



The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne - Bekesbourne

Weekly Sheet for the Bridge Group of churches:

Sunday 1st November 2020, All Saints and All Souls

Today's Readings:

Revelation 7:9-end; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12;

Upcoming Services:

Sunday 8th November 10.00am at Bridge and 10.30am at Nackington

Sunday 15th November 10.00am at Bridge

Please contact Estella to book.

Collect

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings

All Saints

1 John 3:1-3;

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

All Souls

1 Peter 1:3-9 - A Living Hope

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Today we remember with love all those who have died in the past year and especially those who have died from Covid 19. Please join us in lighting candles at around 4pm this evening.

Arrangements for Remembrance - Sunday 8th November and Wednesday 11th November

As with so many other events this year, all Remembrance events have had to be stripped back to a minimum to reduce large numbers of people gathering. We will be marking Remembrance in each of our churches as follows:

Church	Date	Time	Booking details
St Mary's Nackington	Sunday 8 th November	10.30am Remembrance Service in Church followed by Wreath Laying at the War Memorial	Please contact Estella Last to book your place at the Service in Church.
St Peter's Bridge	Sunday 8 th November	10am Service in church followed by Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 10.50am. The Act of Remembrance will be livestreamed to the Parish Facebook Page.	Please contact Estella Last to book your place at the Service in Church. Those attending the Act of Remembrance must abide by the 'Rule of Six' and practice Social Distancing.
St Mary's Lower Hardres	Sunday 8 th November	10.45am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Lower Hardres	No booking necessary. Those attending the Act of Remembrance must abide by the 'Rule of Six' and practice Social Distancing.

St Peter's Bekesbourne	Wednesday 11 th November	10.50am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial	No booking necessary. Those attending the Act of Remembrance must abide by the 'Rule of Six' and practice Social Distancing
St Mary's Patricbourne	Wednesday 11 th November	10.45am Wreath Laying at the War Memorial	Rev'd Estella Last and children from Bridge and Patricbourne School

LOOKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS

We are in the process of planning services for December and planning ways in which we can safely celebrate Christmas in our churches. We do expect to be able to run some special Christmas Services, but we won't be able to offer all the services we usually would.

****BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL****

For all our services we will have to keep numbers strictly limited so that social distancing can be achieved for all those attending. It will therefore be necessary to take bookings for all our Christmas services. We would hate to have to turn anyone away, but we won't be able to let anyone in who hasn't booked in advance.

Once we have published the dates and times please do make sure you follow the booking instructions and let us know if you want to book places. If, after you have booked, you are unable to attend for any reason please also let us know so that we can offer your places to someone else. We will also need to take contact details of all those attending for the purposes of Track and Trace.

****DATES AND TIMES FOR EACH CHURCH IN NEXT MONTH'S MAGAZINE****

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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