



**'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 24<sup>th</sup> November - Sunday next before Advent/Christ the King (Red or White)**

- 9.00 Morning Prayer – Astley Abbots
- 10.00 Holy Communion – Monkhopton
- 10.30 Family Communion – St Mary's
- 10.30 Morning Prayer – Quatford
- 10.30 Life and Soul – Tasley
- 11.15 Holy Communion – Aston Eyre (*Morville to join Aston Eyre*)

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> November**

- 10.00 Little Stars – St Mary's

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> November**

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

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> December – Advent Sunday (Purple)**

- 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 Family Service and Baptisms – Oldbury
- 11.15 Morning Prayer – Morville

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Advent Sunday (Purple) –Sun 1<sup>st</sup> December – Advent Sunday Jeremiah 33:14-16, Luke 21:25-36 and Psalm 25:1-9**

**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 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**A big thank you to Liz Reid for her initiative in organising the new Bridgnorth Calendar** which contains stunning images of Bridgnorth sent in from local people and each month is sponsored by a local business. The calendars are on sale at St Mary's and in the office £10 each with all proceeds to St Mary's Church.



**Eco Eric's Tip:** The tulip industry in the Netherlands and the UK is big business. Unfortunately, the use of pesticides is also high although awareness of their damaging effects is leading to change. Why not help by switching to organic bulbs - there is still time to buy tulip bulbs for planting between November and January. Include varieties that are attractive to early emerging bees. The best varieties for this come in shades of violet as the bees are able to see the ultraviolet rays these petals produce when reflected in the sun. Such varieties include Purple Prince Single Early, Blue Ribbon Triumph, and the late blooming Bleu Amiable Single Late.

## **COLLECT**

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

## **Revelation 1:4b-8**

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

## **Psalms 93**

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved; your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring. More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord! Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, for evermore. 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**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

## **John 18:33-37**

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'