

This week at The Bridge		
Sunday 22nd December	9.00am	Holy Communion-Rev Glenn Reading and Rev Victoria Barlow
	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Ian Athey
	10.30am	Café Church Maureen Brown and Terry Bill
	6.00pm	Carol Service Rev Glenn and Rev Ruth
Tuesday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE	3.00pm	Crib Service Maureen Brown
	11.30pm	Holy Communion Rev Ruth Wilson and Rev Victoria Barlow
Wednesday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY	10.30am	Christmas Worship in Church Rev Victoria Barlow
	10.30am	Christmas Café Church in the hall
Sunday 29th December	10.30am	Combined service for all.

Hymns for 22nd December 2019

Hymns:

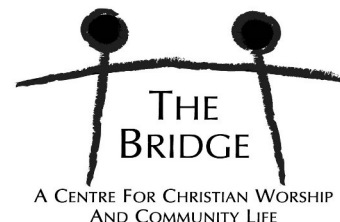
174 Light a candle in a darkened place Singing the Faith

187 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven came

208 Let earth and heaven combine

701 Heaven shall not wait

207 Jesus is the heart of Christmas



WELCOME

22nd December 2019

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

A very happy Christmas to all



The Word became flesh and made his dwelling
among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of
the One and Only, who came from the Father,
full of grace and truth.

John 1 v14



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Radiate Redditch

will open its Christmas Hub from 24th December to 1st January inclusive (closed 28th December). The **Daytime Drop-in** will be open from 11.00am to 4.00pm offering hot drinks and snacks during the day, a hot meal at lunchtime, hopefully some entertainment and most importantly a warm, friendly atmosphere.

This year, for the first time, there will no overnight accommodation; however, the organisation CCP will operate a Severe Weather Emergency Provision at Redditch Baptist Church on nights when the temperature is predicted to fall below freezing.

Please contact the charity Streetlink: 0300 500 0914 or via www.streetlink.org.uk if you meet anyone in need of a place to sleep

Accounts update end November

Church.

To meet our budget we need approx £5,300 a month income, or £63,600 for the year. The income to the end of November was £48,130 (this includes the great income from the bazaar).

In December we will get a Gift Aid return of approx £2,000 which will help, but we are still looking at a large deficit at the end of December.

Recently, we have had a number of small donations that have helped the situation a little, but our deficit could still be close to £10,000.

I have been spoken to by a member who feels they would like to make a "one off" donation in addition to their regular contribution to church funds, and they asked me if I knew if there were other members who were concerned about the situation and would also be prepared to help with a donation, large or small. If so just speak to me
Terry Bill

Open Conversations

Hi all, the diocese are planning a number of meetings around the diocese over the next few weeks entitled 'open conversations'.

The aim is to look at how ministry will be funded in the future in the diocese in light of the budget problems.

The diocese are already planning the reduction of 15 Stipendary posts in the next 5 years!

Please look on the notice board for details.

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 - all
ages**

Tickets (no charge) available today from Gillian or Mercia
Lifts available

CAROL SERVICE - MULLED WINE - AND MINCE PIES

Next Sunday, 22nd December, our Carol Service is at 6.00 p.m. After the service there will be mulled wine (or fruit juice) and mince pies in the hall.

Please could you bring some mince pies for everyone to share? Please bring them to the hall before the Carol Service.

..... and a good time will be had by one and all. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES – THANK YOU

The grand total collected this year through Children's Society collecting boxes is **£826.21**. Thank you to everyone who has a collecting box for the work of the Children's Society.

If anyone would like a collecting box please speak to Roger Ling.

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