



# WELCOME ... News Sheet Sunday

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025**



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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 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025 First Sunday of Christmas (White)

St Mary's – Benefice HC 10.30

## Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

St Mary's Coffee Shop 10.00

**PLEASE NOTE THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER TO 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY.** Please contact Suzan with any queries: 07840 521449 or [rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com](mailto:rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com)

## Sun – January 4<sup>th</sup> Epiphany (Gold/White)

9.00 Astley Abbots – HC  
10.00 Monkhoppton - MP  
10.30 St Mary's – HC  
10.30 Tasley – MP  
10.30 St Leonards Hall Church – FS  
10.30 Oldbury – HC  
11.15 Morville – MP

## Sun – January 11<sup>th</sup> Baptism of Christ (Gold/White)

9.00 Astley Abbots – AAW  
10.30 Acton Round - HC  
10.00 Aston Eyre - MP  
10.30 St Mary's – HC  
10.30 Quatford - HC  
10.30 Tasley – MP  
11.15 Morville – MP  
16.00 St Mary's – Celtic Service

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Sun 4<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany (Gold/White): Isaiah 60: 1-6, Matthew 2: 1-12, Psalm 72: 1-15

**Ladies Brunch 11am Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:corinne.james@bridgnorthbaptist.co.uk) Tel 01746 768129

**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 20<sup>th</sup> January.**



After the business of Christmas, find some time to relax and enjoy nature. Don't forget to provide some water for birds, and keep feeders topped up to help birds through the cold weather. Maybe take a walk with family and friends, visit a nature reserve, or just spend a while enjoying the colours, shapes and textures of the natural world around us. The days are short but there's still plenty to see in the garden or out and about in the local countryside. Let's appreciate the beauty of creation through our countryside in winter

Eco Eric is taking a well-earned sabbatical in the New Year but will be making guest appearances to keep you on your toes. Our thanks and gratitude go to Sheila Royle for her hard work and dedication to the cause over the last five years.

## First Sunday of Christmas (White)

### COLLECT

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### POST COMMUNION

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Isaiah 63: 7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, 'Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely'; and he became their saviour in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

### Matthew 2: 13-end

Now after the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.' When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.' When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

### 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 you 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.**