

This week at The Bridge		
Sunday 24th November	9.00am	Holy Communion Rev Glenn Reading and Rev Victoria Barlow
	10.30am	Morning Worship Roger Ling
	10.30am	Messy Café Church Messy Café Team
Tuesday 26th November	6.00pm	Girls Brigades
Wednesday 27th November	9.30am	Holy Communion
	7.45pm	Everywoman's Circle — Karma Talk and demonstration Pam Dunstone
Friday 29th November	6.00pm	Boys Brigades
Saturday 30th November	11.00am till 2.00pm	CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Sunday 1st December ADVENT SUNDAY	9.00am	Morning Worship Rev Ruth Wilson
	10.30am	Holy Communion Rev Glenn Reading and Rev Victoria Barlow
	10.30am	Café Church Helen Reading Caroline Baker Maureen Brown

Music for 24 November 2019		
<i>Organ</i>	<i>Canon Cantilena</i>	<i>Haynes Rheinberger</i>
Hymns	Angel voices ever singing	39 Singing the Faith
	At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow	317
	Rejoice the Lord is King!	335
	There is a Redeemer	338
	Christ triumphant, ever reigning	319
<i>Organ</i>	<i>Minuet and Trio</i>	<i>Haydn</i>

Please give any 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



WELCOME

24th November 2019

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

"The days are coming" declares the Lord" when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch., a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land"
Jeremiah 23 v5

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

TODAY

There will be a joint team service **TODAY** at 4pm at Ss. Matthias & George, Astwood Bank to celebrate the end of the liturgical year and the feast of Christ the King (which the Anglican team of Churches here is named after)

The service will be a lively, joyful occasion with good music and will be followed by Cava and Cake (and soft drinks) in the Church Hall. Everyone will be given a personal invite to remind them of the details.

Fr Mike, Ruth, Glenn and Victoria commend and encourage everyone to come together for this joyful act of worship.



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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 30th November - 11.00am - 2.00pm

We have an ambitious target for this fund-raising event. Can you help?

Donations are required for the following stalls:

- Tombola prizes in good condition
- Perfumes, cosmetics, bath products
- Jewellery and jewellery boxes
- Christmas decorations and puzzles
- Cakes (see Victoria's list)
- Chocolates for Girls Brigade stall
- Good quality toys
- Cash donations towards a Fair-trade hamper (to Jackie)

You can also help by selling raffle tickets (see Matt Bailey)

Any donations of chocolate for the chocolate tombola stall at the Bazaar would be gratefully received. Thank you in advance - Girls' Brigade.
Tracy Gration

The Mothers union will be drawing attention to the issues surrounding domestic abuse by observing 16 days of activism, starting on Monday 25th November. Please pray for all suffering abuse and consider how to help them.

Many thanks!
Judith

Financial update.

Last month I gave a full and detailed update on both the hall and church accounts so for October I will update this.

Hall

On the hall water situation we are still waiting for the insurance to make the payment they said they would make

Church.

To meet our budget we need approx £5,300 a month income.

The income for October was £3,335, so you can see we are still moving towards a large deficit at the end of the year

Terry Bill

God in Love Unites Us

A set of principles outlining the qualities of good relationships has been commended by the Methodist Conference for prayerful discussion, study and response across the Church over the next year. The report, "God in Love Unites Us", makes a number of provisional proposals, including:

- principles or qualities of good relating
- an understanding of cohabitation
- to allow same-sex couples to marry in Methodist churches
- providing resources and liturgies to celebrate civil partnerships
- prayers for when marriages end in divorce

Quite rightly the Conference want to hear the views of Connexion. To that end the Circuit Leadership Team are facilitating a process for members of the church in this Circuit:

By **25th November** to have read the report in print (booklets are available from the Methodist Stewards: Terry Bill, Matt Bailey and Mo Brown) or online at www.methodist.org.uk/MandR19

On **Tuesday 26th November 7pm or Thursday 28th November 2pm** attend a workshop to discuss the proposals, ask questions and dig deep into what the report means for the Methodist Church.

By February 2020 every local Methodist Church to have held local discussions on the report and offer feedback to the CLT who will write a 500 word feedback to take to Spring Synod.

As an Anglican/Methodist LEP the local discussions and feedback here at The Bridge will be specific and information about that will be provided in due course.

TEARFUND QUIZ

Our Quiz Night held on Saturday 16th November raised a staggering £1627.50 for Tearfund. This money was from the sale of tickets, donations on the evening plus Gift Aid on the donations.

We were one of over 520 churches taking part on the same evening with over 23,000 participants. In due course we will learn of the total amount raised across the country.

A very big THANK YOU to Mercia and the brilliant team of helpers who provided great food and made the evening so enjoyable.