

Lent 1 (Purple)



WELCOME ... News Sheet Sunday

Sunday 22nd February 2026



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

This week:

Sun - February 22nd – Lent 1 (Purple)

Monday 23rd February: 19.00
CAP Money Coaching course final week

Tuesday 24th February 12.30
Bible Study Group at Vickie's house.
If you would like to join us, please email Vickie at bridgnorthandmorvillecurate@outlook.com
or call 07503160872

Wednesday 25th February
St Mary's choir practice 18.00-19.00

Aston Ayre Lent Prayer 18.00

Thursday 26th February
Lent Course
19 Ludlow Road (see below) 19.00

Little Stars 10.00

Saturday 28th February
St Mary's Coffee Shop 10.00

Sun – March 1st Lent 2 (Purple)

9.00 Astley Abbots – HC
10.00 Monkthopton – MP
10.30 St Mary's – HC
10.30 Tasley – MP
10.30 St Leonards Hall Church – FS
10.30 Oldbury – HC
11.15 Morville - MP
16.00 St Mary's - Celtic Prayer

Sun – March 8th Lent 3 (Purple)

9.30 Astley Abbots – FC
10.00 Acton Round – HC
10.00 Aston Eyre – MP
10.30 St Mary's – HC
10.30 Quatford – HC
10.30 Tasley – MP
11.15 Morville - MP

World Day of Prayer Service: 6th March 2.30pm, St Johns RC Church: The World Day of Prayer is a global movement, led by Christian women of many traditions, for an annual shared day of pray. This year the service was put together by women from churches in Nigeria and the theme is "I will give you rest, come". In Bridgnorth, the service rotates around the different churches in the town. All welcome: contact Michele Ross/ Sheila Royle

Thursday 19th February – 26th March: Lent Course at 19 Ludlow Road, 7pm each week. If you'd like to order a book that accompanies the course or find out more, please contact Suzan: 01746 599528

Saturday 3rd March: Lent Soup Lunch, St James Hall Church, 3rd March 12pm-2.30pm.

Saturday 7th March: Ladies brunch, The Parlours Hall, 11am. Please book with Corinne at the Baptist Church 01746 768129.

Saturday 7th March: St Mary's, 2pm: Pilgrim Cello for Lent. Kenneth Wilson tells the story of a unique journey - a 1,900-mile bicycle pilgrimage around England's 42 cathedrals, with his cello, performing a Meditation on the Seven Last Words of Jesus in 41 of them. A two-set performance. Ticket price £12 on the door.

Saturday 14th March: St Leonards Hall Church 12.30pm – 3.00pm. Deanery Prayer Event, part which is part of a year of prayer across the Severn Borders & will include a soup lunch.

Tuesday 17th March: **St Mary's Connect – Third Tuesday of the month, 12.30pm– at The Old Castle–** for lunch and chat. If you would like to join us, please contact Catherine Wilson on 01746 761786 to book a place.

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COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Matthew 4: 1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

PSALM 32:

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. **Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit, there is no deceit.** While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.** Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD', and you forgave the guilt of my sin. **Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.** You are a hiding-place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. **I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.** Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. **Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.** Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart. **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.**