

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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

FIRST READING—Isaiah 25:1-9

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will
praise your name; for you have done wonderful
things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city
a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will
never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will
glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to
the needy in their distress, a shelter from the
rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter
rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry
place, you subdued the heat with the shade of
clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this
mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all
peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured
wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-
matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy
on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all
peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death for ever. Then the
Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away
from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.
It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we
have waited for him, so that he might save us. This
is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be
glad and rejoice in his salvation.

PSALM 23 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even
though I walk through the darkest valley I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff they
comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in
the house of the LORD my whole life long. 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.

POST COMMUNION

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this
sacred feast: for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

GOSPEL READING-Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables,
saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a
king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent
his slaves to call those who had been invited to the
wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he
sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been
invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and
my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is
ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made
light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his
business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated
them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent
his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their
city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready,
but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the
main streets, and invite everyone you find to the
wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the
streets and gathered all whom they found, both good
and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But
when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a
man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he
said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a
wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king
said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and
throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called,
but few are chosen.'

St Mary's Autumn Fayre

– Many thanks to all who
contributed and helped
with the Autumn Fayre at
St Marys, we are
delighted to say that we
raised just over £500.

The Holy Land – following the footsteps of Jesus – an 8 day pilgrimage Led by Bishop Richard Frith – 22nd – 29th November 2018.

Booking forms can be found at the
back of church or ask clergy for details



WELCOME... Newsheet Sunday 15th October 2017



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'Churches in Bridgnorth'

The Bridgnorth and Morville Parishes Team Ministry

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

Rector: Revd Preb Simon Cawdell, Vicar: Revd Sarah Cawdell, Assoc. Vicar: Revd Marjorie Brooks, Curate: Revd Clive Munday

Readings:-

This Week – Trinity 18
Isaiah 25:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14
and Psalm 23 (Green)

Next Week _ Trinity 19
Isaiah 45:1-7, Matthew 22:15-22
and Psalm 96:1-13 (Green)

Monday We give thanks for the works taking place at St. Mary's Bridgnorth and Quatford at present, and for the professionals who have the skills to do them. Please pray for churchwardens and all who work together to maintain our beautiful buildings that their presence may continue to give glory to God.

Tuesday We give thanks for the ongoing work of the Bridgnorth Youth and Schools Project. Pray for John and his team that they may see great ruin from the many contacts they make in the course of their work with young people in the town.

Wednesday Pray for Christians being persecuted especially in places of conflict, such as Syria and Iraq, and for those returning home at this time, that they may be safe.

Thursday Pray for our Town Council faced at present by a number of pressing issues.

Friday Pray for our hospital and medical services, and especially for all seeking to maintain maternity services in the town.

Saturday Pray for our partner diocese of Masasi, and especially for Bishop James as he works through the many needs facing the diocese at this time.

Sun 15th

- 8.00 Holy Communion – St Mary's
- 9.00 Holy Communion – Quatford
- 9.00 Holy Communion – Astley Abbots
- 10.30 Holy Communion – St Mary's
- 10.30 Holy Communion – Tasley
- 10.30 Family Communion – St Leonard's H.C.
- 10.30 Holy Communion - Oldbury
- 18.00 Choral Evensong – St Mary's
- 18.30 Choral Evensong and Harvest – Acton Round

Mon 16th

Liturgy Review meeting – Rectory

Tues 17th

- 13.30 Funeral of Valerie Blackburn – St Mary's
- 19.00 Quatford Skittles Evening – Bowling Club (please see box)
- 19.30 **Discipleship Explored** – Oakland, Cross Lane head (please see box)

Wed 18th

CROSS+LINK DEADLINE

- 10.30 Holy Communion BCP – St Mary's
- Thurs 19th**
- 9.30 – 11.00 Little Stars – St Mary's
- 10.00 – 12.00 Coffee Pot – Oldbury V.H.
- 18.30 – 20.30 Youth club – St James H.C.
- 18.45 Junior Choir practice – St Mary's
- 19.30 Choir Practice – St Mary's

Fri 20th

- 12.00 – 14.00 Castle Kitchen Soup and Friendship – Castle Hall

Sat 21st

- 10.00 – 11.30 Chamber Choir Rehearsals – St Mary's
- 14.00 Wedding of Richard Wilkes and Philippa Breslin – Acton Round

Sun 22nd

- 8.00 Holy Communion 1662 – St Mary's
- 9.00 Holy Communion – Quatford
- 9.30 Holy Communion – Astley Abbots
- 10.00 Morning Prayer – Aston Eyre
- 10.30 Family Service and Baptism- St Mary's
- 10.30 Holy Communion – Tasley
- 10.30 Holy Communion - Oldbury
- 11.00 Family Service – Morville
- 11.30 Baptisms – Astley Abbots
- 15.00 Harvest – Upton Cressett
- 18.00 Choral Evensong – St Mary's
- 18.30 Praise and Prayer – St James H.C.

Liturgy review.

Following our workshop, we are having seven weeks of meetings on a Monday evening to go through the orders of service and work out any developments which we would like to make in the booklets.

As the teaching of the church is reflected in the way we worship together I think that this will be an exciting and interesting way to think through and learn about what we are doing when we gather together on a Sunday.

Do be in touch if you have any questions or would like to join the group. Sarah 01746761573

Discipleship Explored is an 8 session series for anyone who wants know more about living their Christian life. As we read the Apostle Paul's encouragement to the church in Philippi we can encourage each other with the joy we have in Christ and stand firm together in him. **Every Tuesday at 7.30pm at Oakland Cross Lane Head**

For further details contact Graham and Rosemary Patey 01746 769125

Judy Mondon 01746 763684

Tea Party – Morville Village Hall – 29th October at 3.30pm – to celebrate Rev John Ward being priest for 60 years. - All Welcome

SKITTLES EVENING

(in aid of Quatford Church)

Tuesday 17th October 2017

7.00pm to include fish and chip supper £10.00.

At the Bowling Club off Cricket Meadow

Booking with Rachel is essential
01746 766146

Bar available