



# The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patixbourne - Bekebourne

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*Weekly Sheet for the Bridge Group of churches:*

## **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020, 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**Today's Readings:** Isaiah 55.1-5; Romans 9.1-5; Matthew 14.13-21

**Next Sunday is 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020, 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**Readings:** 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

### **Collect**

Lord God, your Son left the riches of Heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### **Readings**

#### **Isaiah 55.1-5;**

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

### Matthew 14.13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

### Village News

Congratulations to Liz and Mike, married at St Peter's Bekesbourne on Wednesday, such a happy wonderful day and lovely socially distanced champagne celebration for well wishers from the community on the lawn outside. Thanks to Jill Thomas and all involved.



### Village News

#### Churches open for private Prayer

Unless circumstances change, the churches of the Bridge Group Parish will be open for Personal prayer / Quiet time on the days and times listed below

Name of Church	Open Days / Times
St Peter's Bridge	Tuesday 10-12 Friday 2-4pm
St Peter's Bekesbourne	Sunday 10-12
St Mary's Patrixbourne	Wednesday 10-12 Saturday 1-4pm
St Mary's Nackington	Wednesday 10-4 Sunday 10-4
St Mary's Lower Hardres	Monday 10-4 Thursday 10-4

- There may be someone present to welcome you when you visit.
- Please observe Social Distancing (2 metres) while inside the church building and follow any instructions given.
- You will be asked to leave a name and contact number (for track and trace purposes) but these details will only be held for 21 days after which they will be destroyed.
- You will also be asked to leave a notice on the seat you have used when you leave.

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding.

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