



WELCOME ... News Sheet Sunday

Sunday 4th January 2026



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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 4th January 2026 Epiphany (Gold/White)

9.00 Astley Abbots – HC

10.00 Monkhopton - 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

Thursday 8th January

Little Stars 10.00

Saturday 10th January

St Mary's Coffee Shop 10.00

Ladies Brunch, Shakespeare 11.00

Sun – January 11th 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

Sun – January 18th Epiphany 2 (White)

9.00 Astley Abbots – MP

10.30 St Mary's – MP

10.30 St Leonards Hall Church – HC

10.30 Oldbury - HC

10.30 Tasley – HC

11.15 Morville – MP

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Sun 11th January – Baptism of Christ (Gold/White): Isaiah 42: 1-9, Matthew 3: 13-end, Psalm 29

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

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 20th January.**

Epiphany (Gold/White)

COLLECT

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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.

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Matthew 2: 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

PSALM 72: 1: 10-15

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. **May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.** May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service. **For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.** ¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy and saves the lives of the needy. **From oppression and violence, he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.** Long may he live! May gold of Sheba be given to him. May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all day long. **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.**