



The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patixbourne - Bekesbourne

Weekly Sheet for the Bridge Group of churches:

Sunday 21st March 2021, 5th Sunday of Lent

Today's Readings:

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12: 20-33

Upcoming Services:

At present all services are being offered online.

Collect: Lent 4

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34;

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Hebrews 5:5-10;

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,
'You are my Son,
today I have begotten you';
as he says also in another place,
'You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

John 12: 20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am

lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Parish News

National Day of Reflection Tuesday 23rd March

All our churches will be open for Prayer on Tuesday 23rd March, the National day of Reflection marking the anniversary of the first Lockdown of the Pandemic.

Holy Week and Easter Church Opening

The following churches are open on Mothering Sunday if you would like to visit for prayer:

St Peter's Bridge

Palm Sunday 10-4

Good Friday 10-4

with guided prayer stations

Easter Sunday 10-4

St Mary's Lower Hardres

Palm Sunday 10-4

Maundy Thursday (1st Apr) 10-4

Easter Sunday 10-4

St Mary's Patrixbourne

Tuesday 30th March 2-4

Easter Sunday 10-4

St Mary's Nackington

Palm Sunday 10-4

Good Friday 10-4

Easter Sunday 10-4

St Peter's Bekesbourne

Palm Sunday 10-12

Easter Sunday 10-12

Easter Lilies (St Peter's Bridge)

In the present situation with covid restrictions there are no services at St. Peter's Bridge, but the church will be open for private prayer. There will be a limited flower display, but the tradition of Easter lilies will continue, as well as a bright, cheerful welcome at the door. Anyone wishing to buy a Lilly in memory of a loved one please contact either a churchwarden or Viv Brasier. Thank you.

Church Groups and Teams

As we plan to reopen and in accordance with the Single Parish Vision we are now looking for volunteers to join teams for each of our churches to help with the work of the church and planning the way forward out of Lockdown. If you would like to join a church team, or our Parish Eco team please let us know.

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.

Churches open for private Prayer

Please check for updates on Church opening times – these are the usual times but they may change if the church is open additionally for special occasions.

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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