



## Notices Sunday 14th April, 2024

### Easter 3

Welcome to The Bridge church. If you are a visitor you can find out more about the life and ministry of the church by visiting our website [www.thebridgeredditch.co.uk](http://www.thebridgeredditch.co.uk) or by following our facebook page or X (formerly Twitter) account.

#### HEADLESS CROSS GREEN DREAM TEAM

We have had a few people volunteer to help with refreshments at the May Fayre on the Green on Monday 6th April, We are looking for another half dozen volunteers. Could you be one? This is an event the church was regularly involved in pre-covid and a great way of reaching out to the local community. If you could help, please let a warden or steward know by next Sunday

#### ELECTORAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Please note that the Electoral Roll will close on **14th April** so all forms will need to be returned to Sarah Curtiss by today.

If you are:-

- Over 16 years of age
- Have been worshipping at The Bridge regularly for at least six months or live within the parish
- Baptised into the Church of England or a church in communion with the church of England

If you can say yes to all the above then you are eligible to join the Electoral Roll. Forms are available. Please ask the duty Wardens/Stewards or Welcomers.

#### ORDER! ORDER!

Thanks for the reports submitted ahead of our AGM on **Thursday 9th May**. Please ensure ALL reports are submitted to the Administrator, by **Monday 15th April**.

#### IS IT YOU?

Following the announcement that Julian Grubb is stepping down as Churchwarden at the AGM in May, we need to elect a new Churchwarden, but what exactly does a warden do?

- ◆ Buildings, make sure they are looked after and the grounds are well-cared for
- ◆ Records - ensures these are kept up to date and the property of the church is looked after.
- ◆ Ensure services run smoothly,
- ◆ Supports the clergy as required

Churchwarden's don't have to do everything themselves, because there are lovely people in the church to help them. For further information speak to Father Glenn or Brian.

#### BLUEBELL BONANZA

Great news Peckwood will be open again this spring so that we can admire the beautiful array of bluebells. Peckwood will be open from Monday 29th April to Wednesday 8th May, please see overleaf for full details of opening times.

#### MORE THAN WELCOMING

Revd Inderjit Bhogal will be running an online session giving guidance on how to engage with South Asian communities on Tuesday 30th April at 7.30pm. Please book your place <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/more-than-welcoming-engaging-with-south-asian-communities-registration-776334787247>

### Sunday 14th April - Easter 3

10.30am Morning Worship with Terry Bill

Acts 3:12-29, Psalms 4,  
1 John 3:1-7 &  
Luke 24:36b—48

#### Collect for 2nd Sunday in Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

#### Sunday 21st April

10.30am Morning Worship with Revd Ruth Wilson

Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23,  
1 John 3:16 to end &  
John 10:11-18

#### Online Evening Prayer

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

#### CONTACT DETAILS

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#### Safeguarding

Please contact Fr Glenn Reading or Revd Ruth Wilson if you have any concerns

#### Diocesan Safeguarding Officer

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**We are also on facebook and X (formerly twitter)**@bridgeredditch

#### CIRCUIT CONSULTATION

The Circuit Leadership Team invite you to a circuit-wide consultation at Studley Methodist Church on Sat 18th May. The session will begin with breakfast at 9.00am before a consultation between 10am and 12noon. To help with catering please book your breakfast by emailing [cwwstudley@outlook.com](mailto:cwwstudley@outlook.com)

#### THE BATTLE OF WORCESTER

The Mercian Society will be looking at the Battle of Worcester at their meeting on Wednesday 17th April.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Events in the hall unless stated otherwise

### Monday 15th April

10.00am Toddlers  
7.30pm Friends of Gruchet

### Tuesday 16th April

10.00am Exercise Class in the Hall  
10.00am Holy Communion at Astwood Bank  
2.30pm u3a  
6.30pm Girls' Brigade

### Wednesday 17th April

7.15pm Mercian Society

### Thursday 18th April

10.00am Charity Shop reopens  
10.00am Holy Communion at Crabbs Cross  
10.00am Police Surgery in the Small Hall  
1.30pm Crafty Thursday  
7.30pm Kingfisher Quilters

### Friday 19th April

10.00am Charity Shop  
6.30pm Boys Brigade

### Saturday 20th Apr

11.00am Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group in the Small Hall

## MIDWEEK COMMUNION BREAK

Please note that the midweek communion will be taking a break over the next few weeks. The next one will be on Wednesday 24th April.

## COME AND HAVE A GO!

Come along and have a go at a bird collage on Thursday 25th April at 10am. All materials will be provided. The event will take place in the small hall. Maybe you don't feel very arty, but have you ever tried collage? Come and have a go!

To find out more please contact Maureen Brown [mobrown1@virginmedia.com](mailto:mobrown1@virginmedia.com)

## GOING FOR A SONG

St Bartholomew's Tardebigge will be hosting a 'Come & Sing Evensong' on Sunday 26th May. Rehearsal starts at 3pm for a service at 6pm. Afternoon tea will be included. The event will be led by the Venerable Paul Taylor, Emeritus Archdeacon of Sherborne. Paul has an impressive pedigree, as he studied organ with John Webster from University College, Oxford and H.A Bates (St James, Muswell Hill). Prior to ordination Paul was organist and choirmaster at St Paul's, Mill Hill, London. Paul was also of the Chapel Choir at Fitzwilliam College, whilst studying at Westcott House.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tue	23 Apr	10.30am	Seeds & Saplings @ Peckwood
		12.30pm	Lunchtime Learning - Reading Ruth held on Zoom - booking essential
Wed	24 Apr	11.00am	Wandering & Wondering @ Peckwood
Sun	28 Apr	6.00pm	Easter Offering Dedication Service - Methodist Women in Britain at Bromsgrove Methodist Church Centre
Mon	29 Apr	9.30am	Peckwood open until 8.00pm
Tue	30 Apr	9.30am	Peckwood open until 8.00pm
		7.30pm	More Than Welcoming - on Zoom
Thur	2 May	9.30am	Peckwood open until 8.00pm
Sat	4 May	10.00am	Genesis Study Day at Trinity Meth Ch Kidderminster
Sun	5 May	4.00pm	Forest Church at Peckwood
		6.00pm	Peckwood open until 9.00pm
Mon	6 May	9.30am	
		12noon	Wandering & Wondering @ Peckwood
Tue	7 May	9.30am	Peckwood open until 8.00pm
Wed	8 May	9.30am	Peckwood open until 8.00pm
Thur	9 May		Church AGM
Wed	15 May	12.30pm	Lunchtime Learning - Exploring Esther held on Zoom - booking essential
Thur	16 May	11.30am	Wardens & Stewards
Sat	18 May	9.00am	Circuit Consultation at Studley Methodist Church
Wed	26 June	7.30pm	Church Council at No.71
Mon	29 Apr	9.30am	Peckwood open until 8.00pm

## PERE CAM 24

Worcester Cathedral Peregrine Cam is back online again. You can watch all the action in and around the nest high up in the cathedral at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mHVU7ZFfyuM>

## DARLING BUDS OF MAY

Headless Cross Community Orchard have invited The Bridge to run a tea tent at the May Fayre on the Green on Monday 6th May between 11am and 3pm. If you can help please have a word with one of the stewards or Wardens by next Sunday.

## ARCHDEACON RESCHEDULED

Last October, Archdeacon Nikki Groake was scheduled to visit The Bridge. Unfortunately Archdeacon Nikki was suffering from Covid and was not able to attend.

The visit has been rescheduled for **Sunday 5th May** at 10.30am. Please make a note of this date in the diary. It would be really good if we could have a full church to welcome the Archdeacon. We want Nikki to see what a vibrant and exciting church we have!

If you have any questions about the proposed reorganisation to the Anglican churches in Redditch, then it would be a good opportunity to ask them.

## SUPPORTING THE LIFE & MINISTRY OF THE BRIDGE

We realise that many of you will want to make a donation to the life and ministry of the church, but many of us do not carry cash. Good news - there are other ways to give. You can scan the QR code or go to our website <https://www.thebridgeredditch.co.uk/> and click the link at the top of the home page which will provide details of the church bank account as below.

The Bridge Church Sort code 40-43-54 Account 81604015

Please put ref as "QR (then your name or leave blank)". If you would like your donation to go to any specific use, then please email our treasurer [terry.bill@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:terry.bill@blueyonder.co.uk) and let him know.

It would be useful if a few people could trial this new system and let us know how you get on.

If you prefer more traditional methods of payments you are still able to make donations by cash or cheque.

Cash donations are particularly welcome as we can reclaim Gift Aid even if you are not a tax payer. For further information speak to our Treasurer, Terry Bill. Thank you for supporting the life and mission of The Bridge.

