

Notices Sunday 23rd March, 2025 Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome to The Bridge church. If you are a visitor you can find out more about the life and ministry of the church by visiting our website www.thebridgeredditch.co.uk

MAY DAY FESTIVAL AT HEADLESS CROSS COMMUNITY ORCHARD – Monday 5 May 2025

We plan to provide refreshments such as tea, coffee, soft drinks and cake for the duration of the event this year. Logistically, it is easier for us to use the Church Hall and put tables outside the entrance than to erect a gazebo up at The Orchard. This arrangement worked very well last year! The Hall is only 130 metres from the grassed area of The Orchard, so we are offering the use of our toilets also, to people attending the festival. We need volunteers to help put out tables and chairs, bake and donate cakes and serve visitors from the Hall Kitchen. Visitors will be then invited to consume their refreshments at the tables outside. A sheet inviting names of volunteer will be placed in the church shortly. Please let Julian Grubb know if you're willing to assist. We will need to cover the period 10am to 3pm (serving from 11am to 2pm). If you can do just one hour that will be helpful!

DISTRICT ORDINANDS TESTIMONY SERVICE

Some of you may remember Tina from some years ago when she was observing Rev Ruth's ministry here in Redditch while she discerned a call to ministry. She came to worship and attended a number of church meetings. Since then, Tina came into Circuit making Alcester her link church while at College. She was stationed to the South Warwickshire Circuit in 2023. It would be great if any of you are able to go along to the Service on 22nd May for this special occasion. The Chair of District will be preaching. Thanks. Ruth.

PRIMROSE POWER

Everywoman's Circle will be reflecting on the colour yellow as Gabriel will be giving a talk on the wonderful work of the Primrose Hospice at their meeting at 2.15 on Wednesday.



Ladies, new members are always most welcome.

STAN TAYLOR

Stan sadly died on Tuesday this week at the great age of 97 years. He was a well loved Methodist Local Preacher for over 60 years and had been Headteacher at Moatfield Middle School, which was on Matchborough. When he led worship you were never sure what would happen and at this time of year was known to bring chickens and even a lamb to church. His funeral will be at 12 noon at Emmanuel, which will be followed by a private committal for the family at the Crem. Refreshments will be served afterwards at Redditch Golf Club to which all are welcome.. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.

HENRY DUNKLEY

The funeral service for Henry will take place at The Bridge Church on Tuesday 1st April at 11.00 a.m., followed by the Committal at Redditch Crematorium.

Third Sunday in Lent

10.30am Morning Worship with
Maureen Brown
Isaiah 55:1-9 & Luke 13:1-9

Collect for the 3rd Sunday in Lent

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Mothering Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship
with Terry Bill

Online Evening Prayer

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

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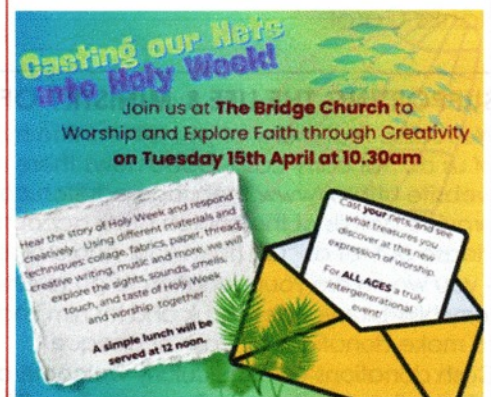
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CASTING OUR NETS

Come and join us in church on Tuesday 15th April at 10.30am to worship and explore faith through creativity using different materials, creative writing and more.

A simple lunch will be served at 12 noon.

All welcome.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Events in the hall unless stated otherwise

Monday 24th March

10.00am Toddlers
4.30pm Creative Carousel

Tuesday 25th March

10.00am Exercise Class
10.00am Holy Communion
at Astwood Bank church
2.00pm Quest
6.30pm Girls' Brigade

Wednesday 26th March

10.00am Holy Communion in church
2.15pm Everywoman's Circle
4.30pm Creative Carousel

Thursday 27th March

10.00am Charity Shop & Café
10.00am Holy Communion at Crabbs
Cross church
1.30pm Crafty Thursday
3.00pm The Prayer Course at St Andrews
7.30pm Kingfisher Quilters

Friday 28th March

10.00am Charity Shop & Café
6.30pm Boys' Brigade

REVISION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL

Many thanks to those who have already completed and returned their forms to be included on the Electoral Roll for The Bridge. Please note the roll is being revised so if you want to be on the roll you need to complete a new form.

REPORTS

Many thanks to those who have already sent in their reports - you are wonderful! If you head up an area of church life and would like to submit a report, please could you do so by the end of March to thebridgeredditch@gmail.com

Date of AGM - Please note that The Bridge AGM will now be on

Tuesday 6th May at 7.30pm in church.

EASTER LILLIES

As it will be the start of Lent soon, I will be preparing for the Easter Lily display in our Church. If you would like to make a donation towards the Lilies in memory of a loved one. Please leave your donation on the plate and write your name on the list.

Thanks Carol.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Tue 25 Mar | 7.30pm | Baptist Church Lent Course - Barry Haigh Missionary at Alvechurch Baptist Church |
| Thur 27 Mar | 3.00pm | Prayer Course @ St Andrews |
| | 7.30pm | Jesus: The Evidence @ Red Bapt Church |
| Tue 1 Apr | 11.00am | Funeral of Henry Dunkley |
| | 7.30pm | Baptist Church Lent Course - Martin Thomas - Mental health team at Studley Baptist Church |
| Thur 3 Apr | 3.00pm | Prayer Course @ St Andrews |
| Sun 6 Apr | 2.30pm | Redditch Together Faith Walk gather at St Stephens |
| Tue 8 Apr | 12 noon | Funeral of Stan Taylor at Emmanuel |
| | 7.30pm | Baptist Church Lent Course - Rev Andy Green at Harvington Bapt Ch |
| Thur 10 Apr | 11.30am | Wardens & Stewards Meeting |
| | 3.00pm | Prayer Course @ St Andrews 11 |
| Tue 15 Apr | 10.30am | Casting our Nets in the Church |
| | 7.30pm | Baptist Church Lent Course - Rev Charles Stubbings Pastor at Cookhill & NHS Lead at Redditch Baptist Church |
| Thur 17 Apr | 7.30pm | Maundy Thursday Mass at Crabbs Cros |
| Sun 13 Apr | 7.00pm | Palm Sunday Gathering at St Stephen's |
| Fri 18 Apr | 10.00am | Walk of Witness from Mount Carmel. |
| | 10.00am | Messy Church at Ecumenical Centre. |
| | 2.00pm | Good Friday Meditations at The Bridge |
| Thur 24 Apr | 3.00pm | Prayer Course @ St Andrews |
| Sat 19 Apr | 7.30pm | Holy Saturday Vigil at Astwood Bank |
| Mon 5 May | | May Day Festival on Headless Cross Green |
| Tues 6 May | 7.30pm | The Bridge AGM in church |
| Thur 8 May | 11.30am | Wardens & Stewards Meeting |
| | 3.00pm | Prayer Course @ St Andrews |
| Sat 10 May | 10.00am | Rehearsal for Singing Together |
| Sat 17 May | 10.00am | Rehearsal for Singing Together |
| Sat 7 June | 10.00am | Rehearsal for Singing Together |
| Sat 14 June | 10.00am | Rehearsal for Singing Together |
| Sun 15 June | 3.30pm | Celebration of 1700th Anniversary of the |

DISTRICT ORDINAND'S TESTIMONY SERVICE 2025

For every District Probationer there are joys and challenges to face in the early years of ministry. One great joy and significant occasion in the journey to Ordination and being Received into Full Connexion is the Ordinand's Testimony Service.



This year the District is celebrating the Rev. Tina Brooker. Please join with friends from across the District to affirm and support Tina in the next step in her journey as she moves from Probationer to Ordinand. There's tea and cake after the service for even more celebrating!



**DALE ST METHODIST CHURCH, LEAMINGTON SPA
7.30PM THURSDAY 22ND MAY 2025**

Although parking at the church is limited, there is some on-street parking, and two car-parks close by at St Peter's CP (CV32 5EL) and Adelaide Bridge CP (CV32 5AH)

SUPPORTING THE LIFE & MINISTRY OF THE BRIDGE

We realise that many of you will want to make a donation to the life and ministry of the church, but many of us do not carry cash. Good news there are other ways to give. You can scan the QR code or go to our website <https://www.thebridgeredditch.co.uk/> and click the link at the top of the home page which will provide details of the church bank account as below. The Bridge Church Sort code 40-43-54 Account 81604015 Please put ref as "QR (then your name or leave blank)".

If you would like your donation to go to any specific use, then please email our treasurer terry.bill@blueyonder.co.uk and let him know. If you prefer more traditional methods of payments you are still able to make donations by cash or cheque.

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