

Lent 6 (Red) Palm Sunday

WELCOME ... News Sheet Sunday

Sunday 29th March 2026

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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

This week:

Sun – March 29th Lent 6 (Red) Palm Sunday

Monday 30th March

Prayer Breakfast, St Mary's 7.30

Tuesday 31st March

Bible Study Group at Vickie's house. 12.30

If you would like to join us, please email Vickie at

bridgnorthandmorvillecurate@outlook.com

or call 07503160872

Wednesday 1st April

Monkhoppton Lent Prayer 18.00
St Mary's choir practice 18.00-19.00

Good Friday 3rd April Walk of Witness

We'll meet at **St Leonard's Hall church at 10am** to walk together with our Methodist, Baptist and Catholic Brothers and sisters. We'll stop at strategic points to pray and then gather under the town hall for a short act of witness. Hot cross buns will be served with tea and coffee at the Baptist Church at the end.

Saturday 4th April

St Mary's Coffee Shop 10.00
Chamber Choir Concert, St Mary's 19.00

Thursday 2nd April Maundy Thursday

Friday 3rd April Good Friday

Sun – April 5th Easter Day (White/Gold)

9.00 Astley Abbots – HC
10.30 St Mary's – HC
10.30 St Leonards Hall Church – FS
10.30 Oldbury – HC
10.30 Tasley – HC
11.15 Morville – HC – Monkhoppton to join

Sun – April 12th Second Sunday of Easter (White)

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

Please Note: The Parish Office is closed 6th-13th April for the Easter break.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Sun April 5th – Easter Day (White/Gold): Acts 10: 34-43, Matthew 28: 1-10, Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24.

Monday 30th March: St Mary's, 7.30am. Prayer, reflection and fellowship over breakfast. All welcome.

Good Friday 3rd April Walk of Witness: starting from St Leonards Hall Church 10am

Saturday 4th April: St Mary's Chamber Choir Concert, 7.00pm.

Saturday 11th April: Ladies brunch, Parlors Hall, 11am. Please book with Corinne at the Baptist Church 01746 768129.

Sunday 12th April: St Mary's Quatford Soup Lunch after the morning service. (£5 per head – all welcome)

Tuesday 21st April: 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.

Tuesday 26th April: Service of Remembrance/Commemoration of the Departed, St Mary's, 6pm

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COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Liturgy of the Palms – Matthew 21: 1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

PSALM 118: 1-2, 19-end

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever! **Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.'** Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. **This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.** I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. **The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.** This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. **This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.** Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.** We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. **You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever. **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.**

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore, I have not been disgraced; therefore, I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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Matthew 27:11-54

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?' But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time, they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!' Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!' So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son."'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

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Have Your Say on the Future of St Mary's

St Mary Magdalene is at an exciting moment in its history. We have recently completed a feasibility study exploring how our much-loved church could be improved — looking at everything from the building itself to how it could better serve the needs of our congregation and the wider Bridgnorth community.

This is just the beginning of the journey. No decisions have been made about what the final project will include, and we want your views to help shape the way forward. Whether you have worshipped here for decades or are a more recent member of our congregation, your thoughts and ideas are important to us.

Please take a few minutes to complete our short community consultation survey — it will only take 5 minutes, and every response makes a real difference.

There are three ways to take part:

- **Scan the QR code** below to go straight to the survey
- **Visit the link directly:** www.surveymonkey.com/r/stmarysbridgnorth
- **Pick up a hard copy** of the survey, complete it, and return it to the church

Responses will be analysed by our external consultants and shared with the Parochial Parish Council to inform the next steps for this exciting project.

The survey closes on 17th April. All responses are anonymous.

