



The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne - Bekesbourne

Weekly Sheet for the Bridge Group of churches:

Sunday 30th August 2020, 12th Sunday after Trinity

Today's Readings:

Exodus 3:1-15; Romans 12.9-21; Matthew 16.21-28

Collect

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within
us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Amen

Readings

Exodus 3:1-15;

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.’ But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’ He said, ‘I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.’ But Moses said to God, ‘If I come to the Israelites and say to them, “The God of your ancestors has sent me to you”, and they ask me, “What is his name?” what shall I say to them?’ God said to Moses, ‘I am who I am.’ He said further, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “I am has sent me to you.” ’ God also said to Moses, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you”’: This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

Romans 12.9-21;

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.’ No, ‘if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.’ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16.21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, ‘God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.’ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind

not on divine things but on human things.’ Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?’ For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.’

Prayer Share

We give thanks for our schools, universities and colleges. We pray for all pupils and staff returning to educational settings this week. We pray for peace in the midst of uncertainty and anxiety around new ways of working together to keep everyone safe. Protect them Lord. We pray too for those still dealing with uncertainty regarding their next steps in education following the results of public examinations this year. Amen

Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride

The Ride and Stride will take place this year on Saturday 12th September, for a Sponsorship form please contact David on 830795. We can't have church sitters so need lots of Sponsored Riders and Striders to raise money if possible please!

Village News

This week we say a fond farewell to Maggie and Stuart Field, who are moving to Cambridge to be near family after many happy years in Bridge. They have both been very active in and great contributors to the work and mission of our churches in Bridge and especially in Bekesbourne. They will be very much missed but we wish them every blessing in their new life and send our prayers with them.

Dorothy King will be celebrating her 100th Birthday on 10th September. Dorothy was previously an active member of the Church in Bridge. Sadly there is no possibility of a big celebration due to current restrictions but please do send a card if you can.

Village News

Churches open for private Prayer from Monday 31st August

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	Wednesday 10-4
St Peter's Bokesbourne	Sunday 10-12
St Mary's Patrixbourne	Tuesday 2-4 Saturday 10-1
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.
- The Vicar is available if you would like to make an appointment for Prayer / Pastoral visit (01227 206272)

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding.

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