


Linking Parish Churches  
around Bridgnorth

CROSS+LINK

					
St Mary Magdalene Bridgnorth	SS Peter + Paul Tasley	St Calixtus Astley Abbots	St Nicholas Oldbury	St Mary Magdalene Quatford	St Leonards Hall Bridgnorth



Bridgnorth St James' Hall	Acton Round St Mary the Virgin	Aston Eyre Aston Eyre	Monkhopton St Peter's	Morville St Gregory the Great	Upton Cressett St Michael's
					

## From Ven. Dr. Fiona Gibson, Archdeacon of Ludlow

Despite the adverts in the shops suggesting that parents buy new school uniform in July, the new school year is just beginning. Education has been part of my life and vocation from when I left school myself. I spent eight years teaching in primary schools, then worked as a lay children's minister, with involvement in our local church school. Then I swapped sides of the teacher's desk as our children entered their school years, and I had the novel experience of receiving reports rather than writing them!

Ordination brought ongoing opportunities to support the spiritual growth of children and staff alike in the parishes where I served, and since becoming Archdeacon of Ludlow I have had the enormous privilege of chairing our Diocesan Board of Education which oversees the wonderful work of our 78 church schools and academies and supports the diocesan education team in all that they do.

Our church schools and academies are not just places of learning information and life skills, but of putting down roots and building foundations so that each child and young person in our care has a chance to explore the Christian faith and experience the life in all its fullness that Jesus Christ promises.

There are so many ways we can all support this life-giving and life-changing work. Some may be called to become Foundation Governors, supporting and upholding the Christian foundation of the school. This is a vital lay ministry role. Yes, it can be demanding, but it is also immensely rewarding. If you'd be willing to explore what that might mean for you in your context, do contact me or our Diocesan Director of Education, Gemma Martin.

Others may be willing and able to support collective worship in our schools, perhaps by joining an Open the Book team if there is one in your benefice, and helping a new generation to hear and understand the stories of our faith. You could talk that through with your parish priest, who could let you know the safeguarding and training requirements.

And all of us can pray for our church schools and academies, for children, young people, staff, parents, governors, and Multi-Academy Trust teams. 24/7 Prayer has a downloadable PDF guide to praying for schools, available here <https://www.24-7prayer.com/resource/pray-for-students-and-teachers/>

However you may be able to support the life of our church schools and academies, I pray that it may be a blessing and encouragement to you as you bless and encourage others. Happy New (School) Year!

***Ven Dr Fiona Gibson***

## Commissioning of Local Worship Leaders

Sunday 13th July at St Calixtus was the venue for a joyful service to mark the Commissioning of Local Worship Leaders, led by incumbent Rev'd Suzan Williams and Rev'd Dr Elizabeth Wild, Director of Mission & Ministry and Diocesan Director of Vocations and Ordinands, who led

their training programme. The photograph shows Graham Patey, Rosemary Patey, Helen Holding, Michael Payne, Stephen Lomas, David Oxtoby, Judy Mondon and Roger



Taylor, with the benefice's new Curate, Vickie Dunlop along with Rev'd Suzan and Rev'd Dr Elizabeth. (*Excerpt & photo taken from Hereford Diocese eNews 17.07.25*)

A contingent from the benefice attended Hereford Cathedral for the deacon ordination of Vickie Dunlop on 5th July. This marks the beginning of her curacy. Vickie is pictured here with Suzan.



# Clergy Thoughts

## What a first summer!

I wonder if you've ever had the treat of attending a music festival? I've been to a number of concerts over the years and vividly remember my first experience of being with over a thousand people at a Bon Jovi concert when I was about 16. I loved it, obviously they were belting out my favourite tunes, Living on a Prayer, It's My Life and Wanted Dead or Alive to name but a few and it is an experience that grounded my love of music and maybe my huge crush on John Bon Jovi too but we won't tell my husband of 34 years and will keep that our secret.

However, this month I've had the privilege of serving on a team at New Wine which alongside (and wouldn't be possible without) over 1,700 amazingly gracious, committed people on the Bath and West Showground in Somerset. These amazing volunteers have facilitated and made possible the coming together of 14,000 Christians from across the UK and beyond who just love Jesus wholeheartedly and come every year to pray, worship and be filled with the most amazing teaching and creative ideas to take back to the places where they live. All contexts are represented from deeply Rural to deeply Urban, we don't shirk or avoid the tough stuff, poverty, injustice and the inequality that is still present across our communities but what happens is precious and what I've seen this week is young alongside old, middle classed people alongside those from some of our most urban and complex communities, seek God with the whole being and it's been life-changing.

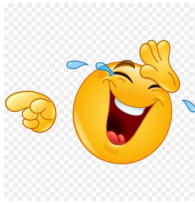
I wonder if you're asking in the deepest part of who you are if there might be some inkling of truth in this Jesus who came that we might find life in all its fulness. And if that's you, please come along to St Mary's parish church on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> of September at 7pm. Andy Kind a Christian comedian will be performing, and we'll also be launching an Alpha course which is a chance to ask questions and explore what faith might mean for you.

Please contact Suzan for more information:

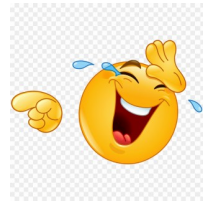
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Every Blessing

Suzan



# **Comedy Night With Andy Kind**



**At St Mary Magdalene  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> of September  
7pm**

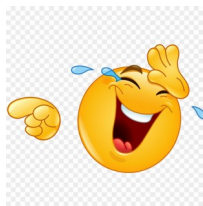
**Come along and bring your friends for  
what should prove to be a really  
enjoyable evening.**

He started doing Stand-up on 23rd January 2005. By the September of that year, Andy had gone full-time as a comedian and has made a living from it ever since. He won Anything for Laughs in 2005 and in early 2019 hurdled over the 2000-gig barrier. Other stuff happened in between. Described by The Scotsman as 'Terrific' and by the Yorkshire Times as 'Tossing out comic gems in an almost profligate manner', Andy's stand-up style is the joyful ranting of a redeemed alpha male. He has been featured on BBC1, ITV and Channel 4, while he's had jokes featured on Dave's One Night Stand and Live at the Apollo.

**So don't miss out on what promises to be a fabulous  
evening!**

**Contact Suzan for more details:**

**[rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com](mailto:rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com)**







Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of September

St Mary's Parish Church

7.30am

## Ecumenical prayer breakfast

Come & take part in an interactive session where we will eat together, then worship & pray for our town, surrounding churches & wider communities. From 9am there will be prayer stations set up initially upstairs. From 1pm through to 8am the following morning these will be situated downstairs at No.7 next to Bridgnorth Baptist church. There will be 1 hour prayer slots available to sign up for using an online sheet. If you sign up for a night time slot, you can pray at home. Please contact Keely on 01747 767174 or [bridgnorthteamministry@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bridgnorthteamministry@yahoo.co.uk).

## St. Mary's News

We have been having a busy and joyous time at St. Mary's over the last couple of months. Firstly, we had the great pleasure of hosting the Archdeacon's visitation when the Archdeacon came to commission the church warden's both in our Deanery and beyond. A lovely service was followed by a period of joyful fellowship.

We also had the great pleasure of hosting the Bishop Richard's "Ask me anything", where we had the opportunity to ask him questions. It was good to hear his views on several troubling issues. We were also given an insight into his role at the Coronation.

Finally, we had the pleasure of hosting a "Daddy's Head" concert. These are a series of concerts by local musicians held in different churches within our Deanery. I think I am right in saying that this is the first of these concerts to be held in our Benefice. Our concert was given by a classical guitarist and was enjoyed by all who were able to attend.

The Saturday coffee shop continues to flourish, and our Chamber choir will begin rehearsals again in September, enabling us to enjoy the music whilst we drink our coffee. The Connect lunch which takes place on the third Tuesday of the month has carried on over the summer and has continued to be well supported. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Catherine Wilson.**

## Waiting For...?

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and whose hope is in the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters which spreads out its roots by the river. And will not fear when heat comes, but its leaf will be green and will not be anxious in the year of drought. Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

***Jeremiah 17: 7-8***

Waiting for rain and waiting on the Lord are neither of them rare or new experiences. Our present experience of drought is hitting many very hard, as a glance at any news bulletin or newspaper will reveal, probably beyond our immediate control in the short term.

Many people however, live in a state of spiritual drought and Christians are not exempt from this. Perhaps we need to follow the example of the skylark in the accompanying poem and 'wing' some prayers up to heaven. By the way after I penned the poem 'Today' the rain came two days later.

### Today

Today the skylark sang himself from sight  
of the world a half mile under.  
As though he travelled on to find  
the source of heavens thunder.

It was high treble-pipe mixed with bass drum;  
A wondrous listener was I  
As he an envoy from parched Earth  
Told how the pastureland too long was dry.

I longed for raindrops shilling-large to fall,  
If, prayer-on-wing he touched God's pity;  
But sparkless grey the clouds moved on,  
Above the stillness and humidity.

Today, the skylark stepping down the air  
In his descent sang all the way  
As slowly died that distant drum;  
The rain, I though would come another day.

***Roger Taylor (Poem July 2017)***

## Winning tickets for ST MARY'S 200 CLUB

July Draw		August Draw	
£20 Kay Blackford	29	£20 David Deighton	90
£10 Bill Hammerton	15	£10 Roger Taylor	137
£10 Martin Blackburn	74	£10 Patrick Howell	6
£10 Kathy James	189	£10 David Oxtoby	134
£10 Sally Themans	35	£10 June Griffiths	97
£10 Sherrie Ann Broadfield	117	£10 Kay Porter	16
£10 Sylvia Palmer	39	£10 Pearl Leyland	79

## ST MARY'S CONNECT

Our next lunches and get togethers are on **Tuesday 16th September** 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.

## ST MARY MAGDALENE BRIDGNORTH COFFEE SHOP

St Mary's Coffee Shop Every Saturday—10.00am—12.30pm. At the back of church.



Music Director - Steve Cooper  
Accompanist - Oliver Clarke

## St Mary's Chamber Choir SOS! Sing on Saturdays

(Choir founded in 2005)

Rehearsals resume on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2025** in preparation for our Advent Christmas Concert on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 7pm.**

These rehearsals take place at 10.00am - 11.30am in church (St Mary's - East Castle St).

No voice test just come along and join 50 other singers both men, women and students as we begin to prepare music for Christmas.

New members are always welcome.

For further details: contact Jane Downing via email  
jane.downing60@gmail.com

More details about the choir can be found on our website:

**[www.stmaryschamberchoir.co.uk](http://www.stmaryschamberchoir.co.uk)**





## LADIES THAT DO BRUNCH

We would like to invite you to join us on Saturday 6th September at 11:00am for the first 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 September!

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

## Quatford News

At the end of June we hosted a summer concert with a return visit from the Bridgnorth Show Choir. It was a splendid evening; the church was full of people enjoying the music.

Our quinquennial report has now been completed - much to the relief of Rachel, our Church Warden. Rachel was also happy there was nothing in the report that was too concerning and needs our attention! It has been a very busy time, sorting out a new architect to conduct the report, and we're so pleased it has all turned out well in the end, thanks to Rachel.



Revd. Marjorie Brooks was able to take her annual holiday without any worries this year, as a newly retired priest has recently moved into Quatford and he was granted permission to officiate. Our thanks to Rev Ian Terry.

We have been experiencing some problems with our lift and are currently considering various options to improve its performance. In the meantime, Mike Proudman has come to our rescue and the lift is now fully working. Mike is also organising a manual and powered way to return the lift to ground level if the need arises. This has led to a number of us at the church to be trained, by Mike, on how to operate this new equipment. The lift is only being used if there is someone outside of the lift, in case help is needed.

The summer has been lovely and harvests seem to have been much earlier this year. We shall be hosting our Harvest Festival on 14th September, which will include a lunch at 2pm, before the service at 3pm. The money raised from the lunch will be going to a charity to be decided. All are welcome, but we will need names and numbers in advance, to help with the catering.

Our Church will be open for the Ride and Stride on 13th September.

## Quatford News Continued...



.Recently we had a small delivery of a very interesting full-colour leaflet, called 'An East Shropshire Church Trail'. There are 7 churches on the Trail, including Quatford. If anyone would like a copy, there are some in the church's porch.

*Anne Wenlock*

St Mary Magdalene, Quatford  
Harvest festival

**SUNDAY 14th SEPTEMBER**

**HARVEST LUNCH 2pm**

**HARVEST  
SERVICE 3pm**

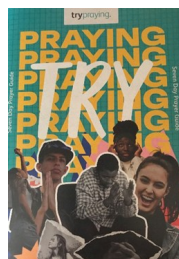
If you would like to attend the harvest lunch, please add your name to a form located at the back of Quatford church (together with any dietary requirements), so that we can organise appropriate catering. There will be a charge of £5 or a donation.

# St Calixtus, Astley Abbots

## Week of Prayer 6th – 14th September

Join us all in a week to remember! Discover the good things God has done and continues to do in this country, with thanksgiving, worship and praise. We can all play our part to pray, for each other, our leaders, our nation and other Countries across the world.

If you would like one of these booklets below for 6-10 year olds, 11-14 or adults contact the Pateys on 01746 769125



We look forward to seeing you at the **All Age Worship on Sunday 14th September** when we look at Luke's account of the Lost Sheep.

Ride + Stride is happening on 13th September. Please contact Idonea for info. Our next cafe church will be on 29th September at 10am in the village hall.

Our thanks go to Paul Roberts for giving us an amazing run through of the shows and songs from the swinging '60s to today, and raising over £400 for our coffers.

Thanks also goes to the organisers of cafe church who gave their time so generously.

God's Acre are coming on September 4th to do a churchyard tidy, Any help would be much appreciated -10am onwards—bring your tools and wheelbarrows and join a morning of fun and cake!



*Idonea Pickering*

## GUILD OF ST RAPHAEL & THE HEALING MINISTRY

The Guild of St Raphael was founded in 1915 & is an integral part of the life and work of the church. This prayer guild is dedicated to promoting and practising healing regularly in our church services. The prayer guild in St Mary's was led by verger Percy Harley. I joined the group in the early 1960s. The first healing service was led by Revd. Father Kemp and I went along to pray for my father-in-law, organist & choirmaster, who had cancer & wasn't going to recover. I asked that he would be free of pain and that night he died. I had recently lost my father and grieved for two fathers. It was time to realise God as my father. Up until then I hadn't had a relationship with God as my father figure. But He made it happen. This was my opportunity. I went through a spiritual awakening, dead to my life but alive to my life in Christ Jesus. After walking with God for fifty years there is no let up. People need to be transformed and they can't do this on their own. So for me Christ's Healing Ministry is a way to touch people, a bit like the sparkplug in a vehicle. The ignition needs a shock to spark it into life— the sacraments in the church are a way to do this. In Baptism we are asked to turn to Christ; at confirmation we are called by name and God makes us his own. For many years in churches throughout the world many healing services, perhaps once a month, quarterly, mid-week or evenings were arranged. However the report and book *A Time To Heal* have highlighted us to look afresh at the Churches Healing Ministry.

The sacrament of healing is an opportunity to show People of their need of God. Pentecost 2000 introduced Laying On Of Hands at the weekly eucharist service and invited lay people to respond to the call of using their gifts of healing. There are only a few of us left of the twelve original members that came forward twenty years ago. We look forward to re-introducing the sacrament of Laying On Of Hands & introducing it once a month during communion. It will be interesting to see how many people respond.

***Ann Clarke***

## FILM CLUB - SUMMER 25 - OUTREACH BY BRIDGNORTH CHURCHES

I was lucky enough to put my hand up to help out with the Film Club that Rev Suzan organised for this summer holidays.



It was run at St. James's Hall, and was for everyone of all ages and aimed to bring fellowship and enjoyment, especially for those who are lonely or struggling with the long school holidays. It ran for 3 Thursday mornings, 10am to 1pm, starting with drinks, chat, craft and play, then the film, and followed by dinner and pudding.

It was difficult to know how it would go, but all went well from the first. Suzan and Vicky and members of our churches got everything organised, including the food, with generous help from others and local businesses. It was great to welcome and interact with everyone, enjoying time together. All participants, young and older, seemed to appreciate it and here is some feedback:

"thank you so much for organising such a wonderful event, It really showed how much thought, care and love went into it. The fact it was free, so no one was left out, that really shows the heart of the church for the community. Can we have more sessions like these please. Thank you to all involved."



What lovely feedback, and I would like to add my thanks to Suzan and Vicky, and also Helen and Peter for the super food and all who supported and contributed to these events.

The next one is to be in September date tba and October Half term Monday 27th 10am to 1pm. If you would like to be involved in any capacity please let Suzan know.

***Helen Payne***



**Sat. 13th September**



**Ride+Stride is an opportunity for YOU to raise money for your Church.** Anyone can join in - collect **sponsors**, then plan your own route - walk, bike, **or car** - visit some churches - enjoy the day. If you are busy on the 13<sup>th</sup>, go another day - which is what a lot of people do.

The **sponsorship money is split 50/50 between your local Church** and the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust (SHCT), which awards grants for repairs and improvements to our Churches and Chapels.

'Ride+Stride' is a National event by the National Churches Trust and Shropshire is pleased to join in. The basic idea is two-fold:

- (1) Churches are open for visitors on Saturday 13 Sept from about 10 to 6, ideally with light refreshments (biscuits. squash; cake maybe).
- (2) Anyone can visit as few or as many churches as you wish.

Go anywhere ... on foot, by bike, **or by car**, using our Sponsorship Form to collect sponsorship for your church and for the Trust.

Get some sponsors to back you on a church-based trip to some of our Churches.

The **Sponsorship Form** is on the website **[www.shropshirehct.org.uk](http://www.shropshirehct.org.uk)**

Or contact your local church organiser. You can still go and visit other churches, even if your own church is closed. Visiting is important; otherwise, the event will cease. **The county raised £38,446 last year - a record!**

Our two Dioceses, Hereford and Lichfield, are encouraging it to grow - even in Parishes where the event is not well-known and the open churches get hardly any visitors. Yet. Please 'have a go' this year. **Help preserve our Churches in good repair; and help to keep them open for the future.**

David Hardham (Trustee – and County Organiser for Ride+Stride)

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Full details on SHCT website: [www.shropshirehct.org.uk](http://www.shropshirehct.org.uk)

or contact Sheila Royle (Local organiser, St Mary's Bridgnorth)  
[sroyle42@btinternet.com](mailto:sroyle42@btinternet.com)

## Tasley News

Welcome to the September edition of Cross+Link. What a Summer of sunshine it's been. I hope everyone has been able to cope with the heat.

At our Communion Service in July and again in August we welcomed Revd Suzan and our Curate Revd Vickie to lead our Worship.

On 18th July the Marriage of Morgan and Melissa took place here at Tasley. Congratulations and All good wishes to them both.

The puddings afternoon held at Manderly House and hosted by The Tasley Social Committee on 13th July was a great success. The weather was glorious and the Ukulele Band were there once more to entertain us for the afternoon. £910 was raised and it will be divided between Hope House and Severn Hospice. Thank you to everyone for their support.



The Shropshire Historic Churches annual Ride+Stride event takes place on Saturday 13th September. We wish all those taking part the very best of luck. Although the Church won't be open refreshments will be available at the door along side the signing in form.

On Sunday 21st September there will be no Service at Tasley, but we will be joining the congregation at St Leonard's Hall Church for Holy Communion at 10.30am.

As Autumn approaches we now look ahead to our Harvest Festival which will be held as usual during our All Age Worship at 10.30am on the 12th October. We're also planning another Quiz Night with our very own Quiz Master Barry. A night not to be missed!

Don't forget it's Coffee Morning on the 1st September. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Bob**

# Tasley 100 Club Winners

## July

2 Jenifer Caine  
19 Susan Shilvock  
73 Mal Hollands

## August

87 Brian Williams  
10 Lesley Winwood  
9 David Winwood

## Future events

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Sept** – “Flicks in the Sticks” with Fish & Chips in the village hall at 7pm. The film will be The David Attenborough film “Ocean “ - £12

**Mon - 13 Oct** – Harvest Supper in the village hall at 7pm - £12

*Margaret*

# Loaves and Fishes

St Mary's Church Bridgnorth

Friday 12th to Monday 15th September

An exhibition of hand built glass by local Glass Artist ~ Angie Tuer ~every piece is individually designed and therefore unique.

Please come and enjoy!



## Oldbury News

August and Trinity - generally a quiet time for churches, with no major festivals or events in prospect, mainly because it's the major holiday period and lots of people aren't there for at least some of the month. Oldbury is no exception, but things are still happening at St. Nicholas.

Firstly, we will have celebrated the wedding of Tom and Amber at the end of August. We've got to know them quite well over the year since they started attending and decided to have their wedding here, and we wish them every happiness in their new life together afterwards.

Secondly, we've been trying to plan ahead, at least to Harvest, and various ideas have come forward – none fixed by the time I have to send these notes in, so I can't confirm whether it will be just a simple service on an October Sunday morning, or whether we will be reviving our Harvest Lunch in some form, possibly with the Village Hall – but by the next issue it should be clear!

Before I go on to the serious practical matter of the church building, I must mention our VJ Day Commemoration on 15th August – ringing the bell and sharing stories of family members' experiences of the final end to World War 2, overshadowed by the way it was brought about. It probably won't be recognised again in my lifetime, so I'm grateful that we did mark it in this gentle way.

Now the grim bit. Our Quinquennial inspection was done in July, and for once revealed no major problems with the fabric of the building itself, apart from a patch of damp that we had already spotted at the far end of the north aisle. . . Phew, I thought – we can go ahead and look at long-term plans to upgrade our energy systems to something more efficient and eco-friendly. Then we received the accompanying report on our electrical systems and it appears that the deterioration of aging cables and elements has caught up with us, and we now have to take some drastic action if we are to have safe heating and lighting before this coming winter. Oh dear. Let's hope for a mild autumn and a late winter – please think of us as you turn on your heating!

***Liz Fisher-Church Warden at least until the APCM***

## ***A Historic Step Forward***

On 15th July 2025, after more than three years of tireless campaigning, it was officially announced that grief education will now be included in the national curriculum for schools in England.

This landmark decision marks the first time that learning about death, dying and bereavement will be recognised as an essential part of a child's education. By the end of primary school, children will learn that change and loss – including bereavement – can provoke a range of feelings, that grief is a natural response to loss, and that everyone grieves differently. By the end of secondary school, this understanding will be deepened, exploring how families and relationships change over time,



including through birth, death, separation and new relationships.

The campaign was spearheaded by John Adams, of Perry & Phillips Funeral Directors (pictured above), author, and past President of the National Association of Funeral Directors (NAFD). Inspired by the loss of his Mum, Maria, when John was 12 years old; the experiences



supporting grieving families, and motivated by the belief that no child should face bereavement without understanding and support, John launched a parliamentary petition in 2022 whilst National President of the NAFD. The petition to add content on death, dying and bereavement into the national curriculum gained 11,322 signatures, and was debated in Parliament in December 2024, which John and a small cohort attended, this has now resulted in this historic change to statutory guidance for schools.

## ***A Historic Step Forward Continued***

John said:

*"This is not just a change in policy – it's a change in the way our society approaches one of life's most difficult but universal experiences. Death touches every family. By teaching children from a young age about grief, we can create a generation that is more compassionate, understanding, and equipped to support one another in times of loss. This has been a long journey, but it's only the beginning of what I hope will be a lasting cultural shift."*



For churches, this development offers new opportunities to connect with and support local schools. Grief education aligns closely with the Christian call to "mourn with those who mourn" (Romans 12:15), helping young people understand the value of care, compassion, and hope. It also encourages

communities to break the silence that often surrounds death, creating spaces for open and honest conversations.

John's campaign has already inspired conversations beyond the UK, with interest from Australia and New Zealand, where John will be speaking at later this year. The hope is that this initiative will one day become a global movement, ensuring that wherever a child grows up, they will have the knowledge, language and confidence to face grief with support around them.

Pictured above: John Adams, Katie Slater & Chris Adams of Perry & Phillips

Pictured right: The late Maria Adams, Mother of John Adams & Katie Slater—who has been the fuel throughout.







Why am I here? What is life all about?

Are you asking questions?

Do you want to find purpose and meaning?

Then the Alpha course may be just what you need.

Come along to the Baptist Church on East Castle St

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of September at 7pm to find out more.

Contact Suzan [rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com](mailto:rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com) or  
07840 521499

or Corinne James [corinne.james@bridgnorthbaptist.co.uk](mailto:corinne.james@bridgnorthbaptist.co.uk) or  
01746 768129

**Is Jesus real and what is all this faith  
about?**



### **CHURCH ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR**

St Mary Magdalene Church, Bridgnorth

We are looking to appoint an experienced and passionate person.  
Who will restore our church choir and support the musical side of our  
ministry as the civic church in Bridgnorth.

We're also looking for someone who will work collaboratively with the  
local schools and established ministry team in the church, including  
the St Mary's chamber choir.

Remuneration will be by quarterly reimbursement and holidays will  
need to be agreed in consultation with the incumbent.

Interview date Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of September 1pm

If you're interested in applying for the role, please contact Reverend  
Suzan Williams [rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com](mailto:rectorbridgnorthandmorville@gmail.com) for more  
information and an interview pack.



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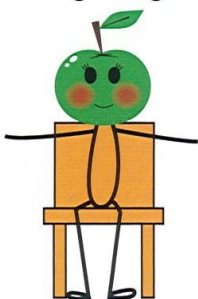
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