

This week at The Bridge		
Sunday 16th February	9.00am	Morning Service Roger LIng
	10.30am	Holy Communion Rev Ruth Wilson
	10.30am	Café Church -Caroline Baker and Maureen Brown
Tuesday 18th February	6.00pm	Girls Brigades
Wednesday 19th February	9.30am	Holy Communion
Friday 21st February	6.00pm	Boys Brigades
Sunday 23rd February	9.00am	Holy Communion Rev Glenn and Rev Victoria
	10.30am	Morning Worship Rev Steve Levett
	10.30am	Messy Café Church - Café Leaders



WELCOME

16th February 2020

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

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own” Matthew 6 vv 33,34

HEATING EMERGENCY

The church boiler, which is 38 years old, has this week been condemned as unsafe and has been disconnected, so we have no central heating system. It is beyond repair.

As an interim measure temporary heating will be used in the church and this is planned to be in place for next Sunday, 26th.

The 9.00am service will be held each week in the Small Hall until further notice.

Advice is being received about replacing our boiler and the heating system generally. There will obviously be a considerable cost implication, at present unknown, so funds will need to be raised.

All this will take some time and in all probability we will need to rely on our temporary arrangements until the summer, so please be patient.

More information will be shared as soon as possible.

Music for 16 February 2020

Hymn	O God, you search me	728	Singing the Faith
	Jesus, Lord, we look to thee	686	
	Best of all in God is with us	610	
	Eat this bread and never hunger	582	
	When our views are varied	words on sheet	

MOSAICS FOR ALL PROJECT - SUNDAY 8TH MARCH

1st Redditch Girls' Brigade have secured a grant for a piece of art work to go in the foyer of The Bridge Church Community Hall. 'Mosaics for All' delivered by Karen Osborne from KAOS-ARTS will launch the exciting project and deliver a presentation on Sunday 8th March in the Community Hall after the service at 11.30am. All are welcome to come along and see how you can get involved in working on and helping create a fabulous centre piece for all to enjoy.

Thank you

Tracey Gratton



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1 When our views are varied and emotions strong, when belief feels threatened, claiming others wrong; show us how to listen and to not accuse, open and respectful to each other's views.

2 If we let division distract from Christ's reign, we neglect our calling to aid those in pain: Justice must speak louder than our claims to right; love must be our essence, living in the light.

3 God, forgive your people in our broken state; we your church have fostered prejudice and hate. Let us embrace difference in our unity; for the church is richer with diversity.

4 Through a dim-lit mirror, partial truth we know and as we discover, grace and love must grow. Let God's truth shine brighter into every place till we know completely and see face to face.

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Open The book is a Bible Society venture which currently goes in to a number of schools nationwide to act out Bible stories. The team which currently goes into St Georges first school every other Monday for an hour and a half is in need of volunteers, please. No acting experience needed, just a friendly approach towards children! Anyone interested, please speak with Judith Grubb on 457789.

And...

Advance Notice!!! The World Day of Prayer this year is Friday 6th March. (Used to be the women's world day of prayer, but this has been widened!) This is an opportunity to pray together with members of other churches in Redditch. The service has been designed by the women of Zimbabwe. More details to follow. Judith Grubb

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

LENT COURSE

The TV series, 'Broken', written by Jimmy McGovern and starring Sean Bean is set in an estate parish somewhere in the UK. The series focuses on the life and ministry Father Michael Kerrigan, a Roman Catholic, priest who, despite past trauma and anxiety about his own inadequacies, attempts to bring the light of Christ into the lives of the people amongst whom he ministers. The series portrays real life at its most gritty and unvarnished, and in doing so raises many questions along the way about how to live faithfully when life is very hard. The sessions will run Tuesday Evenings at Astwood Bank Vicarage @ 7.30pm on the following dates:

Tue 3rd March Tue 10th March Tue 17th March Tue 24th March Tue 31st March

There will be no Lent course at The Bridge this year..

Finance update

Church funds

The budget I submitted to the Church Council showed we needed an AVERAGE income for 2020 of £4,361 per month for the year.

In January, members and user groups continued to give donations and we received the Annual income from the Church magazine advertising so that at the end of January our income was £5,955, making us £1,594 ahead of budget.

If only This could continue for the full year.

Hall

We have had a number of "one off" booking in January that were not budgeted for, so the income has had a small boost over budget.

No71

Work is continuing and we have made the agreed stage payment with the contractor. We do have a regular booking planned for one night a week in the building once complete. Terry

DATE FOR THE DIARY – WELCOME DAY FEEDBACK MEETING

Last October we held a whole day gathering thinking about how our church can be a 'Welcoming Church'. A feedback meeting has been arranged for **Monday 2nd March at 7.30 p.m.** in our hall.

This meeting will provide an opportunity to receive feedback from the various surveys and to discuss what we can adopt and implement to achieve our aim of being a truly Welcoming Church.