



# The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne – Bekesbourne

Charity No 5188274

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## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

### Today's Readings:

Genesis 2:4b-9,15-end; Revelation 4; Luke 8:22-25

### Upcoming Services

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February Communion Service at St Peter's Bridge (Fairtrade)**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 7pm St Peter's Bridge Holy Communion with imposition of Ashes**

### Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Post Communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen**

### Weekly Dates

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| <b>Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> 9-9.30am</b> | Morning Prayer on Zoom contact <a href="mailto:estellalast@gmail.com">estellalast@gmail.com</a> for the link                            |
| <b>Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> 7pm</b>      | Deanery Course 'Living in Love and Faith' on Zoom contact <a href="mailto:estellalast@gmail.com">estellalast@gmail.com</a> for the link |
| <b>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> 9-11am</b>  | Little Lambs at Bridge Pavilion   |
| <b>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> 2pm</b>     | Communion at Mansfield Court  |
| <b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup> 8.45am</b>    | Parents Prayer Group at St Peter's Bridge   |

### Planning ahead

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| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> March 7pm</b> | Ash Wednesday Service at St Peter's Bridge                  |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Mar 10am</b>  | World Day of Prayer Service (See back of sheet for details) |

### **Genesis 2:4b-9,15-end;**

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’ Then the LORD God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, ‘This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.’ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

### **Revelation 4;**

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.’ At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the

throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.' And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

### **Luke 8:22-25**

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

## **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 course continues this week on Wednesday (16<sup>th</sup> February) 7pm – you are welcome to join even if you missed the first session last week. 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.

### **Fairtrade Fortnight (21<sup>st</sup> Feb-6<sup>th</sup> Mar)**

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

### **World Day of Prayer\* Service Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 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>

### **Bekesbourne - A Little Village with a Big History**

This popular book by David Gilmour, and David Millyard (with contributions from Jill Thomas and Pam Rees) has just been reprinted. 230 pages of interesting articles, with lots of archive and coloured photos, maps and drawings. Price £25, with profits being donated to the Bridge Group of Churches and to the Friends of Bekesbourne Church.

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