



WELCOME ... News Sheet Sunday

Sunday 14th December 2025



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Open Mon – Fri 8.30am-11.30am

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Linking the parishes of Bridgnorth, Tasley, Astley Abbots, Oldbury, Quatford, Morville, Aston Eyre, Acton Round, Monkhoppton

Rector: Revd. Suzan Williams, **Curate:** Revd. Vickie Dunlop, **Anna Chaplain and Team Reader:** Jane Peeler, **Hon. Assistant Ministers:** Revd. Marjorie Brooks, Revd Simon Boxall.

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

Sunday 14th December 2025 Advent 3 (Purple)

Morville Carol Service	16.00
Astley Abbots Advent Carol Service	16.00
St Mary's Nine Lessons & Carols	18.00

Tues – December 16th

St Mary's Connect	12.30
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Tues Bible Study

Contact Vickie: 07503160872	12.30
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Thurs – December 18th

Carols in the Castle Grounds	18.00
Little Stars	10.00

Saturday 20th December

St Mary's Coffee Shop	10.00
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Sinfonia Concert, St Mary's	15.30
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PLEASE NOTE THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM

15TH DECEMBER TO 15TH JANUARY. Please contact

Suzan with any queries: 07840 521449 or

rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com

Sun – December 21st (Advent 4)

9.00	Astley Abbots – MP
10.30	St Leonards Hall Church - HC
10.30	St Mary's – HC
10.30	Oldbury – HC
11.15	Morville - MP
15.00	Quatford – Carol Service
16.00	Tasley – Carol Service
18.00	Acton Round – Carol Service
18.00	Aston Eyre – Carol Service

Mon – December 22nd

17.30	Oldbury – Carol Service
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Tues – December 23rd

18.00	Monkhoppton – Carol Service
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Wed – December 24th

15.00	Quatford – HC
16.00	Astley Abbots – Crib
16.00	St Mary's – Crib
21.00	Tasley – Midnight Communion
23.30	St Mary's – Midnight Communion

Thurs – December 25th

9.00	Astley Abbots – HC
10.00	Oldbury – HC
10.30	St Mary's - Family Service with Communion
11.15	Morville - HC

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Sun 21st December –Advent 4 (Purple): Isaiah 7: 10-16, Matthew 1: 18-end, Psalm 80: 1-8, 18-20

St Mary's Connect – Third Tuesday of the month, 12.30pm– 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 16th December.**

Mince pies and mulled wine, St James Hall Church 22nd December 4.30pm. Contact Vickie for more information: 07503 160872 bridgnorthandmorvillecurate@outlook.com

Christmas Crafting at St James Hall Church 23rd December 10am-1pm. £3 per family. Contact Suzan for more information: 01746 599529 rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com

Ladies Brunch 11am Saturday 10th January at The Shakespeare. This is a joint event with the Baptist church to be held on the first Saturday of each month. To book, email: corinne.james@bridgnorthbaptist.co.uk Tel 01746 768129

Lumos Experiences present a Vivaldi & Mozart Candlelight Concert at St Mary's, 27th December, 5pm-6pm or 7pm-8pm. Tickets can be bought online at www.lumos-experiences.com

Third Sunday of Advent (Purple)



Do you ever wish that Christmas could be less wasteful, less stressful, more enjoyable, and with more space to focus on what it's really all about? A new book published by BRF Ministries may have the answers and at price of £6.99, it's not going to break the bank. "*Dreaming of a Green Christmas: Sustainability and creation care for busy people*", by Olivia Warburton, has numerous practical tips for inspiration and encouragement. "I wanted to give families a tool kit for approaching Christmas differently", she says, "and to show that Christmas doesn't have to be expensive and wasteful, as well as hopefully removing some of the stress". See: www.brfonline.org.uk/ for details.

COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

POST COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

Isaiah 35: 1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Matthew 11: 2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

PSALM 146: 3-10 (Or canticle – Magnificat)

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. **When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.** Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith for ever;** who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. **The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.** The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The LORD will reign for ever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. 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.**