



Churches in Bridgnorth'

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open to personal callers—Mon 11-12.30,

Tue, Wed, Thu 8.30-11.30

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

Sun 5th January – 2nd Sun after Christmas (Gold/White)

- 9.00 Holy Communion – Astley Abbots
- 10.00 Morning Prayer – Monkhopton
- 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

Thurs 9th January

- 10.00 Little Stars – St Mary's

Sat 11th January –

- 10.00 Coffee Shop – St Mary's

Sun 12th January –Baptism of Christ (Gold/White)

- 9.30 Family Service – Astley Abbots
- 10.00 Morning Prayer – Acton Round
- 10.00 Morning Prayer – Aston Eyre
- 10.30 Holy Communion – St Mary's
- 10.30 Family Service – Tasley
- 10.30 Holy Communion – Quatford
- 11.15 Morning Prayer – Morville

The Parish Office will re-open tomorrow - Monday 6th January at 8.30am

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: – Sun 12th January Baptism of Christ (Gold/White) Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 and Psalm 29

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



Every year, millions of natural Christmas trees are dumped during January, rather than recycled and with the introduction of charges for garden waste bins, sadly dumping is likely to increase. If you subscribe for a garden waste bin, trees are easily recycled by putting out for collection either in or next to your green bin. If you don't have a green bin, take the tree to the recycling centre at Faraday Drive for composting along with garden waste. You'll need to book a slot and the quickest way is online via the council website at: <https://shropshire.hwrcs.uk/forms/shropshire-cars>. You can also book by phone between 9am & 3pm, Mon- Fri on 0345 678 9007. Alternatively, chop up the tree and stack the wood in your garden to create a habitat for birds and bugs.

COLLECT

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Psalms 72: 1-9

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.
May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.
May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.
May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor. May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.
In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more. May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.
May his foes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust. 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

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.