



The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne - Bekesbourne

Weekly Sheet for the Bridge Group of churches:

Sunday 7th November 2021, 3rd Sunday before Advent

Today's Readings:

Jonah 3:1-5,10; Hebrews 9:24-end; Mark 1:14-20

Upcoming Services

Sunday 14th Remembrance Sunday

10am Parish Communion St Peter's Bridge followed by (10.50am) Act of Remembrance

10.15 Service of Remembrance at St Mary's Nackington followed by Wreath Laying at 10.50am

10.50am Wreath laying at the War Memorials in Lower Hardres and in Bekesbourne

Collect

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall
cease and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of
heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

Post Communion

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ
proclaimed the kingdom and restored
the broken to wholeness of life: look
with compassion on the anguish of the
world, and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ **Amen.**

This week's Diary Dates

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| Mon 8th 1-3pm | BREW at Bekesbourne Recreation Ground |
| 2.30pm | Caring and Sharing Group (in Bridge) |
| Weds 10th 10-12 | Bekesbourne Village Coffee Morning at Bekesbourne Rec. |
| Weds 10th 5-6pm | Deanery Service with Bishop Rose at Adisham Church at 5.00pm with buffet supper. |
| Weds 10th 7.30pm | Bridge Group Parish PCC Meeting on Zoom |

Thurs 11th 9-11am	Little Lambs Toddler Group Pavilion, Bridge Recreation ground.
Thurs 11th 11am	Bridge School Children Act of Remembrance at St Mary's Patrixbourne
Thurs 11th 2pm	Holy Communion in the Lounge at Mansfield Court
Fri 12th 8.45 am	Parent's Prayer Meeting at St Peter's Bridge
Friday 12th 2pm	Funeral for Lise Cribbin at St Mary's Patrixbourne
Sat 14th 4-5.30pm	Messy Church at Bridge School

Jonah 3:1-5,10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Hebrews 9:24-end

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Parish News

All Souls

Our All Souls service is this evening at 6pm at St Mary's Lower Hardres. If you would like the name of a loved one to be read at the service, please see your churchwarden.

The Friends of St Peter's Bridge (FOSP)

FOSP is pleased to announce the welcome return of its popular **Coffee & Cake Concerts on 4th December 10:15 to 11:30am** to celebrate its 5th Anniversary with Carols and Readings. We will be using Covid safe distancing etc. in the concert. All proceeds are for Canterbury Food Bank. Friends wishing to nominate their favourite carol(s) to be sung in the concert are invited to contact Jean Barber by 18th November.

Advent Book and Discussion Groups

Advent Sunday is 28th November and in preparation for Advent we have purchased 100 copies of our chosen Advent book "Finding Hope under Bethlehem Skies" which offers 25 short and accessible daily reflections for Advent based around the Book of Ruth. We are asking for a contribution of £1 per book to cover costs (if you can give more than £1 then that means we can give some away for free!) and throughout Advent we will offer weekly 'Book Group' sessions both in person and via Zoom to discuss and share what we have learned – details of these will be published nearer the time.

'Flora's Letterboxes along the Royal Anglo-Saxon Way' by Ingrid Bax

Many of you will know Stacey Bax and her family, who live in Bekesbourne.

Ingrid (Stacey's Mother-in-law) has written and illustrated a children's book in which you will see some familiar faces and places represented.

Stacey kindly gave us some books to sell (£10 each with £3 going to our Parish). We only have a couple of copies left but if you would like to purchase one please add your name to the list and we will order some more copies.

Covid safe church

As a church we take seriously our commitment to caring for one another and as cases have begun to rise 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. Mask wearing in church is strongly advised. Communion will be distributed as an intincted wafer handed to you by the presiding minister either in your pew or following a 'one-way' system. Thank you for caring for one another in this way.

Parish Diary

We now operate a central Parish Diary – if you have any plans for events, fundraising activities or social events to add please let Estella or Megan (bridgeoffice23@gmail.com) know. If you want the Vicar to attend please make sure she is aware and available. Many thanks.

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