



'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 - Holy Communion

Sun 16th February – 3 Before Lent (Green)

- 10.00 Café Church – Astley Abbots Village Hall
- 10.30 Morning Prayer – St Mary’s
- 10.30 Holy Communion – Tasley
- 10.30 Family Communion – St Leonard’s Hall Church
- 10.30 Holy Communion – Oldbury
- 11.15 Morning Prayer – Morville

Mon 17th February

- 14.00 Happiness Lab – Shakespeare Function Room

Tues 18th February

- 12.30 St Mary’s Connect Lunch – The Shakespeare

Sat 25th February

- 10.00 Coffee Shop – St Mary’s
- 10.00 Chamber Choir rehearsals – St Mary’s

Sun 23rd February – 2 Before Lent (Green)

- 9.00 Morning Prayer - Astley Abbots
- 10.00 Holy Communion – Aston Eyre
- 10.30 Family Communion – St Mary’s
- 10.30 Holy Communion – Quatford
- 11.15 Holy Communion – Morville

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Sun 23rd February 2 Before Lent (Green) – Revelation 4, Luke 8:22-25 and Psalm 65

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 18th February 2025**

Saturday 1st March – St James’ Hall Church – 10am – 1pm – Bridgnorth Repair Café – Our talented volunteers will help to fix your household items for FREE! Small household electricals and textiles, including lamps, vacuum cleaners, kettles, toaster, radios, electrical tools, clothing, bags, soft toys..... No need to book call in. Enjoy a cuppa and a biscuit. Questions – please contact bridgnorthrepaircafe@gmail.com

Saturday 1st March – St Nicholas Oldbury – 6pm – The John Moore Quire presents A Year of West Gallery Music – Entry free – donations to cover supper gratefully received. – Tickets please email Liz Fisher to give numbers elizabethfisher29@icloud.com

Pancake party Tuesday 4th of March 12-5pm at St Leonard’s Hall Church. Come along and enjoy a pancake or two with your favourite topping! And find out more about our Lent course. Alive in Christ <https://www.resourcingrenewal.org/alive-in-christ> Contact Suzan for more details rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com.

A World Day of Prayer Service will be held at 2:30pm on Friday 7th March at Cartway Methodist Church Bridgnorth



21st February has been known as *Celandine Day* since 1795, when the renowned clergyman-naturalist, Gilbert White noted that the first lesser celandines usually appeared in his Hampshire village of Selborne. Lesser celandines are one of the first wildflowers to bloom in spring, making them a valuable source of nectar for early insects, including queen bumble bees emerging from hibernation. Rather than daffodils, the lesser celandine was actually Wordsworth’s favourite flower and the subject of three of his poems. So if you have a patch of celandines in your garden, learn to appreciate these bright yellow, star shaped flowers and don’t be too quick to dismiss them as weeds.

COLLECT

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. 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

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

Luke 6:17-26

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.