This week at The Bridge			
Sunday 6th January		Morning Worship Rev Ruth Wilson Holy Communion Rev Glenn Reading Cafe Church led by Maureen Brown and Mercia Lee	
Tuesday 8th January	2.00pm	Little Fishes Mothers Union Girls Brigade	
Wednesday 9th January		Holy Communion Everywoman's Circle	
Thursday 10th January	12 noon	Mid-day Prayers in church	
Friday 11th January	6.00pm	Boys Brigade	
Sunday 13th January	10.30am	Holy Communion Rev Glenn Reading Morning Worship Rev Ruth Wilson Cafe Church led by Jackie Adams and Helen Reading	

Music for 6 January 2019		
Organ	Prelude	Tallis
	Priere a Notre-Dame	Boellmann
Hymn	We three kings of Orient are	537 Old and New
	Earth has many a noble city	113
	As with gladness men of old	41
	Brightest and best	71
	The first Nowell the angel did say	477
Organ	Ricercare	Arresti

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 <u>and</u> roger.j.ling@virginmedia.com







WELCOME

January 6th 2019

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

Sing to the Lord a new song
for he has done marvellous things;
his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
The Lord has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
Psalm 98 vv 1,2

TIME FOR PRAYER

An informal prayer meeting will be held on Tuesday January 8th at 11.00am 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.

Christmas Angels Project

All the angels have been distributed to sites within the parish and facebook has a video of a treefull on the Green!!. This was a wonderful way to involve the local community in helping us to get our message out into Headless Cross. Tremendous thanks to those who initiated the project and saw it through to its conclusion. Good luck for next year!

Rev Glenn Reading Tel: 01527 894436 / 0796 4282278 Rev Ruth Wilson Tel: 01527 541885 Rosie Humphrey, Administrator Tel: 01527 545120

MISSION STATEMENT 2019 AND ON

We show we are a Centre for Christian Worship and Community Life by:

- Worshipping God and sharing in God's mission by continually engaging with the world outside the church walls so we can respond to its needs and be relevant to our neighbours.
- Honouring God and being a Christian community in which everyone is respected and valued and committed to making and becoming deeper disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Being a welcoming Christian community effectively witnessing to and serving the people of our neighbourhood, recognising what has gone before and listening to God's call in this time and place for the present and the future.

New Year! New Exciting Volunteer Opportunities!

Welcome to 2019.

Welcome to the opportunity to be involved in church life at The Bridge.

Perhaps you have never volunteered before - in which case have a word with Ruth or Glenn, or one of the Wardens/Stewards - Brian, Julian, Matthew, Doreen, Terry or Maureen to find out how you can get involved.

Maybe you haven't been able to help out for a while, but circumstances have changed - we would love to have you back as part of the team, enabling our services to run smoothly.

Towards the end of January/early February we will be compiling the rota for the most challenging quarter of the year, covering the months March to May which includes THREE Bank Holiday weekends!

It would be greatly appreciated if you could let me know when you are NOT available to be included on the rota, by email, message left on my desk or on my answerphone (01527 545120) by Monday 21st January, 2019.

This is for both Church and Cafe Church.

Look forward to hearing from you. Many thanks

Rosie

Rosemary Humphrey, Church Administrator at The Bridge Church. The Bridge Church Office, Memorial Hall, Evesham Road, Headless Cross, Redditch. Worcs., B97 4JX

DO YOU SHOP AT ASDA?

lst Redditch Brigades (our own Girls and Boys Brigades) have been chosen as one of Asda's Community Champions.

If you are shopping in the local Redditch store please put a token in their column. This is a fabulous opportunity for them.

Church Accounts 2018

During November we received a number of donations, both large and small which helped our income, and our total income for the first tem months of the year is £51,822.

Our budget for the first ten months is £55,550, so you can see we are still below the income we need to break even at the end of the year.

This means that unless we have some extra special income or considerable increase in giving, at the end of the year we will not have enough money to pay our full Parish Share and Methodist Assessment.

Terry Bill

Pastoral Care Network at The Bridge

Mrs. Pam Mills is the ECC appointed Co-ordinator for church members who have assented to be part of the Pastoral Care Network. Her role is to be a channel of communication between church members, pastoral carers and the clergy.

To notify about pastoral care needs or concerns (your own or those of church members), and to alert the clergy and pastoral carers about sickness or crisis, please ring Pam on 01527 545264.

If you haven't joined the Network and wish to do so then pick up a leaflet and return it to Pam. The leaflet explains everything about it.

OBERAMMERGAU 2020

Local company, Showcoach, are organising a trip to the passion play, which only takes place every 10 years, with a week based in the Tyrol in July 2020 with local pick up and flights from Birmingham.

Bookings are NOW being taken. Details and brochure from David Chatterley on 01527 542389