

Notices Sunday 31st August, 2025

Eleventh 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

FINAL SERVICE

Glenn's final service in the Christ the King Benefice will be on **Sunday 19th October at 3pm at St Matthias & St George, Astwood Bank.**

The service will be followed by cake in the church hall afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

LICENSING SERVICE

Glenn will be licensed to the ARCH benefice of Abbots Morton, Rous Lench, Church Lench and Harvington on **Sunday 23rd November, 3pm at St James', Harvington.**

Please remember in your prayers Father Glenn, Helen and their family as they prepare to move. Please also pray for the next person who will be appointed by the Anglican church to the Christ the King team, which The Bridge is part of together with Astwood Bank, Crabbs Cross and Feckenham.

PRAYER FOR GAZA

Church of England congregations are being invited to join together with other churches to pray for the people of Gaza, Israel and the wider Middle East next month.

A group of Christian charities and aid agencies, working with church leaders, is organising a day of prayer for peace in the Middle East on Sunday, September 21. It is timed to coincide with the UN's International Day of Peace.

The Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, Dr Hosam Naoum, has written a prayer, available for use in churches. It prays for an immediate end to the war, the release of all captives, help for those suffering hunger and starvation in Gaza and beyond, and the resumption of negotiations for a just and lasting peace (full text below).

Prayer material and other information will be made available on special pages on the websites of the ecumenical groups Churches Together in England and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. Further events and opportunities for church engagement are planned for the coming months the details of which will be released in due course: Middle East peace – Churches Together in England.

A Prayer for the Holy Land

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: In your mercy, provide for all those in Gaza and beyond who suffer from hunger and starvation, that they may be given both physical bread to nourish their bodies and heavenly bread to sustain their souls.

By the power of your Spirit, bring a speedy end to this cruel war, the release of all captives, care for the sick and wounded, comfort for those who have lost loved-ones,

and the opening of a pathway for a just and lasting peace here in the very homeland where your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ministered during his earthly life;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Most Reverend Dr Hosam E. Naoum Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem August, 2025

Sunday 31st August

10.30am Morning Worship with Maureen Foxall

Proverbs 25:6-7, Psalm 112, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:7-14.

Collect for 11th Sunday after Trinity

O God,
 you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
 mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
 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 of glory,
 the end of our searching,
 help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
 and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Sunday 7th September

10.30am Holy Communion with Father Glenn Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-11,
 Psalm 139:1-5, 12-18.
 Philemon 1:1-21 and
 Luke 14:25-33.

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LITTLE FISHES RESTART IN OCTOBER

Our group for pre-school children and their parents/grandparents or carers will restart on Tuesday 7th October.

HARVEST HYMNS

What is YOUR favourite?

THE WEEK AHEAD

Events in the hall unless stated otherwise

Tuesday 2nd September

10.00am Exercise Class
2.00pm u3a

Thursday 4th September

10.00am Charity Shop & Café
1.30pm Crafty Thursday
7.30pm Philatelic Society

Friday 5th September

10.00am Charity Shop & Café

The week ahead is still relatively quiet. Life gets back to normal the following week with Toddlers starting on Monday 8th Sept. with Girls' Brigade on Tuesday 9th and Boys Brigade on Friday 11th September.

BRIGADES NEW BEGINNINGS

It is September and our wonderful Brigades groups are back in action. Both groups would love to welcome new members between the ages of 5 and 17. Both **Girls' Brigade** (*Tuesday evening*) and **Boys' Brigade** (*Friday evening*) offer a varied programme of activities, crafts and teaching. For details re **Boys' Brigade** please contact paul.gration@1stredditch.com and for **Girls' Brigade** please contact tracey.gration@1stredditch.com

JACKETS, JUMPERS AND JEWELLERY

The Charity Shop welcomes donations of clothes and Bric a Brac. Why not just pop in on Thursday or Friday mornings for a chat and to try our coffee/tea and cake. It would be lovely to see you

BOXING DAY ARRIVES EARLY

We will be doing Teams4U with GB again this year and will again be having cardboard boxes ready for people to fill. If you would prefer to donate items for GB to fill boxes a large plastic box will be in church from Sunday 31st August - 19th October. Leaflets will be available describing the kind of items needed. We expect the shoe boxes to be collected by Teams4U late October so the 19th Oct is the cut off date for all donations including individual shoe boxes. Our target is over 100 boxes again this year and it would be great if we could achieve this.

What Bible verses remind you of Harvest?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 3 Sept	11.00am	Wandering & Wondering@Peckwood
Sat 6 Sept	12noon	Restival at Peckwood
Mon 8 Sept	11.00am	Funeral in church
	19.00am	Toddlers Restarts
Wed 10 Sept	12.30pm	Cornerstone Introduction on Zoom
Thur 11 Sept	11.30am	Wardens & Stewards Meeting
Tue 16 Sept	10.30am	Seeds & Saplings@Peckwood
Wed 17 Sept	11.00am	Wandering & Wondering@Peckwood
Sun 21 Sept	5.00pm	Forest Church @Peckwood
Sun 28 Sept	10.30am	Harvest Celebration!
Tues 7 Oct	10.00am	Little Fishes Restarts
Wed 8 Oct	7.00pm	Deanery Synod
Thur 9 Oct	11.30am	Wardens & Stewards Meeting
Wed 15 Oct	11.00am	Wandering & Wondering@Peckwood
Sun 19 Oct	3.00pm	Farewell service at Astwood Bank for Father Glenn Reading
Tue 21 Oct	10.30am	Seeds & Saplings@Peckwood
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

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS!

This year we will be celebrating Harvest at our morning service on Sunday 28th September, with a celebration of all the good things we have been given.

It would be really lovely to see the church decorated to reflect the season, so if you have any ideas or would just like to get involved please have a word with Carol Langley.

We would love to include your favourite Harvest hymns and Readings. If you can pass those on to Maureen then the team can get planning!

PRAYER4REDDITCH UNITED

For the last 5 years a small group has met monthly at Redditch United to pray. The main focus has been that God will use the club as a resource for the community and provide opportunities for all groups of people to play and enjoy football.

During the last 5 years there have been many answers to prayer to the extent that the club now runs a full-time academy for young people between the ages of 16 –18, provides football teams for most age groups under 16, runs walking football, groups for those with special needs and has a thriving female section.

The group are looking to develop chaplaincy work that would be recognised by players and supporters. If you would like to join this ministry, or know someone who would, please contact Phil Williams at Christ Church Matchborough pandwilliams@hotmail.com.

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)".



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