



Churches in Bridgnorth'

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

Priest in Charge: Revd. Suzan Williams, **Hon. Assistant Ministers:** Revd. Marjorie Brooks, Revd Simon Boxall, and **Anna Chaplain and Team Reader:** Jane Peeler

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

Sunday 4th May – Easter 3 (White)

Thursday 8th May

10.00 Little Stars – St Mary's

Sat 10th May

10.00 Coffee Shop – St Mary's

Sun – May 11th Easter 4 (White)

10.00 Astley Abbots – Café church – village hall

10.00 Acton Round – Morning Prayer

10.00 Aston Eyre – Morning Prayer

10.30 St Mary's – Holy Communion

10.30 Tasley – Family Service

10.30 Quatford – Holy Communion

11.15 Morville – Morning Prayer

Sun – May 18th Easter 5 (White)

9.00 Astley Abbots – Morning Prayer

10.30 St Mary's – Morning Prayer

10.30 Tasley – Holy Communion

10.30 St Leonards Hall Church – Family Service

10.30 Oldbury – Holy Communion

11.15 Morville – Morning Prayer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Sun 11th May – Easter 4 (Good Shepherd Sunday) (White) –Acts 9:36-end, John 10: 22-30, Psalm 23.

Please note the team ministry office will be closed Thursday 7th May.

Ken Biggs

It is with great sadness that we heard of the death of Ken, on April 25th in hospital in Bristol. He was a former team treasurer, and treasurer for Oldbury, among many other roles. For health reasons, he left us 2-3 years ago to be near his family in Weston. But his health has continued to deteriorate, and he has had several spells in hospital before this last. I know many of you will have fond memories of him and will be saddened to hear this. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Marjorie

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 Catherine Wilson on 01746 761786 to book a place– **Next date we will meet is Tuesday 20th May.**

'Anchored' Holiday Club 29th May 9.30am- 2.pm, Bridgnorth Baptist Church – games, workshops, songs, food & competitions for School Years 3-5. www.anchorevent.co.uk If you would like to volunteer to help with the groups, please contact Revd. Suzan Williams 01746 599529.

World Day of Prayer Summer Gathering with Bring and Share refreshments on Monday 16th June 3 – 4.30pm at No.7 West Castle Street, Bridgnorth. All welcome.



Following the death of Pope Francis, many tributes have mentioned his humility, concerns over social justice, climate change and care of the environment. This month is the 10th anniversary of his encyclical '*Laudato si'* (*Praise be to you*) which calls on all people to take 'care of our common home'. He stated that concern for the natural world is no longer 'optional' but an integral part of church teaching on social justice. Instead of viewing humanity as having 'dominion' over the earth, we must see that everything is interconnected and that all of creation is a 'kind of universal' family. This 10th anniversary is a good time to be reminded of Pope Francis' leadership and our part to play in the in care of creation.

COLLECT

Almighty Father who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and 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 9:1-20

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 traveling 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."

POST COMMUNION

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. 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. Saul Preaches in Damascus. 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."

John 21: 1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, a Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So, they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. 8 But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

PSALM 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment; his favour is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." By your favour, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!" You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever. 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.

