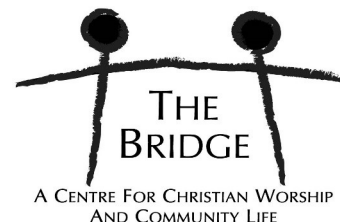


This week at The Bridge		
Sunday 26th January	9.00am	Holy Communion Rev Glenn and Rev Victoria
	10.30am	Morning Worship John Legge.
	10.30am	Messy Café Church - Messy Café Team
Tuesday 28th January	6.00pm	Girls Brigades
Wednesday 29th January	9.30am	Holy Communion
Friday 31st January	6.00pm	Boys Brigades
Sunday 2nd February	9.00am	Morning Worship Rev Ruth Wison.
	10.30am	Holy Communion Rev Glenn and Rev Victoria
	10.30am	Café Church - Helen Reading and Mercia Lee
	6.00pm	Circuit Service at Catshill

Music for 26 January 2020			
<i>Organ</i>	<i>Sonatina</i>	<i>Fink</i>	
	<i>Reflection</i>	<i>Wood</i>	
Hymns	God, whose almighty word	106	Singing the Faith
	Lord, the light of your love is shining	59	
	Longing for light	706	
	Christ is the world's light	346	
	There's a light upon the mountains	188	
<i>Organ</i>	<i>All glory be to God on high</i>	<i>Leupold</i>	

The Mothers Union uses old religious Christmas cards for recycling into cards for prisoners to use to send to their families. Please can I ask that when people sort out their Christmas cards, they might consider passing to me for recycling any suitable cards? The Mothers Union would be very grateful.

In fact, we also do Easter, birthday and greeting cards, so anything that people would like to offload, please pass them to me as a collecting point! Thank you! Judith



WELCOME

26th January 2020

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

**"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God"**

1 Corinthians 1 v18

Kingdom Arts

A fresh expression that meets monthly at St. George Barbourne, Worcs. An adult group that explores scripture through worship including sharing song and Word, a variety of crafts, community fellowship, and food.

A number of the congregations of both churches, Fr. Glenn, Revd. Ruth, and Mthr. Victoria are hoping to attend the session Tuesday 11th February, 10.00-13.00, to have fun, inspire reflection around our current fabulous variety of expressions, and also for venturing into new explorations. It will be good to share in fellowship and food with our sisters and brothers in Christ. ALL are welcome. It is free, although donations are welcomed for their running costs; please contact Victoria for further details, and to give an idea of numbers.



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THE BRIDGE in association with SHINDIG

Present a **CONCERT** with

KATHRYN ROBERTS & SEAN LAKEMAN

♪ ♪ **WINNERS OF BEST DUO BBC FOLK AWARDS 2016** ♪ ♪

on Saturday 1st February 2020

at 7.30 p.m. at The Bridge

Tickets £12.00 (£11.00 Concession for OAP's & under 16)

Includes glass of wine or fruit juice in interval

Tickets from Maureen Brown Tel: 01527 542281

or on the door.

Labour Exploitation is Modern Day Slavery

A Morning sponsored by Faith at Work in Worcestershire, to raise awareness of the current issue of modern slavery and human trafficking.

Saturday 8th February 2020
9.45am for teas and coffees. 10.00am start
1.00pm close

At The Ark St Laurence Church Alvechurch
School Lane B48 7SB
Event is free

Tickets telephone 01905 621780
See Notice Board for further Information

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

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

At last I am able to provide some good news.

Church Accounts.

As you are aware we were forecasting a deficit of around £10,000 for 2019. However after the appeal, we received a number of donations both large and small which enabled us to pay off all outstanding payments and end the year with a surplus of £3,139.

This means for the first time in recent year we go into a new year up to date with no late payments of Parish Share and Methodist Assessment.

The budget I have passed to the Church Council for 2020 shows a deficit of £7,121, so this shows our regular income does NOT meet our expenditure. However with the surplus from 2019 we are looking at a shortfall of £4,000 as we enter 2020.

How can we increase income to meet this deficit ?

Community Hall

At the end of 2019 the hall accounts showed a surplus of £5,550, of which £2,000 is a maintenance reserve, so we had £3,550 surplus.

This was mainly due to a donation to pay for the water repair and a surplus on the insurance pay out.

The 2020 budget for the hall shows a shortfall of £1,000, before taking into account the end of year surplus, so we really need to look to ensuring the hall is used more by paying groups.

We have the funds to pay for the repairs and upgrade, but once complete we need to ensure the building is used and an income generated.

So if you are a member of a group looking to hire premises or know groups that are looking, please tell them about us and what we have to offer.

Terry

Open The book is a Bible Society venture which currently goes in to a number of schools nationwide to act out Bible stories .The team which currently goes into St Georges first school every other Monday for an hour and a half is in need of volunteers, please. No acting experience needed, just a friendly approach towards children! Anyone interested, please speak with Judith Grubb on 457789.

And...

Advance Notice!!! The World Day of Prayer this year is Friday 6th March. (Used to be the women's world day of prayer, but this has been widened!) This is an opportunity to pray together with members of other churches in Redditch. The service has been designed by the women of Zimbabwe. More details to follow. Judith Grubb