



## Notices Sunday 4th May, 2025

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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)

### MAY DAY! MAY DAY!

Tomorrow is the big day when we will be offering refreshments to members of the local community as part of the May Fayre celebrations. Hopefully the sun will shine and we will be able to put tables up outside the front of the hall. If you are free, do pop in, who knows where those conversations will lead? Have a word with Julian to see how you can get involved.

#### Timeline

Set up	10am - 11am
Serving refreshments	11am - 2pm
Clear up	2pm - 3pm

### AGM@THEBRIDGE

Please note that The Bridge Annual Church Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 6th May** at 7.30pm **in church**. At this meeting we will be looking to appoint Churchwardens and Deanery Synod Reps, so if you would like to know more about those pots please chat to a member of the Wardens & Stewards. Meanwhile hope that all members of The Bridge will be able to attend. Thank you to everyone who has submitted a report. If all goes to plan the Annual report will be circulated, along with this week's weekly sheet. There will be a few spare for those who do not have access to an appropriate electronic device which they can bring to the meeting,

### SUMMER SENSATIONS!

Now Easter is over it is time to dig out your diaries and let me know any dates you are **NOT AVAILABLE** during the summer quarter - June, July and August. If you could respond by **Tuesday 6th May**, that would be very helpful. No reply necessary if you are available to be included on the rota every week over the summer.

### EVERYWOMAN'S CIRCLE CELEBRATE

Everywoman's Circle will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE Day at their meeting on Wednesday 14th May at 2.15pm. Please note that Everywoman's Circle meet on the **second** and **fourth** Wednesdays of the month, which often is fortnightly, but not always. When there is a fifth Wednesday they get an extra week off!

### EASTER OFFERING AT CATSHILL FOR THE CIRCUIT

On June 8th at 6pm, the Easter Offering Service will be held which has been organised and led by the Circuit MWiB representatives. This is an annual Circuit event where the special offerings invited to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Britain, The theme this year is Education for All, Hope for All and offers a moment to consider how education transforms lives and communities, opening God's promise of hope and fullness of life for all people.

### FAREWELL TO REVD. LATIKA

The circuit will be saying a very fond farewell to Revd Latika Singh on Sun July 27th at 4pm at Catshill. The service will be followed by a buffet. Revd Latika is moving on to the Huntingdon & St Neots circuit.



### Sunday 4th May Third Sunday of Easter

10.30am Holy Communion with Father Glenn Reading Acts 9:1-6 [7-20] or Zeph 3:14 to end, Psalm 30, Rev 5:11 to end & John 21:1-19

### Collect for the 3rd Sunday of 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 11th May Third Sunday of Easter

10.30am Holy Communion with Father Glenn Reading Acts 9:1-6 [7-20] or Zeph 3:14 to end, Psalm 30, Rev 5:11 to end & John 21:1-19

### Online Evening Prayer

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

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### MIRRIAM ; POET & PROPHET

Dr Rachel Starr will be leading the next online session of Lunchtime learning on Wed 14th May 12.30-1.30pm  
Booking details are on the Diocese website <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/calendar/1420>

### BLUEBELLS AND CREAM TEAS

After the excitement of helping with refreshments for the **May Day Fayre** on Headless Cross Green and clearing up, make your way out to Peckwood and enjoy bluebells and cream teas which will be served until 3pm.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Events in the hall unless stated otherwise

### Monday 5th May

10.00am Set up for May Day event  
11.00am Refreshments in the hall for May Day Festival on Headless Cross Green  
12.00noon Bluebells & Cream teas Peckw'd.

### Tuesday 6th May

10.00am Exercise Class  
10.00am Holy Communion at Astwood Bank church  
2.00pm u3a  
6.30pm Girls' Brigade  
7.30pm The Bridge AGM in church

### Wednesday 7th May

10.00am Holy Communion in church  
4.30pm Creative Carousel

### Thursday 8th May

10.00am Charity Shop & Café  
10.00am Holy Communion at Crabbs Cross church.  
11.30am Wardens & Stewards Meeting  
1.30pm Crafty Thursday  
3.00pm Prayer Course @ St Andrews  
7.30pm Kingfisher Quilters

### Friday 9th May

10.00am Charity Shop & Café  
6.30pm Boys' Brigade

### Saturday 10th May

10.00am Rehearsal for Singing Together  
10.00am Ignation Spirituality Retreat -  
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

## FECKENHAM OPEN GARDENS

Sat 17th & Sun 18th May 11-5pm. Twenty five gardens to admire and explore plus a flower festival in church, refreshments, plant sales and lots more! Book the date in your diary now!

## HOLLAND HOUSE SUMMER PROGRAMME

We are very fortunate to have a beautiful retreat house in Worcestershire which holds a variety of events. Examples from their spring programme include a retreat based on the teaching of Julian of Norwich, Quiet Garden Days, scrapbook sessions. A day focusing on the works of A E Houseman, a Labyrinth day and much more. Check out the programme for full details

<https://hollandhouse.org/programme/>

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tue 13 May 10.30am Seeds & Saplings@Peckwood  
Wed 14 May 11.00am Wandering & Wondering@Peckwood  
12.30pm Lunchtime Learning Miriam: Poet & Prophet with Dr Rachel Starr on Zoom  
Fri 16 May 7.30pm Imaner Entertainment@Alcester Meth C  
Sat 17 May 10.00am Rehearsal for Singing Together  
Feckenham Open Gardens  
Sun 18 May Feckenham Open Gardens  
5.00pm Forest Church at Peckwood  
Thur 22 May 7.30pm Ordinands Service Dale St. M C Leamtn  
Sun 1 June 5.00pm Forest Church at Peckwood  
Wed 4 June 11.00am Wandering & Wondering@Peckwood  
Sat 7 June 10.00am Rehearsal for Singing Together  
Sun 8 June 6.00pm Easter Offering Service @Catshill  
Wed 11 June 12.30pm Lunchtime Learning - Mary Magdalene with Doug Chaplin  
Thur 12 June 11.30am Wardens & Stewards Meeting  
Sat 14 June 10.00am Rehearsal for Singing Together  
Sun 15 June 3.30pm Celebration of 1700th Anniversary of the Nicene Creed  
Tue 17 June 10.30am Seeds & Saplings@Peckwood  
Wed 25 June 7.30pm Church Council  
Wed 2 July 11.00am Wandering & Wondering@Peckwood  
Tue 8 July 10.30am Seeds & Saplings@Peckwood  
Wed 9 July 12.30pm Lunctime Learning Mary, Mother of our Lord with Mother Victoria Barlow  
Thur 10 July 11.30am Wardens & Stewards Meeting  
Wed 23 July 11.00am Wandering & Wondering@Peckwood  
Sun 27 July 4.00pm Farewell service for Revd. Latika Singh  
Sun 3 Aug 5.00pm Forest Church @ Peckwood  
Wed 3 Sept 11.00am Wandering & Wondering@Peckwood  
Thur 11 Sept 11.30am Wardens & Stewards Meeting  
Tue 16 Sept 10.30am Seeds & Saplings@Peckwood  
Wed 17 Sept 11.00am Wandering & Wondering@Peckwood  
Sun 21st Sep 5.00pm Forest Church @Peckwood  
Thur 9 Oct 11.30am Wardens & Stewards Meeting  
Wed 15 Oct 11.00am Wandering & Wondering@Peckwood  
Tue 21 Oct 10.30am Seeds & Saplings@Peckwood  
Sun 9 Nov 5.00pm Forest Church @Peckwood  
Thur 13 Nov 11.30am Wardens & Stewards Meeting  
Tue 18 Nov 10.30am Seeds & Saplings@Peckwood  
Wed 19 Nov 11.00am Wandering & Wondering@Peckwood

## LET ME ENTERTAIN YOU

Imaner Entertainment will be at Alcester Methodist Church on Saturday 16th May with tunes from the 80's 90's and 00's. Tickets £8. For further information and tickets contact Sally on 07884 191101



## 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On May 11th at 10.30am, there will be a service at Catshill Methodist church to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Carole Trigger serving as a local preacher. Congratulations Carole.

## 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. 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.

