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From The Very Revd. Sarah Brown Dean of Hereford

I'm not going to wish you a merry Christmas even though this is technically my last opportunity before the great day to infest the whole diocese with my festive cheer, at least in print. Please understand that it isn't that I DON'T wish you a blessed and happy Christmas – that would be unusual and distinctly unclerical, (not to mention untrue). But as I write this, the thoughtful season of advent has not even begun – the time when we God-Botherers ponder how much we need a Saviour – so I don't want to ho ho ho at you just yet. I do hope that despite the chill in the air caused by national and global events you will avail yourselves when the time comes of all the hope and joy that your local church and community can muster.

Advent is about looking at ourselves and at the world and realising just how much we need a Saviour. Christmas would be pointless if we didn't - just a marketing ploy cooked up by sellers of toys, perfumes and frozen party nibbles to get us all to spend as much money as possible. Let's face it, if a fire engine screeched to a halt outside your house with sirens blaring and blue lights flashing you might wonder what it was doing there if your house was not on fire. You might be mildly interested but you would hardly celebrate your salvation! In the same way the baby whose birth we celebrate on Christmas Day and who we hail as Saviour is similarly baffling and underwhelming if you cannot see anything that we need saving from!

Sometimes it seems easier to believe in evil than in God. But if you do believe that evil exists – if you see it in all its brutality in our daily news, if it touches you in grief, fear, loneliness, hatred, jealousy- then you may dimly begin to understand why we need our Saviour. If you look at the impact on individuals of national, international and corporate greed then you may begin to understand why we need our Saviour. If you look at the wars devastating communities across the globe you will understand why we need our Saviour. If you dare to look into the devices and desires of your own heart you may begin to ruefully understand why you need a Saviour.

Perhaps deep inside we all vaguely sense the need for a Saviour because we can all see what is wrong. It is only a step- a stride admittedly- from faintly sensing the need for a Saviour to considering that salvation might come from God and not human endeavour and then another step again to truly recognizing Him from the Christmas story repeated every year for 2 millennia by those persistent folk in the churches and deliciously enacted by our tiny children with tea towels on their heads.

The Very Revd. Sarah Brown

Clergy Thoughts

And the angel said to them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy." (Luke 2:10)

Christmas comes but once a year. It just seems more often, especially as you get older. So finding something new to say in Christmas sermons – not to mention this article - is always a challenge. Something that has helped me in recent years is the little booklet that the Church of England publishes each December giving twelve reflections or meditations for Christmas and New Year. And though they never provide enough material for a whole sermon they have often sparked ideas for a theme which I can use, and which often chimes well with, say, the informality of a carol service.

This year is no exception, and the booklet focuses on the Twelve Joys of Christmas, which are not what you might expect but what we might call Christmas "jollies;" including the Christmas pudding and the cake - offset by the bracing walk; the Christmas jumpers, the crackers and panto – and even the unwanted gift, the one you immediately earmark for regifting. And let's be honest we do take joy from these things – well perhaps not the unwanted gift but all the others. This year's booklet was written by the Dean of Salisbury, and in his introduction, he admits that this is "the stuff we're probably not meant to talk about in church." And he does list some of the more "acceptable" joys of Christmas, those we feel are appropriate at this time, like the worship and the readings – and those wonderful carols. His title is of course borrowed from a carol: The Twelve Joys of Mary.

As you would expect, Dean Papadopulos does draw out some spiritual significance for each of his "joys" and ends with a relevant prayer. But it made me wonder what the joys of Christmas were for me – and for you. Perhaps the joy of choosing special presents for loved ones; or the joy of having all the family together, and maybe seeing those who have not been around for a while, or greeting new members born in the preceding twelve months.

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Clergy Thoughts Continued

Perhaps it is the joy of listening to the soaring voices of the choir of King's College at their Christmas Eve service. Or the joy of anticipation that this year we might indeed get that white Christmas.

Maybe, when you make your lists this Christmas, as well as the card list and the gift list and the shopping list, you could make your own personal list of joys and reflect for a while on what they mean to you. What is it that makes this season so special for you, whether as a parent, a child - or of course as a Christian? What are the outstanding joys for you?

Of course, I am speaking to myself too, but I'm not going to attempt a list of twelve here. I will say that perhaps my greatest joy each Christmas, since I became a priest, is presiding at the Christmas Eucharist, and welcoming each one of you to the Lord's table to celebrate his birthday feast. That is an honour and privilege – and a joy – which I hope I never take for granted. I hope that each of you will know the joy of that occasion for yourself, as you come to this very special communion, as once again you greet our Lord of Lords and King of Kings, mark his nativity and invite him into your heart. To my mind, sharing that Christmas experience with your family, the Church, is one of the greatest joys of all.

It just remains to wish you all, as the angel did, great joy, this Christmas and always.

Marjorie Brooks

The Twelve Joys of Christmas, Church House Publishing

https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/books/9781781405383/twelve-joysof-christmas-single-copy



Benefice days in 2026



So far this year we have met together in three village halls including Astley Abbotts, Morville and most recently in Tasley. We've had two visiting speakers Reverend Christopher Landau from Resource and Heather Martin who leads the Youth hubs project for the diocese.

We've spent time journeying through the story of Joseph, exploring why we as the church in our communities exist and lastly with Heather we focussed on what it means to dwell in God's presence and who he's calling us to be through our actions and calling as the people of God across our team of churches.

Over 2026 we will be continuing this journey together so put the following dates in your diaries to be part of this ongoing discussion.

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Proceeds in aid of St Calixtus Church, Astley Abbotts

St. Mary's News

It is hard to believe but this is the last edition of Crosslink for 2025 and what a year it has been for us.

As with all the churches in the benefice, 2025 has been an exciting time for all of us at St. Mary's with the arrival of our new Priest in Charge Suzan Williams, our new curate Vicky Dunlop and our new organist Steve Cooper. Suzan has brought with her some exciting ideas, and we look forward to hearing more of her plans for us over the coming new year. We also look forward to seeing Stephens plans for reviving our musical tradition at St. Mary's.

November has been a busy month for us at St. Mary's. Firstly, we held our Autumn Fayre which was very well attended and proved to be a lovely social event. We have also had the honour of hosting the Towns Remembrance service. It was such an honour to welcome our Town Councillors, the many representatives of the town's organisations together with our regular congregation and to all join together in our act of remembering those who have died in conflict. We once again had our magnificent display of poppies which have received many compliments. Thank you to those who helped install them.

The choir have been continuing to rehearse in readiness for their concert at the beginning of December which I would warmly welcome you all to. December will as always be a busy month at St. Mary's, and I hope that many of you will be able to join us during the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany season. Even if you cannot come to a service please pop in and see us for coffee on a Saturday morning or pop in during the week to see the decorations.

The final Connect lunch of 2025 will take place on the third Tuesday in December (16th) and the first one of 2026 will be on the third Tuesday of January (20th). Please join us if you can.

All that remains for me to do is to wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas and new year.

Catherine Wilson

Join the St Mary's Church Choir! Calling all singers!

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Music Schedule:

- Wednesdays: 6-7 pm practice in St Mary Magdalene church.
- Sundays: Join us for our 10:30 am service (arrive from 10.00am)

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No Experience Necessary!

We welcome singers of all ages and abilities. Whether you're a seasoned chorister or just starting out, we'd love to hear from you.

If you're interested in joining either the choir or the Christmas Singing Group, please come along to any of our practices on Wednesday evenings. Meet our friendly choir members and director, and get a taste of what we're all about.

More Information:

For more information, please contact our Director of Music, Steve Cooper T: 07467 192281 E:secooper1971@hotmail.com

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ST MARY'S CONNECT our next lunches and get togethers are on Tuesday 16th December in The function room at The Shakespeare Pub at 12.30 pm

If you would like to join us please contact Catherine Wilson 01746 761786 to book your place. Places are allocated on a first come first served basis.

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LADIES THAT DO BRUNCH

We would like to invite you to join us on Saturday 6th December at 11:00am for Ladies' Brunch at The Shakespeare Inn, Bridgnorth. This is a combined monthly event with the Baptist church.

We have kindly been offered the Function Room located to the rear of the pub and provided with a brunch menu especially put together for us. This works out at £10 a head, including room hire. Please contact Keely for a copy of the Brunch Menu.



We would love you to join us for what we hope will be a wonderful time of friendship and support, as well as a place where we can invite non-Christian's. Each month we will be arranging a guest speaker to join us to enlighten and encourage us!

If this is an event that interests you, please contact Corinne from the Baptist Church as soon as you can to pre-order food. Tel: 01746 768129

Coffee N' Chat at St James's Hall



2nd and 4th Fridays of each month

10am-12 noon

Next session Friday 12th December!

Come & share tea, coffee & chat and bring your friends too. Everyone's welcome! Interested? Please let me know as soon as you can for us to pre-order food and forward payment. Thank you. We are looking forward to sharing exciting times together!

Contact Liz Fisher for more details: 01746 764059

ALSO:

Get together for mince pies and mulled wine 22nd December at St James Hall Church at 4.30pm

Contact Vickie for more information: 07503 160872 bridgnorthandmorvillecurate@outlook.com

Quatford News

Along with the majority of people I cannot think we are fast approaching Christmas! Where this year has gone I just don't know. The PCC have several projects in which we are carrying out investigations. One being the inevitable roof repairs flagged up in the quinquennial (nothing major but some pointing that needs attention.) and the coat of arms will be a new year project. On going problems with the lift have left us without the necessary safety certificate(Loler) which makes it illegal to operate the lift for public use. So the PCC have liaised with various lift companies (now reduced to two) who meet our criteria. Obviously a major decision and not one to rush into, but we have at least narrowed the field. Next comes the faculty!!

To add to the fun we have a large Scots pine which has suffered the trauma from another tree falling into it last year and tree surgeons have advised that trauma like that can send a tree into shock causing it to die. There is obvious die back and the bark is falling from tree at an alarming rate. There is insect infestation which in turn has encouraged woodpeckers to invade the tree, leaving quite serious holes in the main trunk and branches. With the poor old tree not having much going for it, for safety reasons it will have to be removed which is rather sad.

The sheep will return shortly for a final munch and tidy up and that will keep things going until the spring. That's a nice thought, when it all starts again!

We look forward to having Ian Terry to lead our morning service in Marjorie's much deserved pre-Christmas break. That leads us to our Christmas services:

CAROL SERVICE: SUNDAY 21st December at 3.00pm to include drinks and mince pies etc.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION: 24th December at 3.00pm

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US -- we look forward to seeing you.

Everyone at Quatford wishes you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.



Rachel

St Calixtus, Astley Abbotts

Hello to you all from St Calixtus, I hope you are all well & survived Storm Claudia, she was most unpleasant!

A big thank you to The Two Churches Choir and Stephen Lomas who joined us at St Calixtus for Remembrance Sunday; your voices were very much appreciated. Thanks also to Rev Simon for leading us in our Act of Remembrance. The collection, which was donated to The Royal British Legion totaled £153.70

Mostly this month I have dates for your diary!

On Sunday 7th December, there won't be a morning service at St Calixtus as there's an opportunity for all of us to worship together at St Mary's, Bridgnorth when Rev. Suzan is licensed Rector for our Benefice Team. This service starts at 10.30am, with Archdeacon Fiona leading the service. It could be our last opportunity to see her before she takes up her next post as Bishop of Taunton in Somerset so that will be a great occasion.

That same afternoon at 4pm, we are hosting the first Team Folk Carol Service. At this service we will be singing traditional English folk carols to folk tunes, accompanied by folk musicians! Everyone is invited to join in with the fun, which will include refreshments and be led by Rev. Suzan - please come along. This informal service is suitable for absolutely everyone, all ages, faiths & none & we hope will be the start of a new tradition in our town! If you would like to join the scratch Folk Band to play the carols at this service, please come along to an informal rehearsal at St Calixtus on Monday 24th November at 7pm for about an hour.

The following week is another afternoon service instead of our usual Sunday morning one, again at 4pm, this time an Advent Carol Service at which we will be joined by The Two Churches Choir.

Our Crib Service will be on Christmas Eve at 4pm as usual, led by Rev. Simon.

The order of service will be posted on our Facebook page: 'St Calixtus, Astley Abbotts'. It's easier to read on your phone or tablet in the dark, and since the churchyard signal can be unreliable, please download it in advance.

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St Calixtus, Astley Abbotts continued

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to our Christmas Morning Holy Communion at 9am which will be led by Rev Suzan. Join us to welcome the Christ Child, a great way to start off an extremely special celebration before hurrying home to check on the turkey!

If anyone would like to be more involved in any of the planning, organising or hosting of any service or event, do please let Idonea or Helen know. We are a happy team & many hands make light work & more fun!

We won't have a service on Sunday 28th December. We will have a rest after the excitement of many special services, but we look forward to seeing everyone again on Sunday 4th January at 9am for Holy Communion led by Rev. Simon.

More dates for 2026 are Cafe Church on 8th February at 10am at the Village Hall & our very exciting Valentines Ceilidh on Saturday 14th February, at St Leonards Hall Church, Racecourse Drive. This starts at 7pm; no experience is necessary as all dances will be explained and called. Our dancing will be led by Rattlebones, our brilliant local Folk Dance Duo.

Tickets are £15, under 12's free, this includes a light supper, all profits will go to bolster our funds at St Calixtus.

I hope that we will see you at some or all of these services so that we can worship together over this happy season. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas & a healthy & peaceful 2026 from all of us here at St Calixtus. God bless.



Helen

A CALL OUT TO ALL LOVERS OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS...



We are having a

FOLK CAROL SERVICE

on 7th December at 4pm at St Calixtus, Astley Abbotts

This will be a service for all of our community to enjoy by celebrating the best of the season with carols drawn from our rich and ancient folk heritage.

If you fancy getting involved by playing an instrument in our scratchband, or can help us out with the singing then we'd really love to hear from you!

Please contact Peter or Helen Holding to find out more: peter.holding@ymail.com / 07966 789288

helenholding@ymail.com / 07813 584469

We're hoping that as many people as possible, from across all of our parishes, will come along and get involved in this very special and unique event.

If you're not a musician, then of course we'd still love to see you and your friends there.

Just come along to enjoy the service and to join us for refreshments afterwards.

Please do put the date in your diary! Open to all faiths and none.

Oldbury News

This time last year it was snowing as I wrote; this year it's just threatening to turn wintry. It's been another beautiful Autumn, with a lot of very confused flowers bursting out now after the long dry summer. I hope their internal clocks get back in sync. next Spring.

Talking of cold weather leads neatly into the topic that has exercised me at least and many others in Oldbury for the last few months, namely, our heating. It's not easy to concentrate on your faith and on the words of wisdom and comfort coming from the pulpit if you are sitting shivering in a cold pew. When in August our routine electrical inspection revealed how seriously the whole system had deteriorated, it was clear that action was needed. Two things were in our favour; firstly, we had excellent advice from the Diocese to the effect that, as we already had an electric heating system, there was no point in considering others, but should just look at repairing and replacing as far as possible, so List B approval was applied for and obtained – no Faculty needed! Then we were in receipt last year of a generous legacy from a former loyal congregation member, so the money was there. And despite minor teething troubles, the repaired trench heating in the floor is now working, and hopefully by our Patronal service, the under-pew heating will also have been overhauled too. We will be able to offer a warm welcome for our Christmas. services in every sense!

To summarise events for December & January, the first service of December will be a little different from normal. On the morning of 7th December, there will be no morning service at St. Nicholas, as our Priest-in-Charge, Rev. Suzan Williams, is being installed formally as Rector of the Benefice by Archdeacon Fiona Gibson at St. Mary's, so all can attend. However, as it is St. Nicholas' Patronal festival, and the Second Sunday of Advent, we will be holding an evening Songs of Praise service to celebrate both those, starting from 5:30p.m. with mulled wine and suitably festive nibbles, going into the service itself at 6:00p.m. Do come!

Then our next service will be on Sunday 21st December, at 10:30a.m. as normal, followed by our Carol Service on Monday 22nd, which again will start with mince pies and mulled wine from 5:30p.m., going into the service itself at 6:00p.m. Again, do come, and bring your families, friends and visitors!

Our Christmas Day Holy Communion will be at 10:00a.m., - do come and join us then too! After that, there will be no further services until 4th January and then 18th, maintaining our fortnightly pattern alternating with Quatford.

Oldbury News Continued

In the new year, we will be thinking and planning our activities for the future, and several ideas have already been suggested. There will doubtless be a number of social activities, some jointly with the Village Hall, and at some point we hope to be able to receive and dedicate a new Altar Frontal. Choosing the design for this has highlighted some interesting theological and faith questions, which may well link up with another idea for some occasional discussions of various faith matters. All I can say now is – watch this space!

A very Happy Christmas, and a peaceful and prosperous New Year from us all at St. Nicholas.

Liz Fisher

Tasley News

Welcome to the December 2025/January 2026 edition of Cross+Link and our news from Tasley. Another year fast approaches.

On Remembrance Sunday we joined our friends at St Calixtus, to remember all those who fought to defend our freedom. Thank you to Revd Simon Boxall for leading our Service and to Stephen and the Astley Abbotts and Tasley Church Choir for their contributions to the Service.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Margaret Batho, whose service took place at Tasley on the 12th of November. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will take place at Tasley on the 20th of November. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with all the family.

Many thanks to Barry for giving us another brilliant night of fun and sometimes brain-taxing questions, for some! Although the quiz night was a Church event "the team" all pulled together again to prepare and supply the refreshments of cheese and wine. Many thanks to the Tasley Social Committee for their contributions and thanks to everyone for helping to raise valuable funds for the Church.

Following our Service on Sunday 16th November we welcomed Luke McKay into Tasley Church for his Baptism as he prepares to become a Godparent.

We continue to keep in our Thoughts and Prayers those members of our congregation who due to health and mobility problems are no longer able to join us in Church.

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Tasley News Continued

This time last year we looked forward to welcoming Revd Suzan to the Benefice as our Priest in Charge. This year on the 7th of December we look forward to joining her at her Licensing and welcoming her as our new Rector.

We have now received the Faculty to confirm we can move forward with our plans to replace and improve our Church toilet. The next step is to apply for any grants that may be available, together with starting an appeal for donations. A donation box will be in Church together with the details and plans of the proposed work. Should anyone require any further details or have any questions, please contact Bob or John.

Services at Tasley in December:

7th December No Service at Tasley
14th December 10.30am. All Age Worship
21st December 4pm. Carol Service
24th December 9pm Holy Communion
25th December No Service at Tasley
28th December No Service at Tasley

Services for January will be posted on the Notice Board outside Church.

Other dates to remember are the 13th of December, when we look forward to our Annual Parish lunch at The Bulls Head Chelmarsh. The Annual Christmas Party at Tasley Village Hall will be 2nd January and will be hosted by The Tasley Social Committee.

The coffee mornings continue on the 1st Monday of the month. See you on the 1st of December.

100 Club Winners for November:

41 Victoria Turner 53 Wendy Pottinger 12 Mary Howell-Williams

It only leaves me to wish you all A Happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.



Margaret and Bob



'Many people pass up and down the Craven Arms Road. Through the banner they see the Good Lord lives in Aston Eyre, even if they do not go to church. The publicity nature of the message it gives is tremendous. Well doner to those over many years who promote the Lord's presence in Aston Eyre.'

Chris Magnet (passer-by)



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Christmas Services Around The Benefice



Church	Christmas Service	Midnight Communion	Carol Service	Crib
Acton Round			21 st Dec 6pm	
Aston Eyre			21 st Dec 6.30pm	
Morville	25 th Dec HC 11.15am		14 th Dec 4pm	None
Monkhopton			23 rd Dec 6pm	
Astley Abbotts	14 th Dec Advent 4pm + 21 st Dec MP 9am+ 25 th Dec HC 9am		7 th Dec 4pm	24 th Dec 4pm
Oldbury	25 th Dec HC 10.00am		22 nd Dec 5.30pm	
Quatford	24 th Dec HC 3pm		21 st Dec 3pm	
St Mary's	25 th Dec 10.30am Family Celebration with Communion	24 th Dec 11.30pm	14 th Dec 6pm	24 th Dec 4pm
Tasley		24 th Dec 9.00pm	21 st Dec 4pm	
Eardington			7 th Dec 3pm	



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HC = Holy Communion MP = Morning Prayer FS -= Family Service	7th Dec Advent 2	14th Dec Advent 3	21st Dec Advent 4	28th Dec			
See page 21 for all Christmas Services and Carols across the							
St Mary Magdalene Bridgnorth	10.30 Benefice Service For Suzan's licensing.	benefice 10.30 HC	10.30 HC	10.30 HC for the benefice			
St Mary Magdalene Quatford		10.30 HC	15.00 Carol Service				
St Calixtus Astley Abbotts		16.00 Advent Carol Service	9.00 MP				
St Nicholas Oldbury	17.30 Advent/ Patronal		10.30 HC				
St Peter and St Paul Tasley		10.30 AAW	16.00 Carol Service				
St Leonard's Hall Church			10.30 HC				
St Gregory the Gt. Morville		16.00 Carol Service	11.15 MP				
Aston Eyre		10.00 MP	18.30 Carol Service				
St Mary the Virgin Acton Round		10.00 MP					
Monkhopton							

JANUARY '26

HC = Holy Communion MP = Morning Prayer FS -= Family Service	4th Jan	11th Jan	18th Jan	25th Jan
St Mary Magdalene Bridgnorth	10.30 HC	10.30 HC	10.30 MP	10.30 FC
St Mary Magdalene Quatford		10.30 HC		10.30 HC
St Calixtus Astley Abbotts	9.00 HC	9.30 AAW	9.00 MP	9.00 Service of the Word
St Nicholas Oldbury	10.30 HC		10.30 HC	
St Peter and St Paul Tasley	10.30 MP	10.30	10.30 HC	10.30 Life & Soul
St Leonard's Hall Church	10.30 FS		10.30 HC	
St Gregory the Gt. Morville	11.15 MP	11.15 MP	11.15 MP	11.15 HC
Aston Eyre		10.00 MP		10.00 HC
St Mary the Virgin Acton Round		10.40 HC		
Monkhopton	10.00 MP			