



The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne – Bekesbourne

Charity No 5188274

Sunday 3rd April 2022, Lent 5

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 43.16-21; Philippians 3.4b-14; **John 12.1-8**

Upcoming Services

**Sunday 10th April 9.30am Procession with Donkey from Bridge School
10am Parish Communion St Peter's Bridge**

Rev'd Estella is on retreat 5-7th April and Rev'd Miriam is at college this week.

Collect

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of
your Son Jesus Christ delivered and
saved the world: grant that by faith in
him who suffered on the cross we may
triumph in the power of his victory;
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 Jesus Christ, you have taught
Us that what we do for the least of
our brothers and sisters we do also
for you: give us the will to be the
servant of others as you were the
servant of all, and gave up your life
and died for us, but are alive and
reign, now and for ever.

Amen

Services during Holy Week

**Weds 13th 9-
9.30am**

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

**Thurs 14th
7.30pm**

Maundy Thursday - Tenebrae Service led by Rev'd Miriam, St
Peter's Bridge

Fri 15th 10am

Good Friday Messy Church at Bridge School

**Fri 15th 1.30 –
4pm**

Good Friday Pilgrimage
1.30pm set off from St Peter's Bekesbourne to
2pm 'Last Hour' Service at St Mary's Patrixbourne
3.30pm Tea & Hot Cross Buns, St Peter's Bridge

Isaiah 43.16-21;

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness

and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Philippians 3.4b-14;

even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

John 12.1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Parish News

Supporting Ukraine

We are planning a tea and cake event on the afternoon on **Sunday 3rd April, 2.30-4.30pm at Bridge Village Hall**. We will need help with setting up, serving and tidying up and donations of homemade cakes will be very welcome on the day (please include a list of ingredients). We are also looking at how we might work together as a community to support / host / sponsor Ukrainian refugees and hope to be able to share more about this then.

Easter Services in our Parish

Easter Sunday	8am Easter Communion, St Mary's Nackington
17 th April	10am Easter Communion, St Peter's Bridge
	10am Easter Songs of Praise, St Peter's Bekesbourne
2nd Sunday of Easter	10am Easter Communion, St Mary's Patrichbourne
24 th April	4pm Family Service, St Peter's Bridge

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.

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.

The Bridge Village Fete

The Bridge Village Fete will be back this year, the date is **Saturday 2nd July**. As in previous years it has been agreed that half the fete proceeds will be donated to parish funds. If you can be available to help at all on the day please let Laurence or Evelyn know.

Save these Dates!

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

Saturday 2nd July 12-4pm Bridge Village Fete, Bridge & Patrixbourne School

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