

Linking Parish Churches  
around Bridgnorth

CROSS+LINK



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

Dear Friends,

In court, juries will be suspicious if all the witnesses come up with the same story. Their role is to weigh up accounts to discern where the truth lies. In most situations its remarkable how diverse people's perceptions of events can be. Such variation adds to the credibility of a story. This is especially true of the Christmas story in the Bible. The events are examined from a variety of angles. Diverse witnesses provided the source material for the Gospel writers to distil their accounts. We have an angle from Kings, Shepherds, and theologians keen to analyse things in the light of what God had already said through prophets hundreds of years previously. In the centre of the story is Mary, the young peasant girl in her teens, who finds herself inexplicably pregnant.

Her response is the exemplar of what it is to be a follower of Jesus. The angel tells her what is about to happen with only the sketchiest discussion of the personal implications. Her response is, "may it be unto me as you have said." Confronted with the reality of God, her answer is, "yes, now what is the question." She is in a long line of heroes of faith who exemplify unconditional obedience. Isaiah, confronted with a vision of God said, "here am I send me." The disciples required just a word from Jesus to leave everything and follow him. St. Paul was struck blind on the road to Damascus and meekly waited for what God was to tell him he must do.

We are coming to the end of our year of prayer in the diocese and moving to the year of faith. As we begin that journey together, Mary's, "yes, now what is the question?" is a good place to start. The Gospel was described by Rowan Williams as news not advice. The events of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection stand at the turning point of history inviting us to respond with our own unconditional, "yes!"

+Richard



# *St Mary's Chamber Choir*

*Presents*

## *Music for Advent & Christmas*

### *Saturday 2nd December 2023*

*At*

*St Mary Magdalene Church,  
Bridgnorth.*

## *7pm*

*Tickets £10 on the door*

*Includes programme, mincepies and drinks*

*Directed by John Turnock*

*Accompanist : Oliver Clarke*

## **Winning tickets for the November ST MARY'S 200 club draw are as follows:**

£20 Sylvia Robbins

112

£10 Ann Amor

169

£10 David Oxtoby

132

£10 Kay Blackford

29

£10 Jane Parr

81

£10 Christopher Gill

91

£10 Sylvia Palmer

128

## **ST MARY'S CONNECT**

Our next lunch and get together is on **Tuesday 19th December** in  
The function room at **The Shakespeare Pub at 12.30**

If you would like to join us please contact Helen Howell on 01746  
763066 to book your place, these are limited and will be allocated on  
a first come first served basis.

**The January date will be:- Tuesday 16th January**

## **ST MARY'S COFFEE SHOP**

St Mary's Coffee Shop

Every Saturday—10.00am—12.30pm

At the back of church





# Nine Lessons & Carols

At  
St Mary Magdalene Church  
Bridgnorth

Sunday  
17th December 2023  
6.00pm

## NEWS FROM ST CALIXTUS ASTLEY ABBOTTS

A happy Christmas to one and all, I can't believe how quickly it comes round!

We have a very busy December ahead of us, starting on Sunday 3rd at 9am with an Advent Communion service with carols, the following Sunday 10th we have our cafe church in the village hall at 10.30am, this is a different sort of service taken by Rev Mark Melluish, come and join us for lively discussion while enjoying coffee and croissants.

On Sunday 17th please join us at 6pm for "carols by candle light" at St Calixtus followed by refreshments.

Then of course the highlight for many people(!), our crib service held outside, weather permitting, at 4pm on Christmas eve, December 24th, dress up as angels, shepherds, or anything else and follow the nativity story with us.

Holy Communion on Christmas Day is at the later time of 9.30am

We had a very successful Harvest Festival with over 40 people, our thanks to Simon Boxall for a delightful service, £198 and gifts were given to the food bank, thank you all for your generosity. Charlie from Aldersons butchers provided delicious pies for our Harvest supper accompanied by vegetables and followed by a selection of crumbles. Our thanks to everyone who helped and to Peter and Richard who provided the music.

Tasley joined us for Remembrance, our collection of £100 was given to the Royal British Legion.

I am afraid I end on a sad note, Barrie Hazlewood passed away peacefully in his sleep on November 12th, our thoughts are with Kate, Kate and Barry worshipped at St Calixtus for many years before they moved to Birmingham.

Finally there will be no service on December 31st, but please join us for services in January

***Idonea***

## LOOK OUT FOR WENCELAS

Most of us probably know that on 26<sup>th</sup> December [the Feast of Stephen] 'Good King Wenceslas looked out.....'. We probably also know that the snow lay round about, 'deep and crisp and even'. Beyond that, he's just someone in a carol that's not often sung nowadays.

However, Wenceslas was a real person, a duke, and effectively king of Bohemia in the 10<sup>th</sup> century. In modern terms he was Czechoslovakian. He was known as a generous and kind monarch, deeply Christian and given to good works.

So, the story in the carol by the Victorian hymn-writer J M Neale, while possibly fictitious, is at least in line with his recognised character. 'Page and monarch' braved 'the bitter weather' and the 'cruel wind's wild lament' to take food and fuel to a poor man living rough.

Neale's carol was enormously popular in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, because it perfectly expressed Victorian Christian ideals of benevolence and almsgiving. Christian men of 'wealth and rank' are urged to help the poor, and so 'find blessing'. Ignoring the 'wealth and rank and men 'bit, it's still good advice, at Christmas or any other time.

*(submitted by Carol Wall)*



## CLERGY THOUGHTS FROM SIMON

Life as a slave under the Pharaoh was the pits. Vague memories of life when Joseph had his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat were daily scrubbed out by the dust and drudgery of making those bricks in the unforgiving heat and sun. It was impossible to imagine a future with any hope. The song of the slaves that they sung secretly at night was:

**Those were the days, my friend  
We thought they'd never end  
We'd sing and dance forever and a day  
We'd live the life we choose  
We'd fight and never lose  
Those were the days, oh yes, those were the days**  
The people of Israel could only look back.

Life under the Romans wasn't much better a thousand years or so later. They were the ones who 'called the shots'. And the people dreamed of the time of King David. Again, for most people it was impossible to imagine a future with any hope. So, again they would sing:-

**Those were the days, my friend  
We thought they'd never end  
We'd sing and dance forever and a day  
We'd live the life we choose  
We'd fight and never lose  
Those were the days, oh yes, those were the days**  
They could only look back.

But in the time of the Pharaoh Moses appeared on the scene - it seemed out of nowhere - upsetting the establishment applecart and lots of people. And the people of Israel were freed from their slavery. Two thousand years ago, Jesus arrives on the scene, it seemed out of nowhere favourable, upsetting the establishment applecart and lots of people. The people of Israel and now even the world were offered freedom from the slavery of sin.

We live in dark times, and there is a feeling of heaviness all around. How do we cope? We look back. Nostalgia is the flavour of the year. But Advent and Christmas remind us that Jesus, God the Son, has come to us **and will come again**. We look **forward** to the time when



the Spirit of God is poured out on all nations - who knows, **could 2024 be the Year of the Lord's favour?**

**20** Now to him **who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine**, according to his power that is at work within us, **21** to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3.20-21)

*Simon Boxall*

## Morville Church Carol Service

WV16 5NB

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December**  
**at 4.00pm**

followed by mince pies and mulled wine  
(note – no service in the morning)

**All welcome to join in a service  
of carols and readings.**

## **Anchored** - A report from John Prockter —St James Hall Church on 2nd November—25 young people



Anchored is now three years old, and I love that we devote resources to it. Anchored is an event that benefits local families and the local church alike.

The aim of Anchored is to provide a fun Christian holiday club for children that serves the local church using resources, expertise and the brand name associated with BYSP. The key for this event is to use our collective strength to communicate a safe and accessible programme that families are learning to trust. From a structural perspective, Anchored is a gift to the local church, who in turn, helps us facilitate the event and get to know families who might not generally send their children to an activity promoted by one individual church fellowship. Anchored is also a great place for the BYSP Stir group to come and serve as group leaders, which makes the event the perfect mixture of fun, service and fellowship. The main church involved in helping to deliver Anchored this year, was St Mary's. We're very grateful to the church and especially Jane Peeler for taking the time to put the event together with us, and allowing us the opportunity to use St James' Hall Church for the event.

**John**

**Feedback-** We had eight parents fill in the online feedback form from Anchored, and -we received a 100% satisfaction rating from them. The parents who responded said that the young people enjoyed Laser tag, Soft Archery, Crafts and Biscuit Decorating the most. The Lego activity, time with the group leaders, singing and dancing and Open the Book were also featured highly in the feedback.

**Parent Comments**"Both my children have loved today, they've come home telling me all about the stories songs and games they've played. They can't wait to come to the Friday club thank you"

"Really encourages me and Richard that Daniel has an opportunity to come together with other kids to have fun in a Christian context. Fantastic for Hannah to be able to begin to be involved as a young leader and see older teens modelling this too."

"My child felt positive about her experience which made us feel happy"  
"It helps them learn about Jesus in a fun way"  
"Happy children and full of story's about their day"

# **ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, OLDBURY WITH EARDINGTON**

## **Review**

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Coffee and Cakes continues to attract about 20 people, many from the village, who might not otherwise come into church. They are very friendly events and the freshly baked cakes are a real draw. We have plenty of books left over from an earlier Coffee and Cakes, which have been displayed on pews at the back of church. They will stay there for the time being and donations are invited on behalf of Christian Aid.

Oldbury remembered The Fallen at its All Souls service on 5<sup>th</sup> November and joined Quatford for the Remembrance Service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at which those from both parishes who gave their lives in defence of our country were named.

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November we held a Breakfast Coffee and Croissants event. Newspapers were available, in the hope of initiating discussions on current affairs, but they were not needed as conversations buzzed without reference to them. We were so pleased to see Ken Biggs, who brought us up to date with his plans to move to Weston-Super-Mare to be nearer his daughter. He has been a stalwart church and choir member as well as a past treasurer, and we shall miss him.

The church withstood the battering of recent winter storms and no leaks were evident, for which we are thankful.

The Church Commissioners approved the Diocesan decision to sell the Rectory in East Castle Street and purchase something more suited to modern living and using less energy, so as to keep running costs down for a future incumbent. The Rectory was let on a 12 month lease earlier in the year, but I assume this will not hinder the marketing and eventual sale. It might take a while to find a new property, but once contracts are exchanged the new house can be included in the job description. Needless to say, the appointment of a new priest in charge/rector is not going to happen any time soon. In the meantime, we are grateful to all clergy who minister to us and to all who are taking a lead or contributing to the nurture of the congregations and to mission.

We are so pleased that Eunice is now home, although she is struggling a bit with mobility.

## **Diary Dates**

3<sup>rd</sup> December is our Patronal service in appreciation of St Nicholas.

Everyone is invited to come early for the 6pm Crib and Carol Service on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December as we shall be serving mince pies and mulled wine at 5.30pm, to stave off the hunger pangs and encourage tuneful singing!

The Christmas Day Service is half an hour earlier than our usual Sunday worship, and will be at 10am. Everyone is welcome to this joyful celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Our next PCC meeting is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at which the Annual Report and Accounts will be reviewed. They will be presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024. This is also the meeting at which PCC members are appointed and is preceded by a Vestry meeting at which churchwardens are appointed.

## **Prayers**

We pray for guidance on how each of us can best contribute to the life of our church.

We pray for all who are suffering in Gaza and Israel at a time of unimaginable destruction and hatred. We ask that God may intervene to stop the unending cycle of violence, that the Holy Spirit may strengthen and guide all who seek a peaceful solution.

***Dorothy Leiper***

## **QUATFORD NEWS**

We have at last finished cutting up most of a very large Scots pine tree, which fell in the churchyard without warning. The tree features in an old photograph dated 1898 of several substantial trees even then. So it must be over two hundred years old, a great shame to lose such a magnificent tree, but obviously home to many creatures and insects, we even found a toad hidden in part of a decayed bough. Fence is now repaired and some remedial repairs are required to one of the table top tombs which narrowly escaped serious damage. We are expecting CGA volunteers soon for their autumn visit, plenty of



general tidying up and nettles to be cut. Look forward to seeing the team.

We gathered for the Remembrance service with 26 people in attendance plus 2 dogs!. Marjorie led us in a comforting service not only to remember the fallen, but also those close to us who are no longer here. We send our deepest sympathy and prayers to the Ferguson family for their sad loss of daughter Rachel. Our thoughts are with them.

Our annual quiz went well. Thanks to Jo and Mike Kerridge for their skills as question master and Jo's help with scoring. Excellent questions, some tricky, some needing careful thought, but an enjoyable evening with a beautifully cooked fish and chip supper. Thanks to all who supported and helped, and thanks to Peter and his team for their hospitality.

So to Christmas, as Gill mentioned in last month's news, and by way of a reminder of the new times for our Christmas services.

**Carol Service:** Sunday 17th December at 3.00

**Christmas communion :** Sunday 24th December at 3.00

All are welcome to join us.

From all at Quatford we wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year

*Rachel Edwards*

## ON HIGH

On high escarpment, there I seek  
A respite from the glare and roar  
Of town alive with Christmas death –  
Pagan once more.

Trees' bare tips sweep the sky,  
Each a wind-busy painter's brush  
That cannot dash a pigment there  
Amongst grey wash.

Hag-black they rise and drop,  
The crows in far-off quarrelling,  
That bring no glad news on dark wing –  
No carolling.

Tonight I'll pass and watch again  
As Venus sits there bright and big,  
Low in the sky above high boughs  
And topmost twig.

***Roger Taylor Dec 2013***

## CHRISTMAS PERSPECTIVE

I have to confess that there have been years when the lead – up to Christmas (minus Christ), consumer-fest driven, has moved me from frustration to anger and finally disgust, on one occasion, to pen the accompanying poem ‘On High’ (*on page 13*) to relieve my depressive disapproval.

I drew also, on certain comforts at that time (to remind myself that all was not lost (at least in Bridgnorth) where we of the Open-The-Book team would soon be bringing the true Christmas story to our schools and the Baptist Church led ‘Christmas Together’ would be sharing Christ’s love by ensuring that no local people who wanted it would go short of a festive dinner, carols and fellowship.

I reminded myself also that perhaps I demonize paganism rather too much: after all, it is probable that the feast around Christ’s birth was celebrated under the safe cover of the pagan feast of Saturnalia.

And, even that bright, prominent star Venus, so looked upon as the goddess of love, may have (in confluence with another star) have formed the huge astral spangle that the ‘wise men’ followed to the place of the infant Jesus.

***Roger Taylor***

# **Ministries and Monkeys**

## **Some experiences of a recent visit to Uganda**

Our walk to church was interrupted by rustling sounds in a Jack Fruit tree. Then we saw the reason; a family of black monkeys taking turns to bite into the biggest fruit on offer, mothers carefully tearing off pieces for their young. We stood fascinated, not noticing the time. We arrived late for church, but it didn't seem to matter. We'd savoured some special moments appreciating creation. The service, in any case catered for latecomers, starting with lots of lively music and we knew it was likely to last around 2½ hrs. Our arrival coincided with the impressive sight of 80 or so children being led out for Sunday School. Altogether a refreshingly different experience from our usual visits to church!



### **Starfish Foundation**

I'd gone out to Uganda in October with my friend Mary Mills, to catch up with the "Starfish Foundation", a charity which grew out of work Mary began back in the noughties when she moved to Mukono in Uganda on her retirement. She became aware of the difficulties many families had in supporting their children through education and in accessing medical care. She was also moved by the numbers of disabled children she encountered, especially in rural areas.

### **Child Sponsorship**

The Starfish Child Sponsorship program is now giving many children from poor families educational opportunities they could previously only have dreamt about, taking them through school and in some cases on to university or vocational training. During our visit, it was really encouraging to see some of the success stories. Two boys have recently graduated as teachers and one as an electrician. A girl has nearly completed a tailoring course and hopes to start her own

business. She needs first though to purchase her own sewing machine costing around £100. *(I wonder if anyone reading this could help?)*

## **Starfish Clinic**

We saw more success stories from the work of the “Starfish Clinic” in Uganda’s rural Kayunga District. The clinic specialises in treating disabled children and helping them reach their potential. It’s now treating over 50 children with physiotherapy, nutritional supplements and referrals for surgery. Many are provided with wheelchairs, crutches or other mobility devices which help them access education and gain independence.

Five years ago, on my last visit to Uganda, I met Beatrice, a teenage girl who was paralysed from the waist down after a fall from a tree. At the time she was largely confined to lying on the floor of her mud hut. Through the clinic she had physiotherapy and was provided with a wheelchair enabling her to get to school and then on to vocational training. Now, she’s finishing a course in hairdressing and plans to open her own salon. We also caught up with Louis, a very bright boy who lost the use of his legs following an infection at the age of 7. Provision of a wheelchair enabled him to get to school and college. He’s now secured a place to study Mass Communication at Uganda Christian University.



## **Visit to Gulu**

I was privileged to be able spend a few days visiting Simon and Sarah Cawdell (our former Rector & Team Vicar) and see some of the valuable work they are doing. Their home at Archbishop Janani Luwum Theological College in Gulu (where Sarah is the Principal), is



around 200 miles north of where we were based in Mukono, with a noticeably hotter, drier climate.



Sarah's achievements in the college so far include a kitchen with stoves replacing the former open fires, a new library and a new chapel. The site of the latter was a grass lawn when I was there, but with a quick go ahead from the local bishop, (and not a faculty in site!) work was able to start the following week and is now well underway.

Simon is based at the nearby Diocesan offices where he's busy arranging conferences, one of which is to launch "Rooted in Jesus", a sort of Alpha Course specially designed for Africans. He's even been helping with translation of this into the local language (Acholi).

My time in Mukono and Gulu was packed with fascinating encounters and reassuring success stories - but tempered by ever present reminders of the struggles that some still face in this developing country where education and medical care remain beyond their means. Maybe things are best summed up in the motto borrowed from another charity working in Uganda.

*Can't do everything, Mustn't do nothing, Can do something*

If you feel you can do something or would like to know more, please do get in touch.

**Sheila Royle**

## ***Finding a new rector ....***

We are making progress!

The Church Commissioners have now agreed that the diocese can dispose of the current rectory. So now the diocese can move towards purchasing a property which would be much cheaper for the incumbent to heat and which also meets current church standards. The first step for them is to review properties on the market in Bridgnorth for those that meet the required standards. Then they can make an offer. Once an offer has been



accepted on a property, all patrons and PCCs will be consulted on the designation of the property as the new Parsonage House (Rectory). The statutory period of consultation is 21 days. The diocese could not move to exchange until we know whether or not there are any objections to the proposed property. If there were any objections, the proposal would be referred to the Church Commissioners which would, of course, delay still further the search for a new incumbent. As soon as contracts have been exchanged on the property the diocese will move towards advertising the post.

Bishop Richard suggests some useful prayer points for all of us to adopt in the coming weeks:

1. For the right property to be found and secured as soon as practicably possible.
2. For all those clergy and lay people who are giving so freely of their time, energy, and gifts in serving the churches and parishes during the continuing vacancy, giving thanks for them and asking for God's continuing strengthening of them.
3. For the ongoing preparations for advertising for our new Priest-in-Charge.
4. For the witness of the churches during this important season of Advent and Christmas when so many more people will be offered the opportunity to hear and respond to the Good News of Jesus Christ for themselves.



***Graham Patey***

# REGISTERS

## Baptisms

1.10.23 Margot Evelyn Marshall

1.10.23 Lola Fern Marshall

## Weddings

16.9.23 Ryan Forrest/Zoe Hargrave

## Funerals

26.9.23 Frances Margaret Veal

27.9.23 Alison Margaret England

27.9.23 Jeanette June Tamplin

29.9.23 Janet Elizabeth Lowndes

5.10.23 George Frederick Cartwright

10.10.23 John Avery Smith

18.10.23 Kathleen May Turner

19.10.23 Michael James Coombes

19.10.23 Albert Edward Clamp

24.10.23 Joan Maree Alderson

28.11.23 Rachel Elizabeth Ferguson



# Christmas

## Birth of Jesus Word Search

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 JESUS  
 JOSEPH  
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SHEPHERDS  
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 STAR  
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 WISE MEN

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## TASLEY NEWS

On Remembrance Sunday we joined the congregation of Astley Abbots for a Service of Remembrance led by Revd Clive Parr. It was good to see so many of you there.

I can't believe that Advent will soon be here and we will be preparing for the Christmas season.

Our Advent Service will be on Sunday the 3rd December at 10.30am.

Sunday the 17th December is our Carol Service at 4pm followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

On Christmas Eve, which this year falls on a Sunday we will be celebrating Communion at our normal time of 10.30am. There will be No Midnight Service this year.

On Saturday 2nd December it's Barry's Quiz Night including Cheese and Wine in the Village Hall. Those of you who have been before will know how enjoyable they are.

The monthly coffee mornings continue on the first Monday of the month and we look forward to seeing you on the 4th December at 10.30 to 12MD.

However there will not be a coffee morning on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2024.

### **November 100 Club Winners**

1 – 6-Jenny Rogers

2 – 96 Betty Nash

3 – 5 Hugh Walker

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Jan-** Flicks in the Sticks in the village hall at 7pm. The film will be "Sunshine on Leith"

We wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas.

***Margaret, John & Bob***



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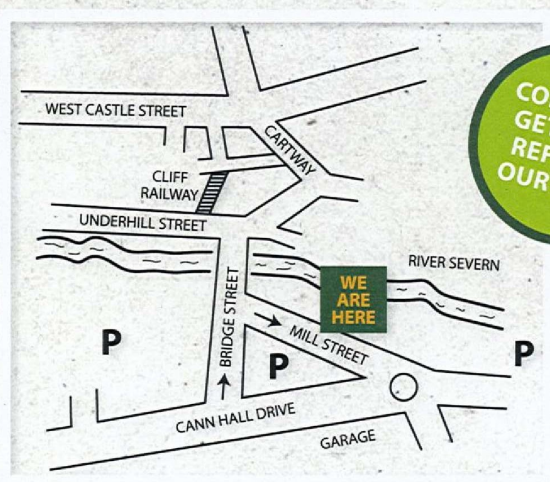
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We look forward to seeing you soon.



### Opening Times

Monday	10:30am - 5:00pm
Tuesday	10:30am - 5:00pm
Wednesday	10:30am - 5:00pm
Thursday	10:30am - 5:00pm
Friday	9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday	9:00am - 3:00pm
Sunday	Closed

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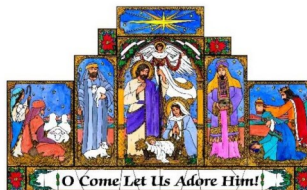
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## Christmas around the Bridgnorth and Morville Parishes Team Ministry

2 <sup>nd</sup> December	19.00	Chamber choir Advent Christmas Concert	St Mary Magdalene Bridgnorth
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	9.00	Advent Christmas service	Astley Abbots
10 <sup>th</sup> December	15.00	Carols by candlelight	Eardington Village Hall
	16.00	Carols	St Gregory's Morville
13 <sup>th</sup> December	18.00	St Leonard's School Carols	St Mary Magdalene Bridgnorth
14 <sup>th</sup> December	18.00	Endowed School Carol Concert	St Mary Magdalene Bridgnorth
17 <sup>th</sup> December	15.00	Sinfonia Family Christmas Concert	St Mary Magdalene Bridgnorth
	15.00	Carols	St Mary Magdalene Quatford
	16.00	Carols	St Peter and St Paul Tasley
	18.00	Carols by candlelight	St Calixtus Astley Abbots
	18.00	Nine Lessons and Carols	St Mary Magdalene Bridgnorth
	18.30	Carols	Aston Eyre
18 <sup>th</sup> December	18.00	Carols	St Nicholas Oldbury
19 <sup>th</sup> December	18.00	Carols	St Peter's Monkhopton
21 <sup>st</sup> December	18.00	Carols	Acton Round
24 <sup>th</sup> December	15.00	Christmas Communion	St Mary Magdalene Quatford
	16.00	Crib Service	St Mary Magdalene Bridgnorth
	16.00	Crib Service	St Calixtus Astley Abbots
25 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30	Holy Communion	St Calixtus Astley Abbots
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Nicholas Oldbury
	10.30	Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene Bridgnorth
	11.00	Holy Communion	St Gregory's Morville

***We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year***



*get fit  
while  
you sit*

# CHAIR-BASED **PILATES** WORKOUT

*get fit  
while  
you sit*

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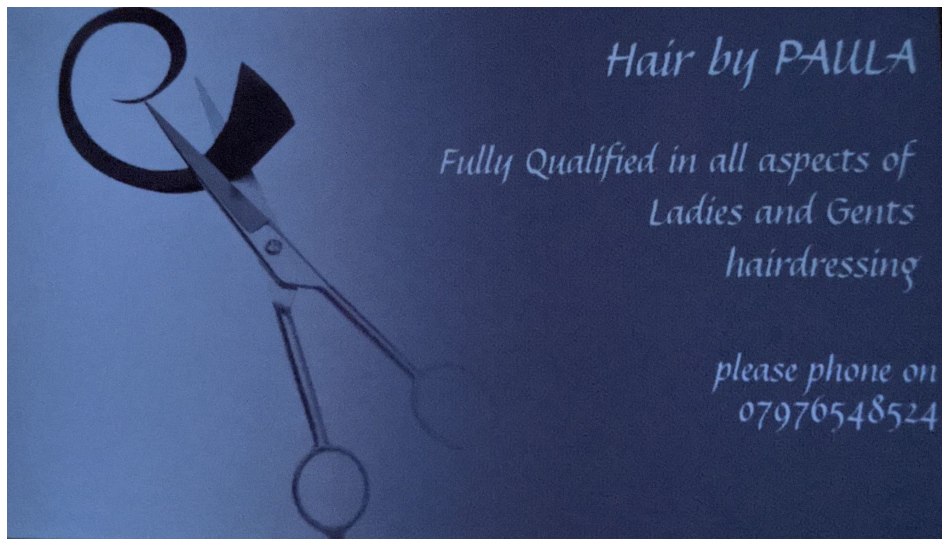


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<i>HC = Holy Communion</i> <i>MP = Morning Prayer</i>	Advent Sunday 3rd Dec	Advent 2 10th Dec	Advent 3 17th Dec	Christmas Eve 24th Dec	Christmas 1 31st Dec
St Mary Magdalene Bridgnorth	10.30 HC	10.30 MP	10.30 HC	16.00 Crib Service	10.30 MP
St Mary Magdalene Quatford		10.30 HC	15.00 Carols		
St Calixtus Astley Abbotts	9.00 Advent Communion	10.00 Café Church in village Hall	18.00 Carols by candlelight	16.00 Crib Service	
St Nicholas Oldbury	10.30 HC		10.30 HC		10.30 Coffee in church
St Peter and St Paul Tasley	10.30 HC	10.30 FS	16.00 Carols	10.30 HC	
St Leonard's Hall Church	10.30 FS		10.30 FC		
St Gregory the Gt. Morville	11.15 MP	16.00 Carols	11.15 MP	11.15 HC	
Aston Eyre		10.00 MP	18.30 Carols		
St Mary the Virgin Acton Round		10.00 HC and Baptism			
Monkhopton	10.00 MP				

# JANUARY '24

<i>HC = Holy Communion</i> <i>MP = Morning Prayer</i>	Epiphany 7th Jan	Epiphany 2 14th Jan	Epiphany 3 21st Jan	Epiphany 4 28th Jan
St Mary Magdalene Bridgnorth	10.30 HC	10.30 MP	10.30 MP	10.30 FS/ Baptism
St Mary Magdalene Quatford		10.30 HC		10.30 HC
St Calixtus Astley Abbotts	9.00 HC	9.30 FS	9.00 MP	9.00 Life and Soul
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