

This week at The Bridge		
Sunday 31st March MOTHERING SUNDAY	10.30am	Combined service in the church Rev. Glenn and the Café Team
Tuesday 2nd April	10.00am 6.00pm 7.00pm	Little Fishes Girls Brigade Mothers Union
Wednesday 3rd April	9.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion Lent Discussion Group
Friday 5th April	6.00pm	Boys Brigade
Sunday 7th April	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am	Morning Worship: Rev Ruth Wilson Holy Communion: Rev Glenn Reading Café Church: Caroline Baker, Helen Reading & Maureen Brown

LENT GROUP DISCUSSIONS



Our Lent Group Discussions are based on the themes in the film

THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

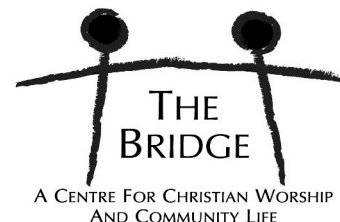
Taking the film *The Greatest Showman* as a starting point. The course explores ways in which themes of faith, hope and redemption run through all of our lives. It looks at how each of us like the characters in the film, face and can overcome doubt, temptation and prejudice.

Each session will show clips from the film relevant to the themes.

Wednesday 3rd April - 'Never Enough'

Wednesday 10th April - 'From Now On'

11.00am - 12.30pm at No 71 @The Bridge
and 7.30pm - 9.00pm at Astwood Bank Church



WELCOME

MOTHERING SUNDAY 31st March 2019

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

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but may have eternal life.

John 3 v 16

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - CHURCH A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of The Bridge will be held on
Thursday 11th April at 7.30 p.m. in Church.

The AGM gives the opportunity to review the life of the church over the past year and elect Wardens, Stewards and members of the Church Council.

Members on the Methodist Membership Roll and the Anglican Electoral Roll are entitled to stand for office and vote at the AGM.

The Electoral Roll has recently been completely renewed with all those completing Electoral Roll forms being on the new roll. This is undertaken every six years. If you did not complete a form and wish to do so please speak to Sarah Curtiss (01527 271610).

TIME FOR PRAYER

An informal prayer meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd April
at 10.30am at 104 Malvern Road, the home of Pam Mills.
Everyone is welcome to come to this gathering to pray for the work of
the church and other needs.



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Rev Ruth Wilson Tel: 01527 541885

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The Bridge Church Choir - Do you enjoy singing?

The Bridge is keen to welcome new singers to its choir – men and women. We presently sing each Sunday morning including for special occasions such as Easter, Harvest and Christmas. With more singers we would be able to tackle more ambitious music and help to maintain the choral tradition of the church.

If you would like to find out more just come along to a choir practice any Thursday at 7pm in the church or call Graham (choir leader) on 01527 578797, we would love to see you.

EASTER LILIES AND EASTER FLOWERS

A display of Lilies will be in church on Easter Sunday as a remembrance of those listed in the Lillie Remembrance book, which is in church. If you wish to remember someone on Easter Day please write their name in the book. You are invited to make a contribution towards the lilies in the nearby basket.

We also need windows decorated on **Easter Saturday** between 10.00am and 12.00am. If you are unable to decorate your window please let Pat Newey know. Thank You

MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTOR REQUIRED

A distributor for The Bridge Magazine is required for Ashperton Close and Gilbertstone Close, about 45 homes. *Are you able to volunteer for this?*

If you can, or would like more information, please contact Pat Newey. (545244). Thank you.

THE CHARITY SHOP always needs more goods to sell.

If you have any Bric a Brac, Clothes, CD's, DVD's, books etc. please take them to the shop any Thursday or Friday morning, 10.00am till 1.00pm.
Many thanks.

Please give any items 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

CHANGES IN THE CHURCH

Did you know that the Church Stewards and Wardens meet regularly with clergy to consider the life of the church in all its expressions of worship, the maintenance of the premises and to share those concerns brought to them by YOU the people of the church? At our most recent meeting we paid particular attention to what the church building says about welcome and worship.

We know there's a lot of work that needs doing, and of course our coffers aren't full, but we felt there were some small steps we could take in-house to improve the look and feel of the building. In the next few weeks there will be some rearranging of furniture. Amongst other things a designated welcome area will be set up in front of the West Door, to encourage folk to move from the pinch point at the South Door. We will be setting out tables and chairs for children in the corner between the South and West Doors and providing activities for our young worshippers.

For all worship (except for those with large congregations) chairs will be set out in the front nave (this will happen after Easter). We will continue to encourage leaders of worship to use the seating creatively in worship.

You will see that we have already introduced new cushions! We think the blue and red looks great and hope you do too. The cushions will stay on the seats in the nave and should not be stored at the back of the church. Please feel free to move the cushions to your seat if you want one. The chintz cushions will be disposed of in the next couple of weeks; if anyone wants to retrieve 'their' cushion and take it home, have a word with one of the wardens. Any cushions not claimed by the end of the month will go to cushion heaven.

And there's more ...the curtain over the West Door is going to be replaced and new pew squabs will be introduced to the chancel. We are in the process of looking for grant-funding to tackle some of the bigger work that needs doing, but in the meantime, we pray that the small steps we are taking will enrich your worship experience and will be a sign to all who come into the building that we care and want people to feel comfortable in our church.

If you have any other ideas which will enhance our worship space, please speak to any of us.

Your Wardens and Stewards are: Brian Morley, Terry Bill, Julian Grubb, Maureen Brown, Matthew Bailey and Doreen Kimberley.