

This week at The Bridge		
Sunday 30th March Mothering Sunday	9.00am	Holy Communion - Rev Glenn Reading
	10.30am	All age Worship- Rev Bob Thomas
	10.30am	NO Cafe Church
Tuesday 1st April	6.30pm	Girls Brigade in the Methodist Halls
Wed 2nd April	9.30am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Lent event discussion meeting
	7.30pm	Lent event discussion meeting
Friday 4th April	6.30pm	Boys Brigade in the Memorial Hall
Sunday 6th April	9.00am	Holy Communion - Rev Bob Thomas
	10.30am	Holy Communion - Rev Glenn Reading
	10.30am	Cafe Church in the memorial hall


 Music for 30 March 2014
 Hymn He's got the whole world in his hands 206 Old and New
 Kum ba yah 289
 Give me joy in my heart 153


The book of remembrance is in the Church so that you can add the name of your loved ones. The plate for donations for the Easter lilies is along side the remembrance book .
 Please put your donation on the plate using the envelope provided and write the names of your loved ones in the book.

Please give any items for inclusion in this weekly news-sheet by Wednesday of each week, to Roger Ling or Matthew Bailey
 or send them via email to: roger.j.ling@virginmedia.com **and** bailey_matt@btinternet.com



WELCOME

30th March 2014
Mothering Sunday

A warm welcome to our services today

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.
 2 Thessalonians vv 16,17

GENERAL ELECTION THIS YEAR – at THE BRIDGE

At our Annual General Meeting this year (to be held on Sunday 6th April) there will be an election for all members of the Ecumenical Church Council (ECC), as the 3 year terms of office for existing members will have expired.

Elections will be held for 12 Council members – 6 members from the Parish Electoral Roll and 6 with Methodist affiliation. There will also be elections for Church Wardens and Methodist Stewards.

All existing ECC members are eligible for re-election, but there are some existing members not seeking re-election. Please think and pray about these elections as the Church Council has the ongoing responsibility for policy matters and decision making within the church.

Annual Reports

Please will everyone who has the responsibility of sending in a report for the AGM either email or hand a copy to Rosie as soon as possible and no later than the end of the month.

Thank you
Sarah

The Real Meaning of Easter

The Real Easter Eggs are the only chocolate eggs to tell the Easter story.

The Real Easter Egg - The Original is on sale on the Church

Fairtrade stall and are selling fast. The 125g milk

chocolate egg comes with an Easter story

booklet and a 25g bag of milk

chocolate buttons. £3.99

LENT EVENT at THE BRIDGE

During Lent we are holding 2 more weekly discussion groups which will be both stimulating, and easy for everyone to participate.

They will be held on Wednesdays March 26th & April 2nd & 9th at 11.00 am till 12 30pm and also 7.30pm till 9.00pm.

Session discussion topics will be:

Being dedicated to helping children, young people and young adults to belong and be nurtured in faith.

Being equipped to witness to the gospel of love, compassion, justice and freedom.

Please try to join in at this stage and be part of this special 'Lent Event'.

OPEN CHURCH

The church will be open again every Thursday and Friday morning between 10.00am and 12.00 noon. Two people are 'on duty' for each session, to welcome any visitors. These times coincide with the charity shop and café in the Memorial Hall, so a cup of coffee is also available.

People visit for a variety of reasons - out of interest to look at the beautiful church and windows, or for a time of quiet, and maybe to light a candle and say a prayer.

Can you help with this by offering to be on the rota - perhaps once or twice a month for one of the sessions? If you can help, or want more information please speak to Pat Newey, or phone her on 545244.

AN EVENING IN THE HOLY LAND

Monday 14th April at 7.30 p.m.

You are invited to join Jackie Adams, Roger Ling and Rob Sprake in the Memorial Hall as they give an illustrated talk about their recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Jackie, Roger and Rob spent a week with 60 others from churches in Worcestershire, led by the Bishop of Worcester. They travelled to the lands of Israel and Palestine, visiting places where Jesus was born, lived, taught, performed miracles, was crucified and rose again.

They will give a talk illustrated with lots of pictures about the people of Israel and Palestine today, the tensions experienced by those living there and the many holy places visited. They will also share their personal experiences of what this pilgrimage meant to them.

Please book the date - Monday of Holy Week - and come along.

ECC meeting

Dear Council members,

Please advise me by next Sunday of any items for inclusion and kindly circulate your reports prior to the meeting to be held on **Monday 31st March**.

Sarah

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the support, kindness and consideration shown to Mary during her time at The Bridge. Your love and friendship helped her to settle and to adjust to what otherwise might have been a difficult move away from her home and friends in the north. I am very comforted by the many cards and emails received from you since her death, and to know that Mary and all of us have been held in your prayers during this difficult and sad time. My grateful thanks also go to Carol Langley for the beautiful flower tribute and to the choir and members of the congregation who were able to join us and helped to celebrate Mary's life at her funeral. You all remain in my prayers and fondest thoughts. Maureen

Headless Cross Methodist Church, building sale.

As the sale of the property should be completed in the next week or so, can anyone who has keys for internal or external doors please hand them in to either Matthew Bailey or Terry Bill as soon as possible.