



'Churches in Bridgnorth'

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

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 1st, 2nd, 4th 5th Wednesdays
10.30am Holy Communion – St Mary's – 3rd Wednesday

Sun 29th December – Christmas 1

10.30 Holy Communion – St Mary's

Sat 4th January –

10.00 Coffee Shop – St Mary's

Sun 5th January – 2nd Sun after Christmas

9.00 Holy Communion – Astley Abbots

10.00 Morning Prayer – Monkhoppton

10.30 Holy Communion – 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

The Parish Office will re-open on Monday 6th January at 8.30am following the Christmas/New Year holiday

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: – Sun 5th January '25 – Epiphany 1 John 3:22-4:6, Matthew 4:12-17, 23-end and Psalm 2:7-end

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 21st January 2025**

Monday 6th 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

Sunday 19th 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



After the business of Christmas, find some time to relax and enjoy nature. Maybe take a walk with family and friends or just spend a while enjoying the colours, shapes and textures of the natural world around us. The days are short but there's still plenty to see in the garden or out and about in the local countryside. Let's appreciate the beauty of creation through our winter landscapes.

COLLECT

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

1 Samuel 2:18-20,26

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

POST COMMUNION

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
. Amen

Luke 1:39-45

Now every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. He established them for ever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord! 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