

Notices Sunday 3rd November, 2024

ALL SAINTS

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.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

This year's collection has raised £603.02 for the Society. Many thanks to all box holders for their generosity.

CHRISTMAS STREET MARKET

Please start collecting donations ready for the Christmas Street Market on Saturday 23rd November - chocolate, toiletries, jewellery, items for the Secret Santa and Tombola will all be gratefully received. There will be a box in church for your donations. There is still plenty of time to get involved in this fabulous event. Volunteers are particularly needed for setting up and taking down -

CAN YOU HELP WITH THIS?

Meanwhile it is an ideal time to declutter your cupboards. What is lurking there, unopened and unlikely ever to be used, but would make an excellent prize in the Tombola? There is a box in church for your donations.

THE DARKEST CHRISTMAS?

Gareth Davies-Jones will be at Redditch Baptist Church on Friday 6th December at 7.30pm as part of his Christmas Tour. Gareth shares his faith through his music, so this would be a great event to bring folk to who are starting their faith journey. Further details of which can be found at <https://garethdavies-jones.com/home> Booking through Eventbrite at £11.55 or £10 if purchased direct from Tom King secretary@redditchbaptist.org.uk

TO CHRISTMAS AND BEYOND!

Somehow, we have arrived at the beginning of the penultimate month of the year, which means we need to organise the rota for December, January and February.

We realise that some folks are very busy during December and other folks love to help at the key services. The Administrator has no idea which camp you fall in. So, when you send in the list of dates when you are not available, it would be very helpful if you could indicate if you are also not available for the Carol Service/ Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Sun 29th Dec. Replies to the Administrator at thebridgeredditch@mail.com by **MONDAY 4TH NOV**, please.

This is an ideal opportunity to say thank you to everyone who helps make our services run so smoothly - to those who support our clergy and service leaders - readers and intercessors, sacristans and servers, tea and coffee makers, welcomers and stewards/wardens. Those who play the music, and setup and run the technology. Thank you to those who attend each week. You are all very much appreciated.

METHODIST WOMEN AND MEN OF BRITAIN

Erdington Methodist Church in Wesley Road, B23 6TX, The Birmingham District Autumn Meeting of Methodist Women in Britain on Saturday 9th November between 10.30am and 3pm. Rev Dr Robert Bates, who will lead Remembrance Reflections. There will be an assortment of crafts available in the afternoon. Lunch will be a bring & share. If you have any questions please contact the secretary annetteash21@yahoo.co.uk Please note this event is open to everyone regardless of gender.

Sunday 3rd November—All Saints

10.30am Holy Communion with Father Glenn Reading
 Isaiah 25:6-9,
 Revelation 21. 1-6,
 John 11. 32-44

12.30pm Baptism

4.00pm Forest Church@Peckwood

Collect - All Saints

Almighty God,
 you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
 grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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.

Collect 4th Sunday before Advent

Almighty and eternal God,
 you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; 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.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10.15am Parade Service
 led by Roger Ling
 John 15:9-17

6pm Choral Evensong at Tardebigge Church

Online Evening Prayer

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

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Events in the hall unless stated otherwise

Monday 4th November

10.00am Toddlers

Tues 5th November

10.00am Little Fishes

10.00am Exercise Classes

10.00am Holy Communion at Astwd Bank

10.30am u3a Committee Meeting

2.00pm u3a

6.30pm Girl' Brigade

Wednesday 6th November

10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 7th November

10.00am Charity Shop & Café

10.30am Holy Communion at Crabbs Cr

1.30pm Crafty Thursday

7.30pm Philatelics

Friday 8th November

10.00am Charity Shop & Café

10.00am Stations of the Cross at Cr Cr

Saturday 9th November

10.30am Methodist Women (and Men)
of Britain at Erdington Meth Ch



FOREST CHURCH GATHERING

You are invited to come and gather at Peckwood this afternoon at 4pm and explore the space between All Souls and Celtic Advent. Bring a torch, as it will be dark, a chair, and something warm to wrap yourself in.

TWELVE DEGREES OF SILENCE

At their November meeting on Saturday 16th November Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group will be embracing 'Twelve Degrees of Silence' by Marie Aimee de Jesus.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat	16 Nov	7.45am	Saltway Men's Breakfast at Kings Court Hotel, Coughton
		11.00am	Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group Twelve Degrees of Silence
Sun	17 Nov		Safeguarding Sunday
Tue	19 Nov	10.30am	Seeds & Saplings @ Peckwood
Sat	23 Nov		The Bridge Christmas Street Market
Tue	26 Nov	10.30am	Seeds & Saplings @ Peckwood
Fri	6 Dec	7.30pm	The Darkest Christmas @Redditch Baptist Church
Sun	8 Dec	10.30am	Toy Service
Sat	14 Dec		Breakfast With Santa
		11.00am	Redditch Carmelite Spirituality Group The Feast of St John of the Cross.
Sun	15 Dec	6.00pm	Carol Service
Tue	17 Dec		Brigades Christingle
Sat	22 Dec	4.30pm	Carols in the Woods @Peckwood
Tues	24 Dec	3.00pm	Crib Service

SAFEGUARDING REVIEW

The results of the recent Safeguarding audit are now available on the Diocesan website. Safeguarding Advisor, Hilary Higton said "I was delighted that the auditors recognised the good practice which occurs on a day to day basis within our diocese and cathedral. It was also pleasing to learn that over 550 people were willing to feedback to the auditors their views and that the top 3 words people chose to describe the Diocese were 'welcoming' 'supportive' and 'respectful'. We know though there is still much to do. The diocesan safeguarding team want to thank you for your co-partnership working as we seek together to make the Diocese of Worcester and Cathedral a safe and welcoming place for all, especially the most vulnerable in our midst".

CALL TO SING

Following on from the very successful choral evensongs at Tardebigge, a peripatetic choir is in the process of being set up with a view to visiting churches in the area or even beyond. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Roger Powell Email: rmpowell@btinternet.com Tel: 07971 888776. The choir's next event takes place on Saturday 10th November at Tardebigge church. Choir rehearsal at 2.45pm followed by afternoon tea and Choral Evensong at 6pm.

HELPERS REQUIRED

Could you spare some time to help set up the charity shop once or twice a month on a Thursday or Friday morning? Help is needed for half an hour at 9.15 and for another half an hour at 12.45pm. Further details from Maureen Brown mobrown1@virginmedia.com or pop in to the Charity Shop on a Thursday or Friday morning.

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.

