

The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne - Bekesbourne

Weekly Sheet for the Bridge Group of churches:

Sunday 22nd November 2020, Christ The King

Today's Readings:

Ezekiel 34:11-16;20-24; Ephesians 1:15-end; Matthew 25:31-end

Upcoming Services:

Nest Sunday Advent Sunday Online Service only due to Lockdown

Anticipating the end of lockdown – Government Restrictions Permitting we hope to hold Services on Sunday 6th December.

8am BCP Communion at Nackington contact Estella to book

10am Songs of Praise at Bekesbourne contact Nicky Fry to book (830319)

Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen**

Collect

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be richly rewarded: through Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen**

Readings

Ezekiel 34:11-16;20-24;

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down,

says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Ephesians 1:15-end;

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Matthew 25:31-end

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw

you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Parish News



Next Sunday is Advent Sunday!

Advent – watching and waiting, a time to reflect

As Advent begins join Estella once a week on Zoom to spend some time reflecting on the Advent Gospel reading for the week and thinking about what this means for us in this current time. These sessions will take place weekly with a choice of two opportunities to attend each week. **Sundays 11.30am and Wednesdays 4.15pm starting on Sunday 29th November.** An additional evening slot could be added if there was sufficient demand. Please contact Estella to book your place and to receive the Zoom link.

Advent Trails

There are two Advent Trails taking places in our villages in the run up to Christmas.

Bridge: a trail involving the unveiling of a themed Advent window in houses round the village each day through Advent – please contact Megan if you live in Bridge and would like to sign up for a Window (bridgeoffice23@gmail.com).

Lower Hardres: a trail involving a different decorated number from 1-24 in gardens / front drives around the village. Please contact Carol Day on 07961 955525 if you live in Lower Hardres and would like to take part.

Carols on the Doorstep – Sunday 20th December

Premier Christian Radio are encouraging the whole nation to join together singing Carols on their doorsteps on Sunday 20th November- see flyer attached. Tune in to Premier Radio (Freeview 725) at 5.30pm on Sunday 20th December!

Churches open for private Prayer

Unless circumstances change, the churches of the Bridge Group Parish remain open for Personal prayer / Quiet time as follows:

St Peter's Bridge	Wednesday 10-4pm (except 16 th December)
St Peter's Bekesbourne	Sunday 10am -12pm
St Mary's Patrixbourne	Tuesday 2-4pm & Saturday 10am-1pm
St Mary's Nackington	Sunday & Wednesday 10-4pm (except 2 nd December)
St Mary's Lower Hardres	Monday & Thursday 10-4pm

The Bridge Group PCC next meets on Wednesday 2nd December at 7.30pm via Zoom please let your Churchwarden or PCC reps know if you have any matters you would like discussed

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* CAROLS ON THE DOORSTEP

* SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER
5:30 PM

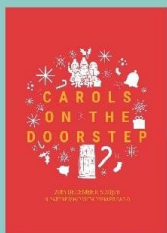
Join us for a National carol sing on your doorstep with your neighbours.

It's so easy to join in...

*Download and print the Carol Sheet and invitation from www.premierchristianradio.com. or www.newcastlemethodistdistrict.org

*Pop them through your neighbours' doors inviting them to join you

*5:30pm on 20th December tune your radio to Premier Radio or Freeview 725 or download the Premier Radio app on your phone, then sing along to the Carols played. Why not wear your festive jumpers too and even bring out something to shake or rattle?



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