



# The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne - Bokesbourne

*Weekly Sheet for the Bridge Group of churches:*

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

## **Today's Readings:**

Acts 4:5-12; John 10-11-18

## **Upcoming Services:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> May 8am St Mary's Nackington**

**9<sup>th</sup> May 10am St Peter's Bridge**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> May 10am Songs of Praise St Peter's Bokesbourne**

**To book contact Nicky Fry [nicolafry@cscope.co.uk](mailto:nicolafry@cscope.co.uk) or 01227 830319**

## **Collect**

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen**

## **Post Communion**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Acts 4:5-12**

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that

this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

“the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.”

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.’

**John 10:11-18**

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

### **Notice of APCM and Electoral Roll revision**

The APCM (Annual Meeting) of the Bridge Group Parish will take place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7pm. Please email [estellalast@gmail.com](mailto:estellalast@gmail.com) if you would like to attend. It is hoped to run as last year, both in person and on zoom.

Accordingly notice is hereby given that the Church electoral Roll of the Parish will be revised beginning on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and ending on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May, if you would like to be added or removed from the Roll please speak to your Churchwarden or the Parish Office or our Electoral Roll officer Mrs Rosemary Whatley.

**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.**

“Great is Thy faithfulness,” O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain: “Great is Thy faithfulness!” “Great is Thy faithfulness!”  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
“Great is Thy faithfulness,” Lord, unto me!*

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Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Refrain*

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Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Refrain*

*Thomas O Chisholm (1866-1960)*

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## **Parish News**

### **Service of Installation and Commissioning of the Bridge Group Parish**

On **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021** the 10am Service at Bridge will be a special service to Install Rev'd Estella as the Parish Incumbent and Commission the Bridge Group Parish. Bishop Rose will be preaching and presiding and Archdeacon Jo will be present. If you would like to attend this service please **book your place** by emailing [estellalast@gmail.com](mailto:estellalast@gmail.com) or telephoning 01227 206272 **by 5pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May** at the very latest.

### **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 Bokesbourne**

**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**

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