

# Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025



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Open Mon – Fri 8.30am-11.30am email bridgnorthteamministry@yahoo.co.uk

Churches in Bridgnorth

Linking the parishes of Bridgnorth, Tasley, Astley Abbotts, 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, Curate: Revd. Vickie Dunlop

Wednesdays - St Mary's - 10.30am - Holy Communion

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025 Eighth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 19 Ludlow Road 16.00

Praise, Pimms & Puddings Contact Suzan T: 01746 599528

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Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August
Film Club, St James Hall Church
Crafts, games, film & meal. Contact
Suzan(details above) for more details
& catering purposes.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August, St Mary's Coffee 10.00 Shop

#### Sun - August 17th

9.00 Astley Abbotts – Morning Prayer

10.30 St Mary's – Morning Prayer

10.30 Tasley – Holy Communion

10.30 St Leonards Hall Church – Holy Communion

10.30 Oldbury – Holy Communion

11.15 Morville – Morning Prayer

### Sun - August 24th

9.00 Astley Abbotts – Morning Prayer

10.00 Aston Eyre – Holy Communion

10.30 St Mary's – Holy Communion

10.30 Tasley - Life & Soul

10.30 Quatford - Holy Communion

11.15 Morville – Holy Communion

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Sun 17<sup>th</sup> August – Ninth Sunday After Trinity (Green): Hebrews 11: 29–12.2 Luke 12: 49-56, Psalm 80: 1-2. 9-end.

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 19<sup>th</sup> August.

**PCC Treasurers' Finance Workshop – Wednesday 27**<sup>th</sup> **August, 7pm, St James Hall Church.** Stephen Herbert (Diocesan Finance Director) and Charles Brotherton (Financial Accountant) will guide you through the core reporting requirements and answer your questions.

Comedy Night with Andy Kind, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm St Mary's. Contact Suzan for more details: rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com

#### Ride+Stride, Saturday 13th September, raising money for Shropshire Historic Churches Trust.

Can you take part as a cyclist or walker or maybe take older friends round in your car? Could you help provide refreshments or sponsor someone? For more details contact: Sheila Royle (St Mary's Bridgnorth) or your local church organiser. <a href="https://www.shropshirehct.org.uk/OtherActivities/RideStride.aspx">www.shropshirehct.org.uk/OtherActivities/RideStride.aspx</a>



Whilst heatwaves are coming and going across the UK this year, the reality is that we will have many more extreme-weather periods in the years ahead due to climate change. Water stress is one of the biggest killers of wildlife. Help garden birds by maintaining a filled bird bath and supplying supplementary food such as a good seed mix, soaked raisins or mealworms. If you are lucky enough to have hedgehogs in the garden, provide them with good proprietary hedgehog food as their prey of slugs, snails and worms diminishes. If you have apple trees, leave some of the fallen fruit for blackbirds to enjoy.

#### COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be reserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### POST COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. Amen.

#### **HEBREWS 11: 1-3. 8-16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the world of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore, from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

#### **LUKE 12: 32-40**

Jesus said 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

#### **PSALM 50: 1-8, 23-end**

The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him. He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: 'Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!' The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. 'Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt-offerings are continually before me. Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honour me; to those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God.' 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.