This week at The Bridge				
Sunday 1st December ADVENT SUNDAY	10.30am 10.30am	Morning Worship Rev Ruth Wilson Holy Communion Rev Glenn Reading and Rev Victoria Barlow Café Church Helen Reading Caroline Baker Maureen Brown CTiR Service at St Johns Greenlands		
Tuesday 3rd December	2.00pm	Little Fishes Mothers Union Girls Brigades		
Wednesday 4th December	9.30am	Holy Communion		
Friday 6th December	6.00pm	Boys Brigades		
Sunday 8th December TOY SERVICE	10.30am	Holy Communion Rev Glenn Reading and Rev Victoria Barlow Toy Service/ Parade Rev Ruth Wilson Café Church Terry Bill Mercia Lee Christine Stanley		

Music for 1 December 2019				
Hymns	O Come, O come, Immanuel On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Lo, he comes with clouds descending As your family, Lord, see us here Hills of the north, rejoice	180 182 177 571 172	Singing the Faith	

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

1st December 2019 ADVENT SUNDAY

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

So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. Matthew 24 v44

#### CALLING 'EXPERIENCE CHRISTMAS' CAST MEMBERS

A reminder that the first Run through / rehearsal / gathering will be tomorrow, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.00 p.m. in the hall.

See you there. Ruth



Rev Glenn Reading Tel: 01527 894436 / 0796 4282278 Rev Ruth Wilson Tel: 01527 541885 Rev Victoria Barlow



Rosie Humphrey, Administrator Tel: 01527 545120 Web site: www.thebridgeredditch.co.uk

## **Rev Ivor Merry**

Members of the former St. Luke's Church who have long memories will be saddened to learn that Rev Ivor Merry died on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November after a long illness.

Ivor was a Non-Stipendiary Minister and served his time as a curate at St. Luke's during the ministry of Rev. Brian Halfpenny.

Funeral arrangements are not yet known.

### **TEARFUND QUIZ**

Our Quiz Night held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November raised a staggering £1627.50 for Tearfund. This money was from the sale of tickets, donations on the evening plus Gift Aid on the donations.

We were one of over 520 churches taking part on the same evening with over 23,000 participants. In due course we will learn of the total amount raised across the country.

A very big THANK YOU to Mercia and the brilliant team of helpers who provided great food and made the evening so enjoyable.

#### 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 TOYSERVICE

Next Sunday 8th December Please bring New toys (or as new) for distribution to Redditch families who are in need of some Christmas cheer.

# IT'S PARTY TIME

The Bridge Wednesday Morning Small Group would like to invite you to Celebrate the New Year in a Christian Context Silly Games, Bring & Share Meal, Informal, lively worship with Communion Wednesday 1st January 2020, 4pm to 7pm at The Bridge Community Hall For everyone at The Bridge and their friends/families Tickets will be available in the Foyer of the Community Hall from 11.45am on 8th December on a 'first come, first served' basis. (There will be a fixed number of tickets and there is no charge) For more info please speak to David, Doreen, Gillian, Jackie, Judith, Marjorie, Matthew, Mercia, Nasief or Terry

**General Election hustings**. CTiR is organising hustings at 7pm on Tuesday 3rd December at Redditch Baptist Church, Easemore Road. All congregations in Redditch are welcome. See notice on board for further information.

Terry Bill