

# Sunday 7th September 2025



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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 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September,

Comedy Night with Andy Kind, St Mary's 19.00 Contact Suzan for more details:

rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com

Little Stars, St Mary's 10.00

Glass Exhibition 12th -15th September, St Mary's

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September, St Mary's Coffee 10.00 Shop

Ride+Stride, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September, raising money for your own church+ Shropshire Historic Churches Trust.

For more details contact: Sheila Royle (St Mary's Bridgnorth) or your local church organiser.

www.shropshirehct.org.uk/OtherActivities/RideStride.aspx

# Sun – September 14<sup>th</sup>

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

10.30 Tasley - Family Sevice

11.15 Morville – Morning Prayer

15.00 Quatford - Harvest Service

# Sun – September 21st

9.00 Astley Abbotts - Morning Prayer

10.30 St Mary's - Morning Prayer

10.30 St Leonards Church Hall – Holy Communion Tasley to join SLCH

10.30 Oldbury – Holy Communion

11.15 Morville – Morning Prayer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity (Green): 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15: 1-10, Psalm 14.

Quatford Harvest Festival, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Harvest lunch, 2pm followed by service at 3pm. If you would like to attend the harvest lunch, please add your name to a form located at the back of Quatford church (together with any dietary requirements) or let Rachel know, so that we can organise appropriate catering. There will be a charge of £5 or a donation.

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.

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

**Ladies Brunch 11am Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 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

The office will be closed from Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September due to Keely being on annual leave. Please contact Suzan with anything urgent. Tel: 07840 521499. rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com



Has your garden got enough late flowering plants to help butterflies through the winter? Small Tortoiseshells & Peacocks need to feed up to overwinter as adults whereas Painted Ladies & most Red Admirals migrate and need lots of nectar to fuel their journeys to Europe and Africa. Besides the well-known Buddleia, late flowering Lavenders, Sedums (eg.Autumn Glory), Salvias and Veronicas are great sources of nectar, as are tall daisy type flowers such as Rudbeckia, Echinacea and Helenium.

# Twelfth Sunday After Trinity (Green) or Harvest

#### COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# PHILEMON 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother: To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker- also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier-and to the church that meets in your home: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people. Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul-an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus- that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me. I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favour you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever— no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord. So, if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

### **LUKE 14: 25-33**

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus and turning to them he said: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters-yes, even their own life-such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying;

'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish. 'Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.'

#### PSALM 139: 1-5, 12-18

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand - when I awake, I am still with you. 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.