



The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne - Bekesbourne

Weekly Sheet for the Bridge Group of churches:

Sunday 24th January 2021, 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Today's Readings:

Genesis 14:17-20; Revelation 19:6-10; John 2:1-11

Upcoming Services:

At present all services are being offered online.

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings

Genesis 14:17-20;

Abram Blessed by Melchizedek

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said,

'Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
maker of heaven and earth;
and blessed be God Most High,
who has delivered your enemies into your hand!'
And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

Revelation 19:6-10;

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out,
'Hallelujah!
For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.
Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready;
to her it has been granted to be clothed
with fine linen, bright and pure'—
for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

John 2:1-11

The Wedding at Cana

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them

up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Parish News

Supporting our church financially

Just a reminder that even though we are unable to hold services we do still have bills to pay – if you are in a position to be able to give please remember you can use our online giving

at: <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/50a9529f-4dc5-4e6e-a429-ce51883d637b>

or you can pop a cheque (payable to 'PCC Patrixbourne with Bridge') through the Vicarage door.

Virtual Suggestion Box

Over the course of the last year, we have tried various different ways to keep connected and maintain our worshipping life across the Parish – this has included our weekly online service on YouTube, some more interactive services via Zoom (Evensong and Christmas morning), Zoom 'coffee and chat', small group reflections during advent, sharing printed and online devotional materials and other things as well. As we find ourselves 'locked down' again I would love to hear from you – what have you found helpful or what you might find helpful in the weeks to come, particularly as we approach Lent.

We are limited by our resources (human, technological and material!) but would love to hear your thoughts. Do drop me a line with your suggestions estellalast@gmail.com.

Churches open for private Prayer

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

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| St Peter's Bridge | Wednesday 10-4pm |
| 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 |
| St Mary's Lower Hardres | Monday & Thursday 10-4pm |

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