



The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne - Bekesbourne

Weekly Sheet for the Bridge Group of churches:

Sunday 11th October 2020, 18th Sunday after Trinity

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 25.1-9; Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14

Upcoming Services:

Sunday 18th October 10.00am at Bridge

Sunday 25th October 10.00am at Bridge

Please contact Estella to book.

Collect

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your
truth and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the
salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for
this sacred feast: for here we receive
you, here the memory of your passion is
renewed, here our minds are filled with
grace, and here a pledge of future glory
is given, when we shall feast at that
table where you reign with all your
saints for ever.
Amen

Readings

Isaiah 25.1-9;

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of
aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples
will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Philippians 4.1-9;

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Matthew 22.1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding

banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Parish News

PCC Meetings and APCM (Year end 2019)

The date for the joint APCM is Wednesday 21st October. Formal notices will be on display in each of our churches. If you are not currently a PCC member and would like to stand for the new Single Parish PCC to represent one of our churches, or if you are interested in becoming a churchwarden please contact Estella or one of the Churchwardens for a conversation. Once the new PCC has been elected there will be opportunities to join local sub committees for each of our churches.

If you wish to attend the APCM please email bridgeoffice23@gmail.com there will be restricted numbers due to the implementation of social distancing. If you cannot attend in person there will be a zoom link to the meeting. When emailing please state if you wish to attend in person or via zoom. Bookings need to be made by Friday 16th October.

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Rolls for the former 3 parishes within the Bridge Benefice have been merged together to form the Electoral Roll of the Bridge Group Parish. This roll will be on display in all five churches until 20th October 2020. During this time errors may be corrected but new names can not be added. If you believe that your name should be on the Electoral Roll please check the list to ensure it is accurate. If you find an error please email bridgeoffice23@gmail.com to allow for the error to be corrected.

Foodbank Collection Bridge Church

We are now able to receive gifts for the Canterbury foodbank via the yellow bin in St Peter's Church in Bridge on Wednesdays and Sundays when the church is open. If you have a large amount to donate please contact Evelyn Andrews directly rather than over filling the collection bin.

Churches Open for Private Prayer

Our churches remain open for Private Prayer as per the schedule published previously which can be found in the Parish Magazines, and on our website and facebook pages.

Christian Aid Harvest Appeal

Thank you to all those who have donated to this year's Harvest Appeal supporting Christian Aid, Women's Refuge and Canterbury Food Bank. It is not too late if you would still like to make a donation. To donate to Christian Aid please go to <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-to-donate> . If you are not one line and would like to give please leave a cash donation either at the Vicarage or 1 Riverside Mews and these will be sent to Christian Aid. Thank you for your support.

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