

The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne - Bekesbourne

Weekly Sheet for the Bridge Group of churches: Sunday 8th November 2020, Remembrance Sunday

Today's Readings: Ephesians 6: 10-18; Matthew 5:1-12

Upcoming Services: Due to the national lockdown all current in person services are postponed.

Collect

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings

Ephesians 6: 10-18

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and

put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

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.'



Parish News

The Bridge Group Parish

Churches open for private Prayer from Monday 5th November

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	Wednesday 10-4
Bridge	
St Peter's	Sunday 10-12
Bekesbourne	
St Mary's	Tuesday 2-4
Patrixbourne	Saturday 10-1
St Mary's	Wednesday 10-4
Nackington	Sunday 10-4
St Mary's	Monday 10-4
Lower Hardres	Thursday 10-4

Please do get in touch if you are lonely or in need in any way. You can contact Rev'd Estella on 01227 206272, leave a message if she doesn't answer and she will get back to you.



1st-24th December 2020

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How does it work? - On each day of Advent a different address in the village will light up a window display based on a Christmas Song or Carol.

Windows will be lit between 4pm and 6pm for villagers to spot .

Addresses will be listed in the December parish magazine and on our Facebook and Web pages.

Once a window has been lit on their assigned day of Advent they will be lit each night at the same time until Christmas Eve.

How can I take part?- You can join in by registering to create a window display by emailing bridgeoffice23@gmail.com before 15th November, window themes will be assigned on a first come first served basis.

Or you can simply follow the trail around the village as each window is lit during the days of Advent.



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