



# The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne - Bekesbourne

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*Weekly Sheet for the Bridge Group of churches:*

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020, 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**Today's Readings:**

**Upcoming Services:**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 10.00am at Bridge**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 8.00am at Nackington**

**Please contact Estella to book.**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 10.00am Songs of Praise at Bekesbourne.**

**Please contact Nicky Fry to book.**

## **Collect**

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## **Post Communion**

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## **Readings**

**Isaiah 45:1-7;**

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the

doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

### **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10;**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

## **Matthew 22:15-22**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

## **Parish News**

### **PCC Meetings and APCM (Year end 2019)**

**The date for the joint APCM is Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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. Today is the last day to book a space.**

### **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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

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