

This week at The Bridge		
Sunday 27th January	9.00am	Holy Communion Rev Glenn Reading
	10.30am	Morning Worship Rex Needles
	10.30am	Messy Cafe Church led by the Messy Café Team
Tuesday 29th January	6.00pm	Girls Brigade
Wednesday 30th January	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 31st January	12 noon	Mid-day Prayers in church
Friday 1st February	6.00pm	Boys Brigade
Sunday 3rd February	9.00am	Holy Communion Rev Ruth Wilson
	10.30am	Holy Communion Rev Glenn Reading
	10.30am	Cafe Church led by Helen Reading and Mercia Lee

Music for 27 January 2019		
<i>Organ</i>	<i>Fugetta</i>	<i>Dvorak</i>
	<i>Sarabande</i>	<i>Handel</i>
Hymn	The kingdom of God is justice and joy	255 Singing
	O for as thousand tongues to sing	364 The Faith
	God had spoken by his prophets	157
	Jesus the name high over all	357
	Will you come and follow me	673
<i>Organ</i>	<i>Gavotte from Ottone</i>	<i>Handel</i>

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WELCOME

January 27th 2019

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

The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Jesus. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: "The spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor, he has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners, and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour"
 Luke 4 vv17-19

NEW NAME FOR THE HALL

Following the extension and complete refurbishment of our hall there has been discussion on the appropriate name for the hall.

After consideration of various alternatives the Bridge Church Council has decided that from henceforth the hall will be known as

THE BRIDGE CHURCH COMMUNITY HALL

In deciding on this name the Council felt that not only the identity of our church should be recognised but also the commitment we have to serving our community. The hall is used extensively by various church organisations which are open to everyone and every Thursday and Friday becomes our Café and Charity Shop. Many independent community groups also use the hall on a regular basis, as well as families for parties and social occasions.

The history of the hall is interesting. St. Luke's - one of the former churches now forming The Bridge - had no hall until 1927 when Mr Smith, a local businessman, paid for a hall to be built in Rectory Road on land adjacent to the old Rectory. It was called 'The Memorial Hall' in memory of his late wife who had been a prominent member of the church.

When Redditch New Town was being developed that hall was demolished by the New Town Development Corporation and the current hall was built for the church by them in 1972 as a replacement.

As we look to the future with the establishment of The Bridge and the extension of the hall a new name has been adopted to mark this new chapter in the life of the hall.

CURATE TO BE APPOINTED TO THE BRIDGE

Glenn writes: I am delighted to announce that the parishes of S. Matthias and S. George, Astwood Bank and The Bridge, Headless Cross will be receiving a Curate in June of this year.

Victoria Barlow is a Worcester Diocese Ordinand currently training at Queens Theological College in Birmingham. (a little bit about Victoria is below)

The parishes in the Christ the King Team are diverse in their nature and style of worship and will offer an exciting and broad experience for a Curate in training.

Could I ask you to keep Victoria, Christopher, Hannah and Stephen in your prayers as they prepare for this new and exciting chapter in their lives and ours.

Victoria will be ordained in June at Petertide in the Cathedral and details of that will be made available as and when we receive them.

Victoria writes: I am Victoria, (obviously, but please don't shorten it), and my husband is Christopher. My children are daughter Hannah, aged 13 years, and son Stephen, aged 11.

I am training at Queens Foundation in Birmingham, and thus currently spend my life divided between large theology books, my church family, my motorcycle, a choir that I accompany, and my family; probably not always in that order! My current church is in Perry Barr, where I am blessed by the good humour, energy and prayer of the lovely church family there.

I lived in Worcestershire for four years previously to coming to Queens, but have never lived in Redditch and am looking forward to getting to know the local communities. We are really excited about coming next summer to serve with both the church families.

APPEAL TO HELP REFUGEES - *Can you help?*

Bromsgrove & Redditch Welcomes Refugees (BRWR) working with **People In Motion (PIM)** have over the last two years been collecting donations of clothes, shoes, tents, sleeping bags, blankets and coats which are then sent out to refugees in northern France or Greece.

We will be at The Bridge Church on the first Saturday of each month; the next collection being on Saturday 2nd February from 2.00pm - 4.00pm.

Come and chat with us and find out more about this work, or phone Sue Yeng on 07973 130964.

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION CO-ORDINATOR REQUIRED

The Bridge is looking for a new Christian Aid Co-ordinator to take over the role from Phil Drewell who is stepping down after his considerable period undertaking this important work.

In our support of the vital work of Christian Aid we are part of the national collection week. In Redditch the streets are shared amongst all the churches in the town. This week, in Mid May, raises a significant part of the income for Christian Aid and also raises national awareness of their work.

The role of The Bridge Co-ordinator is to prepare the batches of envelopes for each of our 'rounds', liaise with previous collectors to ask whether they can again collect and be the contact for new volunteers for rounds needing collectors. At the end of Christian Aid week, which is in mid-May, all envelopes are emptied and money banked (via the Post Office).

Phil Drewell will be very happy to talk to anyone seeking more information and will also be happy to guide the new Co-ordinator through the first year.

Please contact Roger Ling (401238) if you would like to consider this role, or require further information.

The Bridge Prayer Walk

A small group of us have been meeting regularly to walk and pray along the Evesham Road. A gentle 45 minute stroll starting at the Church and finishing on the Green and stopping at various points to be led in prayer by others or reading prayer provided. We pray for the work of the church, for our neighbours, for Redditch, and for the world. We are a small group but we want to grow, grow, grow!! **Why not come and see how good it is to be part of our Prayer Walks.**

Joyce Meyer said this "Prayer is simply talking to God like a friend and should be the easiest thing we do each day."

We walk at 10 o'clock, (meet in the Charity Shop at around 9.55am) on the 1st Thursday of each month. **Please come and join us!**

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