



The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne - Bekebourne

Weekly Sheet for the Bridge Group of churches:

Sunday 29th August 2021, 13th Sunday of Trinity

Today's Readings:

Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-9; James 1.17-27; Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23

Upcoming Services:

5th September: 8am BCP Communion at Nackington, 10am Songs of Praise at Bekebourne, 6.00pm Evensong at Lower Hardres

Collect

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post Communion

God our creator, you feed your
children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us
through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no
more; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-9;

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children

James 1.17-27;

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you

hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

Parish News

Welcoming Rev'd Miriam Bier-Hinksman, Curate

Sunday 5th September will be our new Curate Miriam's first Sunday in the parish do join us for services if you can on that day. There will be refreshments after every service with the opportunity to meet Miriam.

Ride and Stride- Saturday 11th September

Each of the churches in our parish will be participating in this event. All monies raised on the day are split equally between Friends of Kent Churches and your local (or your choice) church. If you would like more information or to volunteer as a rider/strider/greeter please speak to your churchwarden.

Messy Church Returns! - Saturday 11th September

Messy Church will return in an adjusted format on 11th September 4-5.30pm at Bridge and Patribourne School. If you are interested in volunteering or attending please email estellalast@gmail.com

Save the Date!

Parish Quiz Night in Support of New Life Nyambene (changing the lives of Kenyan children) **Friday 15th October at Lower Hardres Village Hall.** Contact Bridgeoffice23@gmail.com for tickets.

Covid safe church

As a church we take seriously our commitment to caring for one another and so the PCC and churchwardens have chosen to keep a number of Covid-safety measures in place. Socially distant seating is still available in our churches. We strongly advise the wearing of masks while in the building and that you refrain from overly long social contact. Communion will be distributed in one kind (just the bread) and on the way-out weather permitting. A maximum of 2 hymns may be sung in the building while everyone is masked and the final hymn sung outside as we have been doing. Thank you for caring for one another in this way.

Today's Final Hymn

To God be the glory, great
things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He
gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life our
redemption to win,
And opened the life-gate that
all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the
Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the
Lord,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father,
through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory; great
things He hath done.*

Oh, perfect redemption, the
purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise
of God;
The vilest offender who truly
believes,
That moment from Jesus a
pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught
us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and
greater will be
Our wonder, our transport
when Jesus we see.

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