



The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne - Bekesbourne

Weekly Sheet for the Bridge Group of churches:

Sunday 6th September 2020, 13th Sunday after Trinity

Today's Readings:

Ezekiel 33:7-11; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Next Service:

Sunday 13th September 10.00am St Peter's Bridge.

Please contact Estella to book a space.

Now taking bookings for 20th and 27th September.

Collect

Almighty God, you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in
weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen

Readings

Ezekiel 33:7-11;

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die', and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from

their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Romans 13:8-14;

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet’; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 18:15-20

‘If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’

Village News

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

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.

Plans to extend St Mary's Patrixbourne

The plans for building a small extension on the north side of the church are now available to see. This extension will provide space for a toilet, shower and kitchen facilities to serve both the congregation and the increasing number of pilgrims and walkers visiting the church.

To view the plans please come to the church between 10am and 1pm on SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER.

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 Bekesbourne	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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