

# Sunday 31st August 2025



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Open Mon – Fri 8.30am-11.30am email bridgnorthteamministry@yahoo.co.uk Churches in Bridgnorth

Linking the parishes of Bridgnorth, Tasley, Astley Abbotts, 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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September, St Mary's Coffee 10.00 Shop

Ladies Brunch 11am Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September at The Shakespeare. This is a joint event with the Baptist church to be held on the first Saturday of each month. To book, email: <a href="mailto:corinne.james@bridgnorthbaptist.co.uk">corinne.james@bridgnorthbaptist.co.uk</a> Tel 01746 768129

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.

#### Sun – September 7<sup>th</sup>

9.00 Astley Abbotts – Holy Communion

10-00 Monkhopton – Holy Communion/Baptism

10.30 St Mary's – Holy Communion

10.30 Tasley – Morning Prayer

10.30 St Leonards Hall Church – Family Service

10.30 Oldbury – Holy Communion

11.15 Morville – Morning Prayer

## Sun - September 14th

9.30 Astley Abbotts – Family Service

10.00 Acton Round – Morning Prayer

10.00 Aston Eyre – Morning Prayer

10.30 St Mary's – Holy Communion

15.00 Quatford – Harvest Service

10.30 Tasley – Morning Prayer

11.15 Morville – Morning Prayer

The office will be close from Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Please make sure someone from your church has collected pewsheets and a harvest service sheet (if your harvest is in September) from the office before Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Sun 7<sup>th</sup> September – Twelfth Sunday After Trinity (Green): Philemon 1-21, Luke 14: 25-33, Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-18.

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 16<sup>th</sup> September.

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

Ride+Stride, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September, raising money for your own church+ 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

Spiritual Core Series for 8 weeks from 18<sup>th</sup> September – 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2pm – 4pm Methodist Church – contact Jane Peeler for details: T: 07419 131887 E: annachaplainbtm@yahoo.com

Glass Exhibition 12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> September at St Mary's.



1st September – 4th October is marked by Christians as the "<u>Season of Creation"</u>; a time for our churches to focus on God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. The theme this year is "<u>Peace with Creation</u>", based on Isaiah 32:14-18. The prophet Isaiah pictured the desolated Creation without peace, because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between people and God. Let us join other Christians at this time in praying for climate & ecological justice and speaking out for the communities affected by climate injustice. For more information, see <a href="https://seasonofcreation.org">https://seasonofcreation.org</a>

### **Eleventh Sunday After Trinity (Green)**

## COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **HEBREWS 13: 1-8, 15-16**

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So, we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?" Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

# **LUKE 14: 1, 7-14**

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable: "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.'

Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

#### **PSALM 81: 1-11**

Sing for joy to God our strength; shout aloud to the God of Jacob! Begin the music, strike the timbrel, play the melodious harp and lyre. Sound the ram's horn at the New Moon, and when the moon is full, on the day of our festival; this is a decree for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob. When God went out against Egypt, he established it as a statute for Joseph. I heard an unknown voice say: "I removed the burden from their shoulders; their hands were set free from the basket. In your distress you called, and I rescued you, I answered you out of a thundercloud; I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Hear me, my people, and I will warn you — if you would only listen to me, Israel! You shall have no foreign god among you; you shall not worship any god other than me. I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of Egypt. Open wide your mouth and I will fill it. "But my people would not listen to me; Israel would not submit to me. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Sas it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.