



WELCOME ... News Sheet Sunday

Sunday 21st December 2025



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

Rector: 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

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Advent 4 (Purple)

Sun – December 21st (Advent 4)

- 9.00 Astley Abbots – MP
- 10.30 St Leonards Hall Church - HC
- 10.30 St Mary's – HC
- 10.30 Oldbury – HC
- 11.15 Morville - MP
- 15.00 Quatford – Carol Service
- 16.00 Tasley – Carol Service
- 18.00 Acton Round – Christmas Service
- 18.00 Aston Eyre – Carol Service

Mon – December 22nd

- 17.30 Oldbury – Carol Service

Tues – December 23rd

- 18.00 Monkhopton – Carol Service

Wed – December 24th

- 15.00 Quatford – HC
- 16.00 Astley Abbots – Crib
- 16.00 St Mary's – Crib
- 21.00 Tasley – Midnight Communion
- 23.30 St Mary's – Midnight Communion

Thurs – December 25th

- 9.00 Astley Abbots – HC
- 10.00 Oldbury – HC
- 10.30 St Mary's - Family Service with Communion
- 11.15 Morville - HC

Sun – December 28th (Christmas 1 - White)

- 10.30 St Mary's – Benefice HC

St Mary's Connect – Third Tuesday of the month, 12.30pm– 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 January.**

Mince pies and mulled wine, St James Hall Church 22nd December 4.30pm. Contact Vickie for more information: 07503 160872 bridgnorthandmorvillecurate@outlook.com

Christmas Crafting at St James Hall Church 23rd December 10am-1pm. £3 per family. Contact Suzan for more information: 01746 599529 rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com

Lumos Experiences present a Vivaldi & Mozart Candlelight Concert at St Mary's, 27th December, 5pm-6pm or 7pm-8pm. Tickets can be bought online at www.lumos-experiences.com

PLEASE NOTE THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 15TH DECEMBER TO 15TH JANUARY. Please contact Suzan with any queries: 07840 521449 or rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Sun 28th December –Christmas 1 (White): Isaiah 63: 7-9, Matthew 2: 13-end, Psalm 148

Ladies Brunch 11am Saturday 10th January 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: corinne.james@bridgnorthbaptist.co.uk Tel 01746 768129



Get creative with leftover food over Christmas. A third of Brits admit to having more food waste over Christmas than at other times and this is often due to having insufficient room in the fridge & freezer. Eat the food in your fridge and freezer in the run-up to the main event, leaving plenty of room for leftovers. If you need some inspiration for using leftovers, there are plenty of recipes online from pies & pasties to curries & noodle dishes and even Christmas pudding ice cream. If you're visiting friends or family, why not take some containers with you so you can help share the leftovers and enjoy some at home.

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Purple)

COLLECT

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

POST COMMUNION

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Isaiah 7: 10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, 'Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.' But Ahaz said, 'I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.'

Matthew 1: 18-end

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

PSALM 80: 1-8, 18-20

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! **Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.** O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? **You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.** You make us the scorn of our neighbours; our enemies laugh among themselves. **Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.** You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. **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.**