

Sunday 11th February - Last before Lent

10.30am Morning Worship with
Chas Ashworth
2 Kings 5:1-14 & Mark 1:40-45

Collect for Last Sunday before Lent

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer
with him and be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Sunday 18th February

First Sunday in Lent

10.30am Holy Communion with
Revd Ruth Wilson
Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-9,
1 Peter 3:18-22 & Mark 1:9-15.

Online Evening Prayer

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

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Safeguarding

Please contact Fr Glenn Reading or
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We are also on facebook and twitter
[@bridgeredditch](https://www.facebook.com/bridgeredditch)

JOIN GB FOR A CUPPA

Girls' Brigade are hosting a
Cake & a Cuppa morning
on Saturday 24th February
between 10am and 4pm
to raise money for
Dementia UK. Activities will
be on offer and there will be the
opportunity to make some purchases.



MARMALADE MAGNIFICO

Judith Grubb will again be selling jars of
her magnificent Marmalade for just
£2.50 per jar. Perfect to brighten up your
breakfast, to lavish on your lunch or
afternoon tea.
Paddington would thoroughly approve.
Proceeds to church funds.

The **Methodist Church**



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Notices Sunday 11th February, 2024

Last Sunday Before Lent

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 or by following our facebook page or X (formerly Twitter) account.

ASH WEDNESDAY AT THE BRIDGE

The Bridge will be hosting the Ash Wednesday service at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th February, when we will be joined by friends from across the benefice for a special service to mark the beginning of Lent.

LENT AT THE BRIDGE

Leaflets providing details of events happening up to Easter, including a Lent course '**A Beautiful Friendship**' based on the film Casablanca (what's not to like?) will run on Wednesday mornings in the small hall and on Wednesday evenings on zoom, allowing you to join from the comfort of your own fireside. If you would be interested in attending either the face to face meet up or the online session please contact Fr. Glenn on glenn.reading@gmail.com or 07964 282278

EASTER REMEMBRANCE LILLIES

Should you want to contribute towards the Easter Remembrance Lilies this year there is a collection bowl and a list in the Church. Please add the name(s) of your loved ones to the list and put your donation in the bowl. If you have any queries please contact Carol Langley 01527 401295

EVERYWOMAN'S CIRCLE GET CRAFTY

On Valentine's Day (Feb 14th) Michael Chalk will be giving a demo of 'Hardwood Craft'. Ladies, if you want to find out more, come along to the meeting and find out!

LIFE AFTER DEATH

Bishop John invites you to one of the first showings of an award-winning film, Life over Death, to mark the tenth anniversary of his late wife Denise's death on Easter Day 2014 and the posthumous publication of her book A Tour of Bones. The film is about the charnel house – a medieval vaulted room filled with bones – underneath the front of their house in College Yard. The film is, like the book A Tour of Bones, a meditation on life and death; an appropriate theme on which to reflect in Lent. After the showing – the film is brief – there will be a conversation and Q&A session with me and the film's makers, Conteur, with whom it was a joy to work on its production. There will also be a chance to see exclusive 'behind the scenes' footage. Refreshments will be available.

Tickets for the evening cost £16 and will raise funds for the Cathedral, which Denise loved. The Cathedral, amongst all else, has responsibility for the maintenance of the charnel house over which I live. You can book them at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/life-over-death-cathedral-screening-tickets-814134116057?aff=oddtcreator>

DONATIONS! DONATIONS! DONATIONS!

The charity shop & Café is open on Thursday & Friday mornings. Volunteers eagerly await your donations, so have a spring clean and declutter and make their day!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Events in the hall unless stated otherwise

Monday 12th February

10.00am Toddlers

Tuesday 13th February

10.00am Exercise Class in the Hall

2.00pm u3a

6.00pm Girls' Brigade

Wednesday 14th February

7.30pm Benefice Ash Wednesday service in church 7.30pm

7.30pm Let's Sing Community Choir
ABOS at No 71. private event

Thursday 15th February

10.00am Charity Shop & Café (until 12.45pm)

11.30am Wardens & Stewards at No.71.

7.30pm Philatelic Society

Friday 16th February

10.00am Charity Shop & Café (until 12.45pm)

6.30pm Boys Brigade

Saturday 17th February

11.00am Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group in the small hall

6.30pm SHOUT! At Lichfield Methodist Church

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Cardiff Methodist Community Choir will be bringing their tour

SHOUT! To Lichfield Methodist

Church on Saturday 17th

February. Doors open 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Further details available at We are

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ARCHDEACON RESCHEDULED

Last October, Archdeacon Nikki Groake was scheduled to visit The Bridge. Unfortunately she got Covid and was not able to attend. Her 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.

LENT READING

A variety of Lent books are available from local Christian bookshops or online <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/lent-resources>
What will you read this Lent?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed	21 Feb	11.00am	Lent Course in the Small Hall
		7.30pm	Lent Course online using Zoom
Wed	28 Feb	11.00am	Lent Course in the Small Hall
		7.30pm	Lent Course online using Zoom
Fri	1 Mar		World Day of Prayer
Sun	3 Mar	12.30pm	Baptism
Wed	6 Mar	11.00am	Lent Course in the Small Hall
		7.30pm	Lent Course online using Zoom
Sun	10 Mar	10.30am	Mothering Sunday
Wed	13 Mar	11.00am	Lent Course in the Small Hall
		7.30pm	Lent Course online using Zoom
Sat	16 Mar	11.00am	Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group in the small hall
Tue	19 Mar	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross at Astwood Bank
Wed	20 Mar	11.00am	Lent Course in the Small Hall
		7.30pm	Lent Course online using Zoom
Sat	23 Mar		Philatelics Auction
Thur	28 Mar	7.30pm	Eucharist with Foot Washing at Feckenham
Fri	29 Mar	2.00pm	Reflections on the Cross The Bridge
		3.00pm	Good Friday Liturgy with Passion Narrative at Astwood Bank
Sat	30 Mar	7.30pm	Easter Vigil with Easter Fire
Sun	31 Mar	10.30am	Easter Day Eucharist at The Bridge
		11.00am	Redditch Flower Festival @ St Stephens
Mon	1 Apr	11.00am	Redditch Flower Festival @ St Stephens
Tue	2 Apr	10.00am	Redditch Flower Festival @ St Stephens
Wed	26 June	7.30pm	Church Council at No.71

FLOWER POWER!

If you would like to contribute an arrangement to the Flower Festival organised by Revitalise Redditch, to be held over Easter at St Stephen's in the town centre please contact Elaine Whitfield at elainewhitfield@holyltrinityredditch.org.uk or telephone 07836 644445 with your declaration of interest by **February 10th**.

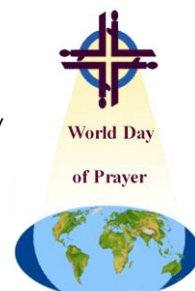
We know that The Bridge has some excellent floral arrangers, so we do hope that there will be some entries on behalf of The Bridge. Arrangements should arrive at St Stephen's by midday on Saturday 30th March. There is no limit to how many arrangements can be submitted on behalf of a church.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 1st March is the World Day of Prayer (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer).

There will be a service at Crabbs Cross Methodist Church. Further details to follow.

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims.



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 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.

