



Notices Sunday 19th May, 2024

Pentecost

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.

PENTECOST ON THE GREEN

Churches together in Redditch have organised fun events at Church Green in the town centre next Sunday afternoon to mark Pentecost. Celebrations will begin at 2pm with a free BBQ, family fun with puppet vision and book reading by local author, Amanda Worley. Events will culminate with a service of Celebration in St Stephen's at 3pm.



LAUNCH OF REDDITCH MISSION AREA

You are invited to a special service on Sunday 14th July at 4pm at St John's Greenlands. The Bishop of Dudley, Martin Gorrick, Archdeacon Nikki Groake, Charles Moyles JP High Sheriff of Worcester and Area Dean Canon Paul Lawlor will be there, along with lots of lovely people both from local churches and the community as we celebrate the launch of the Redditch Mission Area, re-license Canon Paul Lawlor to the Redditch and Holy Trinity teams and celebrate the success of the Christmas Toy Appeal. Afterwards glasses of fizz and cake will be served. In order to ensure there are sufficient glasses please sign up on the sheet at the back of church before the end of June.

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.

HELP REQUIRED

St Peter's Church Ipsley is looking for part time Secretarial assistance for 2 mornings a week (Thursday and Friday) from 9:30 -12:30. Ability to use a computer is essential. To enquire further please contact: Canon Garth Nathaniel g.nathaniel@btinternet.com; 07949490265; or Chris McLaren mclaren.christine@btinternet.com; 01527-423104;

Rev Brian Halfpenny

Former members of St. Luke's will be sorry to hear that Rev, Brian Halfpenny passed away on Wednesday 8th May at the age of 87.

Brian was vicar of St. Luke's for 10 years and Team Rector for the then Ridge Team of churches until his retirement in April 2001. He and Hazel retired to Bourton on the Water.

For most of his ministry Brian was a chaplain in the Royal Air Force, rising to become Chaplain-in Chief before his retirement from the RAF, aged 55. As Chaplain in Chief he became a Chaplain to the Queen and also was honoured as a Companion of the Order of the Bath.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday 22nd May at 12 noon at St Edward's Church, Stow-on-the-Wold GL54 1AB

Sunday 19th May - Pentecost

10.30am Holy Communion
Revd Ruth Wilson
 Acts 2:1-21,
 Psalm 104:26-36, 37b,
 Romans 8:22-27
 John 15: 26-27, 16:4b—15

2.00pm Pentecost on the Green
 3.00pm Pentecost Celebration
 in St Stephen's

Collect for Pentecost

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Sunday 25th May—Trinity Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship led by
 Maureen Foxall
 Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29,
 Romans 8:12-17
 & John 3:1-17.

Online Evening Prayer

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

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We are also on facebook and X (formerly twitter)@bridgeredditch

MONTHLY PILGRIMAGE

As it is the forth Wednesday, MU Members from The Bridge will join fellow members from across the diocese and others for the lunchtime celebration of Holy Communion at 1pm in the Cathedral.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Events in the hall unless stated otherwise

Monday 20th May

10.00am Toddlers

Tuesday 21st May

10.00am Exercise Class in the Hall

10.00am Holy Communion at Astwood Bank

2.00pm u3a

6.30pm Girls' Brigade

Wednesday 22nd May

10.00am Holy Communion in church

12noon Funeral of Revd Brian Halfpenny at St Edmund, Stow-on-the-Wold

12noon Churchyard Workshop, Inkberrow

1.00pm MU members at Worcester Cathedral for Holy Communion

2.30pm Everywoman

Thursday 23rd May

10.00am Charity Shop

10.00am Holy Communion at Crabbs Cross

1.30pm Kingfisher Quilters

Friday 24th May

10.00am Charity Shop

6.30pm Boys Brigade

Saturday 25th May

3.00pm Going for a Song at Crabbs Cross Methodist Church

ORDINATION SERVICES IN THE DIOCESE OF WORCESTER 2024

Sixteen curates who have completed their first year of training will be ordained Priest at Worcester Cathedral on Saturday 29th June at 2pm, These will include three from the Redditch & Bromsgrove Deanery - Martin Allen (Alvechurch & Beoley),

Fiona Carter (Christ the King)

and Linda Nicholas (Ipsley).

Seven people, including Dean Hall from Tardebigge, will also begin their curacy training and be ordained as Deacons on Sunday 30th June at 10.30am at Worcester Cathedral.

A full list of ordinands can be found on the Diocesan website.

Please remember them all in your prayers as they move on to the next stage of their training,

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun	26 May	3.00pm	Rehearsal for Come & Sing Evensong at Tardebigge
		6.00pm	Come & Sing Evensong Tardebigge
Tue	4 June	12.30am	Getting to know the Book of Judith Zoom—booking essential.
Wed	5 June	7.30pm	Let's Sing in Concert at The Bridge
Thur	13 June	11.30am	Wardens and Stewards at N0.71.
Wed	26 June	7.30pm	Church Council at No.71
Thur	11 July	11.30am	Wardens and Stewards at N0.71.
Sun	14 July	4.00pm	Launch of Redditch Mission Area At St. John's , Greenlands

BUSTLES TO BELLBOTTOMS

Glo Pringle will be talking about 'The History of Fashion 1570 – 1950' at the next meeting of Everywoman's Circle on Weds May 22nd in the hall. Dig out your mini skirts and crinolines, ladies and come along at listen to what promises to be a fascinating talk.

Musical events are like buses, you wait ages for one to happen and then three arrive together... Actually if you read on we have details of no less than **FOUR** musical events happening during the next month! The good news is that they are taking place on different evenings so you can attend them all!

LET'S SING, WILL SING

We are delighted to welcome back Let's Sing Community Choir who will be in concert in our church on Wednesday 5th July at 7.30pm. The evening will feature popular music through the years from the 1940's, with a singalong selection of songs from the war era . Tickets are £3 and are available on the door.

GOING FOR A SONG

Crabbs Cross Methodist Church are hosting a fun Sing-a-long on Saturday 25th May at 3pm, when songs and hymns, both old and new will be sung—just for the fun of it!

RAISING THE ROOF

St Bartholomew's Tardebigge will be hosting a 'Come & Sing Evensong' on Sunday 26th May. **Rehearsal starts at 3pm** for a service at 6pm. Afternoon tea will be included.

The event will be led by the Venerable Paul Taylor, Emeritus Archdeacon of Sherborne, who is a very talented musician.

A RIGHT ROYAL PROM

On Saturday 15th June the Greig Hall in Alcester is hosting a concert featuring Tarantara and the Alcester Victoria Silver Band to raise money for Alcester Dementia Café. Tickets are available online : <https://www.tarantara.org.uk/events/a-right-royal-prom> or from Guys Menswear, 45 High Street, Alcester

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.

