



Services and Contact Information

		1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
St. Leonard's, Beoley	8am	HC (BCP)		HC (BCP)		HC (BCP)
	9.30am	Informal AAW Communion & Junior Church	Informal All Age Worship	Combined Service	Informal All Age Worship	Informal All Age Worship
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (CW)	Sung Eucharist (CW)	3pm Praise & Play/or Songs of Praise	Sung Eucharist (CW)	Holy Communion (CW)
	5.30pm	Healing Eucharist		Healing Eucharist		
St. Stephen's	8am		HC (BCP)		HC (BCP)	
	10.30am	Eucharist (CW)	Informal Service	Eucharist (CW)	Morning Prayer (CW)	Eucharist (CW)
St. Philip's, Webheath	9.00am	HC (BCP)		HC (BCP)		HC (BCP)
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Family Communion	All Age Worship	HC (CW)	HC (CW)
	6pm					
St. Bartholomew's Tardebigge	8am		HC (CW)		HC (BCP)	
	9.30am				Worship for ALL	
	11am	HC with Sunday Funday	Family Service	HC (BCP)	Matins	Matins
	6pm	Evensong	Evensong	Evensong	Evensong	Songs of Praise
St. Mary's, Lower Bentley	9.30am		HC/or Family Service			

Our Sunday Schools **Junior Church** (Beoley) and **Sunday Funday** (Tardebigge) both meet in church before moving on after the first hymn, returning to church towards the end of the service for a blessing.

Services in **Bold** are particularly suitable for people of all ages, including children. BCP = Book of Common Prayer; CW = Common Worship. HC = Holy Communion. Eucharist = Holy Communion

Parish Office Hours

For enquiries about Weddings, Baptisms and other matters there are regular 'Office Hours' as follows:

Thursdays 6.00 - 7.30pm at St Stephen's Church, Redditch. B97 4DY (for services at St. Leonard's, St. Philip's & St. Stephen's)

For enquiries regarding St. Bartholomew's and St. Mary's:
Please email contact@tardebiggechurch.org.uk
or phone 07980 358252. See www.tardebiggechurch.org.uk

Please note that for baptisms, parents are asked to attend a baptism preparation session lasting approximately 90 minutes **before** going to Office Hour to book a date for the service. (For details please visit Holy Trinity, Redditch's website www.holytrinityredditch.org.uk) The Sessions are as follows:

- Tuesday 15th March, 7.30pm at St. Stephen's, Redditch
- Tuesday 19th April, 7.30pm at St. Leonard's, Beoley
- Saturday 30th April, 10.00am at St. Stephen's, Redditch
- Tuesday 17th May, 7.30pm at St. Philip's, Webheath
- Tuesday 21st June, 7.30pm at St. Stephen's, Redditch

Other Services:.
St. David's Care Home, Batchley. Wednesday at 10.00a.m
Mendip House, Church Hill Centre, Sundays at 9.45 a.m.

Clergy & Readers

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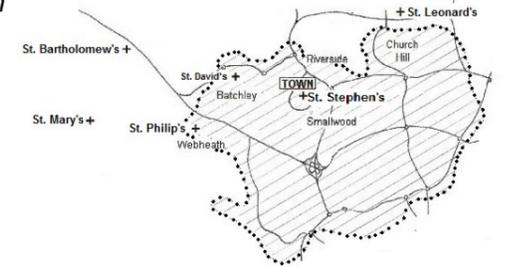


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The Newsletter of the Team of Holy Trinity Redditch

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Richard's team of churches includes St Stephen's in the town centre: Webheath, Tardebigge, Beoley, and Lower Bentley.



From the Team Rector:

Welcome to our Early Spring edition of Trinity Times!

It is wonderful to move from the darkness of winter to the spring of hope and new growth, for us a reminder that Jesus went to the depths of the grave to bring us the opportunity of everlasting life, a hope that never fades but, even as our body passes away, blossoms into an eternity free from all that is sad, dark or painful in this present age.

The Daily Telegraph reported on 2nd February new analysis of findings from Britain's national happiness index has found that having a faith can make you happier. The figures indicated that people who say they have no religious affiliation report lower levels of happiness, life satisfaction and self-worth than those who do. This has been a common theme down the years, and yet more and more people are declaring themselves to be atheists. Not only do they want to be more miserable, but to be a true atheist needs more faith than to be a Christian.



An atheist needs to believe that not only is there no proof that God does not exist, but that there could never be any proof that one God or many gods exist. This proposition cannot be proved. The one true God is by definition beyond measurement; an atheist

can only sustain their creed by denying that anything exists that does not have the capacity to be measured by humanity. To do so requires a major jump of blind faith, in defiance of billions of witnesses down the centuries who have experienced spiritual phenomena and/or had a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

To make matters worse for the atheist, if Christians are wrong and there is no afterlife they will never know; if atheists are wrong about the existence of God they will not only find that there is an afterlife, but they will have to live it knowing that they were wrong all along and that their life on earth was an empty, futile lie.

Let us pray that this society recovers its awareness of, and belief in, Jesus.

President Barack Obama has told the US National Prayer Breakfast in Washington DC that 'faith is the great cure for fear,' as he spoke about the positive influence Christianity can have on communities.



Obama also praised faith groups for their work on a variety of issues, from combating trafficking to welcoming and supporting refugees. The President has attended every Breakfast since 2009. It is co-chaired by members of Congress.

Let us all pray for the right person to succeed President Obama. The US president is, after all, possibly the most powerful person in the entire world. Let us pray that the people of the United States will accept the Lord's guidance as they make their choice.

Despite a decrease in numbers of those who class themselves as Christian, a survey commissioned by the National Churches Trust has found that more than half of adults have visited a church in the past year. It also found that 84% of those questioned think churches, chapels and meeting houses are important to the country's history and heritage. A similar number said churches play an important role in society by providing a space for community activities.

This report in the Guardian on January 31st highlights the opportunity we have to reach people who visit our historic buildings.



There are two conditions; firstly, we need to be aware of the casual visitor when they come and will want to have attractive explanatory literature available not so much about the church's architecture and history, but rather about its reason for existence, that is, the worship of Jesus Christ. We will also want to explain in simple terms what people see around them, such as the Pulpit, Communion Table and the Font, avoiding the use of churchy jargon.



Secondly, we need to ensure that our church has consistent and well-publicised opening times. If we can staff the church and have refreshments available, so much the better. Many visitors will also appreciate a well-signposted toilet facility, although perhaps not like this far eastern one!



There are important elections in parts of the borough on May 5th, as well as the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections. If you are going away, make sure you have a postal vote!

If you have a local council election in your ward remember that in the past results have been decided by the toss of a coin, so your vote could be very important. This is especially the case as Redditch Council is made up of 15 Labour, 13 Conservative, and 1 UK Independence Party (UKIP) councillors; with a third of the seats subject to an election this May control of the council is very much up for grabs.

Please pray for the local council elections, that the Lord will give us the best councillors to lead Redditch forward in the years to come.



Richard

Alcester Male Voice Choir

In concert

Saturday 21st May 2016

at 7pm

at St. Bartholomew's Church, Tardebigge



In aid of St. Philip's Church, Webheath

St. Philip's Church, Webheath is raising funds for its ongoing building project

Tickets available on the door

Adults £10 Children U16 £5 Family Tickets £25

For ticket enquiries please email contact@tardebiggechurch.org.uk or phone 07980 358252

Churches Together in Redditch

Good Friday



Walk of Witness

March 25th 10.30 a.m.

Starting from

Redditch Baptist Church

Easemore Road, B98 8ER

Preceded by Service in Church at 9.45 a.m.

Contact for information: Dick Johnson - 07946 655450



St. Philip's Church, Church Road, Webheath B97 5PD

Open on Saturday 19th March 10am ~ 12 noon
and Saturday 16th April 10am ~ 12 noon



Do join us for light refreshments (free of charge)
and come and have a look around our lovely church.

You will be most welcome!

The Battle of the Somme

officially ended on 18th November 1916. An exhibition to mark the 100th anniversary of this battle will be held at St. Philip's Church, Webheath 12th-18th November 2016.

You may have had relatives who took part in the battle and survived the conflict; what did they do when they returned home at the end of the war; what role did they take in the Second World War? My own father who took part in the Somme offensive was an Air Raid Precaution (ARP) sector warden.

If you have any information or photos (giving a brief profile of your relative) which could be displayed at the exhibition, please contact me.

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Messy Church Redditch

Saturday 12th March, 10.30am

at St. Andrew's Methodist Church,
Tanhouse Lane, Redditch; and

Sunday 15th May 2pm

at St. Andrew's Methodist Church

Good Friday 25th March, 10am

at Emmanuel, Ecumenical Centre, Redditch.



Prayer for Redditch

usually held on the first Tuesday of the month
at St. Stephen's Church

7.00pm~8.00pm

1st March and 5th April



Holy Trinity Lent Course:

'Out of the Box'



Continues as follows:

Wednesday 9th March

'Health in our Community' (Lent Course 4)

10.30am-11.30am at St. Philip's

7.30pm-8.30pm at St. Leonard's

Wednesday 16th March

'Reaching Children for Christ'

(Lent Course 5)

10.30am-11.30am at St. Philip's

7.30pm-8.30pm at St. Leonard's (on Tuesday 15/3)

Maundy Thursday

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Lower Bentley

7.30pm Commemoration of the Last Supper & Vigil of the Cross at St. Stephen's, Redditch

Good Friday

12.30pm-3.00pm Before the Cross at St. Stephen's

1.45pm-3.15pm Before the Cross at St. Bartholomew's

2.00pm Vigil Service at St. Leonard's

7.00pm Before the Cross at St. Philip's

Easter Sunday

6.20am 'Sonrise' Service at St. Bartholomew's
(followed by breakfast in the Church Hall)

9.30am Worship For ALL at St. Bartholomew's

11am Holy Communion BCP at St. Bartholomew's

6.00pm Evensong at St. Bartholomew's

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Leonard's

10.30am Holy Communion at St. Philip's

8.00am Holy Communion BCP at St. Stephen's

10.30am Holy Communion at St. Stephen's