



# The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne - Bekesbourne

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*Weekly Sheet for the Bridge Group of churches:*

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

## **Today's Readings:**

Acts 4:32-35; John 20:19-end

## **Upcoming Services:**

**18<sup>th</sup> April 10am St Peter's, Bridge**

**25<sup>th</sup> April 10am St Peter's, Bridge**

Please book by emailing [estellalast@gmail.com](mailto:estellalast@gmail.com) or telephoning 01227 206272

## **Collect**

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

**Amen**

## **Readings**

### **Acts 4:32-35**

#### **The Believers Share Their Possessions**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

## **John 20:19-end**

### **Jesus Appears to the Disciples**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

### **Jesus and Thomas**

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

### **The Purpose of This Book**

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## **Parish News**

### **Remembering His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh**

It was with sadness that our nation received the news that Prince Philip had died on Friday morning this week. If you would like to send a message of condolence to the Royal Family you can do so online at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/remembering-his-royal-highness-prince-philip>

Our churches are open as usual for prayer this week and there is the possibility to light a candle in some of our churches and to write a message on the pages of our Parish condolence book. St Mary's Patrixbourne and St Peter's Bridge will be open on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April from 10-4 in addition to their regular opening times as stated below.

### **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**

**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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