

This week at The Bridge		
Sunday 29th December	10.30am	Combined service for all Roger Ling
Sunday 5th January	9.00am	Morning Worship Rev Ruth Wilson.
	10.30am	Holy Communion Rev Glenn Reading and Rev Victoria Barlow
	10.30am	Café Church Maureen Brown and Mercia Lee

#### HYMNS FOR 29th DECEMBER

All from Old and New

440 See him lying on a bed of straw

537 We three kings

409 Open our eyes, Lord

183 Good King Wenceslas looked out

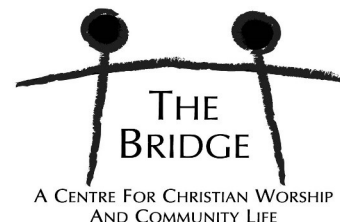
310 Lord for the years

#### APPEAL TO HELP REFUGEES - *Can you help?*

**Bromsgrove & Redditch Welcomes Refugees (BRWR)** working with **People In Motion (PIM)** have over the last two years been collecting donations of clothes, shoes, tents, sleeping bags, blankets and coats which are then sent out to refugees in northern France or Greece.

We will be at The Bridge Church on the first Saturday of each month; the next collection being on Saturday 4th January from 2.00pm - 4.00pm.

Come and chat with us and find out more about this work, or phone Sue Yeng on 07973 130964.



# WELCOME

## 29th December 2019

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

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.  
Titus 2v11

Happy New Year to All



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## **IT'S PARTY TIME**

**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**

**A few tickets (no charge) remain available from Mercia on 07963 903901**

Bookings are now open for the **Re-Imagine Church Conference 2020** in Birmingham!

Over the last few years we have had a fantastic time with a diverse set of speakers, practitioners, facilitators, contributors and attendees fuelling conversation around mission, evangelism, inclusion, pioneering and much more. This year all that continues at Carrs Lane Church Centre on Saturday 29th February 2020.

I hope that you can join us as we consider the theme "being an inviting church". Michael Harvey, author of "Unlocking the Growth" and pioneer of "Back to Church Sunday" will be leading our thinking along with others leading a diverse set of workshops including:

- When Fear and Calling Collide (Michael Harvey)
- How to Plant a Church: New Places for New People (Matt Finch)
- Transformational Leadership for your Church (Emma Nash)
- Worship Fit for an Invitation! (Adam Sanders)
- Practical ways to invite families with children with additional needs to connect with Jesus (Jo Yair)
- Reaching and Inviting Those who are Using your Building: Adopting a Chaplaincy Model (Geoff Bond)
- Art as an Invitational Tool (Jo Love)
- Social Media for Churches 101
- Youth Led Worship: The story of the Birmingham District Youth Service (Ruda Mvundura, Jon Pedley)
- Accessible Worship for the Deaf Community
- We talk about being invitational but are we actually welcoming? (Ian Howarth)

The cost is £7.50 per person which covers refreshments and lunch.

**Speak to Maureen Brown if you are interested in going as we will be arranging a coach as in the previous 2 years. Can also book people in as necessary.**

## **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**

### **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.

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](mailto:bailey_matt@btinternet.com) **and** [roger.j.ling@virginmedia.com](mailto:roger.j.ling@virginmedia.com)