

## This week at The Bridge

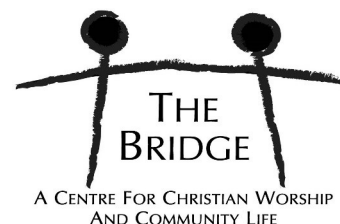
<b>Sunday 2nd February</b>	9.00am	Morning Worship Rev Ruth Wison.
	10.30am	Holy Communion Rev Glenn and Rev Victoria
	10.30am	Café Church - Helen Reading and Mercia Lee
	6.00pm	Circuit Service at Catshill
<b>Tuesday 4th February</b>	6.00pm	Girls Brigades
<b>Wednesday 5th February</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Friday 7th February</b>	6.00pm	Boys Brigades
<b>Sunday 9th February</b>	9.00am	Holy Communion Rev Glenn and Rev Victoria
	10.30am	Parade Service Rev Ruth Wilson
	10.30am	Café Church - Jackie Adams and Judith Grubb

### Music for 2 February 2020

<i>Organ</i>	<i>Voluntaries for diapason and flute</i>	<i>Blow and Boyce</i>	
Hymns	Christ is the world's light	346	Singing the Faith
	King of Glory, King of peace	56	
	Longing for light	706	
Choir	<i>Eat this bread and never hunger</i>	582	
	Ye holy angels bright	69	
<i>Organ</i>	<i>Trumpet Voluntary</i>	<i>Boyce</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

## 2nd February 2020

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

**“For this reason Jesus had to be like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted”**

Hebrews 2 vv17,18

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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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Rev Ruth Wilson Tel: 01527 541885

Rev Victoria Barlow

Rosie Humphrey, Administrator Tel: 01527 545120

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**1<sup>st</sup> REDDITCH GIRLS' BRIGADE YOUNG LEADERS  
AND THE BRIDGE CHURCH CHARITY SHOP  
PRESENT**

**A FASHION SHOW**

31<sup>st</sup> march 2020

7pm-8pm

at the Bridge Church Community hall

TICKETS: £3.00 – ADULTS

£1.50 – CHILDREN

Tickets available from GB or Charity Shop or contact: Tracey Gration on  
[tracey.gration@lstredditch.com](mailto:tracey.gration@lstredditch.com) or

Maureen Brown on [mobrown1@virginmedia.com](mailto:mobrown1@virginmedia.com)

**ALL PROCEEDS TO MACMILLAN**

**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

**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

**DATE FOR THE DIARY –  
WELCOME DAY FEEDBACK MEETING**

Last October we held a whole day gathering thinking about how our church can be a 'Welcoming Church'. A feedback meeting has been arranged for **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.30 p.m.** in our hall.

This meeting will provide an opportunity to receive feedback from the various surveys and to discuss what we can adopt and implement to achieve our aim of being a truly Welcoming Church.