



# The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne - Bekesbourne

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*Weekly Sheet for the Bridge Group of churches:*

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

## **Today's Readings:**

Proverbs 8.1, 22-31, Colossians 1.15-20, John 1.1-14

## **Readings for 14<sup>th</sup> February:**

2 Kings 2:1-12, Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9

## **Upcoming Services:**

**At present all services are being offered online.**

**No online service next week Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February – please join with the Cathedral online or another Service online or on the television.**

## **Collect**

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme  
over all things,  
now and for ever.

**Amen**

## **Readings**

**Proverbs 8.1, 22-31,**

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth—  
when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.  
When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.

### **Colossians 1.15-20,**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross

### **John 1.1-14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The

light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

## **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.

### **Lent**

Lent begins on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February** – we will have an early evening **Ash Wednesday** service on Zoom at **6pm**, details will be sent by email nearer the time.

**Lent groups:** These will run from Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

There will be two options to join a group:

**Sunday morning 10.30-11.30am** (followed by half an hour of our usual Sunday morning 'coffee and chat')

**Wednesday afternoon 4pm** (starting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February)

As with Advent if you aren't able to attend every week this doesn't matter. If you would like to join a group please email [estellalast@gmail.com](mailto:estellalast@gmail.com) to receive the link.

If anyone would prefer an evening group please let Estella know.

### **Churches open for private Prayer**

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

<b>St Peter's Bridge</b>	<b>Wednesday 10-4pm</b>
<b>St Peter's Bekesbourne</b>	<b>Sunday 10am -12pm</b>
<b>St Mary's Patrixbourne</b>	<b>Tuesday 2-4pm &amp; Saturday 10am-1pm</b>
<b>St Mary's Nackington</b>	<b>Sunday &amp; Wednesday 10-4pm</b>
<b>St Mary's Lower Hardres</b>	<b>Monday &amp; Thursday 10-4pm</b>

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