



The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne – Bekebourne

Charity No 5188274

Sunday 13th February 2022, 3rd Sunday before Lent / Racial Justice Sunday

Today's Readings:

Jeremiah 17.5-10; 1 Corinthians 15.12-20; Luke 6.17-2611

Upcoming Services

Sunday 20th February 10am Sung Eucharist at St Mary's Patrixbourne

Sunday 20th February 4pm Family Service at St Peter's Bridge

Sunday 27th February Communion Service at St Peter's Bridge (Fairtrade)

Collect

Merciful God, you are righteous and love justice: stir the hearts of your people that, rejoicing in our diversity, we may repent of the wrongs of the past, and, by your grace, seek the peaceable kingdom of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion

Blessed God, help us, whom you have fed and satisfied in this eucharist, to hunger and thirst for what is right; help us, who here have rejoiced and been glad, to stand with those who are persecuted and reviled; help us, who here have glimpsed the life of heaven, to strive for the cause of right and for the coming of the kingdom of Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Weekly Dates

Mon 14th 2.30

Caring and Sharing tea and chat at 8a Conyngham Lane

Weds 16th 9-9.30am

Morning Prayer on Zoom contact estellalast@gmail.com for the link

Weds 16th 7pm

Deanery Course 'Living in Love and Faith' on Zoom contact estellalast@gmail.com for the link

Planning ahead

24th Feb 2pm

Communion at Mansfield Court (Please note change of date)

2nd March 7pm

Ash Wednesday Service at St Peter's Bridge

4th Mar 10am

World Day of Prayer Service (See back of sheet for details)

Jeremiah 17.5-10;

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.
They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.
They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by
the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear
fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—
who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the
heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of
their doings.

1 Corinthians 15.12-20;

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some
of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no
resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if
Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain
and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be
misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised
Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not
raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been
raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are
still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have
perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all
people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Luke 6.17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ‘Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Parish News

Covid Safe Church

Our advice for anyone attending church continues please: Wear a mask if you can; Let us know if you would like to be seated in a socially distanced way; Take a lateral flow test before you come if you can; Don't come if you are feeling unwell; Wrap up warmly as we will ventilate the building. Thank you!

Deanery Living in Love and Faith Course

This will take place on Zoom starting this Wednesday (16th February) 7pm. This is the national conversation on what it is like to live in love and faith in the Church of England, learning together; how our identity in Christ relates to sex and gender; what relationships God call us to; where our bodies and sex fit into all of this; and how diversity and difference affects our lives together as a church. Contact Estella for the link.

St Mary's Patrixbourne Appeal

Online Auction: Thank you to everyone who donated items and to everyone who took part in the online auction for St Mary's. The total amount raised was £2046.46. A further huge thank you to Sarah Wetherell for all her hard work in making this happen.

Coffee & Cake: The Coffee and Cake concert given by Andrea raised a further £342. Huge thanks to Andrea and all who helped with this event.

Fairtrade Fortnight (21st Feb-6th Mar)

Fairtrade Sale with Soup lunches at St Peter's Methodist Church, Canterbury is on Saturday 19th February from 10am to 2pm.

Fairtrade / Action for Poverty Service 10am on Sunday 27th February at St Peter's Bridge

World Day of Prayer* Service Friday 4th March 2022 10am St Peter's Bridge 'Hope for the Future' **(Formerly known as 'Women's World Day of Prayer')*

We are bringing back the much loved World Day of Prayer Service after a 2 year break. The service will be led by Rev'd Miriam and women who attend our weekly Friday Parents' Prayer Meetings.

Kent Fire and Rescue Home Safety Visits

The fire safety service are happy to conduct visits to chat about home fire safety and general safety in the home and to help ensure that people have working and well positioned smoke detectors in their homes.

If not then they can supply and fit them free of charge.

<https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/home-fire-safety-visits>

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