

The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne - Bekesbourne

Weekly Sheet for the Bridge Group of churches: Sunday 4th April 2021, Easter Sunday

Today's Readings: Acts 10:34-43; Mark 16:1-8 Upcoming Services:

There will be a short online service on 11th April. On Sunday 18th April we plan to return to services in Church with a 10am Communion Service at St Peter's Bridge. If you would like to attend please book your place(s) by emailing estellalast@gmail.com.

Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**

Readings

Acts 10:34-43; Gentiles Hear the Good News

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message

spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Mark 16:1-8

The Resurrection of Jesus

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Parish News

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

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

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 St Peter's Bekesbourne St Mary's Patrixbourne St Mary's Nackington St Mary's Lower Hardres

Wednesday 10-4pm Sunday 10am -12pm Tuesday 2-4pm & Saturday 10am-1pm Sunday & Wednesday 10-4pm Monday & Thursday 10-4pm

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