



# The Bridge Group of Churches

Nackington - Lower Hardres - Bridge - Patrixbourne – Bekesbourne

Charity No 5188274

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## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022, Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Today's Readings:

Acts 9.36-43; Revelation 7.9-17; John 10.22-30

### Upcoming Services

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May:

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's Nackington

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

4pm Family Service

### Collect

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into  
one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen**

### Post Communion

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to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen**

### Weekly Dates

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| <b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm</b>      | Caring and Sharing  |
| <b>Weds 11<sup>th</sup> 9-9.30am</b>  | Morning Prayer on Zoom contact <a href="mailto:estellalast@gmail.com">estellalast@gmail.com</a><br>for the link |
| <b>Weds 11<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm</b> | Bekesbourne Village Coffee Morning  |
| <b>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> 9-11am</b>   | Little Lambs at Bridge Pavilion   |
| <b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> 8.45am</b>     | Parents Prayer Group at St Peter's Bridge   |

Acts 9.36-43;

### Peter in Lydda and Joppa

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Revelation 7.9-17;

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

## John 10.22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

## Parish News

### Fairtrade Products

Rosy Atkinson is taking orders for Traidcraft products including Tea, Coffee, Chocolate, Biscuits and anything else you request. A Traidcraft Catalogue and Order Sheet is available at the back of Bridge Church or you can look online at [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk) or email Rosy directly [rosy.atkinson@btinternet.com](mailto:rosy.atkinson@btinternet.com)

### Christian Aid Lunches

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK. We were not able to hold our usual Lent Lunches this year but instead you are invited to a Soup Lunch at 1 Riverside Mews on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May between 12noon and 1.30pm. Everyone welcome - all proceeds to Christian Aid. Please call 07771 631784 to book in advance.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Because the Annual Christian Aid Service at St Stephen's Canterbury on 15<sup>th</sup> May now clashes with the Farewell Service for Dean Robert in Canterbury Cathedral, the service has been re-arranged at Stephen's for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 6pm. Do come along and hear how Christian Aid is helping women farmers in Zimbabwe to cope with drought caused by climate change.

Save these Dates!

## ***Bridge Group Parish Vision Morning***

**Saturday 21st May 9-11.30am**

**Lower Hardres Village Hall**



**An opportunity to gather and discuss the single Parish, What is going well and what could be even better if....**

**SAVE THE DATE**

## ***Bridge Village fête***

**to be held at Bridge & Patribourne**

**Primary School**

**on Saturday 2nd July 2022 from 12-4pm.**

**Fun for the whole family, stalls, inflatables,  
food, drinks, competitions, games & much  
more.**

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