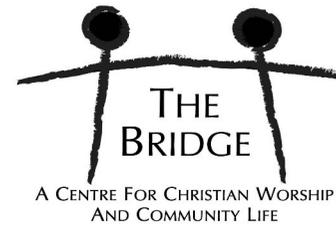


This week at The Bridge		
Sunday 24th March	9.00am	Holy Communion Rev Glenn Reading
	10.30am	Morning Worship John Webb
	10.30am	Messy Café Church Messy Team
Tuesday 26h March	6.00pm	Girls Brigade
Wednesday 27th March	9.30am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Lent Discussion Group
	7.45pm	Everywoman's Circle The past beneath our feet - Brian Pollard
Friday 29th March	6.00pm	Boys Brigade
Sunday 31st March Mothering Sundry	10.30am	Combined service in the church Glenn and the Café Team

Music for 24 March 2019		
<i>Organ</i>	<i>Bestow on us your grace</i> <i>Berceuse</i>	<i>Scheidt</i> <i>Rawsthorne</i>
Hymn	As the deer pants for the water	544
	Great is thy faithfulness	51 Faith
	I heard the voice of Jesus say	248
	Master, speak ! Thy servant heareth	666
	Give me the faith which can remove	661
	Longing for light, we wait in darkness	706
<i>Organ</i>	<i>Ricercare</i>	<i>Arresti</i>

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WELCOME

24th March 2019

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

**Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.
Let the wicked forsake his way
and the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn to the Lord,
and he will have mercy on him,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.
Isaiah 55 vv6,7**

LENT GROUP DISCUSSIONS



Our Lent Group Discussions will be based on the themes in the film

THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

Taking the film *The Greatest Showman* as a starting point. The course explores ways in which themes of faith, hope and redemption run through all of our lives. It looks at how each of us like the characters in the film, face and can overcome doubt, temptation and prejudice.

Each session will show clips from the film relevant to the themes.

Wednesday 27th March - 'Rewrite the Stars'

Wednesday 3rd April - 'Never Enough'

Wednesday 10th April - 'From Now On'

11.00am - 12.30pm at No 71 @The Bridge
and 7.30pm - 9.00pm at Astwood Bank Church



**ARE STEPPING OUT on
A MOTHER'S DAY
SPRING RAMBLE**

JOIN US FOR A COUNTRYSIDE WALK ON
SATURDAY 30TH MARCH 2019
10.00AM

MEET AT: STUDLEY CHURCH, NATIVITY OF
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, CASTLE ROAD, B80 7AB

£3.00 per person or £10.00 for a family

This is a fundraising event for 1st Redditch Brigades.

The walk is 3.7 miles across countryside, well behaved dogs more than welcome. No stiles or hills.

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE PLEASE CONTACT:
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Easter Lillies

Anyone wishing to contribute to the above

Please put donation in the basket.

We also need windows decorated on Easter Saturday

Between 10.00am and 12.00am.

If you are unable to do your window

please let Pat Newey know

Thank You

MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTOR REQUIRED

A distributor for The Bridge Magazine is required for Ashperton Road and Gilbertstone Close. Are you able to volunteer for this?

If you can, or would like more information, please contact Pat Newey. (545244). Thank you.

ELECTORAL ROLL

2019 means the start of a new Electoral Roll. No names are carried over so anyone wishing to be on the Roll must fill in a fresh form. Please put completed forms in the blue folder on the Welcome Table in church by Sunday 24th March. Membership of the Roll allows you to stand for office and to vote in any elections.

With thanks, Sarah

Did you know that the Church Stewards and Wardens meet regularly with clergy to consider the life of the church in all its expressions of worship, the maintenance of the premises and to share those concerns brought to them by YOU the people of the church? At our most recent meeting we paid particular attention to what the church building says about welcome and worship. We know there's a lot of work that needs doing, and of course our coffers aren't full, but we felt there were some small steps we could take in-house to improve the look and feel of the building. In the next few weeks there will be some rearranging of furniture. Amongst other things a designated welcome area will be set up in front of the West Door, to encourage folk to move from the pinch point at the South Door. We will be setting out tables and chairs for children in the corner between the South and West Doors and providing activities for our young worshippers. For all worship (except for those with large congregations) chairs will be set out in the front nave (this will happen after Easter). We will continue to encourage leaders of worship to use the seating creatively in worship. You will see that we have already introduced new cushions! We think the blue and red looks great and hope you do too. The cushions will stay on the seats in the nave and should not be stored at the back of the church. Please feel free to move the cushions to your seat if you want one. The chintz cushions will be disposed of in the next couple of weeks; if anyone wants to retrieve 'their' cushion and take it home, have a word with one of the wardens. Any cushions not claimed by the end of the month will go to cushion heaven. And there's more ...the curtain over the West Door is going to be replaced and new pew squabs will be introduced to the chancel. We are in the process of looking for grant-funding to tackle some of the bigger work that needs doing, but in the meantime, we pray that the small steps we are taking will enrich your worship experience and will be a sign to all who come into the building that we care and want people to feel comfortable in our church.

If you have any other ideas which will enhance our worship space, please speak to any of us.

Your Wardens and Stewards: Brian, Terry, Julian, Maureen, Matthew and Doreen

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