



The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne - Bekesbourne

Weekly Sheet for the Bridge Group of churches:

Sunday 25th October 2020, 20th Sunday after Trinity

Today's Readings:

Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18; 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8; Matthew 22.34-46;

Upcoming Services:

Sunday 1st November 8.00am at Nackington

Sunday 1st November 4.00pm All Souls at Bridge

Please contact Estella to book.

Sunday 1st November 10.00am Songs of Praise at Bekesbourne.

Please contact Nicky Fry to book.

Collect

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings

Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18;

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial

to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the LORD.

1 Thessalonians 2.1-8;

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Matthew 22.34-46;

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at

my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' ”?
If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Parish News

PCC Meetings and APCM (Year end 2019)

Thank you to all those who were able to attend, either in person or virtually, this weeks APCM. The meeting went very well and the final reports of the three former parishes were shared and our new single PCC was formed as follows:

Rev'd Estella Last (Vicar / Chair)	01227 206272
Mrs Margaret Clarke (Lay Reader)	01227 765598
Mr Devin Brougham (Honorary Treasurer)	01227 709690
Mrs Rosemary Whatley (Electoral Role Officer and Parish Safeguarding/Disclosure Officer)	

Churchwardens:

Dr Andrea Nicholson - St Mary's Patrixbourne (Also Deanery Synod Rep and PCC Lay Chair)	01227 830947
Mrs Pauline Pritchard – St Mary's Patrixbourne	01227 830685
Mrs Nicky Fry – St Peter's Bekesbourne	01227 830319
Mrs Scilla Wright – St Mary's Nackington	01227 463265
Mrs Daphne Reece – St Mary's Nackington (Also Deanery Synod Rep)	tba
Mrs Carol Day – St Mary's Lower Hardres	01227 709364
Mrs Sue Isard – St Mary's Lower Hardres	tba
Mrs Evelyn Andrews – St Peter's Bridge	01227 830960
Mr Laurence Dunderdale – St Peter's Bridge	01227 830668

Elected Representatives:

St Peter's Bridge: Alan Barber & Rosy Atkinson

St Peter's Bekesbourne: Graham Duplock & Amanda Barker (also Deanery Synod Rep)

St Mary's Lower Hardres: Ann Nicholls & Benedict Watt

St Mary's Nackington: Bob Thomas & John Meardon

St Mary's Patrixbourne: Rory Wetherell (also PCC Secretary) & one vacancy

We are looking forward to now being able to really move forward with the single parish vision.

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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