

## Sunday 19th November Second Sunday Before Advent

10.30am Holy Communion  
with Revd Ruth Wilson  
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18  
Psalm 90:1-8[9-11], 12  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11.  
Matthew 25:14-30.

### Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:

grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Sunday 26th November

### Christ the King

10.30am Morning Worship  
With Roger Ling.  
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Psalm 95, Ephesians 1:15-23  
and Matthew 25:31-46

### Online Evening Prayer

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

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Saturday  
25th  
November

3.30pm @ Peckwood

All-age  
Forest Church Worship  
and activities  
exploring 40 days of  
A Celtic Advent



## Notices Sunday 19th November, 2023

### Second Sunday Before Advent

Welcome to The Bridge, whether you are visiting for the first time or if you regularly worship with us.

### ADVENT INVITATION

Shopping, cooking, rushing, fussing, lists, events and stress. On Monday afternoons during Advent you are invited to take a step back from all the busyness and come and spent time preparing your hearts and minds for the real meaning of Christmas. The Ministry Team encourage you to explore with them the sights, sounds and smells of Christmas. There will be hot drinks, festive treats and mince pies. In order to help cater for the right number of people, please let Brian, Julian, Maureen, Roger or Terry know if you are planning to join us. We will meet in the Small Hall at 2.30pm on 27th November, 4th, 11th and 18th December.

### DONATIONS! DONATIONS! DONATIONS!

On Saturday 2nd December The Bridge will be holding our annual Christmas Street Market. We are looking for donations for the tombola prizes, gift stall, Christmas stall, raffle, chocolate tombola, teddy tombola, secret santa, cake stall etc which can be dropped off at the Charity Shop on a Thursday or Friday morning. Thanks in advance for your continued generosity.

### O TANNENBAUM, O TANNENBAUM

The good news is that it is planned for the Christmas tree to be in place in the church prior to the Christingle service on Sunday 3rd December. However in order to turn the tree into a tower of tinselled delight we need some volunteers to get the decorations out of the boxes and on to the tree. If you could help please let a warden or Steward know.

### THE SECOND BIG BREAKFAST

Saturday 25th November from 8.30am till 11am, the Grubbs are inviting everyone to a **SECOND BIG BREAKFAST** at 225, Birchfield Road, B97 4LX. Bring & Buy stall. Raising funds for the work of the Mothers Union. Vegetarian and gluten free food will be available. All are welcome.

### DOWN THE TUBE

We have an important update to the Phillips dental products recycling scheme.

The bad news is that toothpaste tubes are no longer accepted. The good news is that all the small plastic bits such as floss sticks old toothbrushes, electric toothbrush heads, old electric toothbrushes, floss holders, are! If in doubt, please have a word with Judith Grubb and get collecting!

### THE LATE PAULINE PARROTT

It is with sadness that we share with you that our sister in Christ and friend, Pauline Parrott, died on Saturday 11th November. Pauline was a member at Headless Cross Methodist Church before becoming very much a part of the congregation here at The Bridge. We give thanks for her cheerfulness, her friendship and for her long life. Pauline's funeral will take place at The Bridge afternoon on **Tuesday 5th December**. Further details will follow. We pray that Pauline will rest in peace and have confidence that she has risen in glory.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Events in the hall unless stated otherwise

### Monday 20th November

10.00am Toddlers  
7.30pm Friends of Gruchet

### Tuesday 21st November

10.00am Exercise Class  
10.00am Holy Communion at Astwood Bank  
10.30am Seeds & Saplings at Peckwood  
1.30pm u3a  
6.30pm Girls' Brigade

### Wednesday 22nd November

10.00am Holy Communion  
7.15pm Mercian Society  
7.30pm Let's Sing Community Choir

### Thursday 23rd November

10.00am Charity Shop & Café (until 12.45pm)  
10.30am Holy Communion at Crabbs Cross  
1.30pm Crafty Thursday  
3.00pm A Celtic Advent at Peckwood  
7.30pm Kingfisher Quilters  
7.30pm Circuit Mission Group at  
151 Birmingham Road, B'sgrove.

### Friday 24th November

10.00am Charity Shop & Café (until 12.45pm)  
6.30pm Boys Brigade

### Saturday 25th November

3.30pm All Age Forest Church Worship & activities celebrating Celtic Advent at Peckwood

## THE PIANO MAN

Everywoman's Circle will be meeting on Wednesday 22nd Nov at 2.30pm. After giving a demonstration Andrew Crabtree 'The Piano Man' will organise a Singalong. I wonder if they will sing as a round...?

## MISSION AND MINISTRY

Do you have a passion for mission and ministry? If so you are invited to join a new Circuit Mission Group. The first meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd November at 7.30pm at 151 Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove. Attendance is not limited to a representative from each church. Rather interest is sought from people with an enthusiasm for mission. As The Bridge is a joint Anglican/Methodist church, then anyone who attends The Bridge is welcome to join this group. Please contact Revd Steve Levett revlev66@gmail.com if you either plan to attend or are interested in joining future meetings.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 27 Nov	2.30pm	Advent Afternoon 1 in the Small Hall
Tue 28 Nov	2.00pm	Quest in the hall
Sat 2 Dec		Christmas Street Market
Sun 3 Dec	10.30am	Christingle Service
Mon 4 Dec	2.30pm	Advent Afternoon 2 in the Small Hall
Tue 5 Dec	10.00am	Little Fishes in the church
	3.00pm	Funeral of Pauline Parrott
Wed 6 Dec	12.00nn	Everywoman's Circle Christmas Party
Sun 10 Dec	10.30am	Toy Service
Mon 11 Dec	2.30pm	Advent Afternoon 3 in the Small Hall
Tue 12 Dec		Little Oaks Nativity
	6.30pm	Brigades Christingle
Wed 13 Dec		Christmas Experience
Thur 14 Dec	9.00am	St Luke's school visit
	11.00am	Carols in the Café - Charity Shop
Sat 16 Dec		Breakfast with Santa
	11.00am	Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group in the small hall.
Sun 17 Dec	3.30pm	Carols in the Woods at Peckwood
	6.00pm	Carol Service
Mon 18 Dec	10.00am	Oakhill Carol Service
Mon 19 Dec	2.30pm	Advent Afternoon 4 in the Small Hall
Sun 24 Dec	10.30am	Holy Communion
	3.00pm	Crib Service
	7.00pm	First Communion of Christmas
Mon 25 Dec	10.30am	Christmas Day Holy Communion
Wed 7 Feb	7.30pm	Church Council at No.71
Wed 26 June	7.30pm	Church Council at No.71

## 'THE SOULS OF OUR SHOES'

The Bridge will be hosting one of a series of displays that will be appearing at various locations across the diocese between 25th November and 10th December. Entitled 'The Souls of our Shoes' the exhibition raises awareness of domestic violence, which effects people regardless of age, gender or social class, and tells the stories of some of those who have been affected by domestic violence.

## HOT WATER BOTTLE CHECK

As the nights get colder it is good to have a hot water bottle to help keep warm. This is a good opportunity to check how old your bottle is. If you look near the neck, you should see a flower symbol either on the inside or outside. The number in the centre of the flower indicates what year your bottle was manufactured. Geeks can count the dots in the petals and work out what week their bottle was made. Bottles should not be used beyond if they are more than 2 or 3 years old.



## TOY STORY

The Bridge will be collecting toys for families in need again this year. Please bring your gifts on **Sunday 10th December** at 10.30am.

## 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.

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.

