



Notices Sunday 28th April, 2024

Easter 5

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.

GOOD NEWS!

Last October, Archdeacon Nikki Groake was scheduled to visit The Bridge. The bad news was that a couple of days before, Archdeacon Nikki tested positive for Covid and was not able to attend. The good news is that Archdeacon Nikki's visit has been rescheduled for next **Sunday, 5th May** at 10.30am.

The Bridge is a wonderful example of how an ecumenical church can come into being and thrive. It would be really good if we could have a full church to welcome the Archdeacon, so that she gets a real sense of the passion and commitment that the members of the church have for being Christ's presence here in Headless Cross and Southcrest.

Plans are currently taking shape to change the way churches are organised in Redditch. If you have any questions about these, then this will be an excellent opportunity to ask them.

THE GREAT BRIDGE BAKE OFF

The Bridge Church is offering hospitality outside church on Bank Holiday May Day and hopes to serve home-made cakes with hot drinks. If you're a Bridge Baker, we'd be delighted if you could bring cakes along on the day (either individual or cut and serve) or if you'd like to bring them along to Church on Sunday 5th and give them to a Steward that would be great. If your baking days are passed, or you don't have time, bought offerings will do. We'll happily take them from you. Thanks so much! Please speak to Julian or Judith Grubb to find out more

SAFEGUARDING FIRST

The Diocese will be taking part in a Safeguarding Audit. As part of this members of churches are invited to take part in a survey which should take 10-15 minutes to complete. Information supplied will be anonymous and confidential. If you are able to help by taking part in this the survey can be accessed at <https://ineq.com/churchofengland/worcester/>.

The survey is open until 1st May.

ANNUAL 'THANK YOU'!

Reports for the AGM have now been circulated by email ahead of our Annual Church Meeting on Thursday 9th May. There are a small number of paper copies available in church for those who do not have access to a computer and/or printer. Thanks to everyone who has taken time to write and submit a reports for the AGM. It is very encouraging to read about all the excellent work that is happening in different areas of church life. Please do read the reports, which provide an invaluable insight into church life.

COME AND HAVE A GO!

You have the exciting opportunity to try your hand at creating a bird collage next Thursday (25th April) at 10am in the small hall. All materials will be provided. Maybe you don't feel very arty, but have you ever tried collage? Come and have a go! To find out more please contact Maureen Brown mobrown1@virginmedia.com

Sunday 28th April - Easter 5

10.30am Morning Worship with Deacon Gwyn Bamford & Jackie Hartrey
Acts 8:26 to end
Psalm 22:25 to end
1 John 4:7 to end & John 15:1-8

6.00pm **'Let Justice Roll'**
Easter Offering Dedication Service - Methodist Women in Britain at Bromsgrove Methodist Church Centre

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 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

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 spring so that we can admire the beautiful array of bluebells. Peckwood will be open from Monday 29th April to Wednesday 8th May. Please see overleaf for full details of opening times.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Events in the hall unless stated otherwise

Monday 29th April

9.30am Peckwood open until 8.00pm
10.00am Toddlers

Tuesday 30th April

9.30am Peckwood open until 8.00pm
10.00am Exercise Class in the Hall
10.00am Holy Communion at Astwood Bank
6.30pm Girls' Brigade
7.30pm More Than Welcoming - on Zoom

Wednesday 1st May

10.00am Holy Communion in church
2.30pm Everywoman

Thursday 2nd May

9.30am Peckwood open until 8.00pm
10.00am Charity Shop
10.00am 'Have A Go' Community Arts in the Small Hall
10.00am Holy Communion at Crabbs Cross
1.30pm Crafty Thursday
7.30pm Kingfisher Quilters

Friday 3rd May

10.00am Charity Shop
6.30pm Boys Brigade

Saturday 4th May

10.00am Genesis Study Day at Trinity Methodist Church, Kidderminster

MORE THAN WELCOMING

Revd Inderjit Bhogal will be running an online session giving guidance on how to engage with South Asian communities on Tuesday 30th April at 7.30pm. Please book your place <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/more-than-welcoming-engaging-with-south-asian-communities-registration-776334787247>

GETTING TO GRIPS WITH GENESIS

Kidderminster & Stourport Lay Preachers & Worship Leaders Group have organised a day studying Genesis on Saturday 4th May. Teaching will focus on the first book of the Bible, rather than the 1970's rock band, but may still be music to your ears. The speaker will be Dr Andrew Mein, Director of Research at the Queen's Foundation in Brum. The event will be held at Trinity Methodist Church Centre, Churchfields, Kidderminster DY10. The day will commence at 10, for 10.30am and conclude at 3pm. Tea & Coffee provided, bring your own lunch. Please book with Mike Dernie Email: mikedernie@aol.com Tel. 01299 40028

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon	6 May	9.30am	Peckwood open until 8.00pm
		12noon	Wandering & Wondering @ Peckwood
Tue	7 May	9.30am	Peckwood open until 8.00pm
Wed	8 May	9.30am	Peckwood open until 8.00pm
		11.00am	Wandering & Wondering @ Peckwood
Thur	9 May		Church AGM
Wed	15 May	12.30pm	Lunchtime Learning - Exploring Esther held on Zoom - booking essential
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

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...

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=mHVU7ZffuM> You might even get a glimpse of the chicks!

Q: What do you call a funny chicken?

A: A comedi-hen

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.

