

This week at The Bridge		
Sunday 12th May	9.00am	Holy Communion Rev Glenn Reading
	10.30am	Morning Worship and Parade Brigades
	10.30am	Café Church Caroline Baker and Helen Reading
Tuesday 14th May	6.00pm	Girls Brigade
Wednesday 15th May	9.30am	NO Holy Communion
Friday 17th May	6.00pm	Boys Brigade
Sunday 19th May	9.00am	Morning Worship Roger Ling
	10.30am	Holy Communion Rev Glenn Reading
	10.30am	Café Church Ruth Wilson and Jackie Adams

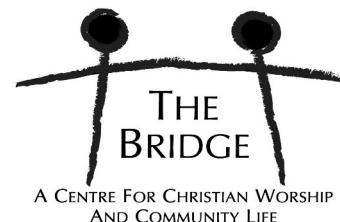
Music for 12 May 2019			
Organ	<i>Cantilene</i>	<i>Archer</i>	
	<i>Andante</i>	<i>Hesse</i>	
Hymns	Lord, the light of your love is shining	59	Singing the Faith
	We are marching in the light of God	483	
	Give me joy in my heart	76	
	Be thou my vision	545	
Organ	<i>Lift up your heads</i>	<i>Leupold</i>	

PAM MILLS

Following a private committal, a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Pam Mills will be held at The Bridge Church at 3pm on Thursday 16th May

Weekly offertory envelopes are available in the church

Please give any items for inclusion in this weekly news-sheet by Wednesday of each week, to Matthew Bailey or Roger Ling
or send them via email to: bailey_matt@btinternet.com **and** roger.j.ling@virginmedia.com



WELCOME

12th May 2019

*A warm welcome to our services today
especially if this is your first visit to The Bridge.*

Jesus said "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me"

BISHOP GRAHAM TO BECOME BISHOP OF NORWICH

10 Downing Street has today announced that the Bishop of Dudley, Graham Usher is to become the next Bishop of Norwich. Bishop Graham was ordained as the fifth Bishop of Dudley in March 2014 and has served as the Suffragan Bishop across the whole of the Diocese of Worcester. He will leave our diocese at the end of July and will be formally enthroned as the Bishop of Norwich in Norwich Cathedral in the late Autumn.

On his appointment, Bishop Graham said:

"It is a delight, but also somewhat daunting, to have been nominated to be the next Bishop of Norwich and I'm looking forward to the adventure with God in Jesus that lies ahead. What I'm truly grateful for is how the people of the Diocese of Worcester have shaped me as a bishop. You have taught me much, as has Bishop John and other colleagues; thank you with all my heart. Having lived in Dudley for the last five years, I will miss the warmth of those who begin almost every conversation with the word 'awloight'. The people of Dudley's care and encouragement, together with those in the rest of the diocese, have meant much to Rachel and me. I look forward to hearing about how the diocese flourishes in the years ahead and you will remain much in my prayers."

Bishop John said:

"I shall miss Bishop Graham greatly, as will many others. He has been a wonderful gift to the Diocese of Worcester and has given an enormous amount to individuals, churches and wider society. The leadership role he has played in the Metropolitan Borough of Dudley has been invaluable there. I am personally very grateful to him for his friendship and support and am sad that we are losing him. It was only a matter of time, I suppose, and the people of the Diocese of Norwich are very fortunate to be receiving him. He and Rachel and the family go with our heartfelt gratitude, our love and our prayers."

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Before becoming a Bishop, Graham was Rector of Hexham Abbey. He has also lived and worked in inner Middlesbrough and Ghana, Africa. As Bishop of Dudley, Graham currently chairs the Churches' Housing Association of Dudley and District (CHADD) which provides the women's refuge, housing for homeless teenagers, and residential support for elderly people who live with long-term mental ill health. He also serves as Dudley Council's Independent Person for standards and leads on the community strand of the 'Forging Ahead' vision for Dudley. Graham maintains an interest in ecology as a member of the Church of England's Environmental Working Group and in medical ethics as a board member of the Human Tissue Authority. He is a member of the International Commission for Anglican Orthodox Theological Dialogue.

Following his announcement, Bishop Graham will today be touring the Diocese of Norwich, visiting a local housing trust, a primary school garden and outdoor reflective space, a church after-school club run by volunteers. Later this afternoon he will be welcomed to the diocese at a special Evensong at Norwich Cathedral where he will give the blessing.

If you would like or intend to attend Victoria's ordination on Sunday June 23rd then please let Glenn know so transport can be arranged.

REV JO MUSSON GOES AERIAL!

On Wednesday 15th May Jo Musson, our former curate, is undertaking a sponsored wing-walk to raise funds for two projects – the installation of toilets and a kitchen in the church at Claines where she is now vicar and also for Bloodwise.

A wing-walk involves climbing on top of the top wing of a bi-plane, a 1940's Boing Stearman, being strapped into a harness and then taking a flight exposed to the elements!

Jo writes: 'I will be doing the most terrifying thing I have ever attempted in my life . . . my only aim will be to cling on for dear life. I'm told the force of the wind is considerable, and tight clothing and glued-down hair are a must.'

If you would like to sponsor Jo, or would like to read more about the venture go online to: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rev-jo

The **Bridge Church hospitality tent on The Green** on Bank Holiday Monday raised donations totalling £256.22 and this will be forwarded to Christian Aid. Many thanks to all those who baked the delicious cakes and those who served or helped in other ways on the day. Many thanks to BB for erecting and taking down the tent and GB for joining the rota. We made a good, happy team.

Dear all,
Mothers Union nationally is hosting a family service for Thy Kingdom Come in Coventry cathedral on Friday 31st May at 2pm.
There will be a coach from the southern half of the diocese, but for us it is not so far to drive.
Everyone is invited! It's half term week, why not make a family day of it in Coventry, explore the old parts of the city, go to the motor museum. The cathedral itself is stunning, if you have not been for a while. There will be exhibitions and tea available at the cathedral from 12 noon.
More details from Judith Grubb Thank you Judith

Christian Aid - CAN YOU HELP?

Today is the first day of the annual Christian Aid week and we have four roads in the area which we need covering by collectors, due to holidays etc.
Hopefully you may find that you can spare the time to fill one of these places and help our Church to achieve a creditable total sum.

The roads which require collectors are listed on a board at the rear of the church and the relative packs of envelopes are ready to go.

Your efforts as a collector will help to raise much needed funds, helping to support communities where the need is greatest but have least access to those basic needs.

Dear all,
The Birmingham diocese Malawi container leaves on Saturday 18th May. Judith Grubb would welcome any spare pencils or pens, paper, wool, knitting needles, baby clothes. Also donations towards the funding (we are asked for about £6 per cubic ft)
My tel. 01527 457789 Many thanks, Judith

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