

Grateful thanks are extended to the many who have given generous financial support to the Festival - not forgetting those who have given of their time and expertise.

Please feel able to sit and enjoy the flowers, music and atmosphere.

Why not enjoy the refreshments and shop at the plant stall.

ALL THE PROCEEDS FROM THE FESTIVAL WILL GO TO ST. PETER'S CHURCH. PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY IN THIS MILLENNIUM YEAR.



ST. PETER'S  
CHURCH  
BRIDGE

# FLOWER FESTIVAL

8th-10th September 2000

PROGRAMME  
OF EVENTS



St. Peter's Church Bridge  
Flower Festival and the  
Village Autumn Millennium Celebrations

Flower Festival in St. Peter's Church

Friday 8th Sept 10am - 6pm  
Saturday 9th Sept 10am - 6pm  
Sunday 10th Sept 10am - 4pm

Refreshments available outside in the marquee

Concert by 'Quodlibet' Friday 8th Sept 8pm in  
St. Peter's Church - a small talented ensemble  
performing songs to suit all tastes - admission free -  
retiring collection in aid of the Church Restoration and  
Music Funds

Evensong with The Archdeacon of Canterbury

The Venerable John Pritchard  
Sunday 10th Sept 6pm

Millennium Exhibition

A pictorial History of Bridge Village in Bridge Village  
Hall

Friday 8th Sept 10am - 8pm  
Saturday 9th Sept 10am - 6pm  
Sunday 10th Sept 10am - 4pm  
Admission free



ST PETER'S CHURCH, BRIDGE

There is no mention of the village of Bridge in the Domesday Book of 1086, though there is a reference to a 'Hundred of Brige' which is thought to have been a meeting point on the Roman road from London to Dover for villagers along the Nailbourne.

The Church as seen today is the result of the extensive restoration work that was undertaken in 1859-60 by the architect Giles Gilbert Scott, when the walls were completely refaced with the dark knapped flint, a fine example of the Kentish craft and Bathstone facings.

There are two original doorways, the west doorway through which you enter the Church, and a small one in the north east corner by the side of the chancel showing deep chevron mouldings. The west doorway is mid-to-late 12th century. The 3-light west window above it which contains much original masonry is in the early perpendicular style and the one late-medieval survival, possibly dating from the late 14th century.

The octagonal font is carved out of rare Cornish red serpentine marble and is considered to be of outstanding workmanship with the bowl supported by a central pillar surrounded by eight shafts, all in the same material.

The two-rank organ dates from 1860 and is typical of its period, it was renovated in 1975. The Church interior was cleaned and repainted by a team from the congregation in 1998.

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We hope you enjoy the beautiful displays

Please telephone Steve Sutton or Mark Laughton if we may be of assistance to you with tax, accounts, bookkeeping, payroll or any other business matter

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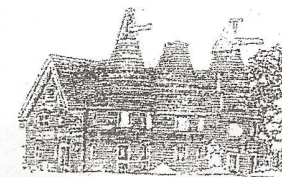
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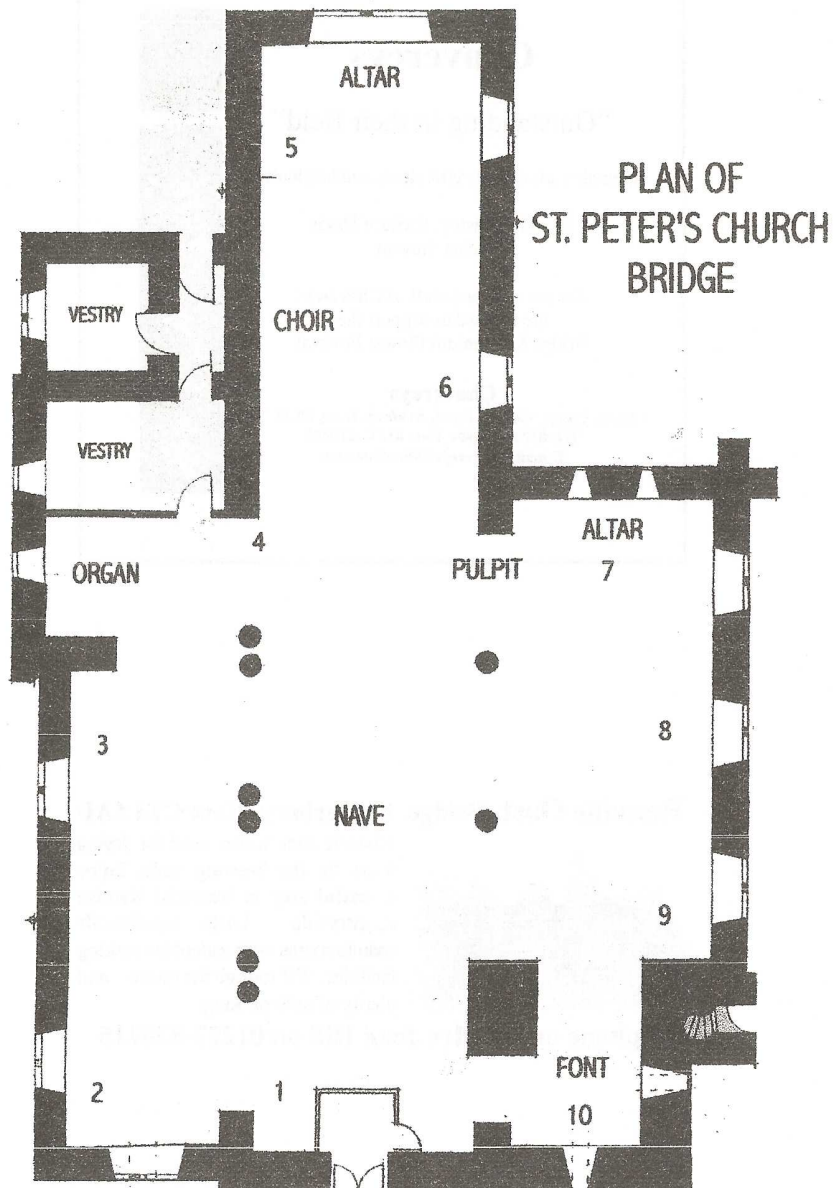
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## GUIDE



1. DOMESDAY BOOK in 1085 William the Conqueror appointed commissioners to prepare an inventory of the whole of the Country as the basis for levying taxes. Village by village, manor to manor, people, animals, fields, woodlands were all included.

2 & 3. THE ROMANS marched inland from the coast. Bridge would have been a convenient place to water their horses at the Nailbourne Ford before continuing along Watling Street one of the famous straight roads.

4. PILGRIMS AND TRAVELLERS throughout the ages and hospitality offered.

5. SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

6. KITCHENER it was from Bridge Post Office that field Marshall Lord Kitchener sent his first despatch in the Great War 1914-1918.

7. FARMING AND FRUIT Bridge nestles in an area of highly productive agricultural land, in bygone days a large percentage of the population earned their living on the land.

8. SPORT activities enjoyed within the village.

9. CARING from the workhouse of the past to care in the community today.

10. EDUCATION presented by Bridge & Patricbourne School.