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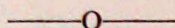
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April 7. (Passion Sunday) 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
6.30 p.m. Evensong  
14. (Palm Sunday) 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
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28. (Easter I) 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
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May 5. (Easter II) 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
6.30 p.m. Evensong

St. Peter's, Bridge.

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11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

HOLY WEEK (at Bridge)

Monday and Tuesday, Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.

Tuesday, Evensong 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.; Address and Discussion in the Reading Room, 7.30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion 7.15 a.m.; Evensong 3 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY. Children bring flowers to church for the Easter Garden at 10 a.m. : "The Three Hours", 12 noon to 3 p.m., conducted by the Rev. J.D.F. Anido, Rector of Harbledown; "The Cross of Christ", a service of nine hymns, anthems and readings, 7.30 p.m.

Holy Saturday, Mattins and Ante-Communion 7.30 a.m. Evensong (sung) 8 p.m.

At Patrixbourne

GOOD FRIDAY, Morning Service at 10 a.m.

Weekday Services (Bridge) will be announced each Sunday, and posted on the Church board: but please

notice that on and from April 10th there will be Holy Communion on Wednesdays (not Fridays) at 10.30 a.m.

Preparation for Easter. The Vicar will be in Church to help anyone who wishes to consult him, and to hear confessions on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday in Holy Week at 3.30 p.m., and by appointment.

ALTAR FLOWERS (Bridge)

April 21. Mrs. Howard Smith. 28th. Mrs. Hunter.  
May 5. Mrs. Ledger 12th. Miss Nunn

LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS:

April 21. Miss G. Ovenden.  
28. Miss M. Setterfield.  
May 5. Miss A. Stevens. May 12. Miss I. Swan.

ALTAR FLOWERS (Patricxbourne)

April 21 and 28. Mrs. Mount. May, Mrs. Foottit.

COLLECTIONS ON GOOD FRIDAY will be for the Jerusalem and the East Mission, at Bridge; and for the Church Army, at Patricxbourne. The Church Army is celebrating this year the seventy-fifth anniversary of its founding.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY (April 23rd), falls this year on the Tuesday after Easter, and will be observed with a Choral service in Bridge Church at 7.30 p.m. Members of the British Legion will attend; and, as in previous years, many other people as well. The preacher will be our Rural Dean, Canon Carter. I hope that many of you will meet Canon Carter; he is a vigorous preacher, and all who know him respect him as a very fine priest and a most conscientious Rural Dean. G.C.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Wednesday, May 1st at 7.30 p.m. The chief business will be to meet the TAIT Missioner, and to hear his suggestions for a Parochial Mission in 1958.

BAPTISM AT PATRICXBORNE

March 3rd. Mary Felicity, the daughter of Norman and Pauline Fowler.

IN MEMORY

It is my privilege to write a last tribute on behalf of all of us who knew her, to one who was a real practical Christian, and a very gallant lady. Mrs. Stockwell carried in a frail body the heart of a lion. My first experience of her was during the war in which she served as a C.D. Warden. Even when things were really hot overhead, she would be seen trudging along on her beat in her steel helmet, without a thought for herself. That was typical of everything she undertook. She never sought the limelight, but she did an enormous amount of work for other people that went unnoticed; until the time came when she could do it no longer. Half blind and crippled by accidents her spirit was undimmed; and she was still as eager as ever to do anything that was possible to her. We all missed her cheerful optimism when she left Bridge. May she rest in peace after a lifetime of service for others.

J.D.S.

JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES

Annual Concert: May I remind all our friends that the dates of the above event are May 2nd and 3rd. We are all very busy with rehearsals, and everything points to a concert well up to our usual standard.

Meetings: April 7th and 21st (Easter Day), Family service in Church at 11 a.m. April 14th (Palm Sunday), distribution of palms and class teaching. April 28th Class teaching in Church at 11 a.m. J.D.S.

M.U. NOTES

Tuesday, April 2nd. Intercessions in Bridge Church at 3 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30th. Meeting in the Methodist Chapel at 2.45 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Hodge of Adisham on "The Family Overseas".

Marriage at Patricxbourne

March 27th. Reginald James Neame and Jean White.

Marriage at Behesbourne

March 16th. Brian Victor Chilton and Lilian May Ainsworth.

## VICAR'S LETTER

Dear People,

Just a reminder of the Archbishop's Appeal for Church Schools. The Church of England must hold its position as the State's Senior partner in the educational system of this country.

There was a better attendance at the Annual Church Meeting this year, and the spirit of the meeting was keen and hopeful. Let's have an even better attendance next year. On your behalf, I welcome Colonel Carr as the new People's Warden for Bridge. His experience as bursar of two public schools should be most valuable, when the time comes to launch an appeal for Church restoration.

At the Annual Meeting a number of people gave me their names as being willing to help with the fête on June 1st. One person gave me his or her name later, and I've forgotten it, please give it me again. I'm sorry. Will you all think what you can make, to sell on the stalls.

I have been asked to advertise once again for anybody with experience of Guides, who would be willing to revive the Bridge Guide Company.

Many times recently I have known that people were deeply affected by something; no, by someone, and that someone the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ. This has happened particularly at Weddings, funerals and baptisms. If there was reality in these experiences, they were calls to closer discipleship and closer union with Christ in the Church. Do you agree? It is irrational and therefore dangerous to ignore them.

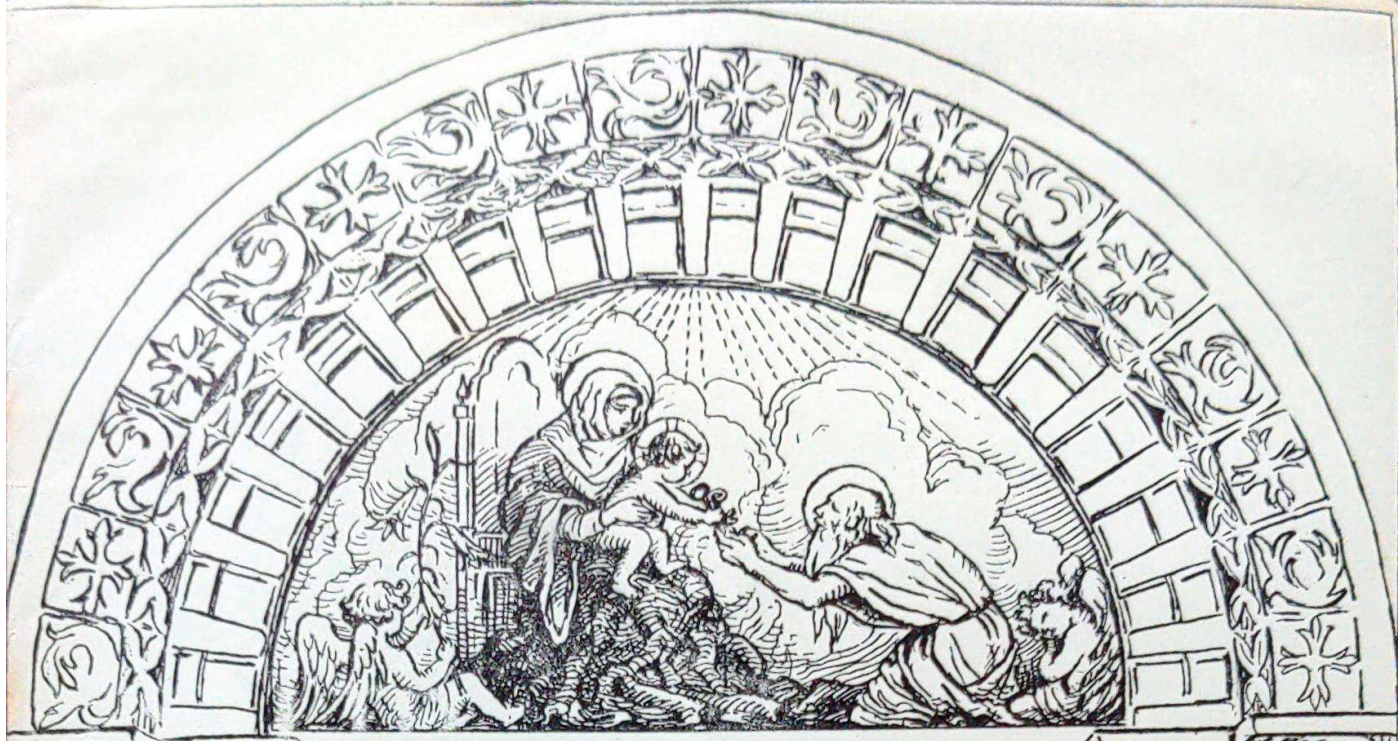
May you all know this Easter the happiness of sins forgiven.

Yours sincerely;

Geoffrey Church..

### Burials at Bridge

Feb. 26th. Mary Ann Harriett Rebecca Heath, 76 yrs.  
Mch. 2nd. Constance Collard, aged 78 years.  
Mch. 2nd. Harriett Mabel Stockwell, aged 74 years  
Mch. 9th. Mary Jane Coultham, aged 93 years,



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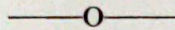
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6.30 pm. Evensong  
12. (Easter III) 11.0 am. Holy Communion with  
hymns and address  
19. (Easter IV) 8.00 am. Holy Communion  
6.30 pm. Evensong  
26. (Rogation  
Sunday) 11.00 am. Morning Prayer  
June 2. (Ascension I) 8 am. Holy Communion  
6.30 pm. Evensong

### St. Peter's, Bridge

- May 5. (Easter II) 9.00 am. Sung Eucharist  
11.00 am. Morning Prayer  
12. (Easter III) 8.00 am. Holy Communion  
6.30 pm. CONFIRMATION  
19. (Easter IV) 9.00 am. Sung Eucharist  
11.00 am. Morning Prayer  
11.45 am. Holy Communion  
26. (Rogation Sunday) 8.00 am. Holy Communion  
6.30 pm. Evensong  
June 2. (Ascension I) 9 am. Sung Eucharist  
11.00 am. Morning Prayer

Ascension Day (Bridge). Holy Communion with hymns  
at 6.30 am., Holy Communion at 9 am., School  
Service at 9.45 am. (parents and friends welcome);  
Evensong (sung) at 7.30 pm.

### ALTAR FLOWERS (Bridge)

- May 5. Mrs. Ledger                      12. Miss Nunn.  
19. Mrs. Roadley.                      26. Mrs. Sandbach.  
June 3. Mrs. Williams.                9. Mrs. Berry.

### LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS:

- May 5. Miss A. Stevens.                12. Miss I. Swan.  
19. Miss J. Swan.                      26. Miss J. Baker.  
June 2. Miss M. Church.                9. Miss Hawkins

### ALTAR FLOWERS (Patrixbourne)

- May, Mrs. Foottit.                      June. Mrs. Parker.

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## VICAR'S LETTER

Dear People,

We are in one of the most wonderful seasons of the year, the great forty days from Easter to Ascension, when, by the experience of the presence of the risen Christ, the apostles realised that there was new hope for the human race. That hope is the same today and is always new. Christianity has not been tried and found a religion of false promises; it has been looked at, found difficult, and not given a trial. That, at least, is true of many people but those who have tried Christ have found him able to save. They do not mourn a dead leader, a lost glory, but are at least aware of a tremendous power that wills to break into their lives; a love that would swallow up their petty selfishness.

Are you afraid that if you start talking to Jesus you will be like a lonely child who invents the playmate he longs to have. Give him a trial; he doesn't mind being on trial; though you may discover that it is you and not he who is on trial. If I can help anyone in this matter of how to pray, do please tell me.

Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY CHURCH.

PATRIXBOURNE RESTORATION: Marshall's Charity has promised £150. for the restoration work. This is not enough to make local giving and local effort unnecessary; but is enough to be a great encouragement. We hope to deal with the West end of the church internally and externally this Summer; and more if we have the money.

GARDEN FETE: On Saturday, June 1st at "Dearnley", by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. W.J.Parker. The proceeds will be divided between the Patribourne Church Restoration Fund and the Bridge Church Fabric Fund. Please see posters.

SUMMER FETE: Please book Saturday, July 13th for the annual fete to be held at Bridge Primary School playing field, in aid of the Village Hall.

CONFIRMATION: On Friday in Passion Week the Bishop of Dover visited the Close to Confirm Mrs. Violet Gertrude Billington. Mr. and Mrs. Booth arranged for a bed to be put up in the chapel for Mrs. Billington, who has been a patient at the Close for eleven years. Mr. Booth played the organ. It was a most wonderful service, attended by several of the regular Sunday congregation, and by friends from outside, including three members of the Hospital Management Committee. It was a great pleasure for us to meet the new Bishop. As you probably know, the diocese has three new Bishops, Dover, Croydon and Maidstone. It is the Bishop of Maidstone who is coming on Sunday, May 12th to conduct the Confirmation in Bridge Church at 6.30 pm. Seats will be reserved for parents, and godparents in the nave; but there will be room for all the usual Sunday evening congregation.

FRIENDS OF ST. PETER: After Evensong on Ascension Day (see page 1) there will be a meeting of the Friends, and any who would like to become Friends. The Friends' latest activity is the making of a carpet for the altar step.

PATRIXBOURNE & BRIDGE SCHOOL: On Saturday, April 13th the Jumble Sale at the School made £15.7.0. for School funds.

MUSICAL APPRECIATION: There is an electric gramophone at the School, and the County has a library of records. Will anyone interested in the formation of a musical appreciation group get in touch with Miss Seath, the School House, Bridge.

BEHESBOURNE: The Vicar is still priest in charge of Behesbourne, after just a year. What the final arrangements for the care of Behesbourne are to be is still uncertain.

MOTHERS' UNION:

Tues. May 7th. Intercessions in Bridge Church at 3.0.

Tues. May 23th. Service in Bridge Church at 3 pm., with a talk by the Vicar on "Rogation Days".

JUNIOR CHURCH:

Concert reminder. Thursday and Friday, May 2nd and 3rd, are the dates; and the time for both performances is 7 pm. Do please come and support us, and bring your friends.

Meetings. May 5th and 19th, Family Worship; May 12th and 26th, Class Teaching; all in church at 11 am.

The Lyric Singers gave a delightful concert in the Reading Room on April 11th, and gave the proceeds to Bridge Church Fabric Fund, £2.6.6. Many thanks.

G.C.

MARRIAGE AT PATRIBOURNE:

March 23rd. Robert Wallis and Betty Alice Baker.

FUNERAL AT KINGSTON:

Old age is a very lovely thing when it is united to simple faith and gratitude. "Oh, I am so thankful"; that was the keynote of dear old Mrs. Emma Jane Ovenden, who died aged 87 years, at the Close, and was buried on March 20th.

FUNERAL AT UPPER HARDRES:

George Beer was ninety-seven when he died at the Close and for several years he had been blind; though he had ridden a bicycle till he was ninety-one. Those last two years of his life at the Close were not wasted. He was a shining example of Christian faith. He was buried on April 2nd.

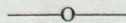
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June 2 (Ascension I)	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion.
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong.
9 (Whitsunday)	11.0 a.m.	Morning Prayer.
	11.45 a.m.	Holy Communion.
16 (Trinity Sunday)	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion.
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong.
23 (Trinity I)	11.0 a.m.	Morning Prayer.
30 (Trinity II)	11.0 a.m.	Morning Prayer.
July 7 (Trinity III)	8.0 a.m.	Holy Communion.
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong.

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	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer.

Saints' Days

June 24. (S. John Baptist) Holy Communion 7.15 a.m.

June 29. (S. Peter) This is of course our Patronal Festival at Bridge; but as it falls on a Saturday, we will keep it on Saturday, and Sunday. Saturday - Holy Communion, 7.15 a.m., Evensong (sung) and Address at 8 p.m. Sunday - Holy Communion at 8 a.m., Evensong (sung) at 6.30 p.m. preacher the Rev. T.A. Rockley, B.A., TAIT MISSIONER and Six Preacher.

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Altar Flowers (Bridge)

June 2. Mrs. Williams. 9. Mrs. Berry.  
16. Mrs. Carroll. 23. Mrs. Charlton.  
30. Mrs. Cherry. July 7. Mrs. Friend.

Lady Chapel Flowers

June 2. Miss M. Church. 9. Miss Hawkins.  
16. Miss I. Lawrence. 23. The Misses Lemar.  
30. Miss G. Ovenden. July 7. Miss M. Ovenden.

Altar Flowers (Patricxbourne)

June. Mrs. Parker. July. Mrs. Potter.

Mothers' Union Meetings

June 4th. Intercessions in Bridge Church at 3 p.m.  
June 17th. (Monday) Meeting in the Methodist  
Chapel at 2.45 p.m. speaker Mrs. Field  
of Chartham on "Dr. Schweitzer", medical  
missionary, musician, thinker.  
July 2. Intercession in Bridge Church at 3 p.m.

Diocesan Missionary Festival

Thursday June 13th, 11 a.m. Sung Eucharist in the  
Cathedral, 3 p.m. meeting in the Chapter House.

Deanery Missionary Festival

Wednesday June 19th at BARHAM. Service in Church  
at 7 p.m., Refreshments, and Bring and Buy Stall  
at the Rectory at 8 p.m. Preacher, the Rev.  
E.B. BRANWELL. Alms for the Universities' Mission  
to Central Africa.

Anti-litter league

Are you sometimes ashamed that foreigners passing  
through should see the litter that is about in  
Bridge? What can you do about it?

Diocesan Association for the Deaf

The Association needs a collector in Bridge to  
take the place of Mrs. Carpenter, who has done  
such wonderful work for so many years. Will a  
volunteer please tell the Vicar.

Freewill Offering Scheme

The following sums have been received by  
Miss Richards:- Nov. 1956, £28.1.11; Dec. £12.0.4;  
Jan. 1957, £10.10; Feb. £18.16.5. March £23.3.4.  
April £9.4.1. A total of £101.16.1. compared with  
£93.7.0. for the same period last year.

Vicar's Letter

Dear People,

Many of you will have heard that the  
Archbishop has appointed me to be Rector of  
Harbledown. This is a parish which has a number  
of attractions, notably that it is a single  
parish, that it has a good sized house for the  
incumbent, and that it is near Canterbury. I  
have felt that I can accept it with a sense of  
vocation, partly for the reason that I did not  
seek a move, but this new work was chosen for me  
by my superior. It will be a great sadness to  
my wife and me to leave you; because we have been  
completely happy here for four and a half years,  
and feel so much at home with you all.

I must tell you of another departure. Mr.  
Brough is to be ordained Deacon in the Cathedral  
at 8 a.m. on Sunday June 16th. His son Gerald  
will be ordained at the same time. Mr. Brough  
will leave very soon after to become assistant  
curate at Adiscombe, part of Croydon. Gerald is  
going to Westgate. We shall all miss Mr. and  
Mrs. Brough; they have been a wonderful help to  
us in many ways, and we wish them God Speed and  
great happiness. We shall be able to keep the  
Ember Days, June 12th, 14th and 15th, with a  
great sense of reality this time, lifting up to  
God in our prayers Arthur and Gerald Brough.

Everyone is agreed that the Confirmation  
service on May 12th was very wonderful. "We all  
came out of Church better for it" someone said.  
Thank you Mothers' Union for providing the  
refreshments for the Bishop, candidates, parents  
and godparents in the Reading Room after the  
service.

Thank you for the wonderful Easter Offering  
from the two churches of £37.4.4.

Thank you Mr. Sidders for painting the flag  
pole and setting it in a concrete cradle.

Thank you Magazine visitors for your  
important work, and a special "thank you" this  
month to Mrs. Dawson who has done a big district  
for about four years and now unfortunately is

obliged to give it up; and to Mrs.Ovenden who has taken on Mrs.Dawson's district. It is such a help if you will tell the Vicar when new people come to the parish, or when you hear of people who would like him to call.

Yours sincerely,  
Geoffrey Church.

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Remember the Church Fete. Saturday June 1st from 2.30 to 6 p.m. in Mr. and Mrs.W.J.Parker's garden, or in the Reading Room, if wet.

Whitsunday Services at Patricxbourne will be conducted by the Rev.W.A.Kendall, Vicar of St. Mary,Bredin, Canterbury.

Junior Church Notes. Annual Concert. Once again we have to thank all those who helped to make this event a great success. Both evenings the hall was full, and everybody seems to have enjoyed themselves. The result was very gratifying as well. After paying for the hire of the hall, we have a profit of £30.7.10, which will be very useful to us in our other efforts.

Annual Outing. Once more we shall go to Folkestone. Will all parents and friends who wish to join us please make a note of the date, Saturday, July 27th. The charge for them will be 5/- each. We shall be glad to have names and money early in July.

Meetings. June 2nd and 16th Family Service.  
June 9th, 23rd and 30th. Class teaching. All in church at 11 a.m. J.D.S.

From the Church Registers

Holy Baptism in Patricxbourne Church on April 28th Ann Elizabeth, the daughter of George and Marcelina James.

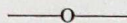
Confirmation in Bridge Church on Sunday May 12th, by the Bishop of Maidstone, Valerie Linkin, Brenda Palmer, Pauline Lifton, Rosemary Vining, John Colvill, Gerald Hogben, James Brice, Roy Mummery, Eric Hawkins, Roger de Cent, Russell Osbourn; and from Behesborne, Eileen Clayson, Jill Waghorn, Susan Newport, Daphne Hogben, Rosemary Sandall, Patricia Glover and Stanley Wallace.

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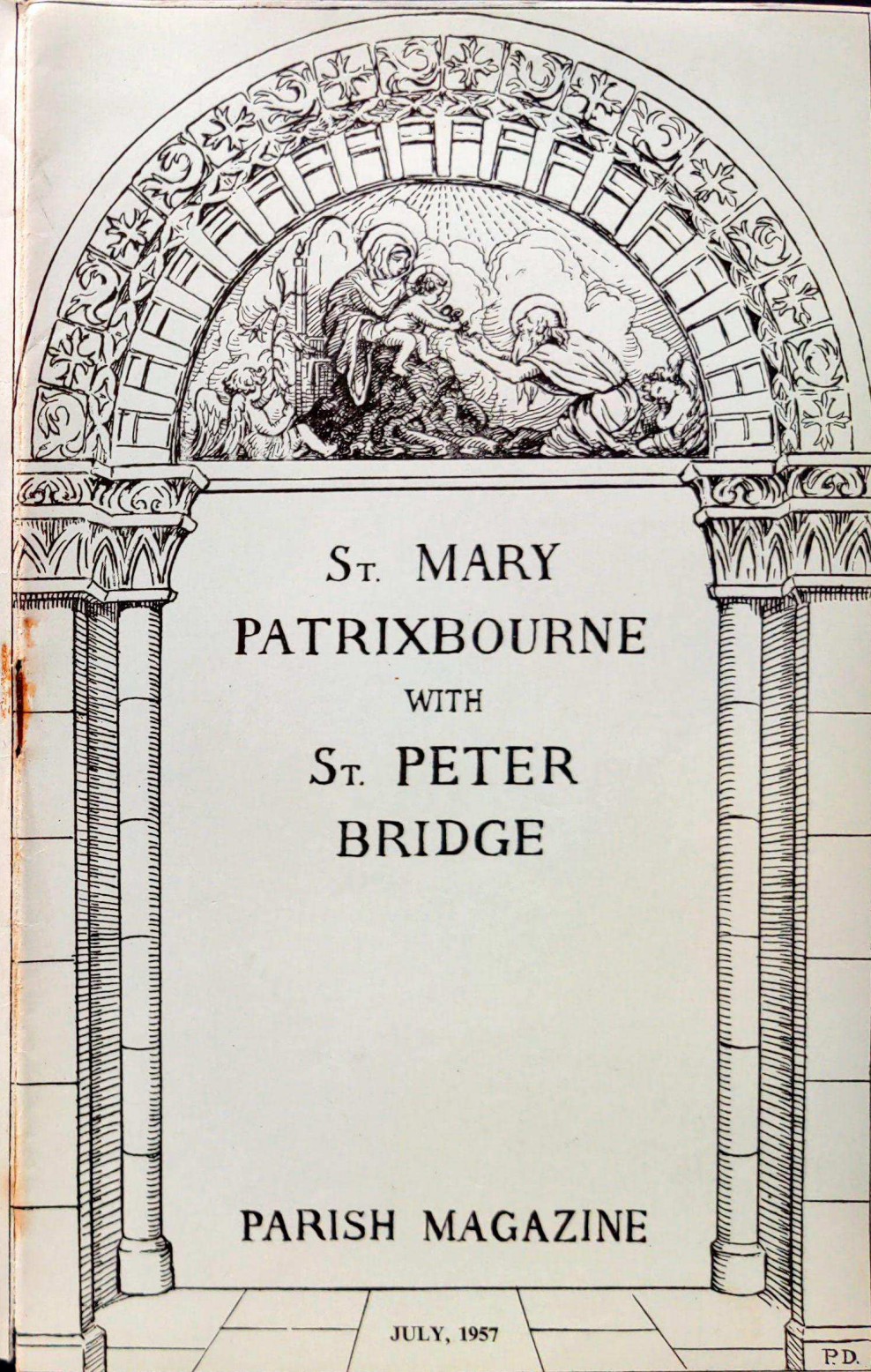
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6.30 pm. Evensong.  
28. (Trinity VI) 11.00 am. Morning Prayer.  
Aug. 4. (Trinity VII) 8.00 am. Holy Communion.  
6.30 pm. Evensong.

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28. (Trinity VI) 8.00 am. Holy Communion.  
6.30 pm. Evensong.  
Aug. 4. (Trinity VII) 9.00 am. Sung Eucharist.  
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Confessions, Baptisms and Churchings by appointment. NO EVENSONG on Saturday, July 6th.

Saints' Days: (Bridge)

July 22. (St. Mary Magdalen) Holy Communion 7.30 am.  
25. (St. James the Great) " " 7.30 am.

ALTAR FLOWERS: (Bridge)

July 7. Mrs. Friend. 14. Mrs. Gilbert.  
21. Mrs. H. Hawkins. 28. Mrs. Howard Smith.  
Aug. 4. Mrs. Hunter. 11. Mrs. Ledger.

LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS:

July 7. Miss M. Ovenden. 14. Miss M. Setterfield.  
21. Miss A. Stevens. 28. Miss I. Swan.  
Aug. 4. Miss J. Swan. 11. Miss D. Hunter.

ALTAR FLOWERS: (Patrixbourne)

July: Mrs. Potter. August: Mrs. Ronald.

MOTHERS' UNION:

July 2nd. Intercessions in Bridge Church, 3 pm.



Mothers' Union (cont.)

July 10th. Outing to Penshurst Place and Tunbridge Wells.

Aug. 6th. (The Transfiguration of Our Lord) Evensong and Intercessions in Bridge Church, 3 pm.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Annual Outing: Will parents and friends who wish to join us on Saturday, July 27th, please let me know as early as convenient. The charge for adults will be 6/-, which includes High Tea at the Marina. The coaches will leave the Reading Room at 9.30 am. sharp, and proceed to Folkestone via Stelling Minnis as usual. Will all members and friends please bring lunch. We leave Folkestone for the return at 7 pm., and I do hope that we shall all enjoy a very lovely day.

Meetings: July 7th and 21st, Family Service; July 14th and 28th, Class Teaching. All in Church at 11 am. J.D.S.

BRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tuesday, July 2nd. The Parent-Teacher Association has arranged a meeting in school at 7.30 pm., when Mr. Parrot of the Canterbury Technical School will speak on "Technical Schools".

Wednesday, July 3rd. Inter-school sports at Adisham at 2 pm.

Wednesday, July 24th. Parents are invited to an open day at 2.30 pm. There will be a cricket match against Littlebourne Primary School.

July 25th. Singing Festival at the Simon Langton Girls' School at 2 pm. Admission by programme 1/-, obtainable from Miss Seath.

BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL FUND

Dear Friends,

Once again we are organising a fete to raise funds for the provision of new kitchen and cloakroom facilities at the Village Hall. It will be held on Saturday, 13th July on the School Playing Field, and will be opened by Lady Fitzwalter. Last year we made over £100. This year we want to make £150. This will only be possible if everybody in the village helps. Will you send

gifts for stalls (rummage, cakes, white elephant, fruit, vegetables, groceries, etc.) to Mrs. G. Clark, the Chemists Shop, or to Miss D. Seath, the School House. If you are unable to attend, will you kindly send us what you might have spent. We hope you will be able to come, and to enjoy the many entertainments and sideshows.

G. CLARK (Chairman), D. Seath (Secretary)

Result of Garden Fete, June 1st: Produce £8.4.1, Cakes £3.13.0, Teas £7.4.7, Gate £2.2.10, Bowling for a leg of lamb £2.18.0, Books £2.10.0, Jumble £9.8.0, M.U. Stall £13.5.5, Sideshows £3.16.1, Soft drinks £2.7.6, Donations £29.10.0. Less expenses £2.12.0. Total: £82.7.0. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Parker, and to all who helped to make this such a delightful garden party. What a **charming** display of dancing Sidney Woodman's pupils gave us! The proceeds have been divided equally between the fabric funds of Bridge and Patricxbourne Churches.

VICAR'S LETTER

Dear People,

It must have been a very great disappointment to the Archbishop that so few people have contributed to his appeal for Church Schools in this diocese. To the sixth of June the amount received was £6150. If it will be any help to those who have not given to hand the money to me to send up for you, please do this; or send direct to Mrs. Fisher, Archbishop's Appeal for Church Schools, The Old Palace, Canterbury. Even if you ask your gift to be anonymous, please make clear what parish the gift is from. This is a debt of honour; the Church has promised the Minister of Education that she will undertake certain improvements, and we must keep our promise.

Yours sincerely, GEOFFREY CHURCH.

PATRICXBOURNE VILLAGE SIGNS have been set up at two places near the entrances to the old part of the village. We shall only get the White Horse emblem put on the signs if we raise thirty shillings for each White Horse. Will twelve people give five shillings each for this purpose, or (those who can

afford it) ten shillings? Mr. Potter, who is chairman of the Patrixbourne Parish Meeting, will be glad to act as treasurer, and make application to the K.C.C. when the money has been subscribed.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY supporters are asked to come to the Vicarage at 3 pm. on Wednesday, July 17th, to make arrangements for a Bring and Buy Sale.

PARKING: The Police ask that cars of people attending Bridge Church shall as far as possible be parked in Bourne Park; but this does not apply to anyone who because of age or illness would find the walk from the Park a difficulty.

THE CHRISTIAN STANDARD OF GIVING: The original proposal was made at a meeting of the Reading Ruri-decanal Conference when the following resolution was passed:- "That this meeting agrees that the minimum standard of giving for every Christian should be each week the equivalent in cash of an hour's work (based on a 44 hour week) and asks all Parochial Church Councils to adopt it". I have full details of the scheme mentioned in some of the national papers. It at least suggests a standard of what we should give to the work of the Church at home and abroad. It can be adopted by anybody without waiting for other people to adopt it; it can be adopted as soon as we start earning. When our income increases our giving increases. It suggests a minimum standard.

G.C.

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From Church Registers

Marriage on June 15, John Johnson Armstrong and Irene Beatrice Underhill.

Burial on May 30, Florence Lyon, aged 93 years.

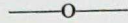
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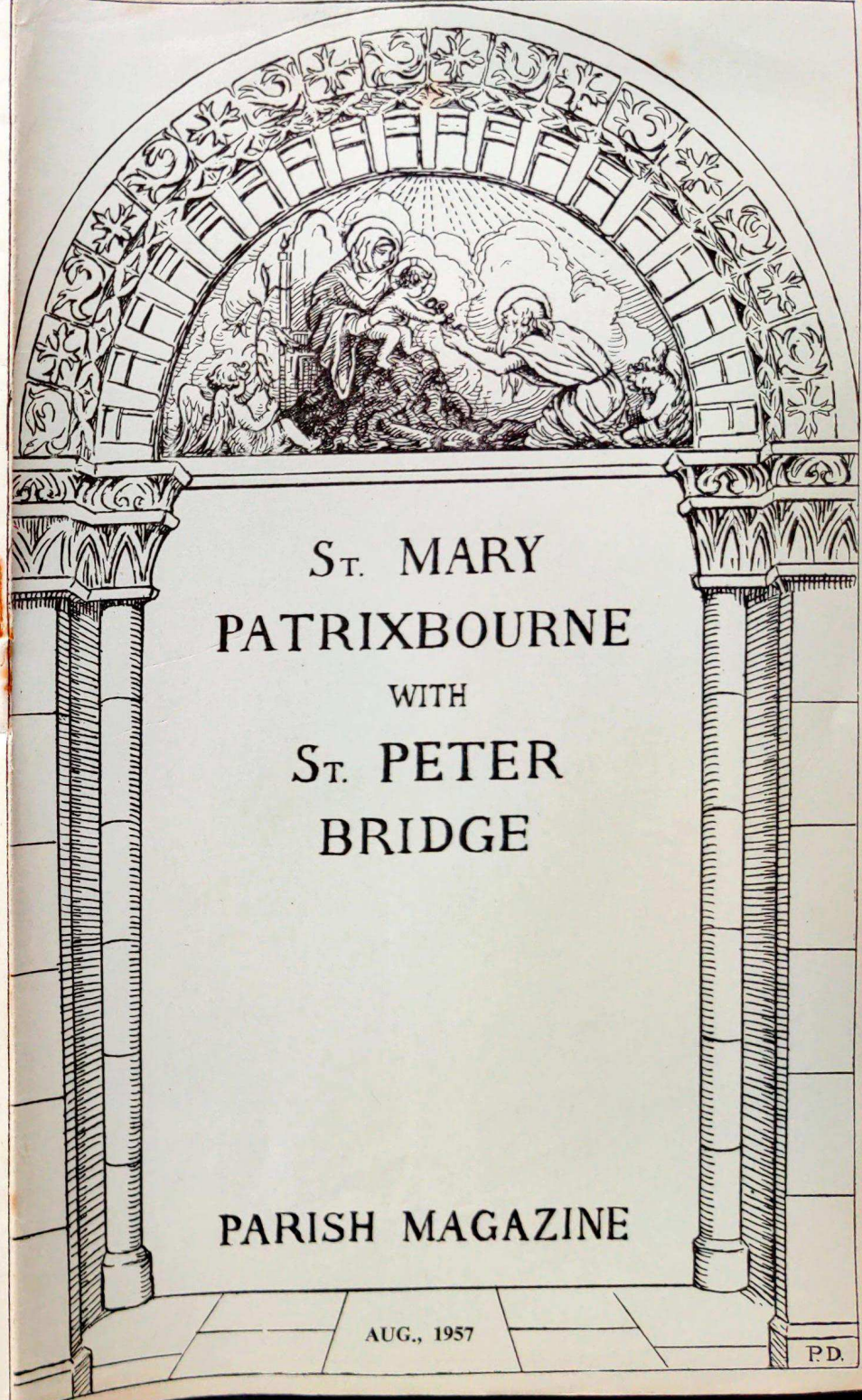
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SUNDAY SERVICES

St. Mary's, Patrixbourne

Aug. 4. (Trinity VII) 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong.  
" 11. (Trinity VIII) 11.0 a.m. Holy Communion  
with hymns and sermon.  
" 18. (Trinity IX) 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong.  
" 25. (Trinity X) 11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer.  
Sept. 1. (Trinity XI) 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong.

St. Peter's, Bridge.

Aug. 4. (Trinity VII) 9.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist.  
11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer.  
" 11. (Trinity VIII) 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong.  
" 18. (Trinity IX) 9.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist.  
11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer.  
" 25. (Trinity X) 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong.  
Sept. 1. (Trinity XI) 9.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist.  
11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer.

Weekday Services (Bridge) will be announced each Sunday, and posted on the Church board. Confessions, Baptisms and Churchings by appointment.

Saints Days (Bridge)

Aug. 6. (Transfiguration of our Lord)  
Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.  
Aug. 24. (S. Bartholomew). Holy Communion, 7.30 am.

Altar Flowers (Bridge)

Aug. 4. Mrs. Hunter  
" 11. Mrs. Ledger.  
" 18. Miss Nunn.  
Aug. 25. Mrs. Roadley.  
Sept. 1. Mrs. Sandbach.  
" 8. Mrs. Williams.

Lady Chapel Flowers

Aug. 4. Miss J. Swan.  
" 11. Miss D. Hunter.  
" 18. Miss J. Baker.  
Aug. 25. Miss M. Church.  
Sept. 1. Miss B. Hawkins.  
" 8. Miss I. Lawrence.

Altar Flowers (Patrixbourne)

August - Mrs. Ronald. September - Miss Somerville.

### MOTHERS' UNION

Tuesday, Aug. 6. (The Transfiguration of our Lord)  
Evensong and Intercessions in Bridge Church 3 p.m.  
Tuesday, Sept. 3. Intercessions at 3 p.m.  
Annual Outing.

The Branch visited Penshurst Place on July 10. The drive by Tenterden, where we stopped for our picnic lunch, and Tunbridge Wells, was very pretty; but unfortunately there was a heavy shower as we arrived at Penshurst. The tour of the house was most interesting; but, owing to lack of time and the weather, we were unable to see the gardens. We had an excellent tea at Tunbridge Wells; and, on our return journey, we stopped for a service in Smarden church, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A.J. Stevens. Mr. Stevens also gave us an interesting talk on the history of the church.  
K.C.

### WOMEN'S OFFERING

Mrs. Hunter reports that £7.14.4d was collected for the Diocesan Moral Welfare Association this year in Patricbourne and Bridge.

### THE BIBLE SOCIETY

On Wednesday, August 21st at 3 p.m., there will be a Bring and Buy Sale, with teas and other stalls in the Vicarage garden, or in the Reading Room if wet. We shall be glad to sell anything you send or bring.

### CHOIR OUTING

We hope to have this on Saturday, Sept. 7th, and to leave the Vicarage soon after 12 noon. Please bring a picnic lunch.

### ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL FOR CHURCH SCHOOLS

I have sent up a further £2 from the Parish, made up of "widow's mites" for the most part.  
Thank you very much.  
G.C.

### FOR SALE

There is still one of the old altar curtains from Bridge Church, for sale at 15/-. If sold, it

will help to pay for the wool for the new Sanctuary carpet, which will cost nearly £5.

### PATRICBOURNE PATRONAL FESTIVAL

For some years we have been keeping September 8th, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as our local church festival. This year it falls on a Sunday, and the services will be Morning Prayer at 11 a.m., and Holy Communion at 12 noon. The preacher will be announced later; and we ask as usual for your generous gifts to the Patricbourne Church Restoration Fund.

### GIFT TO BRIDGE CHURCH

It has seemed rather an extravagance to put on the church heating for a choir practice, or a week-day service, in chilly weather. Now we only have to switch on our electric convector heater. A most welcome gift of £25 has paid for this and the necessary new point; and I am most grateful.  
G.C.

### VICAR'S LETTER

Dear People,

We celebrate this year the bicentenary of the birth of William Blake, poet, painter and prophet. He is known to many of you for his hymn, which we call "Jerusalem". "Would to God that all the Lord's people were Prophets. Numbers XI. Ch. 29.V." wrote Blake at the end of "Jerusalem"

If we were men and women of faith and prayer like the heroes and heroines of the Bible, then would God's kingdom have come.

Wordsworth was calling people to rediscover the goodness of God in nature. Blake believed that men and women could hold communion directly with God, and the only guide they needed was the Bible. "I will not cease from Mental Fight, Nor shall my Sword sleep in my hand, Till we have built Jerusalem ...." Till men and women do good passionately, not grudgingly; not drunk with beer; but drunk with the Spirit of God. "Expect poison from standing water." "He who desires but acts not breeds pestilence." This is not far from St. Augustine's "Love God, and do what you like".

Just as dangerous, and just as true. And this is the spirit of "Jerusalem". "Bring me my arrows of desire." "He whose face gives no light, shall never become a star."

"He who binds to himself a joy  
Does the winged life destroy;  
But he who kisses the joy as it flies  
Lives in eternity's sun rise."

What has Blake to teach us? To know that God, and the angels, and the spirits of just men made perfect are ever present to us. To lift up our hearts. To have done with excuses and half-measures. To launch out into the deep of the Love of God.

Yours truly,

Geoffrey Church.

#### JUNIOR CHURCH

There will be no class teaching during August, but members are reminded of the Family Services at 11 a.m. on Sundays, August 4th and 18th, and September 1st. I wish you all a very happy holiday with lots of fine weather. J.D.S.

#### THE DEAF AND DUMB

Nobody has yet come forward to offer to take Mrs. Carpenter's place as collector for the Diocesan Mission to the Deaf and Dumb. Sept. 8th is Ephatha Sunday when our prayers are specially asked for this work. Ask yourself whether there is any reason why you shouldn't be the collector.

#### CONFIRMATION IN THE CATHEDRAL

Michael Willis DAWS was confirmed by the Bishop of Dover, on June 22nd.

#### FROM BRIDGE CHURCH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism:

On July 7th, Mark, the son of John and Jean Richardson.

Burial:

On June 28th. John MAY, aged 79 years.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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St. Mary's, Patricxbourne

- Sept. 1. (Trinity XI) 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
6.30 p.m. Evensong
8. (Patronal Festival) 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
12 noon Holy Communion
15. (Trinity XIII) 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
6.30 p.m. Evensong
22. (Trinity XIV) 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
29. (S. Michael & All Angels) 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- Oct. 6. (Trinity XVI) 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
6.30 p.m. Evensong

St. Peter's, Bridge:

- Sept. 1. (Trinity XI) 9.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist  
11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
8. (Trinity XII) 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
6.30 p.m. Evensong
15. (Trinity XIII) 9.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist  
11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion
22. (Trinity XIV) 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
6.30 p.m. Evensong
29. (S. Michael & All Angels) 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
6.30 p.m. Evensong
- Oct. 6. (Trinity XVI) 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

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Altar Flowers (Bridge)

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| Sept. 1. Mrs. Sandbach | 8. Mrs. Williams     |
| 15. Mrs. Berry         | 22. Mrs. Carroll     |
| 29. Mrs. Cherry        | Oct. 6. Mrs. Friend. |

Lady Chapel Flowers:

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| Sept. 1. Miss B. Hawkins | 8. Miss I. Lawrence      |
| 15. The Misses Lemar     | 22. Miss S. Mummery      |
| 29. Miss G. Ovenden.     | Oct. 6. Miss M. Ovenden. |

Altar Flowers (Patricxbourne)

September - Miss Somerville. October: Mrs. Stevens.

### PATRIXBOURNE PATRONAL FESTIVAL

I am very glad to say that the Rev. J.A. Bouquet, Minor Canon of the Cathedral, will be the preacher at 11 a.m. on September 8th. Morning Prayer will be followed at 12 noon by Holy Communion. Please give generously to the Church Restoration Fund.

### HOP PICKERS

I am not attempting to keep up Miss Edith Evitt's little Sunday School for the children in the camp. Instead, I am taking round invitations to our ordinary Sunday services, and our Junior Church meetings. Please will you all, adults and Junior Church members, make our visitors feel really welcome. - G.C.

### MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union is constantly spoken of as being "the handmaid of the Church". Our Lord's Mother said of herself "Behold the handmaid of the Lord". Mary does not call us to herself; she points us to her Son. The Mothers' Union is nothing by itself; but it is a most wonderful society so long as it is true to its vocation to bring people, and specially women, into union with Christ in the fellowship of the Church. Every member of the Mothers' Union, when she was admitted was asked, "Will you try to plan your daily life so that you can be regular in Sunday worship, and in Bible reading and prayer?" and promised, "I will". Meetings in September are:- Intercessions in Bridge Church on Tuesday September 3rd at 3 p.m.; and a talk by Mrs. Leach on "The Christian and her Newspaper" at the Methodist Chapel on Monday, September 16th at 2.45 p.m.

### SERGEANT BLEE MEMORIAL CLOCK

It is hoped that this will be unveiled on Sunday, September 1st at 3 p.m.

### FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

Alexandra Lynn, the daughter of Brian and Medora Vaughan, was baptised at Bridge Church on Aug. 4th.

### VICAR'S LETTER

Dear People,

I have had the unhappy task of arranging for the services to be taken and the sick to be visited, after I have left Bridge and Patrixbourne. I believe you are very fortunate in having two such excellent priests as Mr. Stapley and Mr. Griffin to help you until a Vicar is appointed. I do not think that any appointment has yet been made; and I fear that the interregnum may be several months long. Here is a test of your love for Christ and his Church. Go on doing anything that you have been doing for our Lord, with all your might, so that the devil gains nothing.

I want to say how much I regret my inefficiency and insufficiency during these last five years. There is so much good will everywhere towards the Vicar, and yet so many who have not been brought to really faithful and active churchmanship.

You will realise that if the next Vicar has to minister to three parishes and the Close, he will have a mansize job; and that he will need all your help. Particularly he will be helped if you will ask him to visit you when you want him; and ask him again, if he doesn't come the first time. That is the friendly and loyal thing to do. And, take it for granted that he longs to see you in church. We parsons cannot be always asking people to come; it would be tedious; and at any rate we know that we are not calling you to the Church, but to Jesus Christ in the Church. We know that it is Jesus Christ whom the world needs; but how can the world know Christ, unless there is a Church to preach him, to translate and print the Bible and administer the Sacraments. And this country can go the way of Russia, if enough people call themselves Christians, but do nothing more. I long to hear of growing congregations at Patrixbourne and Bridge, and of increased support for Missions; and of all the other things which go to show that your religion is something vital to you.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

GEOFFREY CHURCH



## JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

I have been asked to write something about these strange people. They are not Christians; or, if they are, no one else is; for they believe that all Christian Churches and denominations are part of the organisation of Satan, and that all clergymen and ministers are ministers of Satan. Government too is part of Satan's organisation, from the Queen to the village constable, according to Jehovah's witnesses. Any time now they are expecting the angels to come down from heaven and drive all the parsons, Members of Parliament, soldiers, sailors and airmen etc. etc. etc., off the earth to destruction. Then Jehovah's witnesses will be joined on this earth by those who have died believing in the verbal infallibility of the Bible; and will fill the earth with their progeny, until there is no room for any more Jehovah's witnesses, and they will live here for ever. No, not all, a hundred and forty four thousand will become spiritual creatures and live in heaven: most of these have already gone there, but there is still room for a few more. They will live with the strange spirit creature, neither God nor man, whom they call Jesus Christ. Enough said, I hope. Someone has twisted certain texts in the Bible to support these beliefs, and the rank and file Jehovah's Witnesses sincerely believe in what they so bravely profess. I have studied the subject somewhat and shall be glad at any time to help anyone who finds it difficult to give the Christian answer.

- G.C.

## JUNIOR CHURCH

### Meetings:

September 1st and 15th: Family Service.  
8th, 22nd & 29th: Class Teaching.  
All in Church at 11 a.m. More about the  
Junior Church next month.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

St. Mary's, Patrixbourne.

- Oct. 6. (Trinity XVI) 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
13. (Trinity XVII) 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer,  
 followed by  
 Holy Communion.
20. (Trinity XVIII) 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
27. (Trinity XIX) 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer.
- Nov. 3. (Trinity XX) 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 6.30 p.m. Evensong.

St. Peter's Bridge.

- Oct. 6. (Trinity XVI) 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
 with hymns.  
 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer.
13. (Trinity XVII) 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
20. (Trinity XVIII) 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
 with hymns.  
 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer.  
 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion.
27. (Trinity XIX) 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
- Nov. 3. (Trinity XX) 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
 with hymns.  
 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer.

Important Notice. If the services of a priest are required from now until the new Vicar is inducted, for Baptisms, Churchings, Marriages, Burials or for visiting the sick, please inform Mr. J. D. Smith or one of the Churchwardens. In an emergency, the Rev. F. J. Cartman, Rector of Bishopsbourne, will give any help that he can.

Altar Flowers (Bridge).

- Oct. 6. Mrs. Friend. 13. Mrs. Gilbert.  
 20. Mrs. H. Hawkins. 27. Mrs. Howard Smith.  
 Nov. 3. Mrs. Hunter. 10. Mrs. Ledger.

Lady Chapel Flowers.

- Oct. 6. Miss M. Ovenden. 13. Miss M. Setterfield.  
 20. Miss A. Stevens. 27. Miss I. Swan.  
 Nov. 3. Miss J. Swan. 10. Miss D. Taylor.

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Altar Flowers (Patricxbourne).

October: Mrs. Stevens. November: Mrs. Christopherson.

ST. LUKE'S - TIDE AND MEDICAL MISSIONS

There is certainly no doubt about the need for medical work overseas. It is heart-rending to contemplate the suffering which could so easily be relieved by modern drugs in skilled hands, but we have not enough skilled hands and we cannot afford enough drugs.

St. Luke's-tide used to be a time when many parishes at home observed "Hospital Sunday" and gave their offerings to a local hospital. That this is no longer a necessity is a mark of the efficiency of our own luxury medical services. But have we become forgetful of others because we ourselves are well cared for? "Inasmuch as you do it unto one of the least . . .". It is not God's will that His children should suffer.

Please take a "Thankoffering for Health" envelope from the back of the Church, and bring it back with your offering on Sunday October 20th. And, as you give, will you pray that somehow and somewhere devoted people may be found to dedicate their skills to the Healing Church. And that those now carrying on under great strain may be upheld. One of our hospitals in Africa has been without a doctor for five years: five Christian hospitals in Chota Nagpur, India, have only one doctor between them and circumstances will cause her to leave very soon.

Will you treat this letter, in St. Paul's words, "As though God do beseech you by us?".

Yours sincerely,

MARY P. GELL M.B., Ch.B.,

Secretary S.P.G. Medical Missions.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism at Bridge: August 18th Colin Graham, the son of Royland and Sylvia Raines; and Vivienne Diane, the daughter of Dennis and Avril Plain. September 8th David, the son of Ernest and Emma Ovenden.

Marriage at Bridge on August 23rd. Alexander

Christopher Barnard and Dorothy Lynn Carden.

Burial at Patricxbourne on August 23rd.

Minnie Martin aged 78 years.

Burial at Bridge on September 2nd. Horace Sumner, AGED 78 years.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY

Thanks to the hard work of Miss Kingsford, and other friends of the society, there was a most satisfactory result from the Sale at the Vicarage on August 21st. Teas brought in £1.7.3; Provision Stall £4.0.3; General Stall £4.1.5; Books 12/10; Literature £1.0.9; Donations £1; a total of £12.2.6. It was a great pleasure to have the co-operation of our Methodist friends.

CHOIR OUTING

The outing followed much the same course as previous outings. Picnic lunch at Richborough Castle, and then a day at Deal, with a super tea at the Astor Royal Restaurant. The fun fair attracted more of us than the sea did, which was a pity; but the fault is in the lack of swimming baths in and near Canterbury. Thanks are due to those who used their cars to take the choir members; and very special thanks to Mr. F.R. Woodward who lent us his van, and trusted me to drive it.

G.C.

MOTHERS' UNION

Tuesday October 1st. Intercessions in Bridge Church at 3 p.m.

Monday October 21st. Open Meeting in Bridge Village Hall at 7.15 p.m., speaker Mrs. Rock. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall.

Tuesday November 5th. Intercessions in Bridge Church at 3 p.m.

VICAR'S LETTER

Dear People,

It is nearly five years since my wife, my family and I came to Bridge; and they have been five extremely happy years for all of us. We

want to thank you for being so friendly, and to say how much we hope that we shall go on seeing a lot of you. We are moving such a little way that there is no need to say good-bye.

Yours sincerely,  
Geoffrey Church.

#### JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES

Annual Outing. This event, after being postponed, was held on Saturday 31st August. Owing to holidays, the number of our members and friends who came with us was rather disappointing but we had a wonderful day with ideal weather.

Meetings. Family Service in Church October 6th and 20th at 11 a.m.

Class Teaching in Church October 13th and 27th at 11 a.m.

#### BIBLES, PRAYER AND HYMN BOOKS

During the last year or two, we have done our best to ensure that all our members own a serviceable copy of each of these. The great mystery is that we see them at the time they are presented to members and then, in most cases, they disappear for ever. I wish members would realise that they are for use. It would be so nice to see every member who can read, with his or her own Prayer and Hymn Book on Sundays, instead of a rush to borrow from the back of the Church, or from the bag I have to carry about. With regard to the Bibles, I feel sure that the older members would often find them very useful in class. Think it over members.

J.D.S.

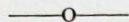
The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

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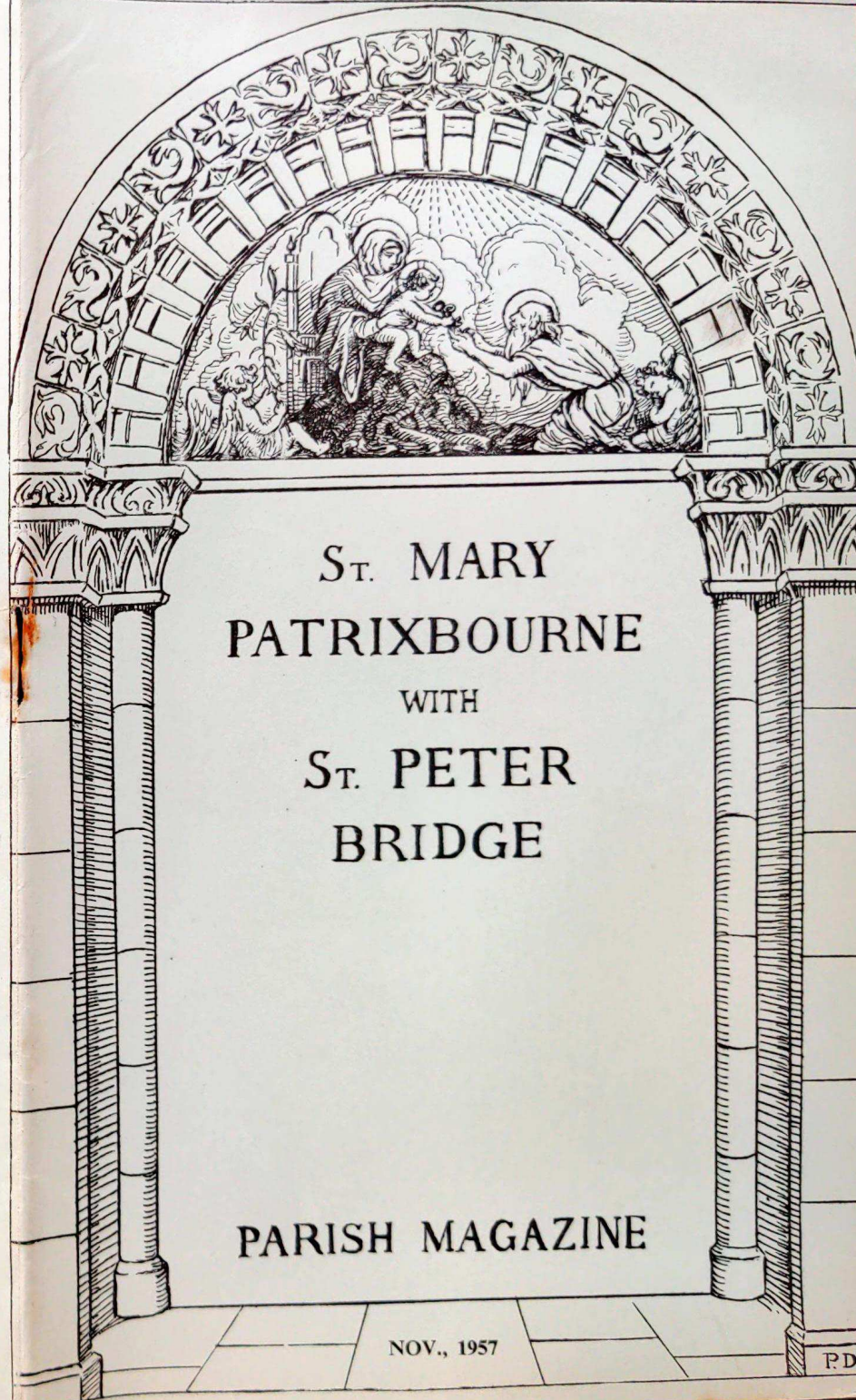
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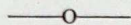


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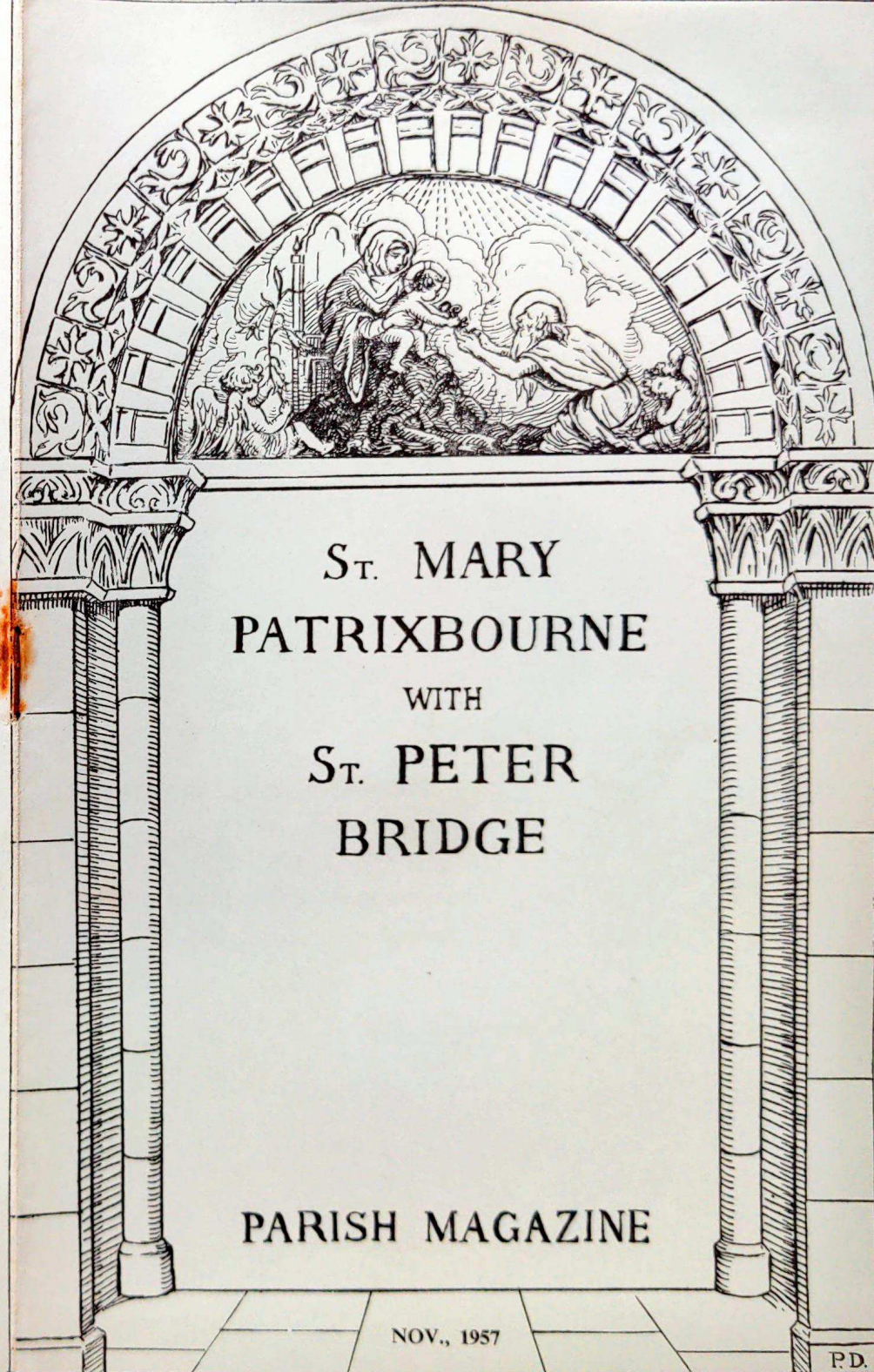
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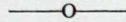
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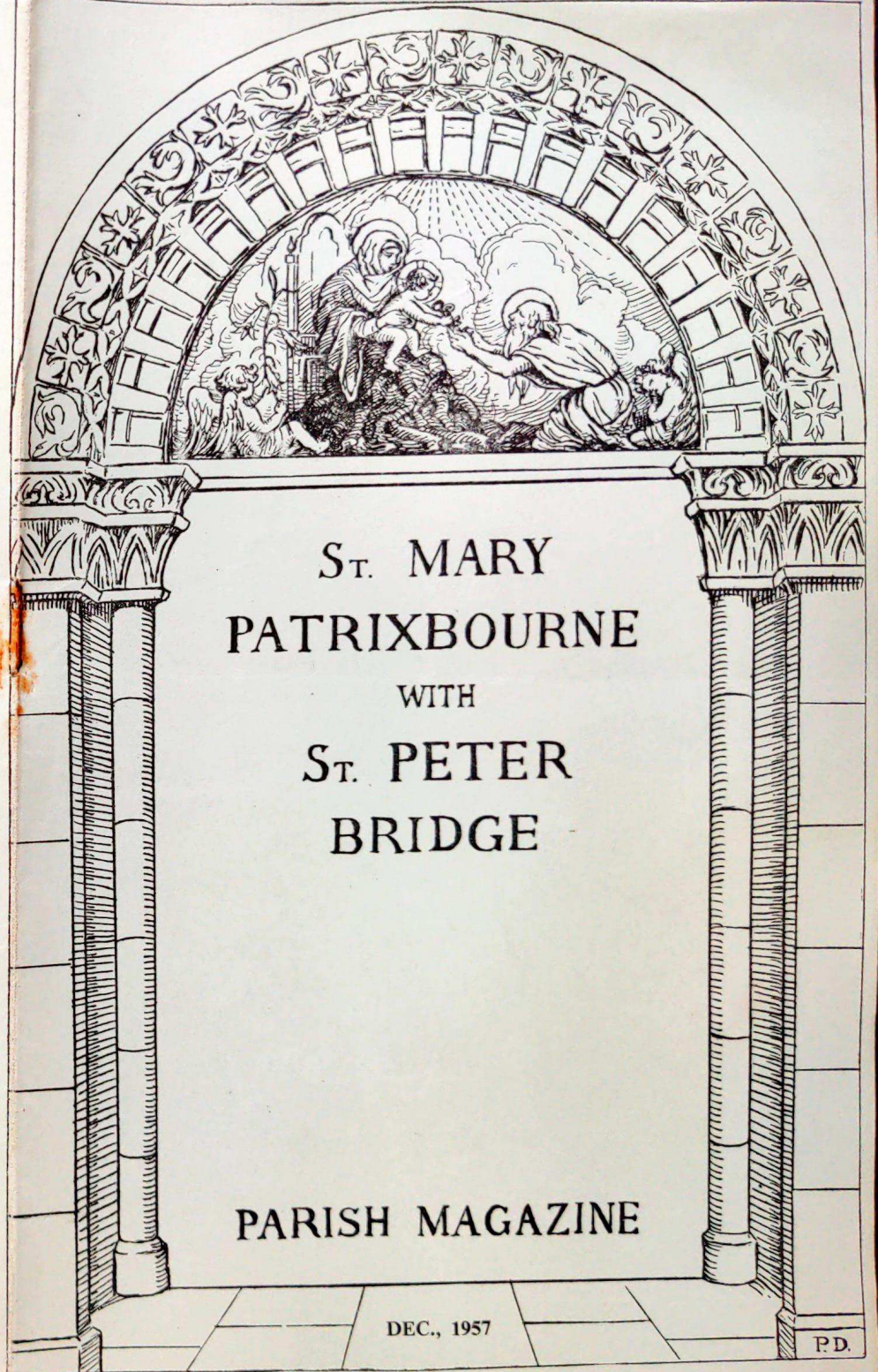
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December: Mrs. Foottit.  
January: Mrs. Mount

### THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Christmas is essentially a Family Festival. Its spirit sends men and women, and boys and girls, speeding across the country from all over the place to a common rendezvous - Home.

Home may be anywhere, but to each individual one of us, it means only one spot - the place where those we love best will be gathered together to meet us.

This urge to be home at Christmas affects practically everybody and people go to all sorts of trouble and inconvenience to follow the urge. Those who are away across the seas and others whose duty makes it impossible for them to come home, almost always come home in thought and spirit on Christmas Day.

To Christians, this gathering of the family has a very special significance and results in their joining together in their spiritual home - the Church. Communicants who have perhaps got a little slack during the year make a special effort to reach that home on Christmas Day. Children feel the need to meet in Church and it is only by the parents coming to the Family Service with them that the

true spirit of the family gathering can be complete.

J.D.S.

### BRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Carol Concert will be given in the School at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday Dec.17th. Parents and other children are invited. Admission 1/-

The School Christmas Party will be held on Thursday Dec.19th, from 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. All children who left in July 1957 are invited, and are asked to notify the Headmistress if they can come.

OPEN EVENING will be held at the School on Wednesday Dec.11th, from 6.30 p.m. to 9.0 p.m. All parents are invited. Miss Blackith will speak at 7.30 on technical education for girls.

JUMBLE SALE. The Headmistress thanks all who helped by gifts or attendance, and is pleased to announce that £12.12.0 was raised for the School Christmas Party.

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Holy Communion Service in Bridge Church on Wednesday Jan.1st, 1958, at 9 a.m.

### OVERSEAS EVENING

It is regretted that arrangements for this event were not sufficiently advanced for inclusion in the November magazine.

As the date now fixed is November 28th, in the Reading Room, it will not be in time for a report in the December issue, but should any supporters of this good cause not receive sufficient notification to enable them to help us, we hope they will overlook it under the circumstances and send a contribution to Miss Wass.

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Thursday Dec. 12th.

Quiz. v. Godmersham-Crundale at Godmersham.  
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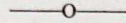
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