



WELCOME

17th December 2017

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

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned"
Isaiah 9 v7

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

TONIGHT at 6.00 pm is our Carols by Candlelight Service. It is a service with traditional carols and readings – an essential part of our anticipation of Christmas.

After the service there will be Mulled Wine (or Fruit Juice) in the hall with Mince Pies.

If you are able to contribute some MINCE PIES they will be most welcome.

RADIATE

Once again this year the Ecumenical Centre in Redditch is a key partner in offering shelter and hospitality to the homeless and vulnerable of Redditch. They need support in this venture from the local churches. Support can be given through individuals volunteering and also through financial donations.

The Bridge Church is making a donation of £50 from church funds. If anyone feels they can make a personal donation then please give it to Terry Bill who will pass it on to the organisers.

The operating costs for this year are estimated at £3000.

Thank you

This week at The Bridge

Sunday 17th December	9.00am	Morning Worship Terry Bill
	10.30am	Holy Communion Rev Glenn Reading
	6.00pm	Messy Café Church Carol Service Roger Ling
Tuesday 19th December	7.00pm	Christmas week devotions
Wednesday 20th December	9.30am	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	Christmas week devotions
Thursday 21st December	7.00pm	Christmas week devotions
Friday 22nd December	4.00pm till 8pm	Advent Prayer Labyrinth
Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve	9.00am	Holy Communion Rev Glenn Reading
	10.30am	Morning Worship Rev Alan Bidnell
	3.00pm	Crib Service Team
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion Rev Ruth Wilson

Music for am 17 December 2017

Organ	Chromatic Fugue Cantabile	Pachelbel Rawsthorne
Hymn	On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Of the Father's love begotten	401 395
	Come, thou long-expected Jesus	98
Choir	Spirit of the living God	454
	Now let us from this table rise	352
	Lo, he comes with clouds descending	307
Organ	Postlude in G	Handel



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CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES – THANK YOU

The grand total collected this year through Children's Society collecting boxes is £792.78, which again is another RECORD AMOUNT.

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 phone Chris Ling on 01527 401238 or ask Roger Ling.

THE CHARITY SHOP IS CLOSED UNTIL 4TH JANUARY

St George's school story telling Open The Book team is recruiting new members. Anyone with a spare hour to go into school and help present Bible stories, please speak with Judith Grubb, tel. 457789.

The annual international Hillsong Colour Conference for women only is taking place next year from Thursday 19th April to Saturday 21st April. It is an amazing, inspirational rock concert interspersed with internationally known Christian speakers. Further details from Judith Grubb, tel.

Rev Glenn Reading Tel: 01527 894436 / 0796 4282278

Rev Ruth Wilson Tel: 01527 541885

Rosie Humphrey, Administrator Tel: 01527 545120

CHRISTMAS at THE BRIDGE

Christmas is a special time at The Bridge as we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus.

We hope you will be able to join us during this special time.

Sunday 17th December
6.00 p.m. CAROLS by CANDLELIGHT
Traditional and Contemporary Carols and readings for everyone.

Tuesday 19th to Thursday 21st December
7.00 p.m. Christmas Week Devotions
A half-hour each evening reflecting on a Christmas theme.

Friday 22nd December Between 4.30 pm and 6.00 pm
An Advent Prayer Labyrinth - Wise Men, and Women, seeking Jesus. The final part of a week of Advent devotions at The Bridge.

Sunday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE
3.00 p.m. CRIB SERVICE
A Christmas service for the young and young at heart

11.30 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY COMMUNION
Celebrate Christmas at The Bridge

CHRISTMAS DAY - celebrating the birth of Jesus
10.30 a.m. CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY SERVICE
10.30 a.m. CAFÉ CHURCH CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

PLEASE JOIN US - A WARM WELCOME FOR EVERYONE

Please give any items for inclusion in this weekly news-sheet by Wednesday of each week, to Matthew Bailey or Roger

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