

Notices Sunday 12th October 2025 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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

WELCOME REVD NOVETTE HEADLEY

We are delighted to welcome back Revd Novette Headley to lead our service of Holy Communion this morning. Revd Novette is Chair of the Birmingham District of the Methodist church and is passionate about social justice, inclusive church practice and supporting marginalised communities

BRIGADES ENROLMENT

This evening at 6pm we shall be welcoming our Brigade members, leaders, together with families and friends for their annual enrolment service. Members of the congregation are very welcome to join us for this service of celebration. Our Brigades welcome new members between the ages of 5 and 18. If you would like to know more please contact Paul paul.gration@1stredditch.com or Tracey Gratian. or tracey.gratian@1stredditch.com

MARJORIE AND NASIEF ON THE MOVE

Marjorie and Nasief Kavar are moving this week to a care home near Bristol.

Some months ago Marjorie had a fall, from which she has recovered, but it led her to the decision that they were no longer able or safe to live as they were, particularly with Nasief's increasing dementia and other health issues.

Marjorie and Nasief put their names down to move to a care home run by Methodist Homes for the Aged, near to where their son Michael lives. There was a waiting list and Marjorie expected a lengthy wait for a vacancy but received a call last week to say that accommodation had become available. Since then matters have moved forward very quickly. It is planned for Nasief to move there this Thursday 9th and Marjorie will herself move in permanently the following Tuesday 14th.

As they make this move please pray for them, that the move goes well and they settle quickly into their new surroundings.

BOXING DAY ARRIVES EARLY

We will be doing Teams4U with GB again this year and have cardboard boxes ready for people to fill. If you would prefer to donate items for GB to fill boxes a large plastic box eagerly awaits your donations and will remain in church until the **19th October**. Leaflets are available describing the kind of items needed.

We expect the shoe boxes to be collected by Teams4U late October so the **19th October** is the cut off date for all donations including individual shoe boxes. **This next Sunday!**

Our target is over 100 boxes again this year and it would be great if we could achieve this.

FAREWELL FATHER GLENN

Father Glenn was bid a fond farewell at Deanery Synod on Wednesday evening after serving in the Deanery since 2013. In recent years Glenn has stood in for Paul representing the Deanery at Diocesan events.



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- 10.30am** Holy Communion with
Revd Novette Headley
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7,
Psalm 66:1-11, 2 Tim 2:8-15,
Luke 17:11-19
- 6.00pm** Brigades Enrolment Service
Led by Terry Bill

Collect for the 17th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless
till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts
and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last
to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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.

Alternative Prayer

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Wednesday 15th October

- 10.00am** Midweek Holy Communion
Revd Kay Dyer

Sunday 19th October

- 18th Sunday after Trinity**
10:30am Morning Worship with
James Knott
- 3.00pm** Farewell service at
Astwood Bank for
Father Glenn Reading

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Events in the hall unless stated otherwise

Monday 13th October

10.00am Toddlers
4.30pm Creative Carousel

Tuesday 14th October

10.00am Exercise Class
10.00am Holy Communion at Ast Bank
6.30pm Girls' Brigade

Wednesday 15th October

10.00am Midweek Holy Communion
2.15pm Everywoman's Circle
4.30pm Creative Carousel
7.15pm Mercian Society

Thursday 16th October

10.00am Charity Shop & Café
10.30am Mass at Crabbs Cross
1.30pm Crafty Thursday
7.30pm Philatelics Society

Friday 17th October

10.00am Charity Shop & Café
6.30pm Boys' Brigade

Saturday 18th October

11.00am Carmelite Prayer Group

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 15 Oct	11.00am	Wandering & Wondering@Peckwood
Tue 21 Oct	10.30am	Seeds & Saplings@Peckwood
Sun 2 Nov	4.00pm	All Souls Service at Astwood Bank
Sun 9 Nov	10.15am	Remembrance Day Parade Service at The Bridge
	5.00pm	Forest Church @Peckwood
Thur 13 Nov	11.30am	Wardens & Stewards Meeting
Sun 16 Nov	10.30am	Omega Service at The Bridge
Tue 18 Nov	10.30am	Seeds & Saplings@Peckwood
Wed 19 Nov	11.00am	Wandering & Wondering@Peckwood
Sun 23 Nov	3.00pm	Licensing service at Harvington for Father Glenn Reading
		The Bridge Street Market
Sat 29 Nov		Toy Service
Sun 30 Nov	10.30am	Christmas Experience
Tue 9 Dec		Breakfast with Santa
Sat 13 Dec		Christingle Service
Sun 14 Dec	10.30am	Brigades Christingle
Tue 16 Dec		Carols in the Café
Thur 18 Dec		Carol Service
Sun 21 Dec		Crib Service
Wed 24 Dec	3.00pm	Christmas Day Service
Thur 25 Dec	10.30am	Licensing of Bishop Hugh at Worcester Cathedral
Sat 17 Jan	2.00pm	

MEET YOUR MISSION ENABLER

Anne Batchelor, Mission Enabler for the Omega Hub, will be in the Charity Shop and Café in Thursday 23rd October at 10.30am to meet you and give you the opportunity to ask her about the works she is helping us to do. Do pop in to see her.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES...

Children's Society Boxes are due for opening in October. Please bring your box to church or the Charity Shop. Boxes will be collected from homes from 13th October.

SCHOOL SERVICES

The Bridge hosts regular school events during the year as we have links with several local schools. Details are included in the weekly notices so that you are aware that they are taking place. Space at these events is very limited, so please do not feel that you are expected to attend unless you have a very strong link to that particular group. If in doubt, check with the Wardens & Stewards.

FEAST DAY OF THE WEEK - TERESA OF AVILA

Teresa of Avila was born on 28th March 1515 and died on October 4th 1582 at the age of 67, and is remembered on 15th October.

Teresa was a Spanish nun, one of the significant women in the catholic church. She was a writer and created the Carmelite way of life, with the emphasis on austerity and contemplation. Teresa was elevated to be a doctor of the church in 1970 by Pope Paul VI - the first woman to be given this honour.

After a period of ill health, Teresa developed a love for prayer. Carmelites today still follow the principles of prayer community and service to others, and we have a group who follow the Carmelite teaching who meet in our hall

Quotes from Teresa of Avila include

"Let nothing perturb you, nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything."

"Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
no hands but yours, no feet but yours,
Yours are the eyes through which to look out
Christ's compassion to the world
Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good;
Yours are the hands with which he is to bless men now."

"You pay God a compliment by asking great things of Him."

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.

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