

This week at The Bridge		
Sunday 17th November	9.00am	Morning Worship Jackie Adams
	10.30am	Holy Communion Rev Steve Levett
	10.30am	Café Church Rev Glenn Reading Rev Victoria Barlow and Jackie Adams
Tuesday 19th November	6.00pm	Girls Brigades
Wednesday 20th November	9.30am	Holy Communion
Friday 22nd November	6.00pm	Boys Brigades
Sunday 24th November	9.00am	Holy Communion Rev Glenn Reading and Rev Victoria Barlow
	10.30am	Morning Worship Roger Ling
	10.30am	Messy Café Church Messy Café Team

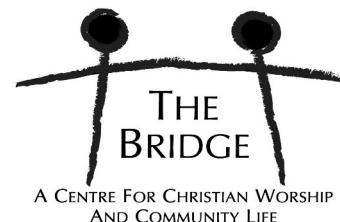
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Singing the **Hymn 499: Great God, your love has called us here**
 Faith **820: Psalm 98**
795: Saviour of the World
Hymn 776: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful
Hymn 705 : It is God Who Holds the Nations
Hymn 577: Bread of life, hope of the world

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COLLECTING BOXES

Collecting boxes are due for opening this month. If you have a collecting box at home please bring it to Church and pass it to Roger Ling. Alternatively please ring Chris Ling on 01527 401238 if you would like your box collected.
 Many thanks. Chris Ling, box co-ordinator.

Please give any 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

17th November 2019

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

Jesus said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" John 8 v12

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

There will be a joint team service on Sunday November 24th at 4pm a Ss. Matthias & Gerge, Astwood Bank to celebrate the end of the liturgical year and the feast of Christ the King (which the Anglican team of Churches here is named after)

The service will be a lively, joyful occasion with good music and will be followed by Cava and Cake (and soft drinks) in the Church Hall. Everyone will be given a personal invite to remind them of the details.

Fr Mike, Ruth, Glenn and Victoria commend and encourage everyone to come together for this joyful act of worship.



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Rev Ruth Wilson Tel: 01527 541885

Rev Victoria Barlow

Rosie Humphrey, Administrator Tel: 01527 545120

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 30th November - 11.00am - 2.00pm

We have an ambitious target for this fund-raising event. Can you help?

Donations are required for the following stalls:

- Tombola prizes in good condition
- Perfumes, cosmetics, bath products
- Jewellery and jewellery boxes
- Christmas decorations and puzzles
- Cakes (see Victoria's list)
- Chocolates for Girls Brigade stall
- Good quality toys
- Cash donations towards a Fair-trade hamper (to Jackie)

You can also help by selling raffle tickets (see Matt Bailey)

Any donations of chocolate for the chocolate tombola stall at the Bazaar would be gratefully received. Thank you in advance - Girls' Brigade.
Tracy Gration

Financial update.

Last month I gave a full and detailed update on both the hall and church accounts so for October I will update this.

Hall

On the hall water situation we are still waiting for the insurance to make the payment they said they would make

Church.

To meet our budget we need approx £5,300 a month income.

The income for October was £3,335, so you can see we are still moving towards a large deficit at the end of the year

Terry Bill

God in Love Unites Us

A set of principles outlining the qualities of good relationships has been commended by the Methodist Conference for prayerful discussion, study and response across the Church over the next year. The report, "God in Love Unites Us", makes a number of provisional proposals, including:

- principles or qualities of good relating
- an understanding of cohabitation
- to allow same-sex couples to marry in Methodist churches
- providing resources and liturgies to celebrate civil partnerships
- prayers for when marriages end in divorce

Quite rightly the Conference want to hear the views of Connexion. To that end the Circuit Leadership Team are facilitating a process for members of the church in this Circuit:

By **25th November** to have read the report in print (booklets are available from the Methodist Stewards: Terry Bill, Matt Bailey and Mo Brown) or online at www.methodist.org.uk/MandR19

On **Tuesday 26th November 7pm or Thursday 28th November 2pm** attend a workshop to discuss the proposals, ask questions and dig deep into what the report means for the Methodist Church.

By February 2020 every local Methodist Church to have held local discussions on the report and offer feedback to the CLT who will write a 500 word feedback to take to Spring Synod.

As an Anglican/Methodist LEP the local discussions and feedback here at The Bridge will be specific and information about that will be provided in due course.

The service for the recently deceased Norman Hinkley will be at the Redditch Crematorium on Monday 18th November at 11:45am

The Mothers union will be drawing attention to the issues surrounding domestic abuse by observing 16 days of activism, starting on Monday 25th November. Please pray for all suffering abuse and consider how to help them.

Many thanks!
Judith