



The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne - Bekebourne

Sunday 21st November 2021, Christ the King

Today's Readings:

Daniel 7:9-10,13,14; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

Upcoming Services

Sunday 28th 10am Parish Communion St Peter's Bridge

Sunday 5th 8am BCP Communion St Mary's, Nackington

10am Songs of Praise St Peter's Bekebourne

6pm Advent Carol Service St Mary's Lower Hardres

Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

Amen

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

This week's Diary Dates

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| Mon 22nd 1-3pm | BREW at Bekebourne Recreation Ground |
| 2.30pm | Caring and Sharing |
| Thurs 25th 9-11am | Little Lambs Toddler Group Pavilion, Bridge Recreation ground. |
| Fri 26th 8.45 am | Parent's Prayer Meeting at St Peter's Bridge |

Planning Ahead

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| Thursday 2nd | 11am Funeral at Nackington |
| | 4.15 Advent Book group on Zoom |
| | 7pm Salvation Army Carols at Bridge School (Covid permitting) |
| Friday 3rd | 8.45 Parent's Prayer Meeting at St Peter's Bridge |
| | 10am Advent Book group at St Peter's |
| Sat 4th | 10.15 Coffee, Cake and Concert at St Peter's Bridge |

Daniel 7:9-10,13,14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Revelation 1:4b-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

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 next week. Have you picked up a copy of our advent book yet? "Finding Hope under Bethlehem Skies" offers 25 short and accessible daily reflections for Advent based around the Book of Ruth. If you would like to join with others and members of the ministry team to chat about the book there will be sessions every week as follows :

Monday afternoons – to be confirmed

Thursday 4.15pm on Zoom

Friday 10am at St Peter's Bridge

You are welcome to 'drop in' to any group at any time and we hope this time together will help us all.

Farewell to Devin and family

As many of you will know Devin Brougham who has been our Treasurer for some years is standing down at the end of the year as he and his family are relocating to Romania. We will be saying farewell to them properly with drinks after the **Advent Carol Service on 5th December at 6pm at St Mary's Lower Hardres** so please do come along if you can. Please see your Churchwarden if you would like to contribute to a farewell gift.

Covid Safe Church at Christmas

We love to open our doors for everyone to attend services and sing carols at Christmas time. This year we do have to put some precautions in place to help try to keep everyone safe from Covid, especially as our Christmas Services can sometimes be very busy!

- We are **not** asking you to book to attend services but please ensure you arrive in good time to be seated safely.

- We have moved some of our services to different churches in the group to make it easier for us to keep everyone safe (for example the 3pm Christingle will this year be at Lower Hardres Church). If you can't get to a service in your village please do think about going to one of the other churches.
- Adults and those over 12 years old please wear a Face Covering if you possibly can. This will help keep you safe and will allow others who are perhaps more vulnerable to feel safe. It also helps to reduce the risk for anyone who is unable to wear a Face Covering if the rest of us do.
- Please **DO NOT COME** if you have any Covid Symptoms or have been in recent contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid 19.

The above are of course subject to change in line with any new Government advice or restrictions. Please also note that all Services and Events may be subject to cancellation at the last minute for Covid related reasons. As a church we take seriously our commitment to caring for one another - thank you for helping us 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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