

## COLLECT

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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— EXODUS 2:1-10** Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

## POST COMMUNION

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## GOSPEL-LUKE 2:33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

## PSALM 127:1-4

Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labour in vain. Unless the LORD guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved. Sons are indeed a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth. 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.

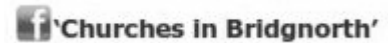
We are seeking volunteers for our Parent and Toddler Group on a Thursday morning, 9:30am-11am. We welcome everyone, especially those that are good at washing up, tidying, like young children and make good cups of tea! We also have our new SAINT James' Youth Group aimed for young people aged 8-11 years old with a faith based programme. This runs also on a Thursday 4:30pm-5:30pm, with volunteers being present from 4-6pm. We desperately need volunteers who are great at setting up, help run activities and enjoys noisy, enthusiastic young people! Lastly we also run our Holiday Club called Rise & Shine. We have two dates this year: 11th April and 1st August which is 2-4pm for the young people, 12:30pm-4:30pm for Volunteers. We aim to deliver a fully faith based afternoon programme with the focus of Lent and Recycling this year. Our aim is 4-11 year olds and is always packed with messy activities! If this is something you would like to get involved with or wish to have more information please contact Emma Lambert on 07531 910180 or email at: [evlambert09@gmail.com](mailto:evlambert09@gmail.com)

Ellis Brooks  
Sahara Marathon

Ellis has now successfully completed his run. His aim was to raise £2,000 for the Sandblast Charity, His on-line total is currently £1,977 so almost there. My gratitude to all those who have supported him - some who trustingly handed over the cash in advance. I will be catching up with the rest of you soon. Thank you. Marjorie



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**The Bridgnorth & Morville Parishes Team Ministry**

linking parishes of Bridgnorth, Astley Abbots, Tasley, Oldbury, Quatford,

Morville, Aston Eyre, Acton Round, Monkhopton

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

**Readings:**

**This Week – Mothering Sunday/Lent 4**

Exodus 2:1-10, Luke 2:33-35 and Psalm 127:1-4 Purple)

**Next Week – Lent 5**

Jeremiah 31:31-34, John 12:20-33 and Psalm 51:1-13 (Purple)

A prayer for reconciliation:

O God, you entered the pain of humankind in Christ Jesus, in whom you were reconciling the world to yourself: Bend our wills, we pray, to rely on your reconciling presence in the resentments and enmities we suffer in families, communities, churches and nations. Nourish our confidence that in your compassion all our wounds are vulnerable to healing. Build our courage to address broken relationships with those from whom we are alienated. Deepen our capacity to listen, repent and forgive. As we journey toward your wholeness, form us in the ministry of reconciliation you have entrusted to us, that others may hear your appeal to be reconciled with God and neighbour through the cross and resurrection of our friend and saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

– Titus Presler

“In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation” (2 Corinthians 5.19)

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday/Lent 4**

- 8.00 Holy Communion 1662 - St Mary's
- 9.00 Holy Communion 1662 – Quatford
- 9.30 Family Service - Astley Abbots
- 10.00 Morning Prayer – Aston Eyre
- 10.00 Holy Communion – Acton Round
- 10.30 Holy Communion – St Mary's
- 10.30 Family Service – Tasley
- 10.30 Holy Communion Oldbury
- 11.00 Holy Communion (Ssch) – Morville
- 18.00 Choral Evensong – St Mary's

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup>**

- 10.30 Pastoral Care Group – Rectory

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup>**

- 10.00 – 15.00 Quiet Garden – 16 East Castle Street – All welcome
- 10.30 Holy Communion – St Mary's
- 12.30 Lent Lunch – St John's
- 19.30 Lent Series-Reconciliation with Enemy - Quatford

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 9.30 Little Stars – St Mary's
- 16.30 Youth Club OPENS – St James H.C.
- 18.45 Junior Choir practice – St Mary's
- 19.30 Choir practice – St Mary's

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 15.30 Confirmation rehearsal at St Mary's
- 18.00 Stations of the Cross – St Mary's

**Sun 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 8.00 Holy Communion - St Mary's
- 9.00 Holy Communion – Quatford
- 9.00 Holy Communion - Astley Abbots
- 10.30 Confirmation – St Mary's
- 10.30 Holy Communion – Tasley
- 10.30 Family Communion - St Leonards H.C.
- 10.30 Holy Communion Oldbury
- 18.00 Choral Evensong – St Mary's
- 18.00 Choral Evensong – Morville

**Chrism Eucharist – Maundy Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March** - Hereford Cathedral at 10.30am. If you would like to go to this service please sign the list at the back of church.

**Maundy Thursday -Commemoration of the Last Supper** meal will be held this year at St Mary's on 29th March at 7.30pm.. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of church if you wish to join us

**Confirmation**

we will be holding a confirmation service on Sunday 18th March at St. Mary's at 10.30am. We have received some expressions of interest, but if you, or someone you know might like to explore this further please speak to one of the clergy.

**Lent Theme - Reconciliation**

The theme for Lent the year will be around the various forms reconciliation can take.

**On Wednesdays in Lent** there will be a meeting in the evening in the following churches 14/3 Quatford, Theme (Enemy) and 21/3 Astley Abbots, Theme (God).

**Lent lunches**

We are sharing lunches with the other churches in Bridgnorth around our Lent themes They are being held as follows: Wednesdays at 12.30pm 14th March at St John's 21st March at Cartway We look forward to joining together.

**Lent Project**

As team ministry the Team Council have decided that this year our Lent Project will be to support the Bridgnorth Food Bank. Boxes have been supplied to all churches and can be found at the back. Do please bring them back to your church on Easter Day and the funds collected will be forwarded to the Food Bank.

**ADVANCE NOTICE**

The People and the Holy Land. A supper talk by Rev. Simon Cawdell reflecting on his recent visit. – **St Leonards Hall Church Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm** Tickets for a two course supper priced at £10 will be available from next week.