

## This week at The Bridge

<b>Sunday 15th December</b>	9.00am	Morning Worship Maureen Brown
	10.30am	Christingle Service with Scouts and Guides -Rev Glenn Reading and Rev Victoria Barlow <b>NO Café Church</b>
	2.30pm	Experience Christmas
<b>Tuesday 17th December</b>	7.00pm	Brigades Christingle Rev Ruth Wilson
<b>Wednesday 19th December</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 22nd December</b>	9.00am	Holy Communion-Rev Glenn Reading and Rev Victoria Barlow
	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Ian Athey
	6.00pm	<b>Carol Service Rev Glenn and Rev Ruth</b>

### Music for 15 December 2019

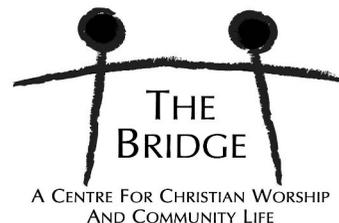
<i>Organ</i>	<i>'Like a candle flame'</i>		
	<i>Priere</i>	<i>Lemmens</i>	
Hymns	Be still, for the presence of the Lord	53	Old and New
	Lord, the light of your love is shining	317	
	One more step along the world I go	405	
	Kum ba yah	289	
Organ	Recessional	Bonighton	

### Rev Ivor Merry

Members of the former St. Luke's Church who have long memories will be saddened to learn that Rev Ivor Merry died on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November after a long illness.

Ivor was a Non-Stipendiary Minister and served his time as a curate at St. Luke's during the ministry of Rev. Brian Halfpenny. He then went to St Mathias and St George.

His funeral will be at 11.45am on Monday 16th December at Redditch Crematorium.



# WELCOME

## 15th December 2019

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

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

1 John 4 v9

### THE BIG CARD

We will again have a BIG CARD in church and in the Hall for signing and sending greetings to all at The Bridge. The cards have been made by the Baby and Toddler Group and the idea is that this is an alternative to giving individual cards and making a donation in the box with the card to NIGHTSTOP. Nightstop is a Redditch Charity helping young homeless, or potentially homeless, people with temporary accommodation, hosted by volunteers. The charity also provide counselling to these vulnerable young people.



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Rev Ruth Wilson Tel: 01527 541885

Rev Victoria Barlow

Rosie Humphrey, Administrator Tel: 01527 545120

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## Radiate Redditch

will open its Christmas Hub from 24th December to 1st January inclusive (closed 28th December). The **Daytime Drop-in** will be open from 11.00am to 4.00pm offering hot drinks and snacks during the day, a hot meal at lunchtime, hopefully some entertainment and most importantly a warm, friendly atmosphere.

This year, for the first time, there will no overnight accommodation; however, the organisation CCP will operate a Severe Weather Emergency Provision at Redditch Baptist Church on nights when the temperature is predicted to fall below freezing.

Please contact the charity Streetlink: 0300 500 0914 or via [www.streetlink.org.uk](http://www.streetlink.org.uk) if you meet anyone in need of a place to sleep

### Accounts update end November

Church.

To meet our budget we need approx £5,300 a month income, or £63,600 for the year. The income to the end of November was £48,130 (this includes the great income from the bazaar).

In December we will get a Gift Aid return of approx £2,000 which will help, but we are still looking a a large deficit at the end of December.

Recently, we have had a number of small donations that have helped the situation a little, but our deficit could still be close to £10,000.

I have been spoken to by a member who feels they would like to make a "one off" donation in addition to their regular contribution to church funds, and they asked me if I knew if there were other members who were concerned about the situation and would also be prepared to help with a donation, large or small. If so just speak to me Terry Bill

### Open Conversations

Hi all, the diocese are planning a number of meetings around the diocese over the next few weeks entitled 'open conversations'.

The aim is to look at how ministry will be funded in the future in the diocese in light of the budget problems.

The diocese are already planning the reduction of 15 Stipendary posts in the next 5 years!

Please look on the notice board for details.

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](mailto:bailey_matt@btinternet.com) **and** [roger.j.ling@virginmedia.com](mailto:roger.j.ling@virginmedia.com)

## IT'S PARTY TIME

The Bridge Wednesday Morning Small Group would like to invite you to

### Celebrate the New Year in a Christian Context

Silly Games, Bring & Share Meal, Informal, lively worship with Communion

Wednesday 1st January 2020, 4pm to 7pm at The Bridge Community Hall

**For everyone at The Bridge and their friends/families - all ages**

Tickets (no charge) available today from Gillian or Mercia  
Lifts available

### CAROL SERVICE - MULLED WINE - AND MINCE PIES

Next Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December, our Carol Service is at 6.00 p.m. After the service there will be mulled wine (or fruit juice) and mince pies in the hall.

Please could you bring some mince pies for everyone to share? Please bring them to the hall before the Carol Service.

..... and a good time will be had by one and all. Thank you.

### BLUE CHRISTMAS

4pm Wednesday 18th December  
at St Peters Church, Ipsley Church Lane

A quiet Christmas service, especially for those living with loss at this time of the year. Join us in experiencing the hope and joy of God's light that shines ever so bright in the depths of our darkest night.

### CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES – THANK YOU

The grand total collected this year through Children's Society collecting boxes is **£826.21**. 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 speak to Roger Ling.