

This week at The Bridge

Sunday 20th May	9.00am	Morning Worship Terry Bill
	10.30am	Holy Communion Rev Glenn Reading
	10.30am	Café Church Ruth Wilson, Caroline Baker, Helen Reading
Tuesday 22nd May	6.00pm	Girls Brigade
Wednesday 23rd May	9.30am	Holy Communion
	7.45pm	Everywoman's Circle - Newlands
Friday 25th May	6.00pm	Boys Brigade
Sunday 27th May	9.00am	Holy Communion Rev Glenn Reading
	10.30am	Morning Worship Terry Bill
	10.30am	Messy Café Church Gillian Greenfield and the Messy Team

Music for 20th May 2018

Hymn	Angel-voices ever singing	33	Old and
	O thou who camest from above	392	New
	Breath on me, Breath of God	69	
Choir	<i>Spirit of the living God</i>	454	
	Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost	184	
	Father, Lord of all creation	122	

PLANTS FOR SALE

Judith Grubb will be selling bedding plants in aid of church funds. There will be Nicotiana, Trailing Lobelia, Busy Lizzies, Begonias and Geraniums.

Judith says: 'I've gone a bit enthusiastic this year!!'

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



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W E L C O M E

May 20th 2018

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

Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'

Acts 2 v 38

Rev. Ruth writes . . .

The eagle-eyed among you will have noticed our own eagle has taken on a new lease of life in the south east corner of the church. It now forms part of The Bridge Church's permanent interactive prayer installation.

This is a space for personal prayer and to be used before, during or after worship if you so wish. A place to be used during healing services too. We also anticipate that people coming into Open Church during the summer months on Thursdays and Fridays may benefit from a smaller space to sit and be with God.

The prayer installation will be changed regularly so that it remains fresh and relevant to the church year and at the same time responding current events in the world. This is a work in progress and we will be monitoring how best to use the space.

Please can I ask that you hold the prayer space in your prayers, and as we focus our hearts and minds on the power of the Holy Spirit we pray that this ministry will be a blessing for all.

Rev. Ruth

Rev Glenn Reading Tel: 01527 894436 / 0796 4282278

Rev Ruth Wilson Tel: 01527 541885

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FAIRER SHARE INCOME SURVEY

You may recall that three years ago we completed an anonymous income survey for the Diocese of Worcester which was used to calculate the amount of parish share (what we pay to the diocese) each year.

The intention was to re-run the survey every three years to ensure that parishes continued to pay a fair and reasonable amount. The survey is completely anonymous and is quick and easy to do. Two forms are required.

On the GREEN form tick the box which your income falls into, then place the form in the sealed GREEN box.

On the WHITE A5 form write your name and date and place in the sealed WHITE box.

We require 75% of the active congregation to return the forms. If we fail to get 75% we will default to using the HMRC average income figure for our area which may well be higher and result in a higher parish share.

Please do complete the survey as you did last time. The process is anonymous, no one will know what box you have ticked and our boxes will be opened and processed by another parish in the diocese.

Thank you for your help in this. Glenn

Church Accounts 2018

In 2018 just to pay our consumables, insurance, worship aids, general running costs, our Anglican Parish Share and Methodist Assessment and break even at the end of the year I feel we need an AVERAGE income of £5,050 per month from all giving and events.

This £5,050 does not include building up any reserves for future maintenance or events, So at the end of April we needed an income of £20,200 to be on target.

At the end of April our actual income for 2018 was £14,188. I am aware this is early in the year and but we are already £6,012 behind where we should like be.

The income for April was boosted by the income from the quiz night, collections at Baptisms, and the recovery of the wedding & funeral fees from the Diocese for Jan to March.

This month I hope to be able to pay off the balance of the Methodist Assessment and Anglican Parish Share fees that we owed from 2017.

Terry Bill



The Ballard Singers Concert

Saturday 9th June 2018 at 7.30 pm

The Bridge Church

Tickets: £9 Adults £4 Children (includes an interval drink)

available from Pat Newey (01527 545244)

or Margaret Ballard (01386 792550)

An evening of musical enjoyment awaits when you join us to hear this established and accomplished choir with a wide repertoire of accompanied and a cappella pieces.

CAN YOU HELP - EUROS TO SWOP

As part of the Christian Aid Collection we were given €17.50 in Euro coins. Are you going on holiday abroad and could swop these for pounds?

The value of the euros is about £15.35. Most of the coins are higher value with relatively few smaller ones.

If you can help Roger Ling is open to offers!

MOTHERS UNION **BIG** BREAKFAST

The Mothers Union Big Breakfast booked will be held on Saturday 9th June. From 8.30 am till 11.30 am.

There should be some plants for sale then as well.

It will be held at 225, Birchfield Road, home of Julian and Judith Grubb. Telephone: 457789