



WELCOME ... News Sheet Sunday

Sunday 17th August 2025



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Open Mon – Fri 8.30am-11.30am

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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, **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

Sunday 17th August 2025 **Ninth Sunday after Trinity (Green)**

Tuesday 19th August
St Mary's Connect, Shakespeare 12.30

Saturday 23rd August, St Mary's Coffee Shop 10.00

Sun – August 24th

9.00 Astley Abbots – Life & Soul
10.00 Aston Eyre – Holy Communion
10.30 St Mary's – Holy Communion
10.30 Tasley – Life & Soul
10.30 Quatford – Holy Communion
11.15 Morville – Holy Communion

Sun – August 31st

9.30 Astley Abbots – Morning Prayer
10.30 St Mary's – Holy Communion
10.30 Oldbury – Coffee & chat
Quatford to join Oldbury

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Sun 24th August – Tenth Sunday After Trinity (Green): Hebrews 12: 18-end, Luke 13: 10-7, Psalm 71: 1-6.

Week of 24/7 prayer across the UK and beyond, Monday 1st September - Sunday 7th

Come and join a prayer & worship breakfast at St Mary's 7.30am-9am starting with a continental breakfast and then a time to worship and pray for our parishes, town, county, country & beyond. From 9am hourly prayer slots will be available for you to go into No 7 next to the Baptist church to pray including the wee small hours. Contact Keely or Suzan to book in. If you book between 6pm to 6am you will be given the key code to get in or you can pray at home.

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 19th August.**

PCC Treasurers' Finance Workshop – Wednesday 27th August, 7pm, St James Hall Church. Stephen Herbert (Diocesan Finance Director) and Charles Brotherton (Financial Accountant) will guide you through the core reporting requirements and answer your questions.

Comedy Night with Andy Kind, Wednesday 10th September, 7pm St Mary's. Contact Suzan for more details: rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com

Ride+Stride, Saturday 13th September, raising money for Shropshire Historic Churches Trust.

Can you take part as a cyclist or walker or maybe take older friends round in your car? Could you help provide refreshments or sponsor someone? For more details contact: Sheila Royle (St Mary's Bridgnorth) or your local church organiser. www.shropshirehct.org.uk/OtherActivities/RideStride.aspx



Looking for something to read over the summer? Church of England environment officers from around the country have recommended books about the environment and climate change to inspire and encourage. Their list includes a mix of fiction and non-fiction, and ranges from the Booker Prize winning novel 'Orbital' by Samantha Harvey to 'Hope in Hell' looking at the science & politics of Climate change by Johathan Porrit. Katharine Hayhoe, a Christian climate scientist, in her book 'Saving Us', presents the case for hope and healing in a divided world. For the full list of the recommended books, see: www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/top-eco-reads-inspire-you-summer

Ninth Sunday After Trinity (Green)

COLLECT

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HEBREWS 11: 29 – 12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

LUKE 12: 49-56

Jesus said 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

Jesus also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so, it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

PSALM 80: 1-2, 9-end

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might and come to save us! **You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.** The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches; **it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River.** Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? **The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.** Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see; have regard for this vine, **the stock that your right hand planted.** They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance. **But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.** Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.** 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.