

## Notices Sunday 24th November, 2024 CHRIST THE KING & STIR UP SUNDAY

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.

### NEW HUBS, NEW LOGO

As the Methodist church develops ways of working together in Hubs, there will be a monthly newsletter, which will be sent out with The Bridge newsletter. There is also a lovely new logo to highlight Hub events and reminds us that we are part of a larger group of churches. Look out for the new logo.



### TIME TRAVELLERS

At Everywoman's Circle this week, guest speakers, Paul and Helen will be reminding members about a 1950's Christmas - ice in the inside of the window, chillblains, smoky fires and outside toilets. Yes, those were the days, my friend. Come and take a trip down memory lane and reminisce of how things were, back in the good old days.

### THANK YOU

On Sunday 1st December you are invited to a Circuit Service at Bromsgrove Methodist Church at 4pm to affirm and celebrate the Ministry of local preachers. The service will also include the presentation of long service awards. All welcome.



**Circuit Service**  
Sunday 1st December  
at 4.00pm



Join us on the afternoon of  
Advent Sunday  
to affirm and celebrate  
the ministry of  
Circuit Local Preachers

including the presentation of Long Service Awards  
and Holy Communion

at Bromsgrove Methodist Church

### Ann Tedstone

We are sad to announce that Ann passed away on Tuesday 5th of November aged 91.

Older members of The Bridge may remember Ann being a member of the choir, a flower lady and was involved in many and varied aspects of church life. Ann's funeral will take place on Friday 6th December at 10.30am at St Johns Bromsgrove followed by Redditch Crem. Arrangements for the wake will be circulated once they are confirmed.

### Sylvia Czink

Sylvia taught for many years at St Luke's first school and later supporting children with dyslexia and even got a shout out at a Panto at the Palace Theatre one year when some of her much loved students were taking part. Sylvia took an active part in churches in the town for many years and will be remembered with great fondness by those who knew her. Sylvias funeral will take place at 11am on Tuesday 10th December at Redditch Crem.

### Eileen May

Eileen was a long time member of Headless Cross Methodist Church and later The Bridge and died recently. Eileen's funeral will take place at The Bridge church on Tuesday 10th December at 10.30am followed by a burial in Leicestershire.

### CHRIST THE KING or STIR UP SUNDAY

10.30AM Morning Worship with  
Terry Bill  
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14,  
Psalm 93, Revelation 1:4b-8  
and John 18:33-37

### Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(or)

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. Amen.

### Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Psalm 93, Revelation 1:4b-8  
and John 18:33-37

4.00pm Circuit Service at Bromsgrove  
Methodist Church

### Online Evening Prayer

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

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### REDDITCH MISSION AREA

A video giving further details about the Redditch Mission area is available to watch <https://vimeo.com/1029402727>

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Events in the hall unless stated otherwise

### Monday 25th November

10.00am Toddlers

### Tues 26th November

10.00am Exercise Classes

10.00am Holy Communion at Astwd Bank

10.30am Seeds & Saplings @ Peckwood

2.00pm Quest

6.30pm Girl's Brigade

### Wednesday 27th November

10.00am Holy Communion

2.30pm Everywoman

### Thursday 28th November

10.00am Charity Shop & Café

10.30am Holy Communion at Crabbs Cr

1.30pm Crafty Thursday

7.30pm Kingfisher Quilters

### Friday 29th November

10.00am Charity Shop & Café

10.00am Stations of the Cross at Cr Cr

## HELPERS REQUIRED

Could you spare some time to help set up the charity shop once or twice a month on a Thursday or Friday morning? Help is needed for half an hour at 9.15 and for another half an hour at 12.45pm.

Further details from Maureen Brown  
mobrown1@virginmedia.com or pop in to the Charity Shop on a Thursday or Friday morning.

## TOY SERVICE

Our annual Toy Service will be on Sunday 8th December. Donations of new toys will be gratefully received. These are passed on to a local charity who support families who will otherwise struggle this Christmas.

### TOY SERVICE @ THE BRIDGE

We will be receiving new,  
or good-as-new, toys & gifts  
for children and teenagers.

**Sunday**  
**8th December**  
**at 10.30am**

Please bring gifts unwrapped  
so the local charity we support,

**HOMESTART.**

can match your gifts  
to ensure a

Happy Christmas  
for local young people  
and children

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**START**  
North East  
Worcestershire



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

|      |        |         |  |
|------|--------|---------|--|
| Sun  | 1 Dec  | 10.30am | Advent Service   |
|      |        | 4.00pm  | Circuit Local Preachers Service at Bromsgrove Methodist Church   |
| Tue  | 3 Dec  | 10.00am | Little Fishes in church  |
| Fri  | 6 Dec  | 10.30am | Funeral of Ann Tedstone at St John's Bromsgrove, then Redditch Crem  |
|      |        | 7.30pm  | The Darkest Christmas @Redditch Baptist Church   |
| Sun  | 8 Dec  | 10.30am | Toy Service  |
| Tue  | 10 Dec | 10.30am | Funeral of Eileen May at The Bridge  |
|      |        | 11.00am | Funeral of Sylvia Czink at Redditch Crem   |
|      |        |         | Little Oaks Nativity   |
| Wed  | 11 Dec |         |  |
| Thur | 12 Dec | 11.00am | Carols in the Cafe   |
| Sat  | 14 Dec | 9.00am  | Breakfast With Santa   |
|      |        | 11.00am | Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group The Feast of St John of the Cross.   |
| Sun  | 15 Dec | 10.30am | Christingle Service - Guides & Scouts  |
| Mon  | 16 Dec | 10.00am | Oakhill School visit   |
| Tue  | 17 Dec |         | St Luke's Christmas Experience  |
|      |        | 7.00pm  | Brigades Christingle   |
| Wed  | 18     |         | Walkwood Carol Concert   |
| Thur | 19 Dec | 11.00am | Wandering & Wondering@Peckwood   |
| Fri  | 20 Dec | 2.00pm  | Remembering Christmas at Bromsgrove Methodist Church   |
| Sat  | 22 Dec | 3.30pm  | Carols in the Woods @Peckwood  |
|      |        | 6.00pm  | Carol Service  |
| Tues | 24 Dec | 3.00pm  | Crib Service   |
| Wed  | 25 Dec | 10.30am | Holy Communion   |
| Sun  | 2 Feb  | 3.30pm  | Forest Space@Peckwood  |

## BANISH WRITERS CRAMP!

Good news! The Big Christmas Card will be back for Christmas 2024! Yes, instead of writing, and addressing 100 Christmas cards (and worrying that you may have missed someone) you can send a Christmas greeting to everyone by writing a message in The Bridge Big Christmas Card, lovingly made by Toddlers AND give a donation to charity.

## REMEMBERING CHRISTMAS

Bromsgrove Methodist Church are hosting an informal and accessible carol service on Friday 20th December between 2-4pm.

## ADVENT ONLINE QUIET EVENINGS

The Quiet Garden Trust are offering online Quiet Evenings during advent. Follow Mary, the Kings and the shepherds as you journey through Advent. Tickets available through Eventbrite for a donation. Sessions will be held online on Monday 2nd December 7.30 - 8pm., with subsequent sessions on 9th and 16th December. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/journeys-through-advent-tickets-1058151081369?aff=oddtcreator>

## 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. 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.

