



The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne - Bekesbourne

Weekly Sheet for the Bridge Group of churches:

Sunday 18th July 2021, 7th Sunday of Trinity

Today's Readings:

2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Ephesians 2:11-end; **Mark 6:30-34,53-end**

Upcoming Services:

Sunday 25th July

10.00am St Peter's Bridge (Canon Reg Humphriss presiding)

Sunday 1st August

10.00am Songs of Praise with Communion, St Peter's Bekesbourne

Collect

Generous God, you give us gifts
and make them grow: though our
faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your
kingdom; through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Amen

Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true
vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the
world may live: may we so
receive within ourselves the
power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup, we may
share his glory and be made
perfect in his love; for he is alive
and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

2 Samuel 7:1-14a;

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.'

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings.

Ephesians 2:11-end;

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting

to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Mark 6:30-34,53-end

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Parish News

August Sundays

To celebrate the joy of being able to worship together in each of our churches we will once again hold single services at 10am on the Sundays during August as follows:

Sunday 1st August	St Peter's Bekesbourne
Sunday 8th August	St Mary's Nackington
Sunday 15th August	St Mary's Patribourne
Sunday 22nd August	St Mary's Lower Hardres
Sunday 29th August	St Peter's Bridge

A little outing?

Coffee Concert by the Charlton Larks, led by Emily Renshaw in the Garden of Charlton Park (inside if wet) on Wednesday 21st July. Coffee at 9.30am followed by the concert at 10.00am. Please book a ticket by phoning 01227 831355. Cost £1 plus donations to St Mary's Bishopsbourne.

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)

At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,
ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now.
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true;
crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour:
let his will enfold you in its light and pow'r.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Caroline M. Noel (1870) CCLI 509548

Contact Details: Vicar: Rev'd Estella Last Tel: 01227 206272 estellalast@gmail.com (Estella is generally not available on Mondays). Reader: Mrs Margaret Clarke Tel: 01227 765 598
Administrator: Mrs Megan Shirley, bridgeoffice23@gmail.com