



# The Bridge Group of Churches

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*Weekly Sheet for the Bridge Group of churches:*

## **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020, Rogation Sunday**

**Today's Readings:** Psalm 121; Mark 11:22-24

**Next Sunday is 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020, Sunday After Ascension**

Readings: Acts 1:6-14; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

### **Collect**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass all understanding.

Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we,  
loving you above all things, may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

### **Readings**

#### **Psalm 121**

A Song of Ascents.

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not  
slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.  
The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.

### **Mark 11:22-24**

Jesus answered them, 'Have faith in God. Truly I tell you, if you say to this mountain, "Be taken up and thrown into the sea", and if you do not doubt in your heart, but believe that what you say will come to pass, it will be done for you. So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

#### **Prayer Share**

The Bridge Group Parish would like to pray for all of our local businesses, in particular our hospitality business during these unprecedented times. We pray for The Red Lion, The White Horse, The Plough and Harrow, The Pig Hotel, Mamma Feel Goods, Tulip Tearooms and all those businesses affected by the current crisis.

Please also pray for: Barry Whiting (and Hilary) as Barry was admitted to hospital during the week with heart trouble; for Nicky Fry and her family; and for the Ilott family from Lower Hardres following the sad death of Brian.

## Village News

**Bridge:** Canterbury Food Bank - Unfortunately, as St Peter's Church in Bridge remains closed, we are unable to receive donations for the Food Bank. However, non-perishable items may be donated at most major supermarkets as they now have collection points in store. As soon as we are advised it is safe to do so we will start collecting again in Church, we have been informed that we are one of their best regular contributors, well done St Peter's.

**Lower Hardres:** Hello from Lower Hardres. The Parish Council has circulated to every household a list of names and numbers to call if you need help with shopping etc. So far, there have not been many requests. Our local Farmshop has been wonderful, opening early for the elderly and putting orders together for people who cannot shop in person. The church yard seems to be a stopping off place for walkers as they follow the footpaths through our village, let hope some may return when the church re opens. The churchyard did look inviting with daffodils and blue bells but now it seems to be the weeds that are in abundance!

**Patixbourne:** St Mary's Patixbourne may be closed but work on the project to add an extension goes on. A digital survey was carried out in January, which has enabled our architect Andrew Clague to draw up some draft plans and 3D images of the proposed addition to the North side of the church. The new building is only small but includes a fully accessible toilet and shower, and a small kitchen. Inside the church we will remove pews at the rear of the north aisle to create a circulation space for refreshments after a service. This space can also be used as a sleeping area for pilgrims staying overnight at the church.

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