



The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne – Bekesbourne

Charity No 5188274

Sunday 13th March 2022, 2nd Sunday of Lent

Today's Readings:

Genesis 15.1-12,17-18; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.31-35

Upcoming Services

20th March 10am Traditional Sung Holy Communion at St Mary's Patrixbourne
4pm Family Service St Peter's Bridge

Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable

to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Weekly Dates

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| Mon 14th 2.30 | Caring and Sharing |
| 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 |
| Weds 16th 7.30 | Lent talk at St Peter's Bridge |
| Thurs 17th 9-11am | Little Lambs at Bridge Pavilion |
| Fri 18th 8.45am | Parents Prayer Group at St Peter's Bridge |

Genesis 15.1-12,17-18;

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. [[Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,]]

Luke 13.31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

Philippians 3:17-21; 4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Parish News

Church Flowers – St Peter’s Bridge

Plans for decorating St. Peter's church at Easter are under way. Anyone wishing to remember a loved one by buying a Easter lily, please contact a churchwarden or Viv Brasier. Hopefully the cost will be 3 pounds each. Sadly several people have left the flower rota, so anybody interested in joining the happy band of flower arrangers, please come and join us at 9.30 on Saturday 16th April in church. Thank you. Viv Brasier.

Resourcing Pilgrimage – St Mary’s Patrixbourne

We are once again happily welcoming many more pilgrims through St Mary’s Patrixbourne and have some bookings for groups to visit in the coming months. We need people to help with church cleaning and hospitality. Please let Andrea Nicholson (830947) know if you would like to get involved.

Mothering Sunday Services – 27th March

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary’s Nackington

10am Songs of Praise Service at St Peter’s Bekesbourne

10am Communion Service at St Peter’s Bridge

St Mary’s Lower Hardres will be open to welcome people with tea and cake during the afternoon.

If you usually help with posies etc do please speak to your churchwardens.

Save these Dates!

Thursday 24th March 7.30pm (Open) Deanery Synod (venue tbc)
Wednesday 27th April 7pm The Bridge Group Parish APCM at Bridge
and Patrixbourne Primary School
Saturday 21st May 9-11.30am Parish Vision Morning Lower Hardres
Village Hall

LIVE LENT Embracing JUSTICE

Lent Talks at St Peter's Bridge 7.30-9pm

Thursday 10th March

Wednesday 16th March

Wednesday 23rd March

Thursday 31st March

**Based on The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent
Book 2022 'Embracing Justice' by Isabelle Hamley
and the 'Live Lent' Embracing Justice 40 Day
Challenge**

**Sessions will include group discussions but no
pressure to join in, time for prayer and reflection
and refreshments.**

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