



The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne - Bekesbourne

Weekly Sheet for the Bridge Group of churches:

Sunday 23rd May 2021, Pentecost, Whit Sunday

Today's Readings:

Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Upcoming Services:

**30th May 10am St Peter's Bridge, Trinity Sunday with Rev'd Canon Reg
Humphriss presiding**

**Please book by emailing laurence.dunderdale@gmail.com or phone 01227
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**6th June 8.00am Nackington and 6pm Lower Hardres email estella to book
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**10.00am at Bekesbourne contact Nicky Fry to book
nicolafray@cscope.co.uk or 01227 830319**

Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the
gift of faith, revive your Church
with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion

Faithful God, who fulfilled the
promises of Easter by sending us
your Holy Spirit and opening to
every race and nation the way of
life eternal: open our lips by your
Spirit, that every tongue may tell
of your glory; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of

them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Parish News

Evensong Returns!

It has been a long time since we have held a service of Evensong in any of our churches but Evensong is returning for the whole Parish on the first Sunday of the month at St Mary's Lower Hardres on Sunday 6th June at 6pm. This will also be the first 'regular' service to be held at St Mary's since the start of the Pandemic last March. Congregational singing is still prohibited so our church choir members will be singing the service and if the weather is fine we may be able to sing a final hymn together outside (as we have been doing regularly now in our Sunday services). We do still need to ensure Social Distancing in church so please contact Estella to book your place.

Notice of APCM

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

Supporting our church financially

If you would like to donate to the work of the church 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.

Today's Final Hymn (outside hopefully)

The Spirit lives to set us free (Walk in the light)

All: 1. The Spirit lives to set
us free,
Walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity,
Walk, walk in the light.

Walk, walk in the light.
To save the lost like
you and me,
Walk, walk in the light.

Chorus (All)

Chorus (All)
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light of the
Lord.

Ladies: 4. We know his death
was not the end,
Walk, walk in the light.
He gave his Spirit to be
our friend,
Walk, walk in the light.

Ladies: 2. Jesus promised life
to all,
Walk, walk in the light.
The dead were
wakened by his call,
Walk, walk in the light.

Chorus (All)

Chorus (All)

All: 5. The Spirit lives in
you and me,
Walk, walk in the light;
His light will shine for
all to see,
Walk, walk in the light.

Men: 3. He died in pain on
Calvary,

Chorus (All)

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