

Notices Sunday 19th October 2025

Eighteenth 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 AND FAREWELL

This morning we welcome James Knott, who will be leading our service at 10.30am. At 3pm everyone is invited to a benefice service at Astwood Bank, as a final farewell to Father Glenn, Helen and their family, followed by cake in the adjacent church hall.

HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

The observant of you will have noticed the chains hung around the church. Sunday 19th October marking the end of a week of national activism, raising awareness of modern slavery which is still taking place around the world and in this country. This is not a problem just happening elsewhere. Arrests have been made in locations within our town of Redditch! In 2024, 19,125 people were referred to the authorities in this country, but it is estimated that there are between 122,000 and 130,000 people in this country in modern slavery. A third are children. Globally, it could be 4 million slaves. We all need to be vigilant as we go about our daily lives,

If you see anything suspicious do not intervene, instead refer it to the experts on **08000 121 700**.

THE BRIDGE STREET MARKET Sat 29th November 11am – 2pm

The Bridge Street Market raises much needed funds for the church and the work we do at The Bridge. There will be a variety of stalls as usual and we will be looking for good quality items for The Tombola, Secret Santa, Raffle prizes, Christmas Stall as well as cakes for the cake stall and chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola. Please look in your cupboards and see if you have items you could donate or make a cake or come along on the day and spend some money. Please see Val Lucas if you are a cake maker, Alison Stanley or Doreen & Matt for Raffle Prizes or Maureen Brown for anything else or any ideas or suggestions you may have. The BB will be cooking food for us again and there will be Mulled Wine, Teas, Coffees, Hot Chocolate and squash served for us from the kitchen.

WINTER QUARTER APPEAL

As lawns slowly disappear under a cloak of fallen leaves, and the sound of acorns falling on shed roofs disturbs the peace of suburbia, the Administrator starts to ponder on the winter rota, covering Advent, Christmas and beyond. ...



- * Who will be available on Christmas Day?
- * Is this the first rota ever without a 5th Sunday?
- * Who can help with welcome on the Sunday after Christmas?

To help solve these, and many other questions which are yet to be discovered, please a list of any dates when you are not availability to the Administrator at thebidgeredditch@gmail.com by **the end of OCTOBER**. It would also be helpful to know if there are any services you would particularly like to help with, or prefer to avoid, particularly over the Christmas period. Many thanks.

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

Collect for the 18th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday 22nd October

10.00am Midweek Holy Communion Revd Kay Dyer

Clocks go back on Sunday 26th October as we switch to GMT...



Sunday 26th October

10.30am Morning Worship led by Terry Bill

Joel 2:23 to end, Psalm 65, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14

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ALL SHIP SHAPE AND BRISTOL FASHION

Marjorie and Nasief are now safely installed in their new home in Bristol. We are very grateful for all they have done over the years and wish them all the very best as they settle in to their new home at Horfield Lodge Care Home, Kellaway Avenue, Bristol BS7 8SU.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Events in the hall unless stated otherwise

Monday 20th October

10.00am Toddlers
4.30pm Creative Carousel

Tuesday 21st October

10.00am Exercise Class
10.00am Holy Communion at Ast Bank
10.30am Seeds & Saplings@Peckwood
2.00pm u3a
6.30pm Girls' Brigade

Wednesday 22nd October

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

Thursday 23rd October

10.00am Charity Shop & Café
11.15am School Service
10.30am Mass at Crabbs Cross
1.30pm Crafty Thursday
7.30pm Kingfisher Quilters

Friday 24th October

10.00am Charity Shop & Café
6.30pm Boys' Brigade

Saturday 25th October

10.00am Tilehouse Allotments AGM No. 71

MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION

We are delighted that Revd Kay Dyer is able to continue our midweek service of Holy Communion at 10am on Wednesdays. These will generally follow term times. However, there will be a midweek Holy Communion during half-term on Wednesday 29th October, but not on the 5th November, as Revd Kay has an important commitment on that day.

EVERYWOMAN

Everywoman will be meeting on Wednesday afternoon when Debbie Mills will be giving a talk on FRHENS Women's Group. Ladies, come along and find out more about FRHENS...

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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	

FINAL CALL FOR SHOEBOXES - The deadline for shoeboxes and contributions is the **19th October** - which is **TODAY!**

ALL SOULS SERVICE

The All Souls Service will take place at **Astwood Bank** on Sunday 2nd November at 4pm.



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.

FEAST DAY OF THE WEEK - ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST

Author of one of the Gospels and the Book of Acts, which tells of the life of the early church and the challenges it faced. Luke, a physician and gentile, was a companion of St Paul. Unsurprisingly, Luke is the patron saint of physicians, as well as artists. Little is known about Luke's personal life, but that is not unusual for a person living around this time, when information was passed on through storytelling rather than the written word. Luke's gospel is notable as it includes a lot of historical detail, and focuses on themes such as compassion for the poor and marginalised, the work of the Holy Spirit and the mission of the church as part of God's unfolding plan. It also includes accounts of healing - well he was a doctor! Women also feature prominently in Luke's gospel, showing them as having an important role in Jesus' ministry, which was totally counter to the culture of the time.

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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