



The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne – Bekesbourne

Charity No 5188274

Sunday 6th March 2022, 1st Sunday of Lent

Today's Readings:

Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Romans 10.8b-13; **Luke 4.1-13**

Upcoming Services

13th March 10am Parish Communion St Peter's Bridge

20th March 10am Traditional Sung Holy Communion at St Mary's Patrixbourne

4pm Family Service St Peter's Bridge

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Weekly Dates

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| Weds 9th 9-9.30am | Morning Prayer on Zoom contact estellalast@gmail.com for the link |
| Weds 9th 10am | Bekesbourne Community Coffee Morning |
| Weds 9th 7pm | Deanery Course 'Living in Love and Faith' on Zoom contact estellalast@gmail.com for the link |
| Weds 9th 7.30pm | PCC Meeting at St Peter's Bridge |
| Thurs 10th 9-11 | Little Lambs at Bridge Pavilion |
| Thurs 10th 10am | Fish Scheme Coffee Pop in Bridge Village Hall |
| Thurs 10th 7pm | Lent talk at St Peter's Bridge |

Fri 11th 8.45am Parents Prayer Group at St Peter's Bridge

Sat 12th 9-3 Diocesan Synod, The John Wallis Academy Ashford – the morning is an open session so anyone may attend contact Estella for the link to book.

Sat 12th 4pm-6pm Messy Church at Bridge School

Deuteronomy 26.1-11;

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Romans 10.8b-13;

But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no

distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Luke 4.1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

A note on Covid Protections

"The legal requirement to wear a face covering no longer applies. However, the government suggests that you continue to wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces where you may come into contact with people you do not normally meet." www.gov.uk
Mask wearing in church is optional but advisable for anyone who is vulnerable or if the church is crowded. Distanced seating is usually available at church services for those who prefer it.

Fish Scheme

FISH Scheme Coffee Morning on Thursday 10th March from 10am in Bridge Village Hall. The postponed Winter Warmer lunch is now on Thursday 17th March at 12pm again in the village hall. Please call the Fish Phone (07935966080) or drop a note through 48, High Street if you would like to come. Warming soup and bread followed by a delicious array of desserts and coffee are planned.

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.

Led by: Rev'd Estella Last, Rev'd Miriam Bier Hinksman and Miriam Westendarp (Lay Chaplain)

If you haven't picked up your Live Lent Booklet yet collect one from the back of church as you leave today.

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