



**Churches in Bridgnorth'**

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Linking the parishes of Bridgnorth, Tasley, Astley Abbots, Oldbury, Quatford, Morville, Aston Eyre, Acton Round, Monkhopton

Hon. Assistant Ministers: Revd. Marjorie Brooks, Revd Simon Boxall, Revd Clive Parr and Anna Chaplain and Team Reader: Jane Peeler

**Wednesdays – St Mary's - 10.30am Morning Prayer 1<sup>st</sup>,2<sup>nd</sup>,4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays**  
**10.30am Holy Communion – St Mary's – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday**

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> November 4<sup>th</sup> Before Advent/All Saints Day (Gold/White)**

- 9.00 Morning Prayer – Astley Abbots
- 10.00 Morning Prayer – Monkhopton
- 10.30 Morning Prayer - St Mary's
- 10.30 Holy Communion - Tasley
- 10.30 Family Service – St Leonard's HC
- 10.30 Holy Communion – Oldbury
- 11.15 Morning Prayer – Morville

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> November**

- 10.00 Little Stars – St Mary's

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> November**

- 10.00 Coffee Shop – St Mary's
- 10.00 Chamber Choir Rehearsal – St Mary's

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup> November 3<sup>rd</sup> Before Advent/Remembrance (Red or Gold)**

- 10.45 Remembrance in Castle Grounds
- 11.30 Remembrance – St Mary's
- 10.30 Remembrance – Tasley with Astley Abbots
- 10.30 Remembrance – Quatford
- 10.50 Remembrance with Aston Eyre – Morville

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: –Sun 10<sup>th</sup> November – 3<sup>rd</sup> Before Advent/Remembrance – Hebrews 9:24-3<sup>rd</sup>, Mark 1:14-20 and Psalm 62:5-end**

**Vacancy prayer**

As we await the arrival of our new Priest-in-Charge, we give thanks 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 vacancy, and we ask for God's continuing strengthening of them.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> November**



**Eco Eric's Tip:** November's arrived; temperatures are dropping and nights drawing in. Maybe you sometimes feel the gloom of Thomas Hood's poem "No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease ----November". Did you know that just 20 minutes in nature can boost our mental wellbeing, whether it's a brisk walk, a potter in the garden or a lunchtime stroll in the park? In inclement weather, even indoor activities such as tending to house plants or craftwork with natural items can help. Nature can boost our mood, help us cope with stress, and even raise confidence, so why not give yourself a daily dose of nature?

## COLLECT

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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

## Revelation 21:1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

## Psalms 24:1-6

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. 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

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## John 11:32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'