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‘Churches in Bridgnorth’

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

Sunday 18th May – Easter 5 (White)
(St Marys APCM to follow the service)

Monday 19th May
6.30pm -8.30pm Annual Community Event – Morville Village Hall

Tuesday 20th May
12.30 St Mary’s Connect lunch - The Shakespeare Inn

Thursday 22nd May
10.00 Little Stars – St Mary’s

Sat 24th May
10.00 Coffee Shop – St Mary’s

Sun – May 25th Easter 6 (White)

9.00 Astley Abbots – Service of The Word
10.00 Aston Eyre – Holy Communion
10.30 St Mary’s – Family Service/Baptism/FC
10.30 Quatford – Holy Communion
11.15 Morville – Holy Communion
16.00 St Mary’s – Informal Service

Sun – June 1st Easter 7 Sunday After Ascension (White)

9.00 Astley Abbots – Holy Communion
10.00 Monkhopton– Holy Communion
10.30 St Mary’s – Holy Communion
10.30 Tasley– Morning Prayer
10.30 St Leonards Hall Church – Family Service
10.30 Oldbury – Holy Communion
11.15 Morville – Morning Prayer

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Sun 25th May – Easter 6 (White) –Acts 16: 9-15, John 14: 23-29, Psalm 67.

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 17th June.**

‘Anchored’ Holiday Club 29th May 9.30am- 2.pm, Bridgnorth Baptist Church – games, workshops, songs, food & competitions for School Years 3-5. www.anchorevent.co.uk If you would like to volunteer to help with the groups, please contact Revd. Suzan Williams 01746 599529.

World Day of Prayer Summer Gathering with Bring and Share refreshments on Monday 16th June 3 – 4.30pm at No.7 West Castle Street, Bridgnorth. All welcome.



The Sunday before Ascension Day is traditionally known as Rogation Sunday, which this year is 25th May. Rogation time was marked as a time a time to pray for farm land and a good harvest. This Spring is proving one of the driest on record putting some crops at risk of failure from drought stress and this follows unprecedented rainfall last Autumn which made it impossible for many crops to be drilled. As farmers across the country are battling the effects of climate change with increasingly unpredictable weather, let’s make a special point of remembering them in our prayers this Rogationtide.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of
everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going
before us you put into our minds good desires,
so, by your continual help we may bring them to
good effect, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

ACTS 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

JOHN 13: 31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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 your 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.