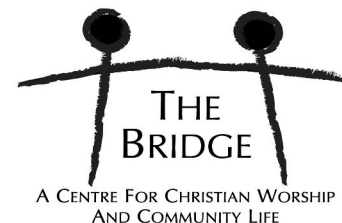


This week at The Bridge		
Sunday 8th December TOY SERVICE	9.00am	Holy Communion Rev Glenn Reading and Rev Victoria Barlow
	10.30am	Toy Service/ Parade Rev Ruth Wilson
	10.30am	Café Church Mercia Lee Caroline Baker
Tuesday 10th December	6.00pm	Girls Brigades
Wednesday 11th December	9.30am	Holy Communion
	7.45pm	Everywoman's Circle - Christmas Party
Friday 13th December	6.00pm	Boys Brigades
Saturday 14th December	10.30am	Experience Christmas
	2.30pm	Experience Christmas
Sunday 15th December	9.00am	Morning Worship Maureen Brown
	10.30am	Christingle Service with Scouts and Guides -Rev Glenn Reading and Rev Victoria Barlow NO Café Church
	2.30pm	Experience Christmas

Music for 8 December 2019			
<i>Organ</i>	<i>Prelude</i>	<i>Gigault</i>	
	<i>Sonatina</i>	<i>Fink</i>	
Hymns	In the Lord I'll be ever thankful	776	Singing the Faith
	Advent candles tell their story	165	first 3 verses
	Baptismal hymn	words on sheet	
	(In the Lord I'll be ever thankful	776)	
	Lord, the light of your love is shining	59	
<i>Organ</i>	<i>Now thank we all our God</i>	<i>Leupold</i>	



WELCOME

8th December 2019

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

The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.
He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the
world did not recognize him.
John 1 vv9,10

"We ask a blessing on Rachel and Jason Ind and their family as they
bring their youngest son, Callum Max to be baptized."

THE BIG CARD

We will again have a BIG CARD in church and in the Hall for
signing and sending greetings to all at The Bridge.
The cards have been made by the Baby and Toddler Group and
the idea is that this is an alternative to giving individual cards and
making a donation in the box with the card to NIGHTSTOP.
Nightstop is a Redditch Charity helping young homeless, or
potentially homeless, people with temporary accommodation,
hosted by volunteers. The charity also provide counselling to these
vulnerable young people.



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Experience Christmas is happening this week!

This has been a whole church project and those who have been involved in the practical preparations have valued the prayers and support of everyone in the church community. We ask that those prayers continue into the performances over the next week or so. If you haven't been involved yet, but would like to contribute then you can. On Tuesday night we are setting up the Experience so would welcome help from as many people as possible, to lay a rug here, string some lights there, leave a shepherd's crook and a magi crown in the right place.

EVERYONE is welcome at church at 7pm on **TUESDAY** evening to join in and take a peek behind the scenes of the greatest show on earth!

Rev Ivor Merry

Members of the former St. Luke's Church who have long memories will be saddened to learn that Rev Ivor Merry died on Wednesday 27th November after a long illness.

Ivor was a Non-Stipendiary Minister and served his time as a curate at St. Luke's during the ministry of Rev. Brian Halfpenny. He then went to St Mathias and St George.

His funeral will be at 11.45am on Monday 16th December at Redditch Crematorium.

Hall water problem.

You are aware from previous notes that we had a big water problem in August with a repair bill and loss of water bill, which in total exceeded £10,000.

Well we have good news.

We now have the pay out from our insurers and this together with the credit from Seven Trent and the donations we received towards the repair, we have covered all our costs and have a small surplus to put into the hall accounts. It's great to put a closure on this happening with a positive result.

Terry

IT'S PARTY TIME

The Bridge Wednesday Morning Small Group would like to invite you to
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

Tickets will be available in the Foyer of the Community Hall from
11.45am on 8th December
on a 'first come, first served' basis.

(There will be a fixed number of tickets and there is no charge)

For more info please speak to David, Doreen, Gillian, Jackie, Judith,
Marjorie, Matthew, Mercia, Nasief or Terry

Christmas Bazaar

The total amount raised now stands at £3285.50. We will be giving £100 of this to Where Next as a percentage of raffle takings.

Thank you to all who put in so much time and effort.

Radiate Redditch

will open its Christmas Hub from 24th December to 1st January inclusive (closed 28th December). The **Daytime Drop-in** will be open from 11.00am to 4.00pm offering hot drinks and snacks during the day, a hot meal at lunchtime, hopefully some entertainment and most importantly a warm, friendly atmosphere.

This year, for the first time, there will be no overnight accommodation; however, the organisation CCP will operate a Severe Weather Emergency Provision at Redditch Baptist Church on nights when the temperature is predicted to fall below freezing.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES – THANK YOU

The grand total collected this year through Children's Society collecting boxes is **£826.21**. Thank you to everyone who has a collecting box for the work of the Children's Society.

If anyone would like a collecting box please speak to Roger Ling.

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