry in many ways and was a witness to his crucifixion and resurrection. At this Patronal service we would not only like to honour specifically the contribution of Dr John Turnock to the life of this church but we would also like to honour those faithful souls who for many years have lived out the Christian gospel in this town and church.

ST MARY'S CONNECT

Our next lunch and get together is on **Tuesday 17th July** in The function room at **The Shakespeare Pub at 12.30**

If you would like to join us please contact Jane Peeler 01746 767043 or Avril at the Parish Office (Mon—Thurs 8.30—11.30am) 01746 767174 to book your place, these are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

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The **sponsorship money is split 50/50 between your local Church** and the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust (SHCT), which uses it to award grants for repairs and improvements to our Churches and Chapels.

So 100% goes to our Churches. This is definitely a '**Good Thing**'.

'Ride+Stride' is a National event by the National Churches Trust and we, at SHCT, are pleased to support it. The basic idea is twofold:

(1) Churches try to be open for visitors on Saturday 14 Sept from about 10 to 6, ideally with light refreshments (biscuits. squash; cake maybe).

(2) Anyone can visit as few or as many churches as you wish.

Go anywhere ... on foot, by bike, **or by car**, using our Sponsorship Form to collect sponsorship for your church and for the Trust

R+S is **NOT** an event where church visits are centrally organised. The Trust does **not** have a 'central team' that plans any walking, cycling, or car rides.

NO ... It's something that Churches do for themselves.

September may seem like a long way away, but time flies. You can get a **Sponsorship Form** from our website **www.shropshirehct.org.uk**

Or contact me and I will get one to you. You can still go and visit other churches, even if your own church is closed (builders, lack of staff, etc).

The next 'R+S Day' is Saturday 14th Sept. **But** if you can't manage that date **then you can go on on any other day** – which is what a lot of people do.

It is important to maintain or increase the visiting aspect otherwise the event will cease. The county raised £37,082 last year, so we, the Trust, are encouraging it to continue - even in parts of the county where it has fallen 'off the radar' and, at present, there are few visitors to the open churches.

This event has much more potential ... For example, Dorset raised £98,000. This is 260% more than us, and it has a similar population to Shropshire. Well, actually 30% more, but raising so much for their churches is amazing.

Thank you to everyone who helped in previous years. We (you) raised a record amount last year. Congratulations. We are progressing well.

I hope you can participate this year. **Help preserve our Churches in good repair; and help to keep them open for the future.**

David Hardham (Trustee – and County Organiser for Ride+Stride)

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Full details on SHCT website: www.shropshirehct.org.uk

QUATFORD NEWS

On 20th July we have a wedding at Quatford, with Carol and choir in attendance. The following day is St. Mary Magdalene patronal service at 3pm. If you would like to contribute a favourite hymn, reading or poem contact Marjorie. Years ago the mayor and corporation would join us for this ancient celebration Service, but like a lot of tradition, those days have gone.

I hope we have a lovely warm summer, and a good general election result and that we all give the new government our support. At least the Olympic games 26 July should give us some light relief and best wishes to our Olympians. Now for a little Brontë. Wuthering Heights is the name of Mr. Heathcliffs dwelling. Wuthering being a significant provincial adjective, descriptive of the atmospheric tumult to which its station is exposed in stormy weather. Pure, bracing ventilation they must have up there at all times, indeed one may guess the power of the north wind blowing over the edge, but the excessive slant of a few stunted firs at the end of the house. And by a range of gaunt thorns all stretching their limbs one way, as if craving alms of the sun. Happily, the architect had foresight to build it strong. The narrow windows are deeply set in the wall, and the corners defended with large jutting stones.

Pat Lock

NEWS FROM ASTLEY ABBOTTS

I think our summer has missed us, so this double month may be rather quiet!

Our continued thanks to everyone who supports us through this difficult time, ministers and lay leaders alike.

We had a particularly successful day at Stanley open gardens, thankyou Michael and Clare for letting us have the refreshment takings-£800.65

Cafe church is on July 14th, 10am in the village hall, it is a heart warming mixture of chatting with neighbours while discussing a nitty-gritty topic and eating a hearty bacon butty! Come and try it, there is no church service that day.

God's Acre team will be back on September 5th, scything and tidying, 10 til 4, any help would be much appreciated, I suspect there will be plenty of coffee and cake!

The annual Ride and Stride is on September 14th, walk our churches, if you can get sponsorship you can help support Historic Churches Trust and divide your sponsorship money with a church of your choice, look up their Web page for details.

Let's hope we have had some warm weather before our September issue!!

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ST NICHOLAS, OLDBURY AND EARDINGTON

Huw and Roly Trevor Jones opened their beautiful garden, again in late May for an evening with Pimms, refreshments and music. The weather was not very co-operative, and just as the evening was beginning we had a brief shower of rain. Quite a few visitors, braved the weather and came along. Some came just to stroll round and enjoy the roses while others brought picnics to share in sheltered spots. Although there were fewer people there was more time to enjoy the happy atmosphere and the company.

A total amount of £1,124.80 was raised from entry receipts, teas and sales of plants. This was divided equally between Shropshire Historic Churches Trust and St Nicholas Church. So thank you very much Huw and Roly for hosting such a lovely evening once again and for the generous donations.

Oldbury Village Hall was open on June 9th for the 4 Seasons Cafe, a seasonal event. During the afternoon £155.30 was raised for The Bridgnorth Foodbank. The next 4 Seasons Cafe event should be in the autumn, with details out in September for a chance to meet and catch up with others.

June will also see a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the setting up of the Women's Institute in Oldbury. Many local residents have had a connection to the Women's Institute or the W I Hall, as it was originally known. It has been a valuable and well-loved meeting place throughout its history and many local people have memories of events and activities hosted there and friends made there.

It is always a pleasure to have visitors to St Nicholas Church. Sometimes we happen to be on hand and are able to share a few words with someone who comes in to look around, and at other times we discover someone has visited and left a message for us in our visitor book. Our church is currently open on Mondays Wednesdays Fridays and Saturdays from 10 till 4. If you want to look around the church or spend a few quiet moments inside you are welcome.

We also enjoy welcoming families and guests who come together to celebrate a special event. Over the next few weeks we will be having a wedding and also a baptism service. Our thoughts and prayers are with the individuals busy preparing for these services and their families and friends.

We have two other dates coming up when we look forward to welcoming visitors.

Saturday 14th September is Ride and Stride Day when people will be walking or riding around various local churches often sponsored and in teams or groups. They will be collecting money for Shropshire Historic Churches Trust and for their own local church funds. We have not had a team for a number of years now but, along with several other local churches we plan to be open and provide refreshments for visiting teams and individuals from 10 am.

Sunday 29th September will be a 5th Sunday and as on previous 5th Sundays we plan to open our doors from 10.30 till 12.00 to anyone who wants to join us for coffee and cakes. If you are free then we will look forward to seeing you.

I will leave you with two lovely photos of Hugh and Roly's garden taken by Liz Fisher in April when the tulips were all out for the first open gardens day.

Ann Walter



Tasley News

Is it really time for Cross+Link again?

Several projects are in hand for Tasley Church, including the replacement of our current W.C. facilities and the repainting of the Church.

At our All Age Service on Sunday 9th June we were pleased to welcome the Revd John Webb, who with the Revd Clive Parr Dedicated two Yew Trees, planted to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 and the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles 111. The weather was very kind to us and we were even treated to a fly past, courtesy of Cosford Air Show. After the Service it was lovely to have time to chat over tea and cakes.

Unfortunately Barry's Quiz Night had to be postponed in June, but we're pleased to say a new date is set for 20th July. Come and join us for Wine and cheese and a very enjoyable evening.

Tasley News will resume in September, but don't forget that the Coffee Mornings will continue on the 1st Monday of each month 10.30 to 12MD in Tasley Village Hall.

Wishing you all an enjoyable Summer.

Tasley 100 Club Winners

1 – 71 – Sue MacFarlane

2 -93- Mike Swales

3 – 115 Doreen England

Events

20th July – Quiz with Wine & Cheese in the village hall at 7pm - £10

Margaret Edwards



Little Stars play group at St. Mary's church is looking for more volunteers to help out

Do you enjoy working with small children and their carers? Would you like to be part of a caring friendly team ? If so, we'd love to hear from you. No experience necessary.

Little Stars is the play group with a Christian ethos run at St. Mary's church on Thursday mornings. It is open for any child or baby under 5 with their responsible adult within the Bridgnorth benefice. It is a lively popular group where children and adults alike make friends and enjoy the activities.

We offer play, toys, crafts, songs and stories along with refreshments. Our volunteers help with all these activities, and facilitate playing together and friendship. The group runs from 10 am -11.30 am on Thursdays with volunteers arriving at 9.30 am.

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July '24

<i>HC = Holy Communion</i> <i>MP = Morning Prayer</i>	6th Sun after Trinity 7th July	7th Sun After Trinity 14th July	8th Sun of Trinity 21st July	9th Sun of Trinity 28th July
St Mary Magdalene Bridgnorth	10.30 HC	10.30 MP	10.30 MP	10.30 FS/ Baptism
St Mary Magdalene Quatford		10.30 HC	15.00 Songs of Praise	
St Calixtus Astley Abbotts	9.00 HC	10.00 Café Church	9.00 MP	9.00 Life and Soul
St Nicholas Oldbury	10.30 HC		10.30 HC	
St Peter and St Paul Tasley	10.30 HC	10.30 FS	10.30 HC	10.30 Life and Soul
St Leonard's Hall Church	10.30 FS		10.30 FC	
St Gregory the Gt. Morville	11.15 MP	11.15 MP	11.15 MP	11.15 HC
Aston Eyre		10.00 MP		TO JOIN MORVILLE
St Mary the Virgin Acton Round		10.00 HC		
Monkhopton	10.00 MP			

August '24

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