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

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

This week:

Sun – January 25th Conversion of Paul (White)

Wednesday 28th January

St Mary's choir practice 18.00-19.00

Thursday 29th January

Little Stars 10.00

Saturday 31st January

St Mary's Coffee Shop 10.00

Sun - February 1st – Candlemas (Gold/White)

9.00 Astley Abbots - HC

10.00 Monkhopton - HC

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 - February 8th – 2nd Sun. before Lent (Green)

10.00 Astley Abbots – Café church

10.00 Acton Round – MP

10.00 Aston Eyre - MP

10.30 St Mary's - HC

10.30 Quatford - HC

10.30 Tasley - MP

11.15 Morville - MP

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Sun 1st February – Candlemas (Gold/White): Malachi 3: 1-5, Luke 2: 22-40, Psalm 24: 7-end

Monday 2nd February: CAP Money Coaching course starts - 4 consecutive Monday evenings, from 7pm. The course focuses on building and using a budget, saving, debt, smart spending, avoiding scams etc. It is not aimed specifically at those who are struggling with their finances but is for anyone who wants to get in control of their money and make the most of what they have. Please could you let Alan and Ali Muscat know if you'd like to join the course, or if you have any questions, by calling Alan on 07952 159555.

Saturday 7th February: Ladies Brunch at New Wine Women's Day, Telford Minster, Meeting Point House, Southwater Square, Telford, TF3 4HS 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

Tuesday 17th February: 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.

Tuesday 17th February: Pancake Party, St James Hall Church, 12pm – 5pm. Come along and enjoy a pancake or two with your favourite topping! Plus find out more about our Lent course 'He chose the nails' by Max Lucado. Rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com 01746 599528

Thursday 19th February – 26th March: Lent Course at 19 Ludlow Road, 7pm each week. If you'd like to order a book that accompanies the course or find out more, please contact Suzan: rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com 01746 599528

Valentines Day Ceilidh, Saturday 14th February, at St Leonards Hall Church is postponed.

Conversion of Paul (White)

COLLECT

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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.

Acts 9: 1-22

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.'

Matthew 19: 27- end

Then Peter said in reply to Jesus, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

PSALM 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, **that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.** Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.** Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. **The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.** May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him. **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.**

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.