



Notices Sunday 5th May, 2024

5th Sunday of Easter

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 or by following our facebook page or X (formerly Twitter) account.

This morning we are delighted to welcome Archdeacon Nikki Groake to lead our service of Holy Communion. Do take time to greet Archdeacon Nikki. If you have any questions about the proposed plans to reorganise the pastoral structure of the churches in the Redditch area, this would be a good idea to ask them. Copies of the proposals are available in the church.

MAY FAYRE

Great festivities will be taking place on Headless Cross Green on Monday May Day between 11am and 4pm., including the Terrific Tea Tent, run by members of The Bridge. Merry music will play throughout the day, courtesy of Revenge of the Wrinklies, Arrow Valley Brass, Debbie & Garth Duo and Turvey. Attractions include free style maypole dancing, local craft stalls, splat-the-rat. The human fruit machine will also be in action, - which is a joy to behold. Redditch Round Table will be running a BBQ, with burgers and sausages from Rough Hill Farm Shop. For vegans and vegetarians there will be home made soup to tempt the taste buds. The Cider Bar will be selling home grown cider, as well as squash and apple juice. Come and join the celebrations!

YOU ARE INVITED...

...to attend the annual meeting of The Bridge, which will be held on Thursday evening at 7.30pm in church. This meeting is not just for Church Council, or Wardens, or Stewards, it is for **everyone!** It provides an important opportunity for us to look back, celebrate successes and look honestly at any challenges we face. Reports have been circulated, and there is a supplement available today which includes the Agenda. Please do read the reports ahead of the meeting, so that we can take any informed questions.

BISHOP JOHN ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

As you may have seen on local news or social media, Bishop John has announced his retirement later this year after nearly 17 years faithful service. There will be a farewell service at the Cathedral on Sunday 29th September. Please remember Bishop John and his wife H-J as they prepare for this new chapter in their lives, for Bishop Martin as takes over as Acting Bishop until the new Bishop is appointed and for the new Bishop of Worcester.



TREASURE TROVE?

There may be treasure to be discovered on Wed afternoon at 2.30pm, at the meeting of Everywoman's Circle, as Natalie Carr will be demonstrating crafts from 'Athena's Bounty'.

REGULAR GIVING The new envelopes for June 24 onwards regular giving are now available on the bookcase on the North side of the church. If you would like to give to the work and ministry of The Bridge this way, or change to giving by standing order, please speak to Terry Bill

Sunday 5th May

10.30am Holy Communion with Archdeacon Nikki Groake Acts 10:44 to end, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6 & John 15:9-17.
4.00pm Forest Church at Peckwood
6.00pm Peckwood open until 9pm

Collect for 5th Sunday in Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Sunday 12th May, 2024

10.30am Morning Worship with Roger Ling Acts 1:15-17, 21 to end, Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-13 and John 17:6-19

Online Evening Prayer

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

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BLUEBELL BONANZA

Great news! Peckwood will be open again this week, providing the opportunity to go and gaze in wonder at the bounteous array of bluebells - but only until

Wednesday.

From photos on social media they look truly stunning this year. Please see overleaf for full details of opening times.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Events in the hall unless stated otherwise

Monday 6th May

- 11.00am May Fair on Headless Cross Green (until 4pm)
9.30am Peckwood open until 8.00pm
12 noon Wandering & Wondering @Peckwood

Tuesday 7th May

- 9.30am Peckwood open until 8.00pm
10.00am Little Fishes in the church
10.00am Exercise Class in the Hall
10.00am Holy Communion at Astwood Bank
2.00pm u3a
6.30pm Girls' Brigade

Wednesday 8th May

- 9.30am Peckwood open until 8.00pm
2.30pm Everywoman
10.00am Holy Communion in church
11.00am Wandering & Wondering @ Peckwood

Thursday 9th May

- 10.00am Charity Shop
10.00am Holy Communion at Crabbs Cross
1.30pm Crafty Thursday
7.30pm Church AGM
7.30pm Kingfisher Quilters

Friday 3rd May

- 10.00am Charity Shop
6.30pm Boys Brigade

LITTLE FISHES IN MAY

Monday may be a Bank Holiday, but Tuesday is Little Fishes day! Preschoolers and their fav adults will be meeting in church at 10am for their monthly session of story, singing, craft and refreshments. Please pass on the news to anyone you know who has responsibility for pre-school children. It is a great way to get to know other parents/grandparents/carers.

GORGEOUS GERANIUMS, BEAUTIFUL BUSY LIZZIES AND LUSTROUS LOBELIA

If you are wondering how to fill your borders and pots this spring then we have good news for you. Judith Grubb will be selling plants again this year for your garden, windowsill or patio. They are just not quite ready! Please support me, there are lots of geraniums, lobelias and busy lizzies that will be looking for new homes!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Wed 15 May 12.30pm Lunchtime Learning - Exploring Esther held on Zoom - booking essential
2.00pm Thy Kingdom Come at 6 Cranham Cl
Thur 16 May 11.30am Wardens & Stewards
Sat 18 May 9.00am Circuit Consultation at Studley Methodist Church
Tue 4 June 12.30am Getting to know the Book of Judith—Zoom—booking essential.
Wed 26 June 7.30pm Church Council at No.71

THY KINGDOM COME TO CRANHAM CLOSE

The Mothers' Union invites all interested to an afternoon at 6, Cranham Close, home of Kathy Batten, on Wednesday 15th May at 2pm. We shall be following the "Thy Kingdom Come" exhortation of Archbishop Justin.

SUMMER SENSATIONS!

"The time has come," the Administrator said,

"To talk of many things:

of holidays and family events,

and other exciting things,

like why the sea is ALWAYS wet,

and why seagulls like ice cream..."

Yes, time to start thinking about the summer rota. Please drop Rosie an email at thebridgeredditch@gmail.com and advise her of dates when you are **NOT** available for the glorious summer months of June, July and August - when all being well, the weather will be lovely, the sea will be clear of pollution and the gulls will forget that they like ice cream. I can dream...

RESPONSES BY MONDAY 6th MAY, PLEASE!

Meanwhile many thanks to those who have advised me of their availability.

IS IT YOU?

Following the announcement that Julian Grubb is stepping down as Churchwarden at the AGM in May, we need to elect a new Churchwarden, but what exactly does a warden do?

- ◆ Buildings, make sure they are looked after and the grounds are well-cared for
- ◆ Records - ensures these are kept up to date and the property of the church is looked after.
- ◆ Ensure services run smoothly,
- ◆ Supports the clergy as required

Churchwarden's don't have to do everything themselves, because there are lovely people in the church to help them. For further information speak to Father Glenn or Brian.

PERE CAM 24

Worcester Cathedral Peregrine Cam is back online again. You can watch all the action in and around the nest high up in the cathedral at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mHVU7ZFfyuM> You might even get a glimpse of the chicks!

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.

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.

