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# From The Revd. Jane Plackett-Ferguson

## Letting the Light in

Spring does not arrive cleanly or all at once. It comes slowly and unevenly. The sounds of returning birds herald warmer weather, green shoots appear before the cold has fully released its hold. Even as the days lengthen, winter often still lingers. Spring understands something that faith has always known: that renewal is rarely quick, and almost never comfortable.

For me, spring is forever bound to the weeks I spent sitting beside my mother as she was dying. It was a season of watching and waiting. In her final days, nights seemed to stretch without end. At around four in the morning, birds would begin to sing outside her hospital window. Their sound floated into the room as we kept watch, fragile and persistent. Slowly the sky would lighten. Family would arrive. Nurses would come in with their laughter, their friendship, their quiet competence. Little by little, the weight of the night would begin to lift, and the light broke in.

The morning my mother died, a dove cooed outside the window. It was an ordinary sound, easily overlooked, but it felt like a sign: God, by his Holy Spirit, had seen us, and God was present within it all. The following day, the weather broke into full spring sunshine. Within days, the trees burst into leaf, bright and astonishingly green. Amidst grief and deep tiredness, life was continuing to unfold, and beauty was to be found everywhere, and yet still, for many months, it was hard to worship, hard to pray and hard to hear God's voice.

The Biblical story never pretends that light appears without darkness first. As we read the Christmas story in the depths of the British winter, Luke is careful not to place God's arrival in ideal conditions, but in a world shaped by political pressure, anxiety, grief, and ordinary hardship. God's work of revealing himself does not begin with triumph or glory, but with quiet presence in tumultuous circumstances.

Many of us recognise that pattern in our own lives. We wait for things to feel resolved before we allow ourselves to hope. We tell ourselves that joy can come later, once the worry has passed or the loss has softened. That we'll return to church when the kids are older, or pray again when God isn't so mad about our bad choices. But Luke offers a different picture. Light appears while things are imperfect and unfinished, and bringing all that mess into the light is what makes it easier to bear.

Spring often teaches the same lesson. It does not begin when the ground is warm, but when it is just beginning to thaw. The first signs of life are fragile and ( like the camelia in my garden) sometimes thwarted on a first attempt at breakthrough. We might spot a single bud on a bare branch or daffodils appearing in Tesco. These are not signs that winter is finished, but reminders that its days are numbered. Spring has broken into the harshness of winter despite the most unfavourable conditions.

This is not a dramatic kind of hope. It does not erase grief or hurry us toward resolution. Instead, it sits alongside what is unfinished. Luke shows us a God who enters the ordinary: long journeys, crowded spaces, tired bodies, uncertain futures. Light does not come to deny reality, but to dwell within it.

As spring reaches its fullness, it reminds us that light works patiently. Each day grows brighter and longer almost without us noticing. Growth happens slowly and quietly. Faith, too, is less about sudden certainty and more about learning to trust the small signs of presence along the way.

Luke's Gospel invites us to pay attention to where light has already begun to show itself, and to embrace it wholeheartedly, no matter how unfavourable the conditions of life. Because, like the signs of spring in the dark of winter, God is here in the world and breaking into even the bleakest of circumstances. This hope is not sentimental optimism, but learning to recognise the presence of God with us, and gently making space again for him to meet us.

**The Reverend Jane Plackett-Ferguson, Chaplain to the Bishop of Hereford**



# Clergy Thoughts

## Lent: Learning to Walk Back to the Heart of God

Lent arrives quietly, like a change in the light. The days are not suddenly brighter or warmer, but something is shifting beneath the surface. In the Church, this season invites us to notice that shift in our own hearts—to pause, to reflect, and to turn again toward God.

At its core, Lent is about returning. We return to prayer when our lives have become too noisy. We return to fasting when we have filled ourselves with things that never quite satisfy. We return to generosity when we have grown comfortable or self-focused. These practices are not meant to make us feel guilty or deprived. They are meant to make us free.

So often, we rush through life measuring success by what we accumulate: achievements, possessions, approval. Lent gently interrupts that story. It asks us to let go of what clutters our souls so we can make room for what truly matters. In giving something up, we discover what we have been holding onto too tightly. In taking something on—extra prayer, acts of kindness, time with Scripture—we discover how deeply God longs to meet us.

The journey of Lent mirrors Jesus' own journey into the wilderness. He did not go there to escape the world, but to face it honestly, grounded in the love of the Father. In the quiet and the hunger, he was reminded of who he was. Lent offers us that same invitation: to remember who we are—not defined by our failures or fears, but by God's faithful love.

As we walk toward Easter, Lent teaches us that transformation does not happen all at once. It happens in small, faithful steps: choosing patience over anger, silence over distraction, generosity over comfort. These choices shape us slowly, making our hearts more open to grace.

### **A Prayer:**

Loving God,  
as we journey through this season of Lent, quiet our hearts and clear our vision.  
Help us to release whatever draws us away from you,  
and to take up whatever leads us closer to your love.  
Walk with us through every desert and every doubt, and renew us with your grace, so that we may greet Easter with grateful and transformed hearts.  
Amen.

Rev. Suzan Williams

## **A farewell message from Archdeacon Fiona**

Five years ago, my husband and I packed up our worldly goods (with the help of a team from the removals company, thankfully!) and headed west for a place we didn't know, answering God's call for me to come and be the Archdeacon of Ludlow.

Now, unbelievably, it's time for us to be packing up again and heading south, once more in answer to God's clear call.

To say I've loved being your Archdeacon would be an understatement. There have been challenges and tough moments, of course, but that's true of every role in every church anywhere in the world. You took me to your hearts, and I hope you know it was reciprocated. I've learned so much from the clergy and laity of this diocese, as well as from Bishop Richard, Archdeacon Derek, and my colleagues in the Diocesan Office and the Bishop's Office. Those lessons have changed me and shaped me, and I shall take them with me to the Diocese of Bath & Wells.

It seems wrong to single places out, because so much of what makes this diocese special isn't the huge, grand places and experiences, but the small, often hidden, very real, unfussy, day-to-day worship and witness of faithful communities in the Borderlands.

So as I move from a place I've come to love, to head out once more following God, what would I want to leave you with, to ponder and pray as you go forward?

First, remember that faithfully doing “the old things”, like Sunday worship, pastoral care, schools work, harvest, remembrance, Christmas and Easter, especially in our deeply rural communities, is a highly effective way of sharing our faith. In our diocese, we see and show that ‘ordinary’ ministry, done well, carried out in humility, dependent on God, bathed in prayer and offered with all the grace and energy we can give, bears fruit in season.

Second, and in contrast, be ready to move when God calls. Doing the “old things” doesn’t always mean doing them in the old ways. Many of our projects, which complement parish ministry, are seeking to do the “old things” in new ways to reach new generations. Millennials, Gen Z, and Gen Alpha need to hear the unchanging truths of the faith, but we will need to tell them in new ways. That may be uncomfortable for us, but as I’ve often said to those who long for things to go ‘back to normal’: which normal? The normal of 5 years ago? 50 years ago? 500 years ago? Because none of those ‘normals’ were the same. As I’ve declared many a time, we’re not the National Trust with hymns, we’re part of the living church of Jesus Christ, and if we’re to bring the gospel to a world facing political turmoil, climate change, and the AI revolution we’re going to need to change the way we do all sorts of things, without changing the heart of the message. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, but the Church of Jesus Christ is a pilgrim people moving towards the renewal of all things at his return. Finally, keep on keeping on. There’s no secret to growth in faith and numbers other than praying, sharing the gospel, and loving those around you.

Keep doing those things and leave the results to God. He loves the churches of the Diocese of Hereford even more than we do, and he knows their future. Eugene Peterson talked about the life of faith as “a long obedience in the same direction.” That is harder than it sounds, and it may not make headlines, but it’s what bears fruit that lasts. We may feel small, weak, and often fragile, but we are held in the hands of a powerful God.

So as we face the future, which is both provisional and certain, both rooted in the past and moving to God’s future, both extremely vulnerable and utterly secure, remember that being weak is a key to strength, doing the old things well is a key to new growth, and patient endurance is a key to a joyful completion of all things in Christ.

May God be with you till we meet again.

With my love in Christ, Fiona

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## Benefice days in 2026



So far this year we have met together in three village halls including Astley Abbots, Morville and most recently in Tasley. We've had two visiting speakers Reverend Christopher Landau from Resource and Heather Martin who leads the Youth hubs project for the diocese.

We've spent time journeying through the story of Joseph, exploring why we as the church in our communities exist and lastly with Heather we focussed on what it means to dwell in God's presence and who he's calling us to be through our actions and calling as the people of God across our team of churches.

Over 2026 we will be continuing this journey together so put the following dates in your diaries to be part of this ongoing discussion.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> of February at St James's Hall Church

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of June - venue tbc

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> of October - venue tbc

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# A Legacy That Rings On: Restoring Our Church Bells



For generations, the sound of the bells of St Mary Magdalene, Bridgnorth has marked the rhythm of life in our community. They have called people to worship, celebrated weddings, tolled in moments of remembrance, and announced great joy. You will have probably been wondering why the bells weren't rung for a period over the latter part of last year and this is to forewarn you of the reason that they won't be rung between January through to March. We are pleased to share that these treasured bells are being restored, ensuring their voices will continue to be heard for many years to come.

This important restoration project has been made possible entirely through a generous legacy left by a much-loved church member Derek Crockson, who loved the church very much. Such a gift is far more than financial support; it is a lasting expression of faith, commitment, and love for this place of worship. Through this legacy, we are able to care for one of the most recognisable and cherished features of our church.

Over time, the bells and their supporting mechanisms have been affected by age and regular use. Specialist craftsmen will now carry out careful conservation and repair work, preserving the historic character of the bells while ensuring they can be rung safely and confidently in the future.

This legacy links past, present, and future in a powerful way. Each time the restored bells ring out across Bridgnorth, they will serve as a living reminder of generosity, stewardship, and the enduring life of our church.

We give heartfelt thanks for this remarkable gift and look forward to the day when the renewed sound of our bells once again fills the air.

***Revd. Suzan Williams***

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## **St. Mary's News**

Well, here we are the start of a new Year 2026 . I wonder is it too late to wish everyone Happy New Year. Well, any way Happy New Year.

We at St. Mary's were blessed with a very happy Christmas season. Our Christmas started with a wonderful concert given by St. Mary's Chamber choir. It was a lovely evening, and the choir excelled itself at both the concert and later at the service of Nine Lessons and Carols. All our Christmas services were very well attended, and it was so nice to welcome so many visitors to the church.

One of my happy memories of the Christmas season was attending the Christmas Craft morning at St. James. I wasn't quite sure what to expect but it was lovely. Such a relaxing atmosphere (save for when I couldn't get my felt reindeer to stick together) being served coffee and mince pies and listening to relaxing Christmas music. Thank you so much Suzan and Vickie for organising it and looking after us so well.

Our Christmas services and events just wouldn't be the same without all those who provide refreshments, decorate the church and provide the music. So, thank you so much for helping to make our Christmas special.

A couple of weeks after Christmas we at St. Mary's were treated in the late afternoon to a Celtic service which again was very calming and atmospheric. Our thanks to Michelle Ross and Vickie for preparing and leading this.

Time moves on very quickly though and our thoughts are already turning to Easter. The Chamber choir have started their Saturday morning rehearsals for their Holy Week Easter concert.

Both the Saturday morning coffee morning and the Connect Lunch continue.

***Catherine Wilson***

# Join the St Mary's Church Choir!

## Calling all singers!

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Are you looking for a new challenge and a chance to develop your vocal skills? The St Mary's Church Choir is seeking new members.

### *\*Music Schedule:\**

- **Wednesdays: 6-7 pm practice in St Mary Magdalene church.**
- **Sundays: Join us for our 10:30 am service (arrive from 10.00am)**

### *\*About Us:\**

The Choir is a friendly and welcoming group of singers who come together to make music.

### *\*No Experience Necessary!\**

We welcome singers of all ages and abilities. Whether you're a seasoned chorister or just starting out, we'd love to hear from you.

If you're interested in joining either the choir or the Christmas Singing Group, please come along to any of our practices on Wednesday evenings. Meet our friendly choir members and director, and get a taste of what we're all about.

### *\*More Information:\**

For more information, please contact our Director of Music,  
**Steve Cooper T: 07467 192281 E:secooper1971@hotmail.com**

**We look forward to welcoming you!**

## Winning tickets for ST MARY'S 200 CLUB

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£10	Carolyn Cundy	95
£10	Kathy James	152
£10	Iain Seivewright	142

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£20	Martin Blackburn	49
£10	Carolyn Cundy	178
£10	Richard Cowell	83
£10	David Deighton	24
£10	Kathy James	51
£10	Catherine Wilson	31
£10	Jane Peeler	171

**ST MARY'S CONNECT** our next lunches and get togethers are on **Tuesday 16th December** in The function room at **The Shakespeare Pub** at **12.30 pm**

If you would like to join us please contact Catherine Wilson 01746 761786 to book your place. Places are allocated on a first come first served basis.

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### Pancake Party Tuesday 17th February, 12-5pm

St James Hall Church

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Plus, find out more about our Lent course 'He chose the nails' by Max Lucado

## Quatford News

A welcome time of quiet after the busy Christmas season. Our Christmas services went well and were well attended. It was pleasing to have so many children (numbers up on last year). Again this year the Carol Service began with our young chorister William leading us in the traditional way with 'Once in Royal David's City', and most of the children went up to the crib with Marjorie to sing 'Away in a Manger', which was followed by Christmas goodies and mulled wine.

Unfortunately yet another large Scotch Pine tree has had to be removed from the churchyard. Our tree surgeon has made an excellent job of taking down the tree, which is now waiting to be cut into logs; as a friend calls it - historic recycling.

The first sign that spring is on it's way - the snowdrops are well on their way, covering the north side of the churchyard - so pretty. Good progress has been made in the search for a replacement lift. The PCC have now accepted a quotation from a company based in Shropshire. So next, the inevitable faculty!. But it will be worth it as we are missing the lift. So a busy few months ahead.

We look forward to hosting one of the lent services at Quatford and all are welcome to join us.

Last but not least, a special thank you to Marjorie for her continuing ministry and care to us at Quatford.

***Rachel Edwards***



## St Calixtus, Astley Abbotts

February brings with it a distinct shift in day length, wow, sunrise is at 7.52am on 1<sup>st</sup> February. Snowdrops are appearing and there are signs of Spring.



On 16th January, we celebrated and gave thanks for the life of Denis Baker, who sadly passed away just before Christmas. Denis was a devoted husband to Carol, a cherished father and grandfather, and a much-loved friend. The overflowing church was a testament to his active participation in many facets of village life throughout the years. The service was led by Rev Suzan Williams, assisted by Rev Mike Kneen. Numerous wonderful tributes were shared by both family and friends, highlighting that Denis truly embraced life.

Please continue to pray and offer support for people in the Parish who are grieving the loss of a loved one, who are remembering the anniversary of a loved one and for those who are sick or poorly.

The next Café Church will take place at Astley Abbotts village hall on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February where we will be 'Taking a fresh look at... Freedom'. This will be a good opportunity to meet up with people, eat together and take a fresh look at a 'live issue' from a Christian perspective. Join us for tea or coffee, eat croissants (oh, and bacon butties).

The bible study will start on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.15pm at Oakland. We will be using Character Studies to learn more about some of the disciples and reflect on their role in the run up to Easter. Contact Graham or Rosemary Patey on 01746 769125 for further details.

Looking forward to March you may want to join us on Mothering Sunday at 9.30 am for All age Worship.

***Rosemary***

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# Celtic prayer

Take a little time from the busy-ness of life to be still; to worship God and to pray for our world.

**When:** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March @4pm

**Where:** St Mary's, Bridgnorth



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## Oldbury News

Christmas is over, we're in the New Year, thinking about Candlemas, Lent and Easter, and in amongst it all, wondering how we can help the people in our community of Oldbury and beyond more. It was so lovely to welcome people to our Patronal evening service, and to our Carol Service, and I must say a big thank you to all the wonderful bakers of mince pies and concocters of mulled wine – again!

Now we have to look forward. The big decision so far has been to make our contribution to the increase in the Parish Offer which, across the Benefice, will go towards appointing a full-time instead of a part-time Team Vicar. I am very grateful to our Treasurer for his meticulous accounting of our finances leading up to this decision, which made it clear what we will need to do to ensure that we can continue with this and all our commitments. Let's hope and pray that there is the right person somewhere just looking for a benefice like ours to minister to.

On a practical level, we also decided some time ago to replace our "everyday" altar frontal, so Pam, Helen & others have been considering designs, materials, colours & likely costs, and will have visited Croft Designs in Much Wenlock by next month for further discussions. Hopefully we will have something to put before you soon.

And the saga of the heating goes on. Our Electrician was stricken with a nasty bout of flu before Christmas, and we all wish him a good recovery. When he is ready, he will return to finish the re-wiring to the under-pew heaters, so we can feel a little more of the warmth without worrying whether it will blow a fuse. Then the lighting needs some work, and the flooring, and there's some damp appearing in the toilet wall. . . It never stops. In the meantime, we will be thinking of ideas for community events and activities at our next PCC Meeting and during the chats after our services, so please come with suggestions!

***Liz Fisher***

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# Tasley News

As we say Hello to 2026, we look back on 2025.

In January 2025 we welcomed Revd Suzan to Tasley to lead our Worship as our Priest in Charge. We now congratulate her and welcome her as Rector.

We hope you had a good Christmas and are now looking forward to a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Our Annual Parish Christmas Lunch, held at the Bulls Head at Chelmarsh was again a great success and enjoyed by everyone who attended. Our thanks as always to Norma, John and all the team for another perfect Christmas lunch.

Our Christmas Services were well attended, and our thanks go to everyone for their contributions. It was lovely to have the Astley and Tasley choir with us.

Many thanks to the Tasley Social Committee for hosting their Annual Christmas Party at the Village Hall and to the A B Ukulele Band for entertaining us so brilliantly. Each year the proceeds from this event are donated to Tasley Church for which we are extremely grateful. The money will be the start of our appeal for funds towards the £10,000 cost of installing a new toilet at church. Thank you.

This month, due to snow and ice we had to cancel our Service of All Age Worship. (Sorry William) Hopefully see you in February!

We continue to remember those of you who are unwell and unable to attend Church. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Bob is now collecting for this year's 100 club and if you would like to join please contact him. The cost is £10 per year.

## **Events for February**

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Feb** – “Flicks in the Sticks” with Fish & Chips in the village hall at 7pm.

The film is The Ballad of Wallis Island. - £13

***Margaret***



**Our Lent course this year will be 'He chose the nails'  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of February to March 26<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, 19 Ludlow Rd**

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# FEBRUARY 2026

<i>HC = Holy Communion</i> <i>MP = Morning Prayer</i> <i>FS = Family Service</i>	1st Feb Candlemas	8th Feb 2 Before Lent	15th Feb Sunday before lent	22nd Feb Lent 1
St Mary Magdalene Bridgnorth	10.30 HC	10.30 HC	10.30 MP	10.30 FC
St Mary Magdalene Quatford		10.30 HC		10.30 HC
St Calixtus Astley Abbots	9.00 HC	10.00 Café Church	9.00 MP	9.00 Service of the Word
St Nicholas Oldbury	10.30 HC		10.30 HC	
St Peter and St Paul Tasley	10.30 MP	10.30 MP	10.30 HC	10.30 Life and Soul
St Leonard's Hall Church	10.30 FS		10.30 HC	
St Gregory the Gt. Morville	11.15 MP	11.15 MP	11.15 MP	11.15 HC
Aston Eyre		10.00 MP		10.00 HC
St Mary the Virgin Acton Round		10.00 MP		
Monkhopton	10.00 HC			

# LENT EVENING PRAYER 2026

	Host Church	Lead	Preach	Readings	Theme for the week	Intercessions
Ash Wednesday service 6pm at Morville 18 <sup>th</sup> of February	Morville	VD	SW	Isaiah 58:1-12 John 8:1-11		
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 6pm	Aston Eyre	VD	VD	Romans 8:3 John 12:44-50	He chose to be one of us	VD
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 6pm	Astley Abbotts	HH	PH	Lamenta- tions 3:40 Mark 2:13 -22	He chose to forgive us	TBA
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 6pm	Oldbury	SW	MB	Hebrews 10:19-20 Mark 3:7-19	He chose to invite us into His presence	TBA
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> of March 6pm	Tasley	VD	SW	1 John 3:16 John 5:25 -29	He chose to love us forever	SW
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> of March 6pm	Acton Round	SW	VD	Romans 8:37 Mark 7:1-23	He chose to give us victory	VD
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 6pm	Monkhopton	VD	SW	Romans 12 John 12:24-35	He chose to give us confidence	TF
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 6pm Foot- washing service	Quatford	SW	MB	Exodus 12:4-5,5-10,11-14 John 13:1-17,31b-35		VD

We will be using 'He chose the nails' as our lent resource this year