



The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne - Bekesbourne

Weekly Sheet for the Bridge Group of churches:

Sunday 18th April 2021, 3rd Sunday of Easter

Today's Readings:

Acts 3:12-19; Luke 24:36b-48

Upcoming Services:

25th April 10am St Peter's, Bridge

2nd May 8am St Mary's Nackington

Please book by emailing estellalast@gmail.com

2nd May 10am Songs of Praise St Peter's Bekesbourne

To book contact Nicky Fry nicolafry@cscope.co.uk or 01227 830319

Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Post Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

Readings

Acts 3:12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One

and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Under the latest guidelines congregational singing outdoors (with social distancing) is permitted. We are going to experiment with singing our final hymn outside this morning at the end of our Service in Church. Please follow the directions which will be given by the Churchwardens.

Thine be the glory

- 1 Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son;
 endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
 Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
 kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.
 Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son:
 Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.

- 2 Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
 lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
 Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
 for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.
 Refrain

- 3 No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life!
 Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;
 make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
 Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
 Refrain

Edmund L Budry (1854-1932), translated by Richard B Hoyle (1875-1939)

Parish News

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 Bokesbourne	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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