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‘Churches in Bridgnorth’

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

Hon. Assistant Ministers: Revd. Marjorie Brooks, Revd Simon Boxall, Revd Clive Parr and Anna Chaplain and Team Reader: Jane Peeler

Wednesdays – St Mary’s - 10.30am Morning Prayer 1st,2nd,4th 5th Wednesdays
10.30am Holy Communion – St Mary’s – 3rd Wednesday

Sun 28th 5th Sunday of Easter (White)

- 9.00 Life and Soul – Astley Abbots
- 10.30 Family Service – St Mary’s
- 10.30 Life and Soul - Tasley
- 10.30 Holy Communion – Quatford
- 11.15 Holy Communion – Morville w Aston Eyre

Thursday 2nd May

- 10.00 Little Stars – St Mary’s

Saturday 4th May

- 10.00 Coffee Shop St Mary’s
- 10.00-14.00 Spring Fair St Mary’s
- 12.00 Spring Serenade St Mary’s
- 19.30 Cello Concert St Mary’s

Sun 5TH May 6th Sunday of Easter (White)

- 9.00 Holy Communion – Astley Abbots
- 10.00 Morning Prayer – Monkhopton
- 10.30 Holy Communion – St Mary’s
- 10.30 Holy Communion - Tasley
- 10.30 Family Service – St Leonard’s HC
- 10.30 Holy Communion – Oldbury
- 11.15 Morning Prayer – Morville

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: 5th May (6th Sunday of Easter) (White) Acts 10:44-end, John 15:9-17 and Psalm 98

Vacancy prayer

Please pray that we shall all continue to be guided by the Spirit especially those who have the responsibility of choosing the right person for us through the selection process. Give thanks for all those clergy and lay people who are giving so freely of their time, energy, and gifts in serving the churches and parishes during the vacancy, and ask for God’s continuing strengthening of them.

Westwood House Open Gardens – TODAY - Sunday 28th April 2024 2-5pm Enjoy the tulips and the spring gardens at Westwood Plenty of parking in the entrance field You are welcome to picnic in the grounds or enjoy afternoon tea & cake provided by the Oldbury Team (Proceeds to Oldbury Church) Admission: Adults £5, Children free. Plants for sale Proceeds to NGS

St Mary’s Spring Fair - Saturday 4th May 10am to 2pm. - Including at 12 noon ‘**A Spring Serenade**’ - musical entertainment by the trio **Belaria** & guest soprano Suzanne Millington. Refreshments to enjoy while you listen. Retiring collection. Donations of items for sale particularly cakes, plants & gifts gratefully received on Friday 3rd May or if collection needed please contact Jane Parr on 07814908917.

St Mary’s Connect – Third Tuesday of the month– at The Shakespeare Inn – for lunch and chat. If you would like to join us please contact Helen Howell on 763066 to book a place or contact Jane on 767043 – **Next date we will meet is Tuesday 21st May.**



Eco Eric’s Tip: We’ve lost approximately 97% of flower-rich meadows since the 1930’s and with them, gone are vital food needed by pollinators, like bees and butterflies. But your lawn can help! There are 20 million gardens in the UK which is a lot of land with the potential to benefit nature. The national charity ‘Plantlife’ is running a ‘No Mow May’ campaign. Leaving even a small area of lawn uncut during May will allow wild flowers such as daisies, white clover and selfheal to bloom, really benefiting bees, butterflies and other insects with their nectar & pollen. For more information see www.plantlife.org.uk/nomowmay

COLLECT

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

ACTS 8:26-end

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

JOHN 15:1-8

Jesus said 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

PSALM 22:25-end

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live for ever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it. 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