



Notices Sunday 28th July, 2024

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

GOING FOR A SONG

The three choirs Festival began this weekend and continues to run until 3rd August. The Three Choirs Festival is a week-long programme of world-class music making, featuring choral and orchestral concerts, solo artists and chamber music recitals, talks, cathedral services, theatre, exhibitions, and more. The festival is thought to be the longest standing classical music festival in the world and celebrated its 300th anniversary in 2015. It rotates in a three year cycle between the beautiful cathedral cities of Gloucester, Hereford, and Worcester. This summer it is Worcester's turn to play host.

If you are planning a trip over to Worcester Cathedral during this time, do check what is happening, as there are times when the cathedral is closed to enable an event to be set up.

<https://3choirs.org/whats-on>

You can book tickets to world class performances here

<https://3choirs.org/your-visit/booking-information>

Open Rehearsals

Open rehearsals are one of the best ways of experiencing the magical music of the Three Choirs Festival for free. During the day, the Cathedral will be open for visitors to come in and enjoy a rehearsal with our choirs, and orchestras in preparation for that night's concert take place

Mon 29 July 9.30am – 12.30pm

Wed 31 July 9.00am – 12.00pm

Friday 2 Aug 9.30am – 12.30pm

Sat 3 Aug 9.30pm - 12.30pm

Festival Village and Bandstand

Meanwhile College Green has turned into a festival village. Take advantage of the catering outlets and bar as well as visiting exhibitions by local craft guilds.

On a beautiful summer's day you can enjoy free performances on the bandstand, showcasing local community groups in the Worcester area, with a packed programme of entertainment running through the week —bands, choirs, performing arts, poetry, ensembles and much more. Details of events can be found at <https://3choirs.org/join-in/bandstand>

THE LATE PAT ELEY

We have received the sad news of the death of the Bromsgrove and Redditch Circuit's most senior Local Preacher by years of service, Pat Eley. She passed away recently at the Alex Hospital. Although she was not actively preaching due to age and health, she was a faithful servant of God and a great local preacher at circuit.

Details of Pat's funeral will be passed on when they have been confirmed.

Please keep Pat's family in your prayers and also the congregation at Catshill.

Sunday 28th July - 9th after Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship with
Ian Athey
2 Samuel 11:1-15. Psalm 147
Ephesians 3:14 to end
John 6:1-21

12.30pm Baptism

5.30pm The Chosen at Emmanuel

Collect - 8th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.

Sunday 4th August—10th after Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion with
Revd. Siperire Mugadzaweta
2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a
Psalm 51:1-13
Ephesians 4:1-6 &
John 6:24-35

Online Evening Prayer

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

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CHARITY SHOP NEWS!

Only the best will do!

Please note that the company who take our excess textiles have advised us that due to the commercial rags price slump, it is no longer cost effective for them to take certain items.

We shall no longer be able to accept rags, duvets, pillows or cushions and only good quality resalable clothing.

Thank you for your continued support and donations.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Events in the hall unless stated otherwise

Tuesday 30th July

10.00am Exercise Classes

Thursday 1st August

10.00am Charity Shop

1.30pm Crafty Thursday

Friday 2nd August

10.00am Charity Shop

10.00am Stations of the Cross at St Peter's
Crabbs Cross

Saturday 3rd August

2.00pm Peckwood Forest Space Festival

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER

...and just like that the diary was almost empty, as many of our regular events take a break for the summer.

TAKE A BREAK

Midweek Holy Communions across the benefice take a break during August and restart the first week in September.

MANIFESTO FOR HOPE

Thurs 3 October, 6.30 - 9.30pm,
Top Church, Dudley.

Founder of the Oasis Trust and social activist, the Revd Steve Chalke, is coming to Dudley to launch his new book, Manifesto for Hope. It's an opportunity to hear about how our systems are failing the most vulnerable and what we can do about it by working together. Aimed at local church leaders, but open to all, Steve will speak about investing in new and better ways that really improve people's lives. During the session there will be an opportunity to think about how churches and others might take Steve's principles forward through practical action.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/manifesto-for-hope-tickets-929101657067>

SILENT NIGHT...

Christmas Experience 2024 ... A planning meeting for this year's Christmas Experience at The Bridge will be held on **Monday 23rd September at 7.30pm** in the Church & Community Hall. (The date for the Experience day is 17th December). Not only does everyone involved in our experience days find them to be rewarding and a blessing but also the pupils (and staff) from St Luke's School look forward to this event every year. It is a joy to be able to tell the Christmas story in a creative and interactive way. So, if you've been part of the team in the past - please come along, or if you think you'd like to be involved - please come along, or if you're curious to know what we do and how we do it - then please come along. Everyone is welcome to join in and be a part of this great event.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Sun | 4 Aug | 5.30pm | The Chosen at Emmanuel |
| Sun | 11 Aug | 5.30pm | The Chosen at Emmanuel |
| Sun | 18 Aug | 5.30pm | The Chosen at Emmanuel |
| Wed | 4 Sept | 12noon | Wandering & Wondering@Peckwood |
| Tue | 17 Sept | 10.30am | Seeds & Saplings @ Peckwood |
| Wed | 18 Sept | 12noon | Wandering & Wondering@Peckwood |
| Sun | 22 Sept | | Come & Sing Evensong at Tardebigge 4.00pm Forest Church@Peckwood |
| Mon | 23 Sept | 7.30pm | Christmas Experience Planning |
| Sun | 29 Sept | 4.00pm | Farewell Service for Bishop John at Worcester Cathedral |
| Wed | 2 Oct | 12noon | Wandering & Wondering@Peckwood |
| | | 7.00pm | Deanery Synod - The Bridge |
| Thur | 3 Oct | 6.30pm | Manifesto for Hope - Top Church |
| Sun | 6 Oct | 4.00pm | Forest Church@Peckwood |
| Tue | 15 Oct | 10.30am | Seeds & Saplings @ Peckwood |
| Wed | 23 Oct | 12noon | Wandering & Wondering@Peckwood |
| Sun | 3 Nov | 4.00pm | Forest Church@Peckwood |
| Tue | 19 Nov | 10.30am | Seeds & Saplings @ Peckwood |



OPPORTUNITY PECKS

Forest Space Festival takes place on Saturday 3rd August between 2-8pm at Peck Wood with music, walks, story tent, crafts poetry and more.

WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN....

The schools have just broken up for summer and already it is time to cast our minds ahead to the glories of Autumn. Imagine a time when temperatures above 20 degrees are a rarity, the wasps have departed and spaces are available in National Trust car parks...

Yes, the current rota runs out at the end of August, so it is time for you to dive into your diaries, cast a glance at your calendars, peruse your planners and then email Rosie at thebridgeredditch@gmail.com with dates when you know you will not be available in during September, October and November. We do not expect you to have every fine detail of your lives planned that far in advance. If anything crops up after the plan is published just arrange a swap with another person doing the same task. Thank you to everyone who rolls up each week to set up, clear up, read, pray and serve - in any way, You are very much appreciated.

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.

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.