



The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne – Bekesbourne

Charity No 5188274

Sunday 10th April 2022, Palm Sunday

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 118.1-2,19-29; Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 19.28-40

Upcoming Services

Thursday 14th April Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service 7.30pm St Peter's Bridge

Good Friday 15th April:

**Pilgrimage 1.30pm St Peter's Bekesbourne Commissioning hymn & Prayers
2-3pm St Mary's Patrixbourne Service of Readings and Music
3.30pm St Peter's Bridge Fellowship Tea and Hot Cross Buns**

Collect

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

Amen

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Weekly Dates

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| Weds 13th 9-9.30am | Morning Prayer on Zoom contact estellalast@gmail.com for the link |
| Weds 13th 10-12noon | Bekesbourne Village Coffee Morning, Bekesbourne Rec |
| Thurs 14th 10.15-11.30am | Fish Scheme Coffee Morning at Bridge Village Hall |
| Thurs 14th 1-3pm | BREW Easter Egg Smash, Bekesbourne Rec. |
| Friday 15th 10-11.30am | Messy Easter at Bridge and Patrixbourne School |

Planning ahead

- 19th April 7pm** Friends' Event 'Great Aunt Tessa's Gap Year' at St Mary's Nackington, tickets £5 from 01227 462034
- 22nd April 6.30pm** Friends' event Organ Recital performed by Adrian Bawtree at St Peter's Bekesbourne, tickets £12 from 01227 830271 / 01227 830858

Isaiah 50.4-9a;

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Philippians 2.5-11;

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 19.28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are

you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." ' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Parish News

Supporting Ukraine

Thank you to everyone that helped with or attended to the tea and cake event last Sunday in Bridge Village Hall. We raised over £1000 which will be donated to the DEC Ukraine appeal which is match funded by the Government.

Easter Services in our Parish

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Tenebrae Service led by Rev'd Miriam
14th April (a service of light and darkness with readings)

Good Friday Messy Church 10-11.30 at Bridge School
15th April

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

Easter Sunday 8am Easter Communion, St Mary's Nackington
17th 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 Patrixbourne
24th 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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