



The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne - Bekesbourne

Weekly Sheet for the Bridge Group of churches:

Sunday 7th November 2021, All Souls

Today's Readings:

Romans 12:5-16; John 5:19-25

Upcoming Services

Sunday 14th Remembrance Sunday

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

10.50am

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

Everlasting God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection, that, in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

Psalm 27:1-8

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

⁴One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

⁶Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

⁷Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Your face, Lord, do I seek.

John 5:19-25

Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomsoever he wishes. The Father judges no one but has given all judgement to the Son, so that all may honour the Son just as they honour the Father. Anyone who does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent him. Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life.

‘Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

Parish News

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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