



**'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 30<sup>th</sup> March – Lent 4 (Purple) Mothering Sunday**

- 9.30 Morning Prayers – Astley Abbots
- 10.30 Holy Communion – St Mary’s
- 10.30 Holy Communion – Oldbury (Quatford to join)

**Tues 1<sup>st</sup> April**

- 19.30 Lent Course – 19 Ludlow Road

**Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

- 18.30 Lent Compline – Tasley

**Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

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

**Sat 5<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup> April – Lent 5 Passion Sunday (Purple)**

- 9.00 Holy Communion – Astley Abbots
- 10.00 Holy Communion – Monkhopton
- 10.30 Holy Communion – St Mary’s
- 10.30 Family Service – St Leonard’s Hall Church
- 10.30 Coffee & Chat - Oldbury
- 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 6<sup>th</sup> April –Lent 5 (Purple) – Isaiah 43:16-21, John 12:1-8 and Psalm 126**

**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 15<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Compline in Lent – Wednesdays all at 6.30pm** 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Tasley, 9<sup>th</sup> April – Acton Round, 16<sup>th</sup> April - 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; 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> April. Afternoon Lent Courses – Thursdays – 2 - 4.30pm on - 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April - for more details contact Suzan on 01746 599528 or [rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com](mailto:rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com)**



On this Mothering Sunday we could do well to learn from our elderly mothers or grandmothers the recycling ideas born out of necessity in previous generations. From hand-me-downs to making jams, they knew how to live a waste free life. Wonderful meals can come from the creativity of using leftovers. The post war generation didn’t waste anything; from bubble and squeak to soups, everything was used up. Nowadays there are all sorts of creative recipes on the internet if you need more inspiration, from [‘zero waste pesto’](#) to [Jaime Oliver’s ‘recipes](#) to reduce food waste’.

## **COLLECT**

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 Samuel 1:20-end**

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore, I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.' She left him there for the Lord.

## **Psalm 127: 1-4**

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved. Sons are indeed a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth. 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**

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## **Luke 2:33-35**

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'