

## Notices Sunday 13th April, 2025 Palm Sunday - Sixth Sunday in 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](http://www.thebridgeredditch.co.uk)

### CASTING OUR NETS

Come and join us in church on Tues 15th April at 10.30am to worship and explore faith through creativity using different materials, creative writing and more. A simple lunch will be served at 12 noon. All welcome.



### PREPARING OUR NETS

Rev'd Ruth and the team would be very grateful for any help in setting up for Casting our Nets after the morning service on Palm Sunday

### DATE OF AGM

Please note that The Bridge Annual Church Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 6th May** at 7.30pm in church.

We hope that all members of The Bridge will be able to attend. Thank you to everyone who has submitted a report. These will be circulated by email shortly, with some printed copies available in church for those who do not have access to the internet and/or a printer. Please sign up on the sheet in church if you would like a copy.

### EASTER AT PECKWOOD

Lots of special events happening out at Peckwood over Easter, beginning with a **Campfire Communion** on **Maundy Thursday 6.30 - 8pm**. As we gaze upon the fire we will



imagine the brazier in the courtyard of the temple where Peter denied knowing Jesus and consider what that meant for Peter and reflect on what it might mean for us.

On **Good Friday** journey through the hours of the cross as you reflect on wood sculptures by William Fairbank - what will impact you most? Take your time to wander or walk together and quietly share. Gather together to discuss the art of the stations and what you are seeing, feeling/ and thinking.

**Holy Saturday** is all about exploring the Easter story with trails, stories, poetry, labyrinths, reflections and the opportunity to admire the beauty of nature. Peckwood will be open between 11am - 3pm so bring a picnic if you would like to.

On **Easter Day** set your alarm for super early, rise at the crack of dawn and enjoy a time of celebration and Praise at 6am followed by an Easter breakfast of pastries and hot drinks.

### TO HAVE AND TO HOLD

Please keep Adam and Ellie in your prayers as their Wedding Day approaches. Many of you will know Adam, he is not only one of the Boys' Brigade officers, but also the grandson of Joan and Geoffrey Witherington-Perkins. They will be married here at The Bridge at 12noon on Friday 25th April.

**Loving God, we lift up Adam and Ellie to you with love in our hearts. and we thank you for the love they share. May their marriage be a wonderful adventure, full of laughter, understanding, and a love that lasts a lifetime. Help us, their church family, to hold them close in our thoughts and prayers. Let us be a community that supports them not just on their wedding day, but in all the years to come. Amen.**

### Palm Sunday - 13th April

10.30am Morning Worship with John Webb

### Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.

### Good Friday - 18th April

2.00pm Good Friday Meditations with Rev'd. Ruth Wilson

### Collect for Good Friday

Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

### Easter Day - 20th April

10.30am Holy Communion with Father Glenn Reading  
Acts 10. 34-43,  
1 Cor. 15. 19-26,  
John 20.1-1

### Online Evening Prayer

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

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### WINDOW DECORATION FOR EASTER

If anyone would like to decorate a window on the Saturday before Easter, 19th April, Carol will be in the church between 10 and 11am.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Events in the hall unless stated otherwise

### Tuesday 15th April

10.00am Exercise Class  
10.30am Casting our Nets in the Church  
7.30pm Baptist Church Lent Course —  
Rev Charles Stubbings Pastor at  
Cookhill & NHS Lead at Redditch  
Baptist Church

### Wednesday 16th April

10.00am Holy Communion in church  
7.00pm Mercian Society

### Thursday 17th April - Maundy Thursday

3.00pm The Prayer Course at St Andrews  
6.30pm Peckwood Campfire  
Communion Service  
7.30pm Philatelics Society  
7.30pm Maundy Thursday Mass at Crabbs  
Cross

### Friday 18th April - Good Friday

10.00am Walk of Witness from Mount  
Carmel church, Beoley Road  
10.00am Messy Church at Ecumenical  
Centre.  
12noon Forest Stations of the Cross at  
Peckwood (until 3pm)  
2.00pm Good Friday Meditations at The  
Bridge

### Saturday 19th April - Holy Saturday

10.00am Church Decoration for Easter  
11.00am Explore the story of Easter at  
Peckwood (until 3pm)  
7.30pm Holy Saturday Vigil at Astwd Bk

## ACCOUNTS

The accounts are being circulated ahead of the Annual Church meeting. If you receive a copy of the notices by email, it should have been there as an attachment along with the Treasurers Report. Unfortunately Terry is not able to be present at the AGM, so requested that the accounts and accompanying report were sent out in advance of the meeting so that you have time to digest the accounts and report prior to the AGM, if you have any questions do email Terry at [terry.bill@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:terry.bill@blueyonder.co.uk)

## REPORTS

The remainder of the reports will be circulated after Easter. **A HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who has submitted their reports, which will be carefully collated and circulated after Easter.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thur 24 Apr	3.00pm	Prayer Course @ St Andrews
Sat 3 May	2.00pm	'Usual Suspects' at Ecumenical Centre
	2.00pm	Rejoice and Sing LIVE at Methodist Central Hall, Coventry.
Mon 5 May	11.00am	May Day Festival on Headless Cross Green
	12.00noon	Bluebells & Cream teas at Peckwood.
Tues 6 May	7.30pm	The Bridge AGM in church
Thur 8 May	11.30am	Wardens & Stewards Meeting
	3.00pm	Prayer Course @ St Andrews
Sat 10 May	10.00am	Rehearsal for Singing Together
Sat 17 May	10.00am	Rehearsal for Singing Together
Thur 22 May	7.30pm	Ordinands Service Dale St. M C Leamtn
Sat 7 June	10.00am	Rehearsal for Singing Together
Sat 14 June	10.00am	Rehearsal for Singing Together
Sun 15 June	3.30pm	Celebration of 1700th Anniversary of the Nicene Creed
Thur 12 June	11.30am	Wardens & Stewards Meeting
Wed 25 June	7.30pm	Church Council
Thur 10 July	11.30am	Wardens & Stewards Meeting
Thur 11 Sept	11.30am	Wardens & Stewards Meeting



## USUAL SUSPECTS

A strum-sational ukulele event featuring the 'Usual Suspects' will be held at Emmanuel on Saturday 3rd May at 2pm. The programme will include a wide range of magnificent melodies from the 1930's onwards. As refreshments will be provided admission is **by ticket only**, with donations invited on the day. Please book with [Sharon@emmanuelredditch.church](mailto:Sharon@emmanuelredditch.church) or text or call 07596 879792 **before 1st May**.

## FRONTLINE SOLDIER

Paul Harding will be giving a talk on the 'Front line soldier in 1944' at the meeting of the Mercian Society on Wednesday evening. Anyone with an interest in military history is welcome to attend.

## Collect for Maundy Thursday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.

## Collect for Easter Eve

Grant, Lord, that we who are baptized into the death of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ may continually put to death our evil desires and be buried with him; and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; through his merits, who died and was buried and rose again for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## 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.

