

## Notices Sunday 1st September, 2024

### Fourteenth 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](http://www.thebridgeredditch.co.uk) or by following our facebook page or X (formerly Twitter) account.

#### BUNDLING BAGS OF LOVE AT BIRCHFIELD ROAD

Each September, The Bridge Mothers' Union supply Bags of Love to parents of children starting Reception at St Luke's School. Bags will be packed at the Grubb residence - 225 Birchfield Road at 3pm on Sunday 1st September. Everyone is welcome to lend a hand and enjoy a chat and a cuppa. Further details from Judith Grubb 01527 457789.

#### VOTE FOR DORIS AND THE TREES!

Worcester Cathedral has been shortlisted in two categories of this year's Visit Worcestershire's Tourism Awards. The Christmas Tree Festival is a finalist in the Festival event of the year category. In 2023 the Christmas Tree Festival comprised of a record breaking 135 trees forming a veritable forest of delight, circling the cloisters and spilling out in to the Chapter House. 135 trees vote here [here https://visitengland-chapters.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/wor/gallery/rounds/368/details/32832](https://visitengland-chapters.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/wor/gallery/rounds/368/details/32832)

This year's festival will run from Thursday 5th December to Monday 6th January and can be accessed during the Cathedral's normal opening hours (excluding Christmas Eve and Christmas Day).

In the Unsung Hero Category, Mark Glossop was nominated as one of the founders and operators of the Cathedral Ferry. Having rowed regularly across the river since 1983. Mark recently retired after 41 years at the helm, and has now passed his oars on to a new team of volunteers. The Cathedral Ferry dates back 600 years, to days of monks and milkmaids, but ceased to run in the 1950's. In 1983 the service was resurrected. A strong and sturdy vessel named Moonraker was sourced in Dorset and renamed Doris after Doris Kinnersley, who worked tirelessly for the local community. The ferry runs from April to September between 1.15 and 5.15pm weather permitting. For just 50p you can enjoy spectacular views of the city as you cross the Severn.

#### LEGAL EAGLES AT THE CATHEDRAL

The next free legal surgery at Worcester Cathedral will be held on Thursday 26 September in the glorious Undercroft Learning Centre. We are delighted to continue our partnership with [SME Solicitors, Worcester](#) in delivering a free legal surgery to everyone in the community. Our surgeries offer one free initial 30 minute consultation with Florence Goodwin of SME Solicitors, Worcester Wills and Probate Department. Florence is a solicitor specialising in Wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney but is also available for any other legal matters of home and finance. Each 30 minute consultation is available by appointment only and the booking form will be available in the next issue of the Cathedral newsletter on 5 September, so do save the date for now!

#### Sunday 1st September

##### 14th After Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion with Father Glenn Reading  
 Isaiah 35:4-7a, Psalm 146  
 James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17 & Mark 7:24 to end.

##### Collect - 14th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 forever. Amen

#### Sunday 8th September

##### 15th After Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion with Father Glenn Reading  
 Isaiah 35:4-7a, Psalm 146  
 James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17 & Mark 7:24 to end.

#### Online Evening Prayer

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

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#### Prayer for Gaza & Israel

Dear God, We cry out to you on behalf of the people seriously affected by the conflict in Gaza and Israel. Our hearts break at the devastation and suffering that we see, and we know it breaks yours, too. We ask that you would stretch out your mighty hand to bring an end to this war. We cry out for people who have been injured or traumatised, who have lost loved ones or their homes. Please provide everything they need and be their comfort, their hope, their healer, and their safe refuge. We pray for your peace to reign. We look to you as our Saviour and the hope of the world. Amen.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Events in the hall unless stated otherwise

### Tuesday 27th August

10.00am Exercise Classes

### Thursday 29th August

10.00am Charity Shop

1.30pm Crafty Thursday

### Friday 30th August

10.00am Charity Shop

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

## SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

On Sunday 17 November, join thousands of churches from diverse backgrounds and traditions across the UK to shout about safeguarding and help protect vulnerable people.

Every year churches across the country unite to mark Safeguarding Sunday. It's a chance to listen and to talk together about how places can be created that are safer for everyone. The theme and focus for this year is – 'Let's talk about it', encouraging churches to have open and honest conversations about what we've got wrong and what we're getting right.

It's an opportunity to talk about how we can work together to prevent abuse and create a world where every child and adult can feel and be safe.

This initiative invites communities to come together to reflect on their own safeguarding journey, and to highlight and celebrate all the good work that is being done by so many behind the scenes. Further details on the [Safeguarding Sunday website](#).

## MELLOW MELODIES

Beth Parry is holding a fundraising event '**Melodies for Medicine**' at Emmanuel on Wednesday 11th September at 7.30pm, to help raise money towards her elective medical placement in the Philippines. The evening will include a selection of musical hits, with performances from special guest vocalists.

There will also be a raffle.

Further details, including tickets, are available from 07508378690 or [bethparry.elective@gmail.com](mailto:bethparry.elective@gmail.com)

## BREAKFAST WITH ROB

The next Saltway's Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday 21st September at 7.45 for 8am.

Venue Kings Court Hotel in Coughton.

The speaker will be Rob Hooper,

Cost £11.

Please book by 8pm Wed 18th

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun	1 Sept	3.00pm	Packing Bags of Love at 225 Birchfield Road
Tues	3 Sept	11.00am	Wardens & Stewards
Wed	4 Sept	12noon	Wandering & Wondering@Peckwood
Tues	10 Sept	10.00am	Little Fishes in church
Wed	11 Sept	7.30pm	Melodies for Medicine at Emmanuel
Sun	15 Sept	3.00pm	Installation of Revd. Stephen Edwards As Dean of Worcester Cathedral
		6.30pm	Licensing of Revd Fraser Oates at St Stephen's Redditch.
Tue	17 Sept	10.30am	Seeds & Saplings @ Peckwood
Wed	18 Sept	12noon	Wandering & Wondering@Peckwood
Sat	21 Sept	7.45am	Saltway Men's Breakfast at Kings Court Motel
Sun	22 Sept		Come & Sing Evensong at Tardebigge
		4.00pm	Forest Church@Peckwood
Mon	23 Sept	7.30pm	Christmas Experience Planning
Wed	28 Sept	11.00am	Wandering & Wondering@Peckwood
Sun	29 Sept	4.00pm	Bishop John's Farewell Service 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	tbc	Forest Church@Peckwood
Tue	15 Oct	10.30am	Seeds & Saplings @ Peckwood
Mon	21 Oct	12noon	Wandering & Wondering@Peckwood
Tue	22 Oct	10.30am	Seeds & Saplings @Peckwood
Sun	3 Nov	4.00pm	Forest Church@Peckwood
Sun	17 Nov		Safeguarding Sunday
Tue	19 Nov	10.30am	Seeds & Saplings @ Peckwood
Sat	23 Nov		The Bridge Christmas Street Market
Sun	8 Dec	10.30am	Toy Service
Sat	14 Dec		Breakfast With Santa
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

"Ah, summer – that long anticipated stretch of lazy, lingering days, free of responsibility and rife with possibility. It's a time to hunt for insects, master handstands, practice swimming strokes, conquer trees, explore nooks and crannies, and make new friends." – Darrell Hammond

## 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](mailto: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.