



**'Churches in Bridgnorth'**

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

**Priest in Charge:** Revd. Suzan Williams, **Hon. Assistant Ministers:** Revd. Marjorie Brooks, Revd Simon Boxall, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Advent 4 (Purple)**

- 9.00 Holy Communion - Astley Abbots
- 11.15 Holy Communion – Morville
- 16.00 Carols – Tasley
- 18.00 Carol Service – Astley Abbots
- 18.00 Nine Lessons and Carols – St Mary's
- 18.00 Carols – Acton Round
- 18.30 Carols – Aston Eyre

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve (Gold/White)**

- 16.00 Crib Service – Astley Abbots
- 16.00 Crib Service – St Mary's
- 15.00 Holy Communion – Quatford
- 21.00 Holy Communion – Tasley
- 23.30 Holy Communion – St Mary's

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day (Gold/White)**

- 9.30 Morning Prayer – Astley Abbots
- 10.00 Holy Communion – Oldbury
- 10.30 Holy Communion – St Mary's
- 11.15 Holy Communion – Morville

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> December**

- 10.00 Coffee Shop – St Mary's

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas 1 (White)**

- 10.30 Holy Communion – St Mary's

**We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. - The Parish Office will re-open on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 8.30am following the Christmas/New Year holiday**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: (White) – Sun 29<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas 1 – 1 Samuel 2:18-20,26, Luke 2:41-end and Psalm 148**

**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 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm – St Mary Magdalene Bridgnorth** – Come along and find out more about this six week course on how to navigate life with a healthier and kinder approach to yourself and others around you. Please contact Suzan for more details. [revwilliams1991@icloud.com](mailto:revwilliams1991@icloud.com)

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm – St Mary Magdalene Bridgnorth** – Come and explore the journey of the 'wise men'. Enjoy an interactive session where through food, crafts, discussion and singing we explore what it means to unpack the greatest gift at Christmas that we may not have opened yet. Contact Suzan for more details. [revwilliams1991@icloud.com](mailto:revwilliams1991@icloud.com)



Amongst all the fun of opening presents don't forget to be responsible with the wrapping paper. Can it be reused or recycled? Why not save some of your favourite papers for reuse next year? Don't forget that papers that are decorated with foil or glitter, or thick and glossy papers, which are probably laminated, can't be recycled in the 'blue bag' paper collection. You can check if a paper's recyclable by scrunching into a ball. Recyclable paper will stay scrunched and can go into the blue bag, but if it opens out it needs to go in the general waste bin.

## **COLLECT**

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## **Micah 5:2-5a**

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

## **Psalm 80:1-8**

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us! Restore us, O God, let your face shine, that we may be saved. O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us the scorn of our neighbours; our enemies laugh among themselves. Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved. You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. 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**

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **Luke 1:39-45**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'