

## Lent 5 (Purple) Passion Sunday

WELCOME ... News Sheet Sunday

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

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

### This week:

**Sun – March 22<sup>nd</sup> Lent 5 (Purple) Passion Sunday**

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Bible Study Group at Vickie's house. 12.30

If you would like to join us, please email Vickie at

[bridgnorthandmorvillecurate@outlook.com](mailto:bridgnorthandmorvillecurate@outlook.com)

or call 07503160872

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Acton Round Lent Prayer 18.00

St Mary's choir practice 18.00-19.00

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

#### Lent Course

19 Ludlow Road (see below) 19.00

Little Stars 10.00

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March

St Mary's Coffee Shop 10.00

### Sun – March 29<sup>th</sup> Lent 6 (Red) Palm Sunday

10.00 Astley Abbots – SoW

10.30 St Mary's – HC

10.30 Oldbury – Tea and Chat

10.30 Aston Eyre – All Age Palm Sunday

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Maundy Thursday

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April Good Friday

### Sun – April 5<sup>th</sup> Easter Day (White/Gold)

9.00 Astley Abbots – HC

10.30 St Mary's – HC

10.30 St Leonards Hall Church – FS

10.30 Oldbury – HC

10.30 Tasley – HC

11.15 Morville – HC – Monkhopton to join

**Please Note: The Parish Office is closed 6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> April for the Easter break.**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Sun March 29<sup>th</sup> – Lent 6 (Red) Palm Sunday: Liturgy of the Palms Matthew 21: 1-11, Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Matthew 27:11-54, Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-end.**

**(if the full reading of the Passion is to be used, Matthew 26:14 - 27-end. Please print this yourself if required.)**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February – 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com) 01746 599528

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March:** St Mary's, 7.30am. Prayer, reflection and fellowship over breakfast. All welcome.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April:** St Mary's Chamber Choir Concert, 7.00pm.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April:** Ladies brunch, Parlors Hall, 11am. Please book with Corinne at the Baptist Church 01746 768129.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April:** St Mary's Quatford Soup Lunch after the morning service. (£5 per head – all welcome)

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April:** St Mary's Connect – Third Tuesday of the month, 12.30pm– at The Old Castle – for lunch and chat. If you would like to join us, please contact Catherine Wilson on 01746 761786 to book a place.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April:** Service of Remembrance/Commemoration of the Departed, St Mary's, 6pm

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### COLLECT

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen.

### Ezekiel 37: 1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

### PSALM 130

**Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!** Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! **If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?** But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. **I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word, I hope;** my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. **O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.** It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. **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.**

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### John 11: 1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So, the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.'

Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So, the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So, they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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### Have Your Say on the Future of St Mary's

St Mary Magdalene is at an exciting moment in its history. We have recently completed a feasibility study exploring how our much-loved church could be improved — looking at everything from the building itself to how it could better serve the needs of our congregation and the wider Bridgnorth community.

This is just the beginning of the journey. No decisions have been made about what the final project will include, and we want your views to help shape the way forward. Whether you have worshipped here for decades or are a more recent member of our congregation, your thoughts and ideas are important to us.

Please take a few minutes to complete our short community consultation survey — it will only take 5 minutes, and every response makes a real difference.

#### There are three ways to take part:

- **Scan the QR code** below to go straight to the survey
- **Visit the link directly:** [www.surveymonkey.com/r/stmarysbridgnorth](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/stmarysbridgnorth)
- **Pick up a hard copy** of the survey, complete it, and return it to the church

Responses will be analysed by our external consultants and shared with the Parochial Parish Council to inform the next steps for this exciting project.

*The survey closes on 17th April. All responses are anonymous.*

