



'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 9th March – Lent 1 (Purple)

- 9.00 Family Service - Astley Abbots
- 10.00 Holy Communion – Acton Round
- 10.00 Morning Prayer – Aston Eyre
- 10.30 Holy Communion – St Mary’s
- 10.30 Holy Communion (1662) – Quatford
- 11.15 Morning Prayer – Morville

Tues 11th March

- 19.30 Lent Course – 19 Ludlow Road

Weds 12th March

- 18.30 Lent Compline – Monkhopton

Thurs 13th March

- 10.00 Little Stars – St Mary’s
- 14.00 Lent Course – 19 Ludlow Road

Sat 15th March

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

Sun 16th March – Lent 2 (Purple)

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

Wednesdays in Lent – Compline at 6.30pm – See below for venues

Lent courses – see below

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Sun 16th March –Lent 2 (Purple) – Genesis 15:1-12,17-18, Luke 13:31-end and Psalm 27

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 March.**

Compline in Lent – Wednesdays all at 6.30pm –12th March – Monkhopton, 19th March – Morville, 26th March – Quatford, 2nd April – Tasley, 9th April – Acton Round, 16th April Tenebrae service at St Mary’s

Lent Courses - (Please note this is a change of venue from advert in Cross+Link - All now taking place at 19 Ludlow Road, Evening Lent Course (Alive in Christ) Tuesdays – 7.30-9.30pm– 11th, 18th and 25th March, 1st & 8th April. Afternoon Lent Courses – Thursdays – 2 - 4.30pm on - Thursday 13th, 20th, 27th March, 3rd and 17th April - for more details contact Suzan on 01746 599528 or rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com

Lent Lunch at Morville Church - The Morville Parishes will be holding a Lent Lunch (soup and a roll) open to everyone. The lunch will be at St Gregory’s Church, Morville between **12.00pm and 2.00pm** on **Saturday 15 March**. Come along and meet your neighbours for a chat. The event is to raise funds to help Blossoms Barns which provides day opportunities for adults with learning difficulties at their farm at Chelmarsh. As we do not have card facilities in the church, donations in cash would be greatly appreciated.



Have you seen a hedgehog this year yet? In Shropshire, they usually emerge from hibernation between mid March and early April, but it is estimated that numbers have declined by 98% since the 1950s. One of the reasons is due to garden fences becoming more secure, so hedgehogs can’t roam freely from one garden to another to find food and a mate. We can make their life easier by removing the barriers within our control, for example by making holes in fences, removing bricks from the bottom of walls or digging a channel under a fence or wall. A hole 13cm x 13cm cut into the bottom of a fence is all that’s needed to allow a hedgehog to pass.

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Psalms 91:1-11

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.'
For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling-place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you, to guard you in all your ways. 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, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.