

SUNDAY SERVICES:

St. Mary's, Patrixbourne:

Jan: 5th. Christmas II. 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong
" 12th. Epiphany I. 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
" 19th. Epiphany II. 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong
" 26th. Epiphany III. 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Feb: 2nd. Septuagesima 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
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St. Peter's, Bridge:

Jan: 5th. Christmas II. 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion
with hymns.
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11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday February 2nd is the feast of The Purification
of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

ALTAR FLOWERS (Bridge).

Jan: 5th. Mrs. Howard Smith. Jan: 12th. Mrs. Hunter.
" 19th. Mrs. Ledger. " 26th. Mrs. Roadley.
Feb: 2nd. Mrs. Sandbach.

LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS:

Jan: 5th. Miss J. Swan. Jan: 12th. Miss D. Taylor
" 19th. Miss D. Hunter. " 26th. Miss J. Baker.
Feb: 2nd. Miss B. Hawkins.

ALTAR FLOWERS (Patrixbourne).

January - Mrs. Mount.
February - Mrs. Parker.

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FROM BRIDGE PARISH CHURCH REGISTERS:

BAPTISM: Nov: 10th. Malcolm Nigel Hogben.

MARRIAGE:

Dec: 14th. James Reuben Tamsitt and
Winifred Jean Kennett.

BURLIALS:

Nov: 1st. Edward Clark, aged 76.
" 20th. James Wesley Harvey, aged 79.
" 25th. Robert Ward Whittle, aged 78.

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR: One part of the ritual of the New Year is the making of New Year resolutions. It is a good thing to make these resolutions provided that we are sincere and have taken the trouble to make them properly and with the intention of keeping them as far as in us lies.

The first step towards making a good resolution should be an examination of our lives during the year that has gone. This will show us our weak points and so guide us, in forming our resolutions, to take steps to try and overcome them. Next we should write them down and pin them up where we can see them when we say our prayers morning and evening.

The dictionary says the word resolution means: "acting with a fixed purpose", "firmness, constancy and determination".

If our resolutions are to be worth while we should first of all make sure that they are not too difficult for us and then we should bring to bear, the qualities of firmness, constancy and determination to help us.

Then we should not be discouraged by failure. Everybody who is striving is liable to slip at some time or another. Rather, we should endeavour to turn our failures into stepping stones towards our goal. Never try to excuse failures, face up

to them and strive to overcome them. Above all, remember that our resolutions are a matter between our individual selves and God. That He is always at hand to help us when we need His help and ask Him for it.

New Year resolutions, if well kept will go a long way towards ensuring a Happy New Year, not only for ourselves but for all of those we love and for those with whom we are in contact every day.

J.D.S.

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OVERSEAS EVENING: The Overseas Evening held in the Reading Room on November 28th, was a very pleasant, if rather small, gathering.

The Rev. Stapley gave an interesting introductory talk on the "Beliefs of the people of South India". The setting of the first film also dealt with this.

The second film, which was in colour, was most interesting. Entitled "Portrait of a Diocese", it dealt with work in the Diocese of Natal.

Tea was served during the evening and "Our Christmas Bazaar" offered something for all tastes (the home made sweets were especially good). The result of the evening was a profit of £12. 8. 6 for S.P.G. General and South India Fund.

Thank you all very much for your help and support.

K.W.

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MOTHERS' UNION: The Service of Holy Communion at 9.00 a.m. on January 1st will be a Corporate Communion for the Mothers' Union.

There will be a meeting on Monday, January 20th in the Methodist Chapel at 2.45 p.m., when Mrs. Caesar will give an address on "The Mother of Our Lord."

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JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES: We wish all our members a
very Happy New Year.

Unfortunately, owing to circumstances beyond my
control, the December Notes did not get
published and so no notice was given of the
Annual Prize-giving with its Carols and Tableaux.
I hope this will not result in any of our friends
stopping away. I will give a report in the next
issue.

January meetings will be as follows:-

5th and 19th. Family Service in Church at 11 a.m.

Class Teaching on 12th and 26th in Church at
11 a.m.

J.D.S.

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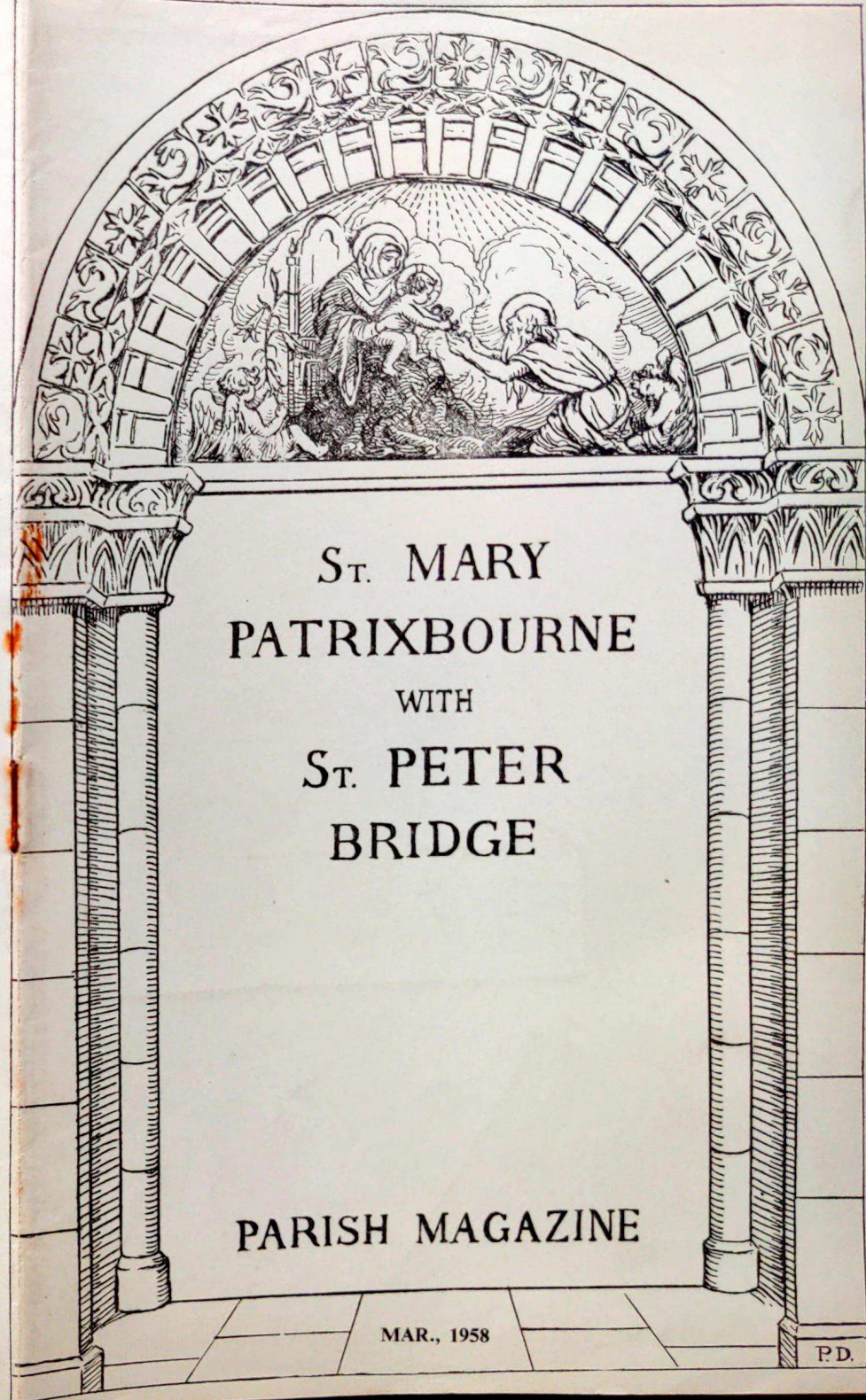
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St. Mary's Church, Patrixbourne

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, 11 a.m.

SUNDAY SERVICES

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Mar. 2nd	Lent II	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
		6.30 p.m.	Evensong.
Mar. 9th	Lent III	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Mar. 16th	Lent IV	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
		6.30 p.m.	Evensong.
Mar. 23rd	Lent V	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Mar. 30th	Palm Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Apr. 6th	Easter Day	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
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Friday April 4th is GOOD FRIDAY. There will be a service in St. Peter's, Bridge, at 7.30 p.m.

EASTER DAY. Please note the altered times for the Easter Day services.

Mar. 25th Annunciation of the B.V.M. Holy Communion in St. Peter's, Bridge, at 9.15 a.m.

ALTAR FLOWERS. No flowers during Lent. The next on the rotas are as follows:-

Altar flowers (Bridge) Apr. 6th. Easter Day, Mrs. Carroll.

Lady Chapel Flowers (Bridge). Apr. 6th Easter Day
Miss S. Mummy

Altar Flowers (Patribourne), for the month of April - Mrs. Potter.

St. Mary's Church, Patribourne
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, 11 a.m.

INSTITUTION OF THE REV. R.A. PENNEY

Arrangements have been made for the Institution and Induction of the Rev. R.A. Penney to the united benefices of Patricxbourne with Bridge and Bekesbourne, by the Bishop of Dover and the Archdeacon of Canterbury, in St. Peter's, Bridge, on Monday April 21st at 7 p.m.

As Mr. Penney will not be inducted into either of the other churches accommodation will have to be provided in Bridge Church on Apr. 21st for members of the congregations of Bekesbourne and Patricxbourne who may wish to attend the Institution. Bridge Church will accommodate a congregation of about 300. The Parochial Church Council has decided that admission to the Institution will have to be by ticket only.

Application for tickets should be made to the Churchwardens of the three churches concerned, to Mr. J.D. Smith (Lay Reader), not later than 13th April.

After the service on 21st April there will be an informal gathering with refreshments, in the Reading Room, Bridge, to meet the new Vicar and Mrs. Penney. All parishioners of the three parishes will be welcome.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING.

The above meeting will be held in the Reading Room at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 26th March.

At this meeting the People's Wardens and the members of the Parochial Church Council will be elected for the ensuing year. Any parishioners may attend this meeting, but only those whose names are included in the Electoral Roll will be eligible to vote. Will members of the P.C.C. please note that as this is an open meeting, no individual notices will be sent out.

STEADFASTNESS

How are we standing up to the Lenten challenge? We all realise that the more we strive to live up to the standards set for us by Jesus, the more the Devil strives to lure us away. We find the Devil very plausible and it needs constant vigilance on our part, to keep us from falling into the snares he sets for us.

Jesus found this too, only in His case the temptation was much greater, because he was not only human like us but He was divine and the Son of God Himself and therefore all powerful.

He knew very well that he need not starve in the wilderness, just as He knew that He could come to no physical harm unless He was willing. He knew that as God he could quite easily dominate the whole of this world and its rulers and its peoples. But He also knew that if He succumbed to these temptations, the whole purpose for which He was sent to dwell amongst us, would be wrecked. He came to show us the example of a perfect life that we might follow in His steps. None of us can ever be tempted as He was tempted. Indeed our temptations, when we examine them, seem very trivial compared with His. But therein lies their subtlety.

Because we think they do not matter. a great deal owing to their seeming smallness, we are apt to succumb for this very reason. Yes, the Devil is certainly very subtle. We have got to remember that we as Christians are also examples, not of a perfect life as He was, but as His followers, trying always to live up to the pattern of that perfect life. Our enemies (and His) are always on the watch for us to slip up, especially during Lent and they rejoice when we fall even in a small way.

Our friends, especially those younger than we are, rely quite a lot on those of us who are older and more experienced than themselves and our example often means more than we realise. Good or bad it may influence them to follow in our steps. Please let it be a good example. J.D.S.

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MOTHERS' UNION

Intercession Service in St. Peter's Church Bridge, on Tuesday Mar.4th at 3 p.m. There will be a meeting in the Methodist Chapel on Monday Mar.17th at 2.45 p.m., when Mrs. Burnett will give a talk on "Lent."

The Annunciation of the B.V.M. Tuesday Mar. 25th. There will be a service of Holy Communion at 9.15 a.m. in St. Peter's Bridge. Will members of the M.U. please make this a M.U. Corporate Communion.

R.I.P.

With regret we have to record the passing of another old member of the M.U. Mrs. Frances Elizabeth Sheather, who passed to the fuller life in December. She was one of the oldest members of our Branch of the M.U. and was a zealous and God-fearing Christian.

JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES

The date of the Annual Concert has been fixed for Apr.17th and 18th. Will members and friends please make a note of these dates and will you please give us your support again this year. We hope to produce a show as good as ever.

Meetings. Mar. 2nd and 16th Family Service in Church at 11.0 a.m. March 9th, 23rd, and 30th. Class teaching in Church at 11 a.m.

NOTE March 30th is Palm Sunday. There will be the usual distribution of palms.

EXTRACTS FROM PATRIBOURNE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS. Nov. 17th 1957 Jeremy Hugh Arnold
Nov. 24th 1957 Monica Jayne Hambrook
BURIALS Dec.17th. Frances Elizabeth Sheather
aged 75.

EXTRACT FROM BRIDGE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISM. Feb. 2nd Adrian Cloete Uys.

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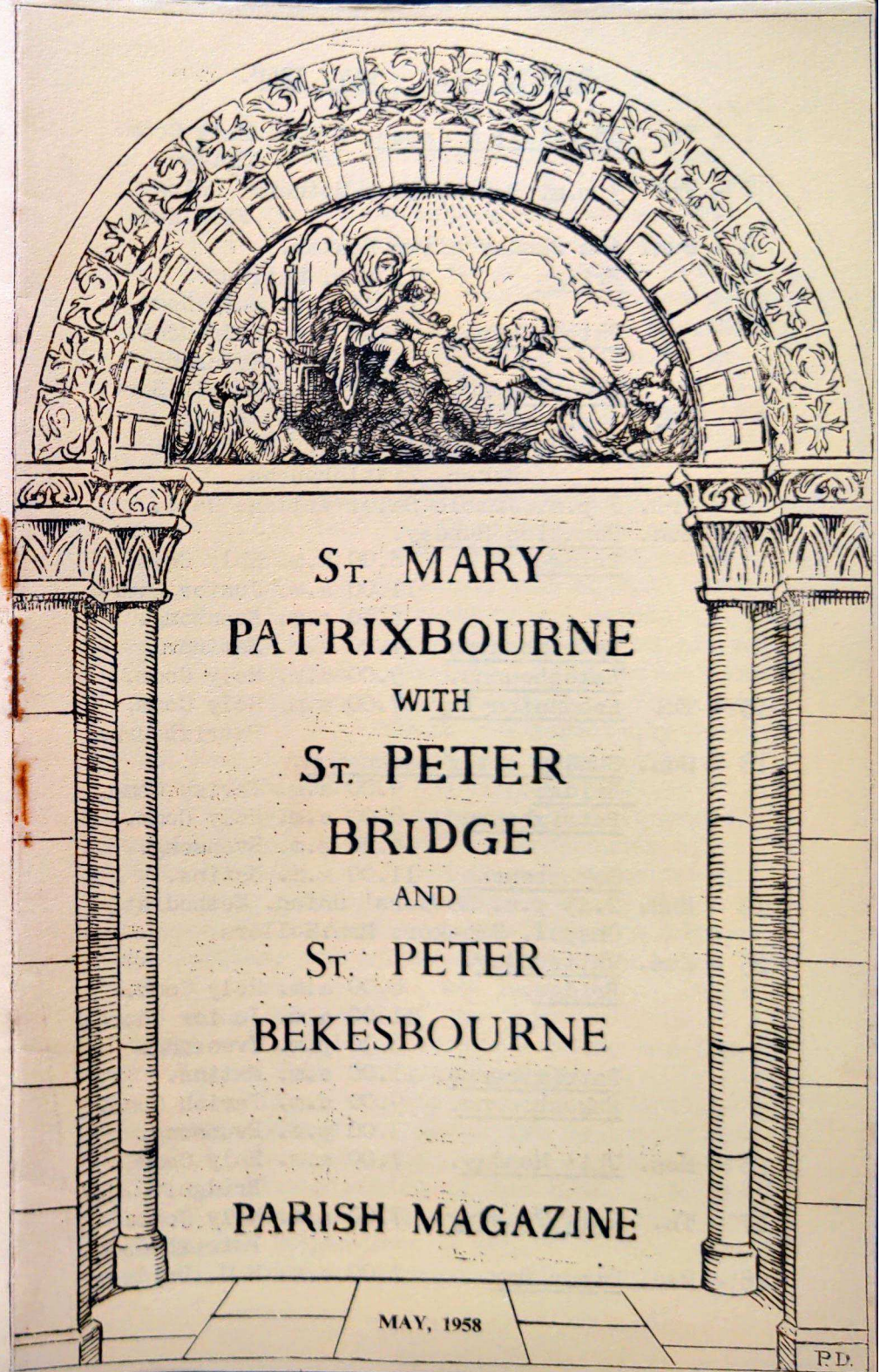
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PARISH DIARY - MAY, 1958.

May.

- 1 - Th. SS.Philip & James. 7 a.m. Holy Comm.
Bridge.
- 2 - Fri. 3 p.m. Bekesbourne Mothers' Union.
Vill Hut.
- 3 - Sun. 4th Sunday after Easter.
Bridge 11 a.m. Matins
11.45 a.m. Holy Comm.
Patricxbourne 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Bekesbourne. 3.00 p.m. Family Serv.
- 6 - Tu. 3 p.m. M.U.Intercessions. Bridge.
8 p.m. British Legion. The Basket
Maker, Littlebourne.
- 9 - Fri. 7 p.m. Jumble Sale. Village Hall.
- 11 - Sun. Rogation Sunday.
Bridge 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
11.00 a.m. Junior Church
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Patricxbourne 11.00 a.m. Matins.
Bekesbourne. 9.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
- 15 - Th. Ascension Day. 7.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
Patricxbourne.
- 18 - Sun. Sunday after Ascension.
Bridge. 9.00 a.m. Parish Comm.
Patricxbourne. 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Bekesbourne. 11.00 a.m. Matins.
- 19 - Mon. 2.45 p.m. Mothers' Union. Methodist
Chapel. Speaker: Mrs.Sellars.
- 25 - Sun. Whitsunday.
Bridge. 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
11.00 a.m. Junior Church
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Patricxbourne. 11.00 a.m. Matins.
Bekesbourne. 9.00 a.m. Parish Comm.
3.00 p.m. Evensong.
- 26 - Mon. Whit Monday. 7.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
Bridge.
- 27 - Tu. Whit Tuesday. 7.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
Patricxbourne
- 28 - Wed. Ember Day. 7.00 a.m. H.C. Bridge.

VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear People,

I was wrong in forecasting, in my last letter, that my Institution and Induction would be a terrifying experience. Momentous and thrilling it certainly was, but not at all terrifying, I saw not a sea of strange faces, but just friendly faces. Everybody has been so kind and welcoming to us since we arrived in Bridge that already we feel ourselves to be amongst friends. And that is how we hope it will continue - for friendship in a community is the spirit which enables God's work to be done.

The arrangements for my Institution and Induction involved the Churchwardens and all their helpers in a very great deal of work, which was done so willingly and so well that everything went off smoothly and agreeably. I am most grateful, and say thank you to all of you, Churchwardens, Choirs, Organists and other Officials, caterers and the host of "backroom boys" and girls. Thank you especially for your warm hospitality to our many visiting friends from Shirley and Boxley.

I am sure, too, that we all felt grateful to the Bishop of Dover, the Archdeacon of Canterbury and our Rural Dean for the devout, dignified, yet friendly way in which the service was conducted. The Bishop's Address was salutary and inspiring, not only to me but, I am sure, to all who heard it. It is good to be reminded of the joint duty of Priest and people. We are a team, working for God in this part of His Kingdom.

This first edition of the new magazine is important because it marks the beginning not only of your work under new leadership, but also the strengthening of our team. We are now the United Benefice of Patricxbourne with Bridge and Bekesbourne - "three in one and one in three" - the Divine pattern of unity.

Legally, for certain purposes only, we still remain three Parishes, but for all other purposes of work and worship, we are as ONE CHURCH COMMUNITY with the privilege of worshipping together in three beautiful and valuable churches.

On Trinity Sunday, June 1st, we shall be thinking of the Divine Mystery of the TRINITY. Let us pray that something of the harmony of the Divine Trinity may be ours as we work and pray together in the days ahead.

Your friend and Vicar,
ROBERT PENNEY.

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Notes from Bridge. Village Hall Fete.

Will you please make a note of the date of this hardy annual. It is July 19th. The Officers and Committee appeal to all those who use and value the Hall, to give this event all the support possible as money is urgently needed to pay for the repairs and alterations which have added so much to the comfort of all who use the Hall for any of the various functions which make it so necessary to our village life. A Jumble Sale to provide money for current expenses will be held in the Hall on Friday, May 9th, at 7.00 p.m. Cast off clothing and any saleable articles of household use will be gladly welcomed and will be collected on notification to the Secretary, Miss Seath or the Chairman, Mrs. Clark.

Bridge County Primary School.

The Jumble Sale held on March 29th raised £11.10.0d.

BRIDGE JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES.

The Annual Concert, held on April 17th and 18th was attended each evening by a Hall full of our friends and, I hope, we managed to give them as good an entertainment as they expected. We are very grateful to Mr. & Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Clements and Mrs. Taylor and Diana for their valued help and I am very grateful to my

colleagues of the Junior Church, Miss Wass and Miss Gwen Lemar for doing all the training of the performers and to Mrs. Ledger and her Junior Drama Society for the two extremely amusing plays. Lastly may I sincerely thank Miss Richards who did so much good work on the piano. It is too early for me to give you the financial result but I feel sure that it will be as good as we expect.

Meetings. Family Worship in Church on May 4th at 11 a.m. and 18th at 9 a.m. Class teaching in Church on May 11th and 25th at 11 a.m. J.D.S.

MOTHERS' UNION.

Tuesday, May 6th. Intercessions in Church at Bridge at 3 p.m.

On Monday, May 19th, meeting in Methodist Chapel at 2.45 p.m. when the Speaker will be Mrs. Sellars (Diocesan President) who will speak on "Look out - Look up - Look in".

Preliminary Notice. The Annual Outing & Service will take place on June 23rd when the members will go by coach to Sissinglimst then to Cranbrook for Tea and on to Biddenden Church for Service. Full particulars in next issue of this Magazine.

Notes from St. Peter's, Bekesbourne.

1st Bekesbourne Scouts. The Annual Meeting was held in the School on April 24th. Will boys and parents please note that recruits to this troupe will be welcomed from any of the neighbouring parishes.

The Scouts held their Social in the Hut on April 26th.

Will parents please note that the Brownies meet at 10.45 a.m. on Saturdays in the School. Girls aged 7½ to 11 will be welcomed if they wish to join.

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

Bridge. Marriage. Peter John Johncock and Gillian Ovenden. Mar. 29th.
Burial. Caroline Annie Prescott, aged 70. March 26th.

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS (Cont.)

BEKESBOURNE. Marriages.

Neville Leonard Gibbs and Janet
Ann Goodwin. March 29th.
Michael John Harrison and
Elizabeth Clifford Wilson, Apl.5th.
Burial.
Stephen Thomas Tinley (of Dover).

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BRITISH LEGION.

This year has seen a gratifying increase in attendance at the monthly meetings of the Littlebourne and District Branch, and the very successful whist drive held on March 25th was also well patronised. The new president is Major-General G. Surtees, and the officials are - Chairman, Captain F.W.Newing; Vice-chairman, Mr.F.L.Newport; Honorary secretary and treasurer (the two offices being combined for the first time) Mr.V.Maynard; Sports secretary, Mr.C.Edwards.

A recent measure of decentralisation is the appointment of membership representatives for villages as follows. Littlebourne, Captain F.W.Newing, and Mr.C.Edwards; Wickhambreaux, Mr.R.Miles; Ickham, Mr.R.Maple and Mr.F.W.Bennett; Bekesbourne, Mr.J.Newport. The monthly meetings, which take place at 8 p.m. on the first Tuesday in each month, will be continued throughout the summer. The next two venues are May 6th, The Basketmaker, Littlebourne; June 3rd. The Prince of Wales, Bekesbourne.

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PARISH DIARY - Cont.

May.

30 - Fri. Ember Day 7 a.m. Holy Comm.Patrix.
31 - Sat. Ember Day. 7 a.m. H.C. Bridge

June.

1 - Sun. Trinity Sunday.
Bridge. 11.00 a.m. Matins
11.45 a.m. Holy Comm.
Patrixbourne. 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Bekesbourne. 3.00 p.m. Family Serv.
3 - Tu. 8 p.m. British Legion. Prince of
Wales. Bekesbourne.
5 - Th. Corpus Christi 7.0 a.m. Holy Comm.
Bridge.

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ALTAR FLOWERS.

BRIDGE: (High Altar)

May 4th. Mrs.H.Hawkins	May 11th Mrs.Howard
" 18th. Mrs.Hunter	Smith
" 25th. Mrs.Ledger	June 1st Mrs.Roadley
(Lady Chapel)	
May 4th. Miss J.Swan	May 11th Miss D.Taylor
" 18th Miss J.Baker	
" 25th. Miss B.Hawkins	June 1st.Miss I.Lawrence

PATRIXBOURNE.

May: Mrs. Ronald. June: Mrs.Christopherson

BEKESBOURNE:

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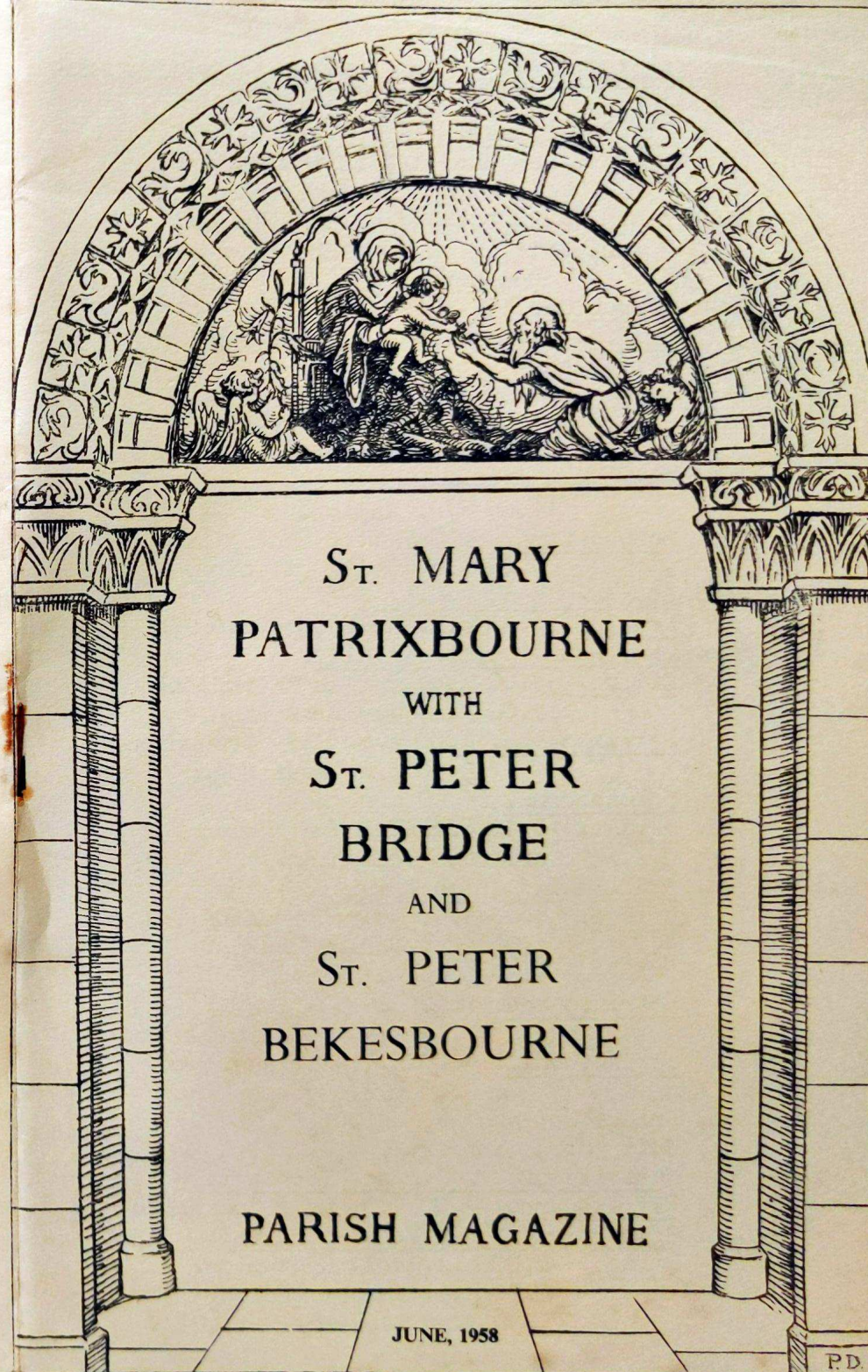
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PARISH DIARY - JUNE, 1958.

June.

- 1 - Sun. Trinity Sunday.
Services as detailed in the MAY Magazine.
- 3 - Tue. 3 p.m. M.U. Intercessions - Bridge.
8 p.m. British Legion: Prince of Wales, Bekesbourne.
- 5 - Th. Corpus Christi.
Bridge. 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 8 - Sun. 1st. Sunday after Trinity.
Bridge. 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.00 a.m. Junior Church.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Patricxbourne.
11.00 a.m. Matins.
Bekesbourne.
9.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 11 - Wed. St. Barnabas, A.M.
Bridge. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 15 - Sun. 2nd. Sunday after Trinity.
Bridge. 9.00 a.m. Parish Communion.
11.00 a.m. Junior Church.
Patricxbourne. 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Bekesbourne. 11.00 a.m. Matins.
- 18 - Wed. Bridge. 10.30 a.m. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion.
- 22 - Sun. 3rd. Sunday after Trinity.
Bridge. 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.00 a.m. Junior Church.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Patricxbourne. 11.00 a.m. Matins.
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion.
Bekesbourne. 9.00 a.m. Parish Commn.
3.00 p.m. Evensong.
- 23 - Mon. Bridge Mothers' Union Outing. Leave White Horse Inn 12.30 p.m.
- 24 - Tu. Nativity of St. John the Baptist.
Patricxbourne. 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 29 - Sun. St. Peter A.M. Patronal Festival.
Bridge. 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.00 a.m. Junior Church.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.

VICAR'S NOTES.

My dear People,

God forbid that we should ever regard the existence of the National Health Service and other benefits of the Welfare State as an adequate substitute for personal service and generosity towards the poor, the sick, the aged, or the orphans in our midst. A parish which has a local cause, to which it can give its special love, is very privileged - and that is how I feel about the Close. I am very glad to be Chaplain to the Close, and I shall bring to your notice any of their needs which cannot be met through official channels, so that you may have a share in ministering to these worthy old folk. The local branch of the Friends of Canterbury Hospitals will have my fullest support, as I am sure they will have yours.

Green grass in place of Asphalt is the first thing we want at the Close. I would not want my parents, or yours, to spend the last years of their life gazing upon nothing but asphalt-paved courtyards, flanked by brick walls - and that is all there is for those old people at the Close who are not strong enough to walk out. Mr. Booth wants to give them a lawn for croquet or bowls, and some rose-beds, and I think it would be a wonderful thing for us to do for them.

Services. I hope that the provision of Services at our three Churches is adequate, but I will try to meet any requests you make. Some improvements already made include regular weekday celebrations of Holy Communion at Bridge on Wednesdays at 10.30 a.m. and on Fridays at 7 a.m. also an occasional early Celebration at Patricxbourne. An additional Sunday Celebration at 8 a.m. will be provided at Bekesbourne on the 1st Sunday in the month, commencing 6th. July, and there will also be a late Celebration at 11.45 a.m. at Patricxbourne on the 1st. Sunday.

In addition to the valuable help I get from Mr. Smith at Bridge, I am expecting to receive occasional help in future from two Lay-Readers, Mr. Sidney Lamb, M.B.E., of Bekesbourne, and Commander G. Steele V.C. from Folkestone.

Choirs. Our choirs show hopeful growing signs. We have several new recruits at Bridge and soon we hope to sing the 9 a.m. Parish Communion Service. Members of the Bekesbourne choir who live near Patricxbourne Church are now going to come to our services there to help with the singing.

We thank Miss Richards for her past services as Organist and Choir Mistress at Bridge and welcome Mr. David Maple as her successor.

Gifts. I acknowledge with gratitude a donation of £50 to be used at my discretion for Bridge Church. The giver wishes to remain anonymous.

Parishioners. A welcome home from hospital to Ian Whigham, Mrs. Christopherson, Mrs. N. Gray and Mr. A. Gray: also welcome to a new family who have just come to live in Patricxbourne, Mr. & Mrs. Greenwood and their two daughters, Anthea and Margaret.

Please let me know about anyone who is sick or house-bound for any reason, so that I can visit.

Your friend and Vicar,
ROBERT PENNEY.

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FRIENDS OF THE HOSPITALS

The Bridge, Patricxbourne, Bekesbourne Group has now been reactivated, with Miss Stella Logan as Secretary. There is great need for extra comforts and for service at the hospitals, and the local people will no doubt take a special interest in the Close, with its many old people.

The work of the Friends is excellent and

deserves all possible support.

BRIDGE.

Mothers' Union.

Tuesday, 3rd. June. Intercessions in Bridge Church at 3 p.m. The Annual Outing & Service will take place on Monday, 23rd. June. The Coach will leave "The White Horse Inn", Bridge at 12.30 p.m. for Sissinghurst, to visit the Castle and gardens. Then to Cranbrook for tea and on to Biddenden Church for Service at 6.30 p.m.

Junior Church Notes.

There will now be Class Teaching at Bridge Church every Sunday morning at 11 a.m. excepting the 1st. Sunday in the month when the Family Service will be held at 11 a.m. If parents of small children who need escorting to Church will let Mr. Smith know, he will arrange for them to be called for and taken back after Class or Service.

Village Hall.

The Jumble Sale held on 9th. May realised the sum of £30 and the Committee wish to thank all those whose efforts helped to raise this magnificent sum.

The Annual Fete will be held on 19th. July and the Committee will be glad of all the help they can get to make this a big success.

Kent Country Library.

The Bridge branch of the Country Library is open on Thursdays 4.30 p.m. - 5 p.m. & Fridays 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. & 7 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. The Library is free to all persons residing in Bridge. There is now a Junior Section for young people who go to schools or work away from the Village. New borrowers are always welcome. The branch Library carries a good and well varied stock of works of fiction, as well as works of a more serious nature and books not in our local stock can always be obtained from the Central Library on application to the local Librarian.

PATRIXBOURNE.

The Patrixbourne Church Restoration Committee recently met to discuss with Mr. Swaine, our architect, certain urgent repairs. The Spire requires to be re-shingled and some of the timbers and masonry need attention, apart from interior decoration and plasterwork.

Estimates are being obtained and a detailed scheme will be published before an official appeal is launched to raise the money required, but, of course, donations towards this cause may be sent to the Vicar at any time and will be very welcome.

BEKESBOURNE.

Scout, Cub & Brownie News.

With the coming of new recruits, from outside and from the pack, Scout numbers have increased. Mac is taking the whole troop to camp over the Whitsun week-end.

On 31st. May the Cubs and Brownies are going by coach to the London Zoo. This will probably be one of the last occasions on which Brown Owl will be with us. To our great regret Mrs. Colthup (Brown Owl) is leaving the district and this will leave the Brownies without a leader. Mrs. Colthup has been a keen energetic worker and we shall miss her services. The Brownies will miss her more than most of us and we shall be in urgent need of a suitable adult lady to take her place. Will somebody please volunteer so that the Brownies can carry on where she leaves off.

Youth Service.

This service, on Commonwealth Youth Sunday, conducted by the Vicar, was a full parade service for Scouts, Cubs and Brownies and was quite an impressive event and a real youth effort. The Queen's message was read to a large family congregation.

Patrixbourne. 11.00 a.m. Matins.

Bekesbourne. 3.00 p.m. Family Service.

July 1. Tue. 8 p.m. British Legion,
Duke William, Ickham.

BRITISH LEGION.

Bekesbourne is included in the area of the Littlebourne and District Branch, which warmly welcomes the interest already shown by the Vicar.

The next monthly meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 1st. July, at the Duke William, Ickham.

Bridge Branch, will publish details of its meetings in a future issue of this Magazine. Ex-Service men in this district may apply for membership to the Hon. Sec. Mr. S. Wright, Filmer Cottage, Filmer Rd. Bridge. (Bridge 392)

ALTAR FLOWERS.

Bridge. High Altar.

June 1st. Mrs. Roadley. June 8th. Mrs. Sandbach.

" 15th. Mrs. Williams. " 22nd. Mrs. Berry.

" 29th. Mrs. Carroll. July 6th. Mrs. Cherry.

Lady Chapel.

June 1st. Miss D. Lawrence. June 8th. Miss G. Lemar.

" 15th. Miss S. Mummery. " 22nd. Miss M.

Setterfield.

" 29th. Miss A. Stevens. July 6th. Miss J. Swan.

Patrixbourne.

June. Mrs. Christopherson. July. Mrs. Loman.

Bekesbourne.

June 1st. Mrs. Scales. June 8th. Mrs. Arman.

" 15th. Mrs. Wilson. " 22nd. Mrs. Whigham.

" 29th. Miss Wallace. July 6th. Bekesbourne

Brownies.

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

Bridge.

Burials. Edward Foyle. Aged 79.

14th. May 1958.

Percy Philpotts. Aged 82.

22nd. May 1958.

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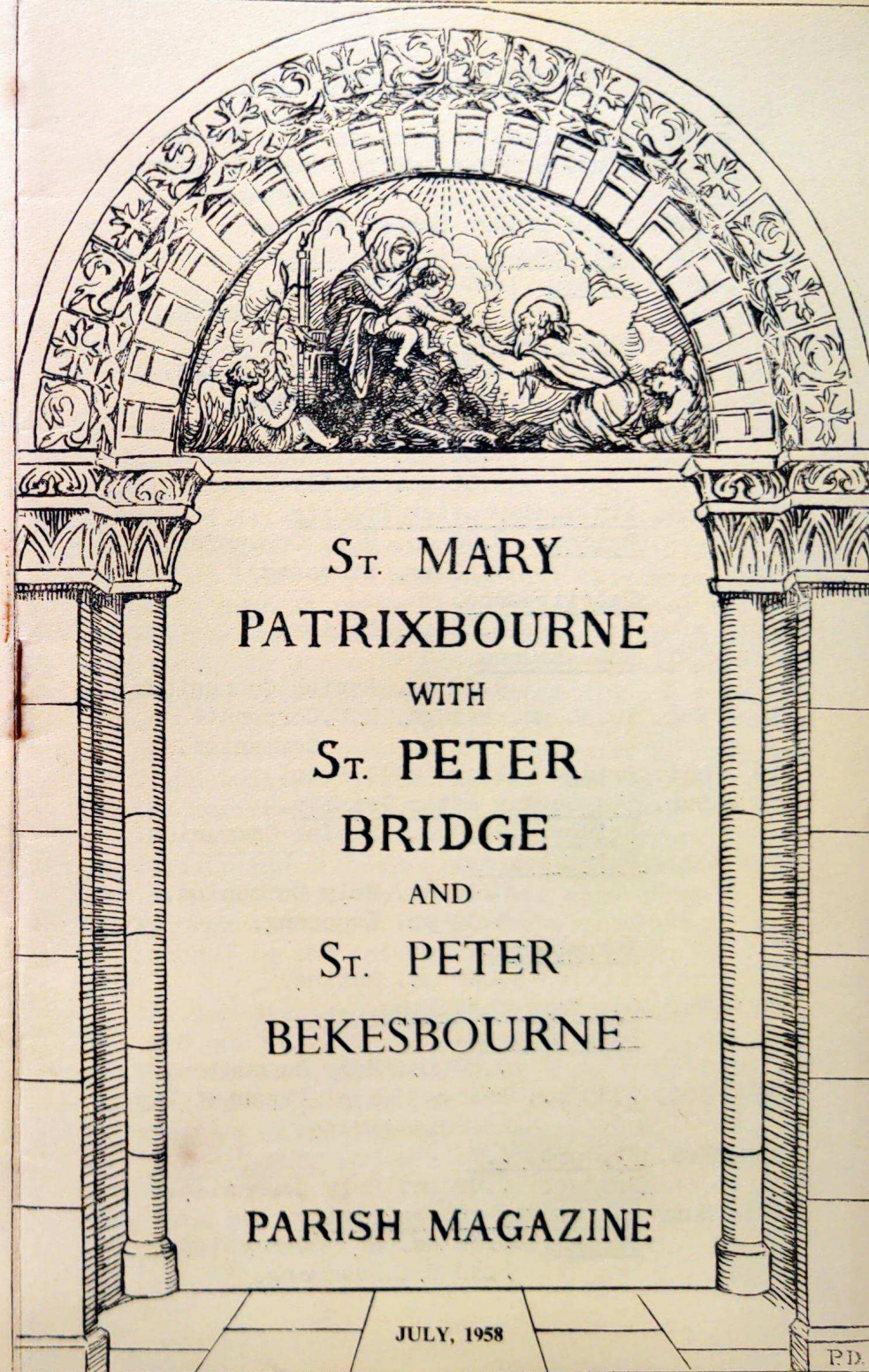
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July

- 1 - Tu. 3 pm. M.U. Intercessions - Bridge.
8 pm. British Legion. Duke William,
Ickham.
- 2 - Wed. 2 pm. Bridge School Sports.
- 6 - Sun. 5th Sunday after Trinity.
Bridge. 11.00 am. Matins.
11.45 am. Holy Communion.
Patricxbourne.
8.00 am. Holy Communion.
6.30 pm. Evensong.
Bekesbourne.
8.00 am. Holy Communion.
3.00 pm. Family Service.
- 13 - Sun. 6th Sunday after Trinity.
Bridge. 8.00 am. Holy Communion.
6.30 pm. Evensong.
Patricxbourne.
11.00 am. Matins.
Bekesbourne.
9.00 am. Parish Communion.
- 16 - Wed. 10.30 am. Bridge. M.U. Corporate
Communion.
- 19 - Sat. Bridge Village Hall Fete.
- 20 - Sun. 7th Sunday after Trinity.
Bridge. 9.00 am. Parish Communion.
Patricxbourne.
8.00 am. Holy Communion.
6.30 pm. Evensong.
Bekesbourne.
11.00 am. Matins.
- 22 - Tu. St. Mary Magdalene.
Patricxbourne.
10.00 am. Holy Communion.
- 23 - Wed. 2.30 pm. Bridge School Parents' Day
and Prizegiving.
- 25 - Fri. St. James A.M.
Bridge. 7.00 am. Holy Communion.
- 27.- Sun. 8th Sunday after Trinity.
Bridge. 8.00 am. Holy Communion.
6.30 pm. Evensong.

VICAR'S NOTES

My dear People,

HOW GENEROUS CAN YOU AFFORD TO BE TOWARDS GOD? And HOW MUCH DO YOU ACTUALLY GIVE NOW in donations to Charities, Missions and Church Funds, and also, in regular weekly contributions to your local Church for its work and upkeep?

I am compelled to deal urgently with this practical side of our religion, because I find that we are facing a three-fold financial emergency in our Parishes - and your immediate help is needed.

1. At Bekesbourne Church the organ woodwork has been savagely attacked by woodworm, which must be dealt with now to avoid serious consequences. This involves stripping down the organ, which must be cleaned and overhauled at the same time. The total cost will be about £300. and the P.C.C. decided at their last meeting that this work should be put in hand at once. It was also decided to investigate the possibility of installing an electric blower in place of the present "small boy" device, and this may cost an extra £150. - more or less.

An immediate payment of £150. must be made to the Organ-builders to enable the work to commence, and the balance found within a few months.

2. Patricxbourne spire needs to be re-roofed immediately and this work has been authorised at a cost of about £800, but there are also other fairly urgent repairs and interior decoration to be financed to the extent of another £700. or more.

3. Our Diocesan Quota has been raised by 25%, and our regular expenses have also risen, but in 1957 our total direct giving dropped by over £100, so there is need for everyone of us to make the effort to increase our weekly giving.

YOU CAN HELP (1) by a DONATION or a promise to give a donation, (2) by a LOAN towards the immediate outlay (repayable when the money has been received from other sources) and (3) by making the most generous contribution you can afford by means

of the Free-will Offering Scheme, which assures us of your weekly amount towards Church expenses, even when you are not able to come to Church.

Our willingness to accept the duty to give, realistically, sacrificially and regularly, as part of our worship, is a searching test of our Christianity. Will each of you give serious thought to this question and pass judgment on yourself as to whether your Alms-giving is in proper relation to your expenditure on personal luxuries, pleasures and hobbies? Then will you decide for yourself, first of all, how much you can contribute by way of gift or loan to our present parish emergency, and send me details of your decision on the enclosed form.

When the hop-picking starts, some of you may like the idea of picking for 1 hour in 7 for the benefit of Church funds. In this and other ways I hope we may all take some part in raising money for our lovely Churches and that we will thoroughly enjoy doing it. "Let every man do according as he is disposed in his heart, not grudging, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver". (II Corinthians IX v.6).

Your friend and Vicar,

ROBERT PENNEY.

BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE

Freewill Offering Scheme: In view of the increasing need for money to meet the rising costs of maintaining our churches, we are very anxious to increase the number of those who will give regularly - monthly, quarterly or annually - and so enable us to budget for Church expenses. Please ask your Magazine Visitor about the F.W.O. Scheme; she will be able to give you full information and will be pleased to leave an envelope with your magazine. Your contribution can then be returned to the Visitor or sent

To The Vicar of Patribourne, Bridge and Bekesbourne.

In response to your Appeal in the July Magazine, I am willing to contribute to Church Funds as set out below:-

1. PATRIBOURNE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

by DONATION of £ : :

by LOAN of £ : :

2. BEKESBOURNE CHURCH ORGAN FUND

by DONATION of £ : :

by LOAN of £ : :

3. GENERAL UPKEEP of the Church at
Patribourne/Bridge/Bekesbourne
by annual subscription (or additional
subscription) on the "FREE-WILL
Offering Scheme", of £ : :
payable (weekly
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I would like to discuss this with you before deciding, so please call upon me.

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THE REV. R.A. PENNEY,

BRIDGE VICARAGE,

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direct to me (Miss J. Richards, Marley Dene, Union Road, Bridge). The offerings are made in plain envelopes unless you wish a receipt to be sent, in which case, subscribers are given numbered envelopes.

This matter is urgent and I am confident that you will respond to this appeal.

J. Richards,
F.W.O.Hon.Sec.

Bridge Primary School: The School Sports will be on Wednesday, 2nd July on the School field at 2 pm. The Inter-School Sports between Barham, Bridge, Bekesbourne, Adisham and Womenswold Primary Schools will be on Wednesday, 9th July at 2 pm. on Barham School Field.

Parents' Day and Prize-giving will be on Wednesday, 23rd July at 2.30 pm. on the School Field (weather permitting).

Parents and friends of the School are welcomed to these three events.

Bridge Village Hall Fete: You are reminded that the date is Saturday, July 19th. Please come, or if you cannot, it is hoped that you will send a donation. Heavy expense has been incurred with the improvements and redecoration of kitchen and cloakroom, so we need to raise a lot of money. We also need more helpers on the stalls and sideshows. Please volunteer to help, if you can.

O. Seath,
Hon.Sec.

JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES:

Diocesan Children's Awards: Thirteen or more of our members aged 9 and upwards have volunteered to do the papers of their respective grades in this new Diocesan venture. The Seniors have already started on the practical part and the interest and enthusiasm they are showing is very gratifying to those of us who take them in class. We all wish them success in this effort.

Annual Outing: This Annual Event will take

place on Friday, August 1st. Our programme will follow the usual lines. We shall go to Folkestone, via Stelling, Minnis, etc., leaving the Reading Room at 9.30 am. We shall provide our own lunch and picnic on the beach by the Harbour. High Tea will be laid on at the "Marina" at 5 pm. and the return journey will commence at 7 pm. from Folkestone Harbour. As is usual, we shall be very glad to have with us the parents and Aunties and Uncles who would care to join us, and the charge to them is 6/- inclusive of fare and tea. I shall be very grateful if the adults who wish to accompany us will let me know as early as possible.

J.D.S.

BEKESBOURNE

Scouts: The Whitsun Camp at Highland Court Farm was a great success in spite of the thunder storm which paid the Scouts a surprise visit. The Vicar also gave them a surprise, but a very welcome one, when he paid them a visit at 7 o'clock in the morning.

Guides and Brownies: One Saturday in June, the Guides and Brownies shook the dust of Bekesbourne off their shoes and paid a visit to the Zoo. The unanimous verdict of all who went was that they had a "perfectly lovely day".

British Legion: In future transport will be available to convey members to and from the monthly meetings. Rendezvous - Mrs. Newport's yard, 7.40 pm.

Patricxbourne.

11.00 am. Matins.

Bekesbourne.

9.00 am. Parish Communion.

3.00 pm. Evensong.

August

1 - Fri. Bridge Sunday School Outing.

3 - Sun. 9th Sunday after Trinity.

Bridge. 11.00 am. Matins.

11.45 am. Holy Communion.

Patricxbourne.

8.00 am. Holy Communion.

6.30 pm. Evensong.

Bekesbourne.

8.00 am. Holy Communion.

3.00 pm. Family Service.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Bridge. High Altar.

July 6th. Mrs. Cherry. July 13th. Mrs. Friend.

20th. Mrs. Gilbert. 27th. Mrs. H. Hawkins.

Aug. 3rd. Mrs. Howard Smith.

Lady Chapel.

July 6th. Miss S. Mummery. July 13th. Miss D. Taylor.

20th. Miss J. Baker. 27th. Miss B. Hawkins.

Aug. 3rd. Miss I. Lawrence.

Patricxbourne.

July. Miss Logan. August. Mrs. Mount.

Bekesbourne.

July 6th. Bekesbourne Brownies. July 13th. Miss E. Wilson.

20th. Mrs. Bishop. July 27th. Mrs. Coombs.

Aug. 3rd. Mrs. Steed.

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

Marriages:

Bekesbourne. June 7th.

Robert Files and Wendy Matcham.

Bridge. June 14th.

David G.W.P. Alibone and Valerie Kathleen Fairbrass

John Preston Bell and Susan Elizabeth Blanche Ledger

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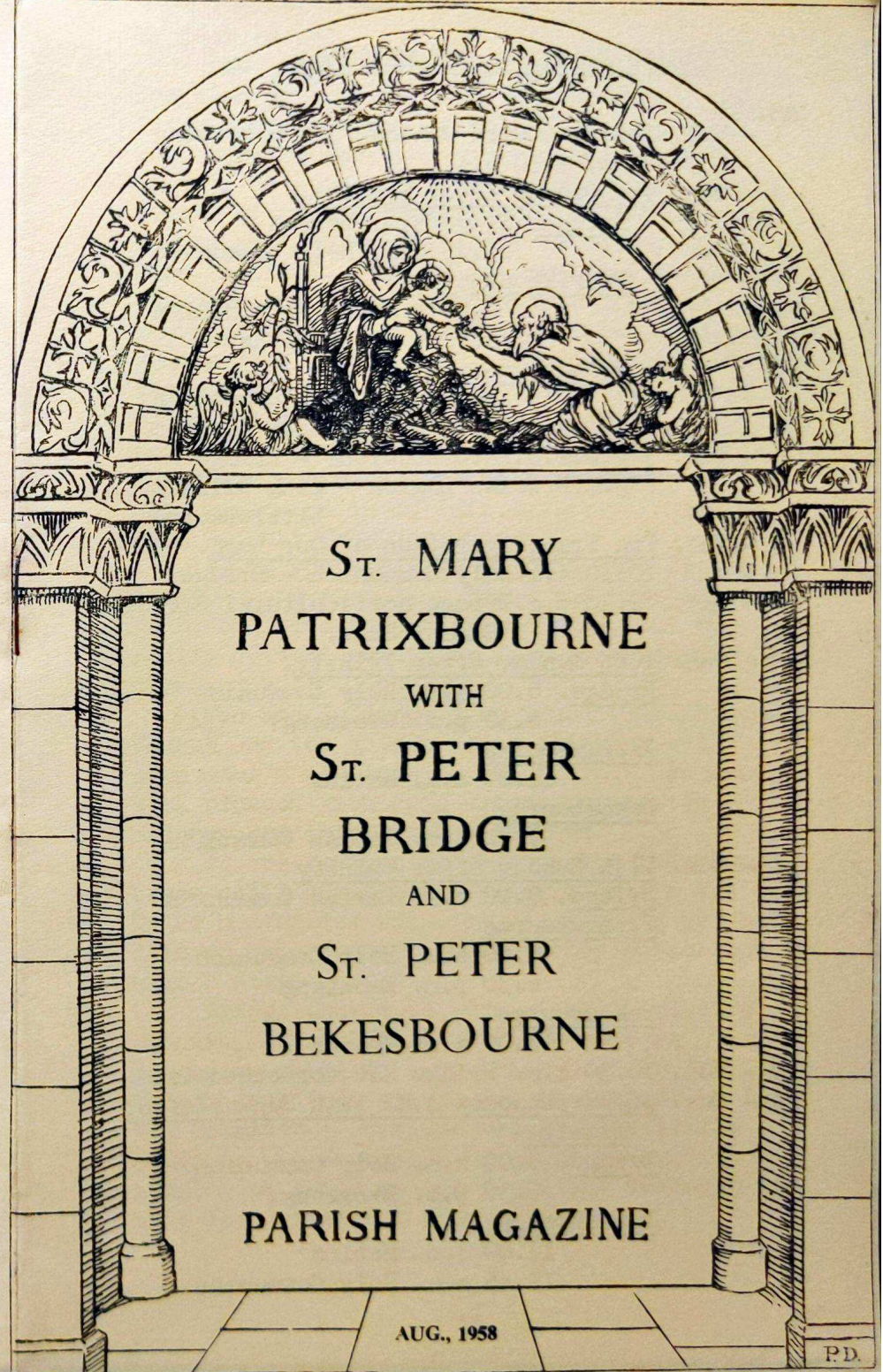
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August.

- 1 - Fri. Junior Church Outing. Leave Reading Room, 9.30 a.m.
- 3 - Sun. 9th Sunday after Trinity.
Bridge. 11.00 a.m. Matins
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion
Patricxbourne.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Bekesbourne.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
3.00 p.m. Family Service
- 5 - Tue. 3 p.m. M.U. Intercessions - Bridge
8 p.m. British Legion - King William Littlebourne
- 6 - Wed. The Transfiguration of Our Lord.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 9 - Sat. 2.30 p.m. Bridge Horticultural Society Summer Show.
- 10 - Sun. 10th Sunday after Trinity.
Bridge. 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Patricxbourne
11.00 a.m. Matins
Bekesbourne
9.00 a.m. Parish Communion
- 17 - Sun. 11th Sunday after Trinity.
Bridge. 9.00 a.m. Parish Communion
Patricxbourne
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong
Bekesbourne
11.00 a.m. Matins
- 20 - Wed. 10.30 a.m. Bridge M.U. Corporate Comm.
- 24 - Sun. St. Bartholomew A.M. 12th Sunday after Trinity.
Bridge. 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Patricxbourne
11.00 a.m. Matins
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion
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My dear People,

"MR. PENNY NEEDS TONS OF MONEY" was the headline article in THE EVENING NEWS on 11th July, concerning my appeal for Church Funds. Some mention was also made in the Daily Mail, as well as in the County newspapers. As the result of this welcome publicity two or three donations from well-wishers in Surrey have been received. This is a reminder to us that the care and maintenance of our historic churches is of national importance, and not just a local matter, and in recognition of this fact we are hoping to receive valuable help financially from various societies. But, we have to do most of the money-raising ourselves, so if you can manage to help in any of the ways mentioned in my July letter, I shall be glad to hear from you soon.

It is too early to comment here on the result of my Appeal. Those who have already responded have been very generous, but we really do want something from everybody to do a good job.

The scaffolding is up round Patricxbourne Church and the golden cedar shingles will soon give a new look to the spire. We must then proceed with some urgent repairs to masonry and interior decorations.

We are postponing work on the Bekesbourne organ until after the wedding of Mr. & Mrs. Tyler's daughter Ruth, on 9th August, by which date we hope to have enough money subscribed to make a start.

Bridge Church is also going to require repairs, but we shall not know what is necessary until we have the report of the Church Architect who is due to inspect. In the meantime - everyone who gives a little extra on the Free-Will Offering Scheme is helping to build up our financial strength to meet this situation when it arises.

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My family and I have found great pleasure in taking part in the various activities such as the School Sports and Village Hall Fetes which proved so well-run and enjoyable. It is our hope and wish to organise a small Garden Fete, in which all three parishes will participate, to be held in the Vicarage Garden at Bridge on Saturday, 27th September next. Emphasis will be on the social side, but any money raised will be devoted to the needs of the three churches. A certain amount of work is going to be done to make the garden respectable for the occasion - but no more - so Horticultural experts and prize-winners in the local shows are advised to wear dark glasses!

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May I say a word to those who have not yet received a visit from me? It may take a year before I get round to you! With three Parishes and the Close there is a great deal of administrative work and preparation for services, as well as committee meetings and social events - and so there is very little time for visiting - especially in the evenings when one hopes to catch the whole family at home. I am trying to give priority to those who have special need of a visit, so please let me know if you, or anyone known to you, are ill, or in trouble, or confined to the house and unable to attend Church. Otherwise, I shall look forward to seeing you at Church or at social gatherings, until I have the pleasure of visiting you in your home.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Robert Penney.

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BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE.

Bridge Fete. The Village Hall Committee wish to thank all helpers and patrons of their fete which was held at Bridge School Field on Saturday 19th July at 2.30 p.m. The weather was

exceptionally kind, and in spite of the fact that there were many other fetes being held, and 'loyalties' were divided, a satisfactory profit is expected. The final figure will be published outside the Village Hall as soon as possible.

O.Seath, Hon.Sec.
Bridge Primary School. I should like to remind parents that School re-assembles after the Summer Holiday, on 15th September. O.S.
JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES.

Annual Outing. By the time these notes reach you, the outing will be a thing of the past. I hope to be able to report on it in the next issue.

Meetings. During the past few years we have had no meetings during August on account of holidays. This year I shall be available and those of us who are in Bridge will meet as usual at 11 a.m. each Sunday except 3rd August when we can attend Matins with our families.

J.D.S.

Sunshine Guild. May I remind all our members that the Sunshine Guild is still going strong, but needs money to keep it going. Joan is still the Treasurer and Barbara is the Secretary but we don't want them to do all the work. You have your part to do, just by letting them know about any people who are sick at home or in hospital and secondly by passing on your subscriptions every Sunday. The members of the Junior Church have kept the good work of the Guild going for a good many years and it is so much worth while that we hope the present members will see that it continues to do so.

BEKESBOURNE.

School. By the time these notes reach you the Top Juniors will have enjoyed their excursion to Hampton Court. We sincerely hope that Mr s. Sandall and the children will have a fine and very enjoyable day.

The school annual outing to Dymchurch takes place on Thursday, 31st July, and once again

we cannot report on it in this issue. We can only hope for a fine day and plenty of fun for them.

Scouts. The scouts attended and took part in the District Sports which were held at Herne Bay on 5th July.

Cubs. The Cubs also attended the District Sports but theirs were held at Whitstable on 5th July.

Brownies. The Brownies held a small tea party for parents and friends on 17th July. While these functions are always most enjoyable, this one was tinged with some sadness as it was made the occasion of a farewell to the Brownie's beloved "Brown Owl". We are pleased to be able to report that the three pack leaders are ready to carry on with the running of the troop and I am sure that they will be successful.

BRITISH LEGION. Mr. T.D. Russell has been appointed as the second Membership Representative for Bekesbourne. Ex-servicemen and women wishing to apply for membership should contact him, or Mr. J. Newport.

The allocation of monthly meetings to villages for the next British Legion year, Oct. 1958 to Sept. 1959, has been based on the distribution of membership. This gives 6 meetings, including the A.G.M., at Littlebourne, and 2 each at Ickham (Bramling), Wickhambreaux and Bekesbourne.

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

Marriages.

Bridge. 28th June.

William A. Cooper & Maureen Ovenden.

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August.

23 - Sun. Bekesbourne

9.00 a.m. Parish Communion

3.00 p.m. Evensong.

31 - Sun. 13th Sunday after Trinity.

Bridge. 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

6.30 p.m. Evensong.

Patricxbourne.

11.00 a.m. Matins

Bekesbourne

3.00 p.m. Family Service

ALTAR FLOWERS.

Bridge. High Altar

Aug. 3rd. Mrs. Howard Smith. Aug. 10. Mrs. Hunter

17th. Mrs. Ledger

24. Mrs. Middleton

31st. Mrs. Penney

Sept. 7. Mrs. Roadley

Lady Chapel.

Aug. 3rd. Miss I. Lawrence

Aug. 10. Miss G. Lemar

17th. Miss S. Mummery

24 Miss M. Setter-

31st Miss A. Stevens

field

Sep. 7th. Miss J. Swan

Patricxbourne.

August: Mrs. Mount

September: Mrs. Parker.

Bekesbourne.

Aug. 3. Mrs. Steed

Aug. 10. Mrs. Russell

17. Mrs. Wood

24. Mrs. Rowland

31. Mrs. Noble

Sep. 7. Mrs. Mowll

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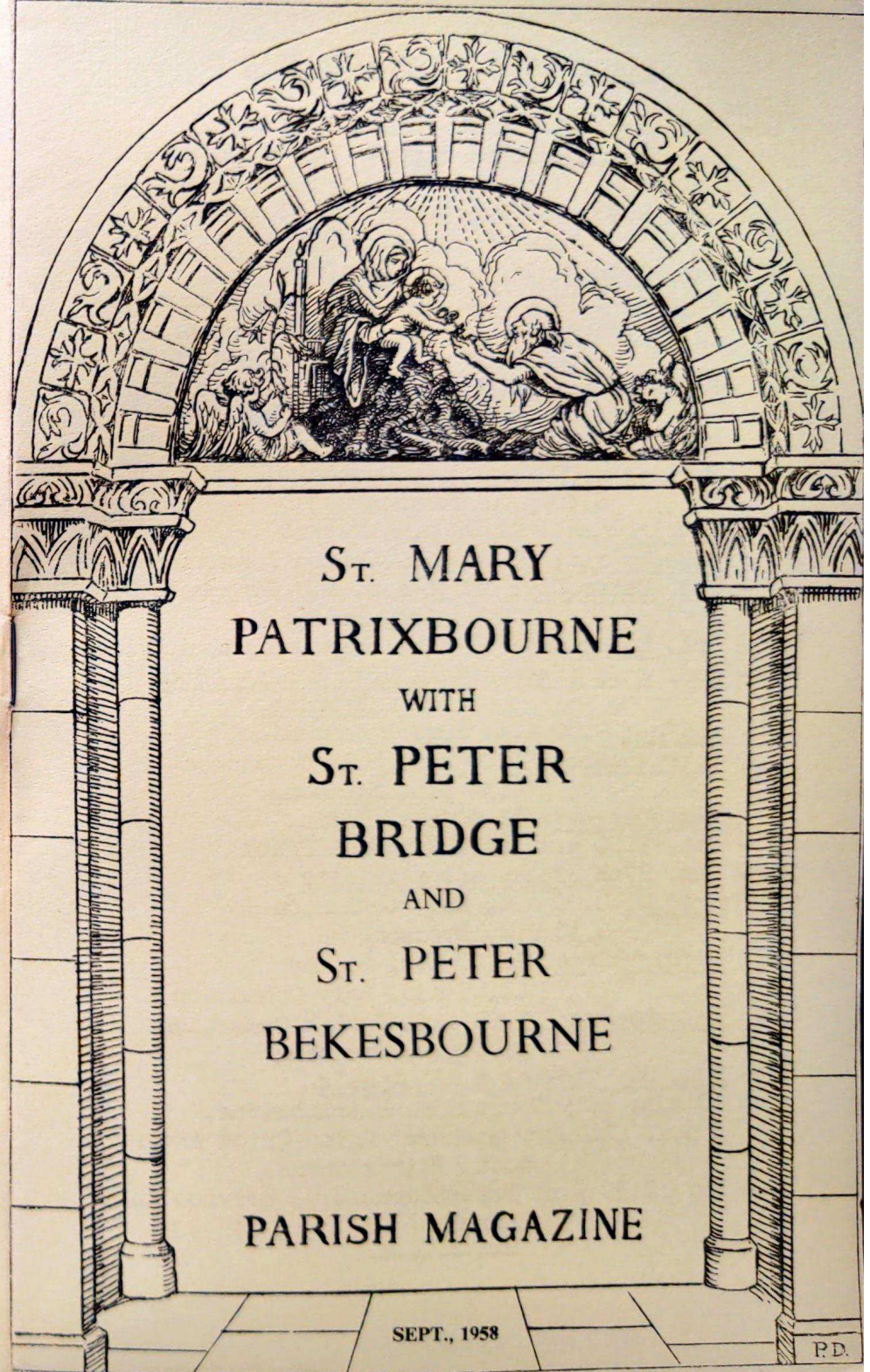
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Sept.

- 2 - Tu. 3 p.m. M.U. Intercessions. Bridge.
8 p.m. British Legion. The Volunteer,
Bramling.
- 3 - Wed. 2.30 p.m. September Fair. Kent &
Canterbury Hospital.
- 7 - Sun. 14th Sunday after Trinity
Bridge: 11 a.m. Matins; 11.45 Holy Communion.
Patricxbourne: 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Bekesbourne: 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
3.00 p.m. Family Service.
- 14 - Sun. 15th Sunday after Trinity
Bridge: 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Patricxbourne: 11.00 a.m. Matins
Bekesbourne: 9.00 a.m. Parish Communion
- 17 - Wed. Ember Day: 10.30 a.m. M.U. Corporate Comm-
union. Bridge.
- 19 - Fri. Ember Day: 7 a.m. Holy Communion. Bridge.
- 21 - Sun. St. Matthew A.E.M. 16th Sunday after
Trinity.
Bridge: 9.00 a.m. Parish Communion.
Patricxbourne: 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Bekesbourne: 11.00 a.m. Matins
- 27 - Sat. 2.00 p.m. PARISH GARDEN PARTY
- 28 - Sun. 17th Sunday after Trinity
Bridge: 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong
Patricxbourne: 11.00 a.m. Matins
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion
Bekesbourne: 9.00 a.m. Parish Communion
3.00 p.m. Evensong
- 29 - Mon. St. Michael & All Angels
10 a.m. Holy Communion. Patricxbourne.
3 p.m. Deanery Mothers' Union Quiet After-
noon. Patricxbourne.
- 30 - Tu. 2.30 p.m. Bekesbourne M.U. Service in
Church.
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VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

HOLIDAYS: As I write - in mid-August - the holiday season is well-advanced and many of you are already away or just going. I wish you all happy, restful holidays to set you up for the winter.

My wife and I will be away from 14th - 22nd September. During our absence the Rev. and Mrs. A. Georgantis from New Zealand will stay at the Vicarage with the Junior Penneys. Mr. Georgantis will cope with all services and Parish emergencies, but as he and his wife will really be on holiday too, I hope they will have plenty of opportunity to explore Canterbury and the local beauty-spots. Having acquired a vintage Austin 7 (very fashionable in Bridge) they will be well-equipped for our country lanes. I am sure that you will make them very welcome and that they will enjoy their stay.

HOP PICKING: My family and I are keenly looking forward to our first experience of hop-picking.

My suggestion in the July Magazine that some of you might care to pick for 1 hour in 7 for the Church funds was publicised in one of our National Daily papers under the caption "VICAR HOPES TO CATCH 'EM ON THE HOP". I shall not pursue the matter, but WE DO NEED A LOT OF MONEY at all three Churches - for urgent repairs - and so, if any keen Churchmen care to organise collections on pay-day (with the farmer's permission, of course) any money so raised may be presented in Church as a thank-offering on Harvest Festival Sunday, 5th October.

PATRICXBORNE CHURCH: The spire now has an attractive "new look" and we congratulate Messrs. Dadds & Sons on their good work. You will be glad and proud to hear (as I am to tell you) that the full cost of £830 was raised before the job was completed. This fine achievement was due partly to Mr. Potter's foresight and skill in presenting our applications for Grants to the trustees of various Funds for the Care of Ancient Churches, to

whom we are greatly indebted for generous help, but also, our freedom from debt is due to generous giving by many Parishioners of all three parishes.

About £700 is still required for repairs to masonry and interior decoration, which will be put in hand as soon as the money becomes available to pay the bills. I am determined that we shall pay our way, and am confident that we shall raise this extra sum by functions, collecting boxes and by regular and generous giving by loyal members of the church - including non-churchgoers!

BRIDGE CHURCH: The clock has been in the wars, but thanks to some clever engineering on the part of Henry Foord and his friend Reginald Payne of Canterbury, new parts have been made and it is hoped that by the time this reaches you the missing hands will have resumed work.

THE CHURCHYARD is to be cleaned up and made beautiful in the near future, thanks to an unexpected and welcome legacy for that purpose. In the meantime I wonder if any volunteers would like to help by weeding and trimming the front garden of the Church?

BEKESBOURNE CHURCH: The renovation of the organ will soon be commenced, but we still need many more donations to clear the cost. Every little helps - and if every member of our Electoral Roll would give no more than £1 each - we could have our Electric Blower as well!

Our organist, Miss Bradley, has unfortunately had to resign at short notice, but we are grateful for her past help. The problem of a new organist and Choirmaster is now under consideration, so if anyone has any suggestions, please speak to me.

PARISH GARDEN PARTY: 2 p.m. SATURDAY, 27th SEPT. at BRIDGE VICARAGE. Please book this date all of you and pay us a visit. We want it to be a social gathering of people from all three of our Parishes. Any money raised by teas and sideshows

will benefit the funds of the three Churches.

PLEASE - will each of you GIVE a TIN, PACKET, BOX or BOTTLE of SOMETHING for prizes, Raffles, etc. Hand your gifts to Mrs. Sandall at the School House, Bekesbourne, or to the Vicarage, or bring them to church. Failing that, bring them with you to the Garden Party.

Transport from Bekesbourne and Patricxbourne will be arranged and combined Tea and Coach tickets will be sold in advance. MORE DETAILS LATER.

NEW VICARAGE: As all efforts over the past 9 months to secure a suitable site for the Vicarage in the Bekesbourne/Patricxbourne area have failed, there have been fresh deliberations between myself and the Diocesan Authorities, the Churchwardens and the Bekesbourne Parochial Church Council.

After full discussion at a P.C.C. Meeting on 29th July, 1958, a decision was reached unanimously "that the former condition as to the siting of the Vicarage in the Patricxbourne/Bekesbourne area, proposed at the P.C.C. Meeting held on 29th July, 1957, be rescinded; and that efforts be made to find a suitable Vicarage at Bridge.

Taking the United Parish area as a whole, it is clear that the geographical and most efficient centre for the Vicarage is Bridge, where there is the bulk of the work and population. I am grateful to the Bekesbourne P.C.C. for what I am sure will prove to be a wise and right decision.

CONFIRMATION: I would like to have early details of any possible Candidates, 11½ years and over, who would like to consider being Confirmed. I propose to run classes this Autumn and Winter for the systematic study and discussion of the Christian Faith. These classes will be open to anyone interested, including those already confirmed as well as Confirmation Candidates.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

ROBERT PENNEY.

BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE

Mothers' Union:

We do not start our monthly meetings again until next month, but there will be a Deanery Quiet Afternoon in Patribourne Church at 3 p.m. on Monday, 29th September.

The Intercession service on the first Tuesday in the month at 3 p.m., at which the Vicar gives a short address, and the Corporate Communion on the third Wednesday at 10.30 a.m., will take place as usual in September. Those who come to these services find them a source of inspiration and help and we hope that more members will use this means of keeping the Third Object.

At the Intercession service on the first Tuesday in October, Mrs. Berry will be admitted as our new Enrolling Member. Please make a note of this date so that every one of our members may be present to support her with their prayers.

Junior Church Notes:

The annual outing to Folkestone took place on 1st August. I am afraid that the weather was not kind to us until after lunch, but in spite of this drawback we managed to spend a very pleasant day.

Meetings:

On 7th Sept., we have Family Service at 11 a.m. and for the rest of the Sundays in September we meet at 11 a.m. for Class teaching as usual.

During August we have managed to get in some useful work on the Catechism and a few sessions about some of Our Lord's parables illustrated with strip films.

BEKESBOURNE

The School outing took place on 31st July when all the children, accompanied by two coach loads of parents and friends, spent a very pleasant day at Dymchurch. The weather was perfect and everybody concerned spent a very pleasant day by the sea.

Mothers' Union:

We start our winter programme on Tuesday, 30th September at 2.30 p.m. with a service in church at which Mrs. Penney will be admitted as our new Enrolling Member. After the service there will be tea in the Hut.

On 29th September there is a Deanery Quiet Afternoon at Patribourne Church at 3 p.m.

ALTAR FLOWERS

BRIDGE: High Altar

Sept. 7. Mrs. Roadley; 14th. Mrs. Sandbach
 21. Mrs. Williams; 28th. Mrs. Young.

Lady Chapel

Sept. 7. Miss J. Swan; 14th. Miss D. Taylor
 21. Miss J. Baker; 28th. Miss B. Hawkins

PATRIBOURNE:

September: Mrs. Parker; October: Mrs. Potter.

BEKESBOURNE:

Sept. 7. Mrs. Mowl; 14th. Girls' Choir
 21. Mrs. Belsey.

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS

BRIDGE:

Burials

16th August. Francis William Fox
18th " Frank Dunk.

BEKESBOURNE:

Marriages

9th August. George Wesley Gammon &
 Ruth Joan Tyler.

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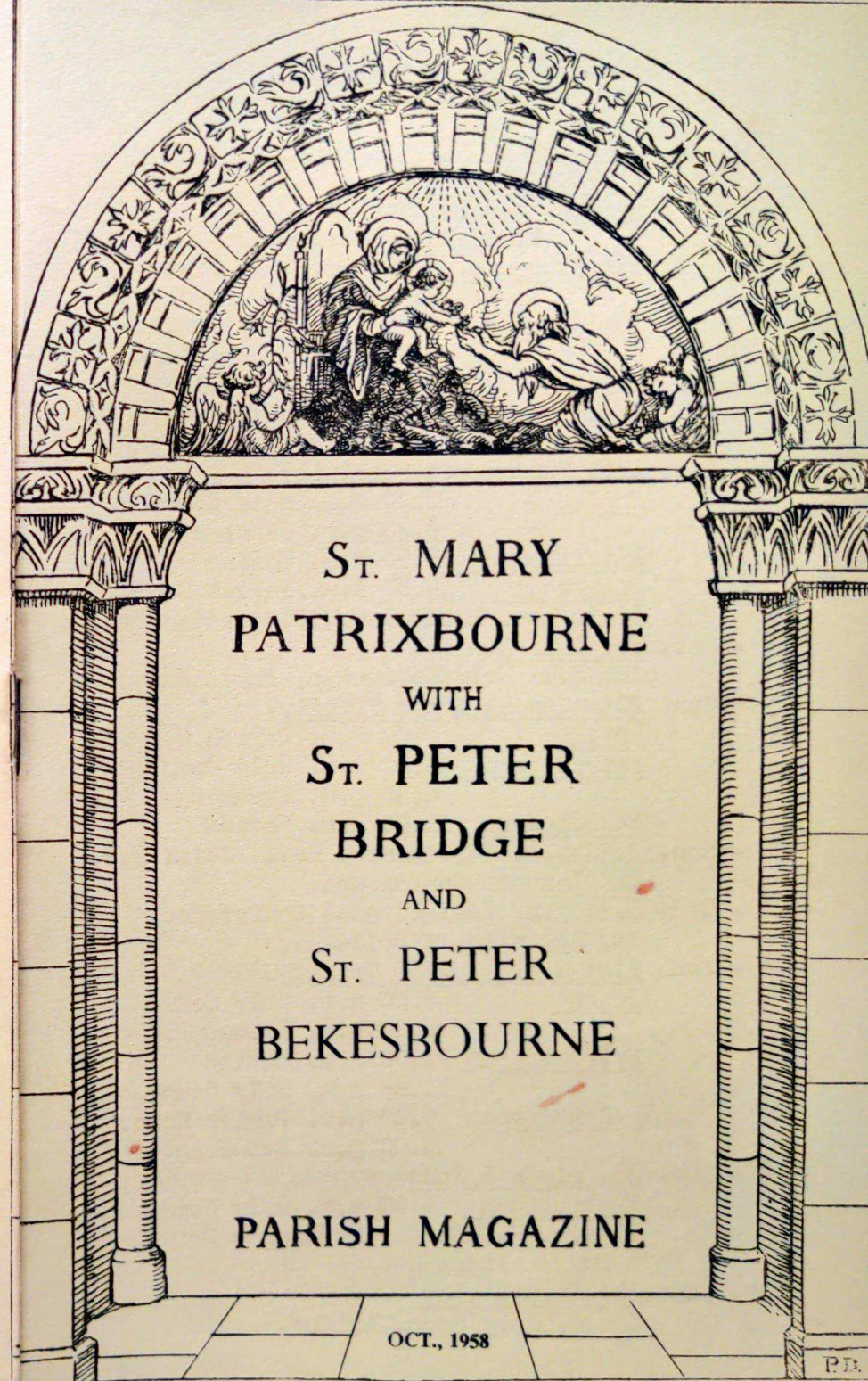
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PARISH DIARY - OCTOBER
1958.

- Oct.
5 - Sun. 18th Sunday after Trinity.
HARVEST FESTIVAL.
Bridge. 11 a.m. Matins
11.45 Holy Communion
Patricxbourne. 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Bekesbourne. 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
3.00 p.m. Family Serv.
- 7 - Tu. 3 p.m. M.U. Intercessions. Bridge
8 p.m. British Legion: The Dulce
William, Ickham.
- 12 - Sun. 19th Sunday after Trinity.
Bridge 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Patricxbourne 11.00 a.m. Matins
Bekesbourne. 9.00 a.m. Parish Comm.
- 15 - Wed. 10.30 a.m. Bridge. M.U. Corporate Comm.
- 18 - Sat. St. Luke E.
10. a.m. Holy Communion, Bekesbourne
- 19 - Sun. 20th Sunday after Trinity.
Bridge 9.00 a.m. Parish Comm.
Patricxbourne 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
6.30 p.m. Evensong
Bekesbourne 11.00 a.m. Matins
- 20 - Mon. 2.30 p.m. Bekesbourne Hut. Joint M.U.
The Lambeth Conference.
- 22 - Wed. 6.30 p.m. Ruri-Decanal Conference.
St. Augustine's College.
- 26 - Sun. 21st Sunday after Trinity.
Bridge 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Patricxbourne 11.00 a.m. Matins
11.45 a.m. Holy Comm.
Bekesbourne 9.00 a.m. Parish Comm.
~~3.00 p.m. Evensong.~~ 57
- 28 - Tue. SS. Simon & Jude
Patricxbourne 7.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
- 30 - Th. 11 a.m. M.U. Coffee Morning & Bring
& Buy. Vicarage.
- Nov. 1. Sat. All Saints' Day
8 a.m. Holy Comm. Bridge.

ALTAR FLOWERS.

- BRIDGE. High Altar
Oct. 4. Mrs. Berry. Oct. 11. Mrs. Carr
" 18. Mrs. Carroll " 25. Mrs. Cherry
Nov. 1. Mrs. Friend.
- Lady Chapel
Oct. 4. Miss Lawrence Oct 11. Miss Lemar
" 18. Miss Mummery " 25. Miss Setter-
Nov. 1. Miss Stevens field.

PATRICXBORNE

October: Mrs. Potter November: Mrs. Ronald

BEKESBOURNE.

- Oct. 4. Misses Jarvis Oct. 11. Mrs. Sandall
" 18. Mrs. Wilson, Jnr.
Nov. 2. Mrs. Russell Oct. 25. Mrs. Reynolds

VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear People,

My wife and I are on holiday at Dartmouth and I am writing this at a window high up above the river mouth, looking towards the open sea. The hot sun is dazzling me with its reflection on the water. Little boats are chugging up and down leaving silvery wakes behind them. Opposite on the other bank the Devon hills climb steeply away, with houses of every style and colour clinging to the wooded slopes. In their midst the sturdy grey Church of Kingswear reminds me of my duty to get our Parish Magazine into the hands of the printer.

I hope that you too are having lovely weather; that the fruit, hops and other crops are being gathered in to schedule; that the Penney children, and yours, are well and enjoying school again; and that our New Zealand visitors, Mr. & Mrs. Georgantis have fallen under the spell of the Kentish countryside and will have happy memories of their stay in East Kent.

Parish Garden Party. I hope that this annual event will strengthen the sense of

unity and friendship between our three parishes. It brings great joy to me to see members of our three parishes worshipping in each other's Churches and contributing to each other's Funds, for this shows the true Christian spirit of neighbourliness.

Harvest Thanksgiving. We have so much for which to be thankful that I believe our Harvest Festival Services at the three Churches on 5th October will be a very moving experience. Come with your offering to decorate the Church but above all - come on Sunday - not only to your local Church but to the others as well. Come and share in your neighbours' praise and worship and pray with them for God's blessing upon our life together that we may prove more fruitful in the coming year.

ZULULAND. On the eve of our holiday my wife and I attended a meeting in Canterbury to discuss with other friends of Tom Savage, the Lord Bishop of Zululand, how we could best help forward his great and important work in Swaziland and Zululand, where the Christian faith is showing wonderful growth. We resolved that the Diocese should guarantee to bear the cost of the expense of one priest extra for Zululand. Our share will be £15 p.a. but I hope that our total of collections and donations will exceed that figure.

Coming Events. The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Dover will visit us on Monday, 20th Oct. to speak at a joint meeting of our Parish Mothers' Union Branches. He will also visit the Close to Dedicate a new set of Holy Communion vessels of lovely design and miniature size, which will be more suitable than the present set for the ministry of the Sacrament to patients in their beds.

We shall also welcome, as visiting preachers, Mr. Phillips, Assistant Secretary of the Diocese, who will speak to us at Bridge at 6.30 p.m. on 12th Oct. and at

Bekesbourne at 3 p.m. on 26th Oct. concerning the Church's responsibility for aged and retired Clergy and for Clergy widows; Miss Watkins, who will talk at Evensong at Bridge on 26th Oct. about the Zenana Mission; and Mr. Freeman, on 2nd Nov., whose subject will be the Mission to Seamen.

LOOK OUT - for Posters giving details of Autumn talks and discussions of the Christian Faith and CONFIRMATION CLASSES. Vague religion is not good enough!

God bless you all,
Your friend and Vicar,
ROBERT PENNEY.

JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES.

Canterbury Diocesan Education Committee - Childrens Examination.

"We have received the following letter from Canon L.G. Appleton, M.A., Director of Religious Education:-

"We have now completed the marking of the examination papers, and I have pleasure in informing you that the following children in your Sunday School have passed the examination. I shall be grateful if you will let them know the result, and express to them our congratulations on their achievement. A number of children have reached distinction standard and for them I enclose a certificate of merit, which we shall be glad if you will present to them on our behalf, and again with congratulations.

The Youth and Children's Council wish me to express in their name our appreciation of your co-operation in this effort, and our thanks to you for all the work you have undertaken in connection with it".

The following is the list of the children who were successful:-
Distinction :- Elizabeth Pratt, Susan Booth
Joan Ovenden, Elizabeth Booth, Gill Whitehouse.

Pass:- Gillian Daws, John Bishop.

This result is very gratifying to both teachers and children. To the remainder of the twelve who took the exam but were not successful, especially the younger ones, I would like to tell them not to be discouraged. They found the papers rather difficult and also an examination like this was new to them. Next year they will be better prepared to tackle the examination.

Harvest Thanksgiving.

The Junior Church will, as usual, decorate the Lady Chapel for the Harvest Thanksgiving.

Barbara has volunteered to superintend and she will be in church at 10 o'clock on Sat. morning, Oct.4th, with the senior members.

May I remind our members that their gifts are a thank offering to God "from whom all good things do come", in gratitude to Him for giving us our daily food. We in this country have very special cause to thank Him. We know little of the want and starvation that is the lot of so many thousands of our fellows in other lands.

Let us therefore bring Him the best we can and as much as we can afford.

BEKESBOURNE.

Scouts, Cubs and Brownies.

The above troops are ready to settle down to their winters meetings. Each troop has room for more recruits and eligible young people from adjoining parishes are invited to join. The troops afford young people with an excellent way of spending some of their leisure time and provide good companionship with sport, entertainment and most of the pleasures of an healthy, happy young life. The troops meet at Bekesbourne School at the following times : Scouts on Friday evenings at 7.00 p.m. Brownies on Saturdays at 10.00 a.m. Cubs on Sat, at 2 p.m. Come along and see!

BRIDGE MOTHERS' UNION. At the Intercession Service on 7th Oct., Mrs. Berry will be admitted by the Vicar as our new Enrolling Member. After the service we have been invited by Mrs. Ledger to have tea at Lynton House.

On Monday, 20th Oct. at 2.30 p.m. in Bekesbourne Hut we shall be having a joint meeting with the Bekesbourne Branch at which the Bishop of Dover will speak to us, on the Lambeth Conference.

On Thursday, 30th Oct., at 11 a.m. there will be a coffee morning and Bring & Buy stall at the Vicarage. Please make a note of this and do your shopping at the Vicarage on that morning. Don't forget to bring some useful article of grocery with you!

Committee members are reminded of the Official Workers' Meeting at Margate on 3rd Oct. BEKESBOURNE MOTHERS' UNION. In the summer the committees of the two Mothers' Union branches in the Parishes met the Vicar and it was decided that we should have two joint meetings during the year, one at Bridge and one at Bekesbourne.

The first of these meetings takes place in the Hut on Monday, 20th Oct. at 2.30 p.m. when we are fortunate in having the Bishop of Dover to speak to us about the Lambeth Conference.

BRITISH LEGION. Transport, as for monthly meetings, will be available to take members to and from the Annual General Meeting at Littlebourne War Memorial Hall on Nov.4th.

The Women's Institute have again very kindly undertaken the sale of poppies on Poppy Day, Saturday, 8th November.

Remembrance Day will be Sunday, 9th Nov., when the branch will parade for the service at Wickhambreaux. Transport will be provided for members attending.

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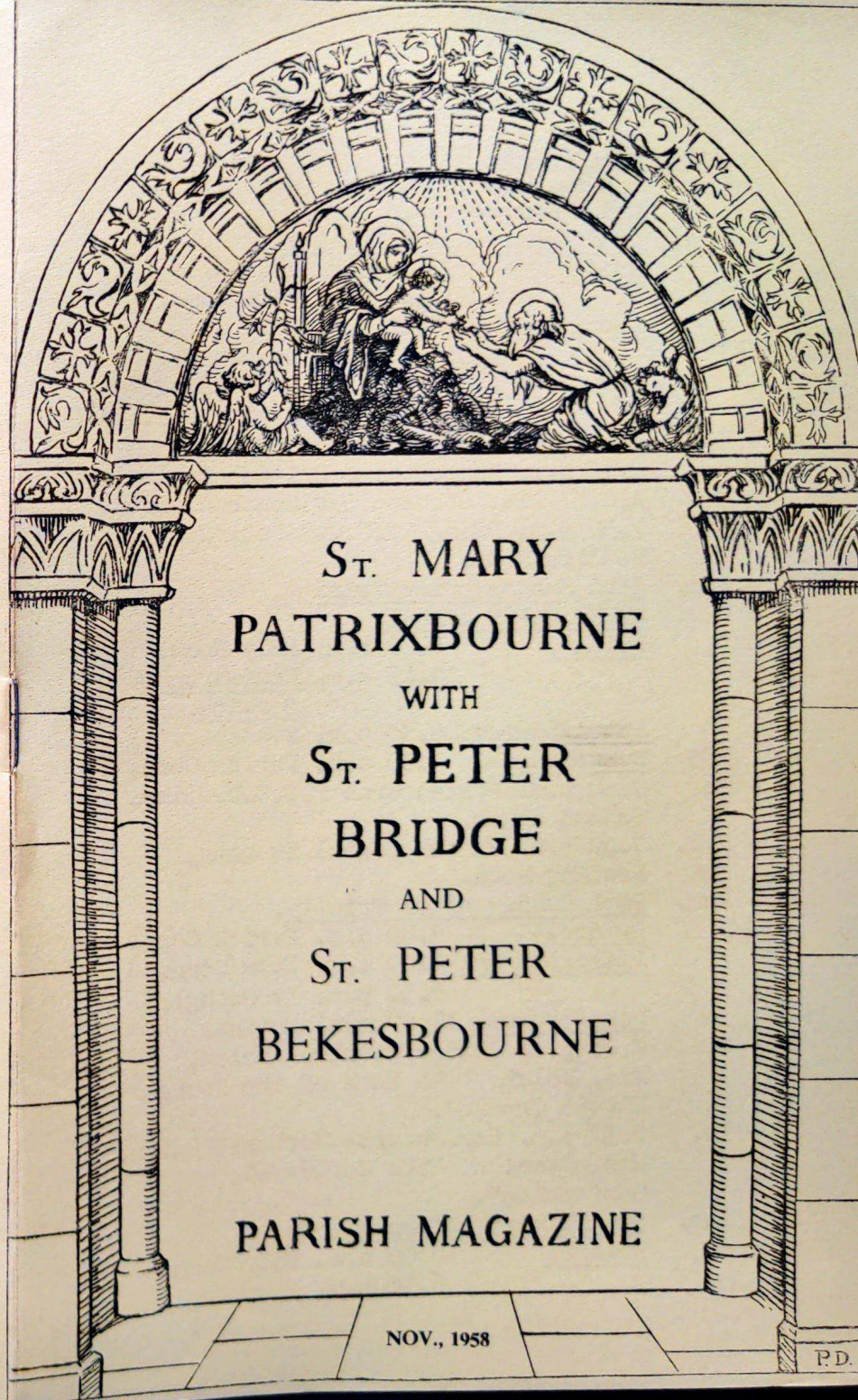
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PARISH DIARY - November

- Nov.
 1 - Sat. All Saints' Day.
 8 a.m. Holy Communion. (Mothers' Union Corporate).
- 2 - Sun. 22nd Sunday after Trinity.
Bridge. 11.00 a.m. Matins.
 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm.
Patricxbourne. 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Bekesbourne. 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 3.00 p.m. Family Service.
- 4 - Tu. 3 p.m. M.U. Intercessions. Bridge.
 7.15 p.m. Bekesbourne British Legion
 A.G.M. Littlebourne War Memorial Hall.
- 6 - Th. 7.30 p.m. Bridge P.C.C. Meeting.
 Reading Room.
- 9 - Sun. 23rd Sunday after Trinity.
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.
Bridge. 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 10.45 a.m. Remembrance Service.
Patricxbourne. 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Bekesbourne. 9.00 a.m. Parish Comm.
- 11 - Tu. 7.30 p.m. Bekesbourne P.C.C. Meeting.
 School House.
- 14 - Fri. 7.30 p.m. Parish Social Evening.
 Reading Room.
- 16 - Sun. 24th Sunday after Trinity.
Bridge. 9.00 a.m. Parish Comm.
Patricxbourne. 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Bekesbourne. 11.00 a.m. Matins.
- 17 - Mon. 2.45 p.m. Bridge Mothers' Union.
 Mrs. Welch. "The Work of the Young Wives' Groups".
- 18 - Tu. 2.30 p.m. Bekesbourne Mothers' Union.
 Mrs. Stanton. "The World-Wide Conference".
- 23 - Sun. Sunday next before Advent.
Bridge. 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 6.30 p.m. Evensong.

Nov.

- Patricxbourne. 11.00 a.m. Matins.
 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm.
- 30 - Sun. Bekesbourne. 9.00 a.m. Parish Comm.
1st Sunday in Advent.
Bridge. 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Patricxbourne. 11.00 a.m. Matins.
Bekesbourne. 3.00 p.m. Family Service.

ALTAR FLOWERS

- BRIDGE. High Altar.
 Nov. 1. Mrs. Friend. Nov. 8. Mrs. Gilbert.
 " 15. Mrs. H. Hawkins. " 22. Mrs. Howard-Smith.
 " 29. Mrs. Hunter. Dec. 6. Mrs. Ledger.
Lady Chapel.
 Nov. 1. Miss Stevens. Nov. 8. Miss J. Swan.
 " 15. Miss D. Taylor. " 22. Miss J. Baker.
 " 29. Miss B. Hawkins. Dec. 6. Miss Lawrence.

PATRICXBOURNE.

November: Mrs. Ronald. December: Mrs. Stevens.

BEKESBOURNE.

- Nov. 1. Mrs. Russell. Nov. 8.
 " 15. " 22. Mrs. Hadlow.
 " 29. Mrs. Scales. Dec. 6. Mrs. Shorey.

VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

"Come, ye thankful people, come" we sang lustily at our Harvest Festival Services - and you did come - and our beautifully decorated Churches were worthy of the occasion. But why - if you are thankful - do many of you come so seldom to Church? Every service, especially Holy Communion, is in a very real sense, a thanksgiving for blessings received - and it is surprising that the number of weekly Communicants falls so short of what it should be. It is a cause of concern to see how few of the young people, confirmed during the past few years, are regular Communicants. Is it due perhaps to lack of example or encouragement from parents, family and friends?

It will soon be Christmas - one of the occasions on which all faithful Communicants are bidden to make their Communion. It would be a wonderful Advent preparation for this great Festival if all Communicants who have lapsed or grown slack in their Churchgoing were to make a great effort to come every Sunday until Christmas. By then they would have acquired a new self-discipline to offer as a gift to our Lord for His Birthday Blessing.

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PARISH MEETINGS. There is a great need for our Church members to come together more frequently as a family, out of Church. We should meet together for Bible Study and to discuss our religious problems; to learn about what the Bishops have been doing at Lambeth - and how it affects us; to practise singing carols, new hymns and music for the Communion service; and to make friends with each other and with newcomers.

On Friday, 14th November at 7.30 p.m. there will be a Parish Social at the Reading Room, Bridge and there I shall talk with you about future meetings, so please all of you come - young and old - including Methodists and members of other Churches.

Young Wives. My wife would be very pleased to have names of any of you who would like to know something about the Young Wives' Group which is in process of being formed at Bridge.

Youth Fellowship. I want names and addresses and ages of all the teenagers (11+ - 19) who are Baptised Christians, already Confirmed or willing to consider being Confirmed in due course. The Fellowship will meet early evening every two or three weeks and the programme will include a short period of religious instruction - a film, a talk, a debate or Brains Trust or an expedition, with the object of increasing our Christian faith or knowledge - and will then conclude with a session of games, dancing or music. Details will be worked out together at our first meeting - as soon

as I receive enough names to make a start. Study Group. Please give me your name if you would like to join a study and discussion group to meet at the Vicarage monthly. Our programme will be based on one or more of the great subjects discussed by our Bishops at the Lambeth Conference.

Music. We need a small group of singers to meet informally for part-singing, for own enjoyment but also to learn Anthems, Carols and other Sacred Music to sing in Church at Festivals. Tell me if you are interested.

Appeals for Church Funds. Several Parishioners have recently enabled the Church to benefit by a Refund of Income Tax on their donations, by giving on the basis of a 7-year Covenant. Every £100 given on this basis is worth £175 to the Church. If you are paying Income Tax at the full rate, this method might appeal to you! I shall be glad to tell you more. We still need £1000 for Patricxbourne - in spite of the unexpectedly good profit from the Vicarage Garden Party. We made £50 and divided it equally amongst the three Churches.

Thank you for your good work and generosity.
Your sincere friend and Vicar,
Robert Penney.

PATRICXBOURNE & BRIDGE

Everybody who has attended Midnight Mass in Bridge Church at Christmas will remember the beautiful soprano voice which enhanced the beauty and solemnity of our Service as the Communicants filed up to the Altar. That voice was the voice of Mrs. Mary Mee, known affectionately to all Bridge people as Mary Stevens. Mary, who was born and brought up in Bridge, was married in Bridge Church last Christmas. She is now in Capetown, where one of the first people she contacted was Father Tom Savage, Bishop of Zululand, who was at that time Dean of St. George's

Cathedral. Since she arrived, Mary has won the highest awards in two classes for Sopranos at Capetown Eistedfodd and now has been chosen to sing the soprano solo in Brahm's "Requiem", accompanied by Orchestra and Choir, when it is presented in Capetown Cathedral in November. This is a remarkable achievement in such a musical city as Capetown, especially as she has only been in South Africa a few months.

Well done Mary! Bridge is proud of you!

Junior Church Notes. The Junior Church will meet for Class Teaching every Sunday in Church at 11 a.m., except November 2nd, when we meet with our families in Church at 11 a.m., and November 9th, Remembrance Sunday.

Overseas Evening. To be held this year on Thursday, 27th November at 7.30 p.m. in the Reading Room. Mr. Butt has two new films for us and we hope to have a speaker from overseas.

Gifts for the Christmas Bazaar, Raffle Prizes, Home-made Sweets and Cakes will be gratefully received by Miss Richards, Mrs. Sidders or myself. The proceeds will go to S.P.G.

K. Wass.

The Pleasant Hour Club (Over 60's). On November 20th we are holding our Sale of Cakes etc., to raise money for the Christmas Party and as usual, nothing will be over 5/-. Please come and support us. The Christmas Party is a great event in our Club, for not only can the over 60's of Bridge and Patricxbourne have a really good party, with your generous help, but each member may ask a friend to share the fun. So remember November 20th and we will give you more details later.

On 27th November there will be a FILM SHOW.

MOTHERS' UNION

Bekesbourne. We had a very enjoyable meeting with Patricxbourne and Bridge branch on 20th November when Canon Carter, our Rural Dean, came to address us on "The Lambeth Conference". The Bishop of Dover, who was to have been our speaker

was unavoidably prevented from coming; however we were very pleased to welcome his wife to our meeting.

On 18th November Mrs. Stanton is coming to speak to us about "The World-Wide Conference". Patricxbourne, & Bridge. On 17th November, Mrs. Welch will be speaking on "The Work of the Young Wives' Groups". As a Group is to be formed in our Parish, it is important that we should be well-informed on this subject.

BRITISH LEGION

Bekesbourne. The Local Service Committee, which deals with cases requiring assistance among ex-servicemen and women and their dependents whether members of the Legion or not, has been reorganized on the basis of 4 sub-committees, one for each parish.

The Bekesbourne sub-committee comprises the Vicar, chairman; Messrs J. Newport and T. D. Russell, branch members, and Mrs. W. M. Walliss, W.I. representative.

Remembrance Day. British Legion parades at Wickhambreaux.

Bridge & District. Remembrance Sunday Service at 10.45 a.m. at Bridge Church; Members R.V. 10.30 a.m. White Horse Car Park.

A.G.M. & Smoking Concert, will take place at Bridge Reading Room at 8 p.m. on 21st November and marks the beginning of a new effort to revive enthusiasm and esprit de corps. All members are asked to give this date the highest priority to ensure a full house for the Meeting and the courtesy of a good audience for our guest Artistes at the Concert.

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THE REV. ROBERT A. PENNEY, The Vicarage, Bridge.
Tel.: Bridge 250.

Lay Reader:

MR. J. D. SMITH, 4, The Terrace, Bridge.
Tel.: Bridge 260.

VICAR'S AND PEOPLE'S WARDENS

PATRIXBOURNE

MR. W. J. PARKER, Dearnley, Patricxbourne.
Tel.: Bridge 310.

MR. C. A. POTTER, Field House, Patricxbourne.
Tel.: Bridge 218.

BRIDGE

CAPT. A. E. W. FARISH-SANDBACH, Pilgrim Cottage, Bridge.
Tel.: Bridge 438.

LIEUT-COL. J. L. CARR, Bridgeford Cottage, Bridge.
Tel.: Bridge 325.

Secretary:—MR. L. J. WILLIAMS, Llandogo, Bridge.
Tel.: Bridge 245.

Treasurer:—MR. W. J. PARKER.

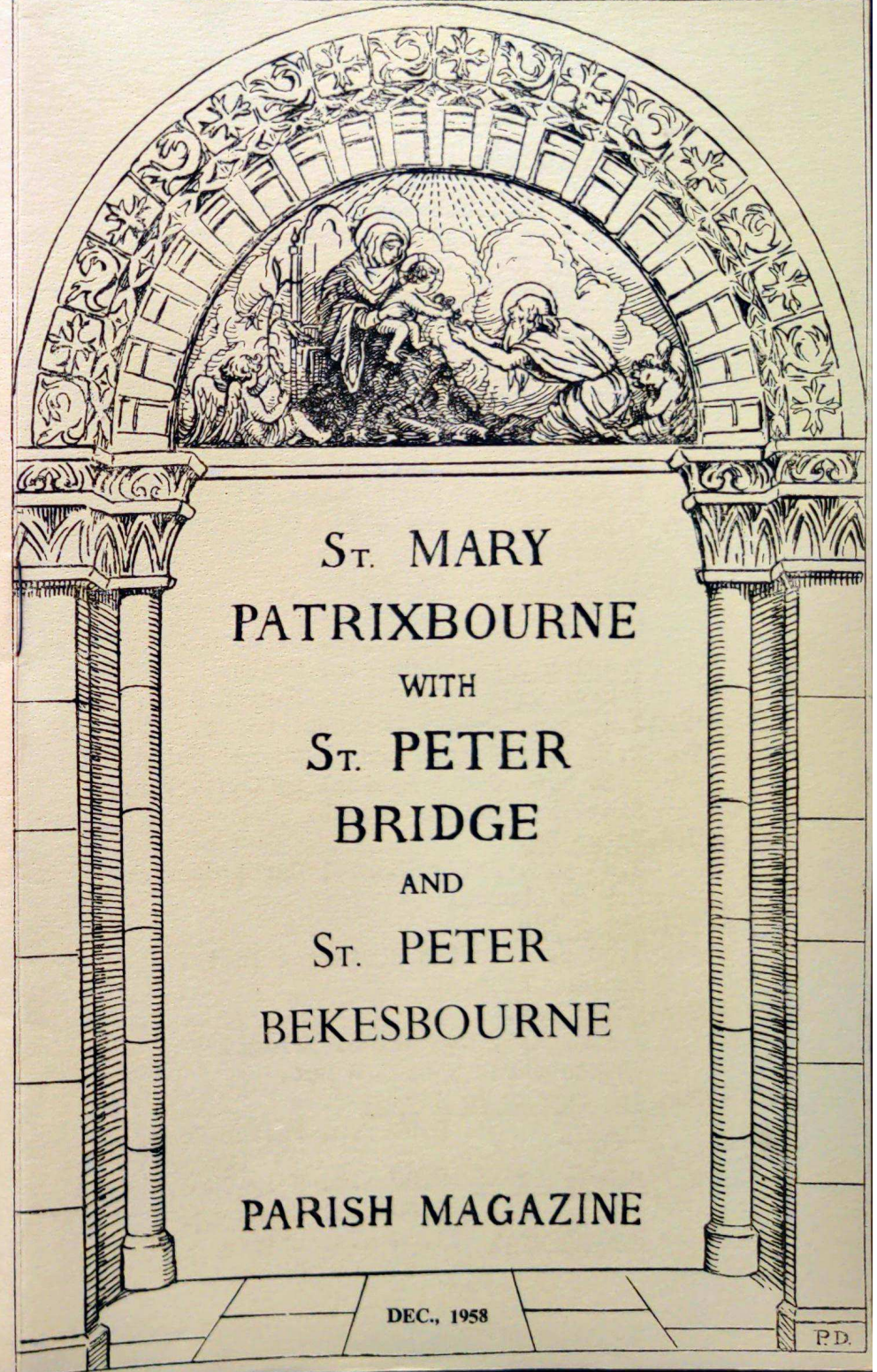
BEKESBOURNE

MR. W. R. MOWLL, Mulberry Cottage, Bekesbourne.
Tel.: Bridge 213.

MR. H. F. SHOREY, Cherry Tree Cottage, Bekesbourne.
Tel.: Bridge 235.

Secretary:—MRS. SANDALL, School House, Bekesbourne.
Tel.: Bridge 256.

Treasurer:—MR. H. F. SHOREY.



PARISH DIARY - DECEMBER 1958.

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- 2 - Tu. St. Andrew A.M. (Transferred)
 7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge.
 3 p.m. M.U. Intercessions. Bridge.
- 5 - Fri. 7.30 p.m. Three Parish Youth Social
 Reading Room - Bridge.
- 7 - Sun. 2nd Sunday in Advent.
Bridge 11.00 a.m. Matins
 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm.
Patricxbourne 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 3.00 p.m. Evensong
Bekesbourne 9.30 a.m. Matins.
10. Wed. 8 - 9.30 p.m. Study Group at Vicarage
- 11 - Th. 8 p.m. Young Wives' Group. Vicarage.
- 12 - Fr. 8 p.m. Parish Music Practice for
 Christmas. Reading Room.
- 14 - Sun. 3rd Sunday in Advent.
Bridge 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Patricxbourne 11.00 a.m. Matins
Bekesbourne 9.00 a.m. Parish Comm.
- 15 - Mon. 2.45 p.m. Bridge Mothers' Union.
- 16 - Tu. 2.30 p.m. Bekesbourne Mothers' Union
 7.30 p.m. Carol Recital by Canterbury
 Singers. Bridge Church.
- 17 - Wed. Ember Day
 2.45 p.m. Bridge School Carol Service
 Bridge Church.
- 19 - Fri. Ember Day
 7.30 p.m. Parish Christmas Party.
 Reading Room.
- 20 - Sat. Ember Day.
 7 a.m. Holy Communion. Bridge.
 Bekesbourne Social - Hut.
- 21 - Sun. 4th Sunday in Advent
Bridge 9.00 a.m. Parish Comm.
 (Choral)
Patricxbourne 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 3.00 p.m. Evensong.
Bekesbourne 11.00 a.m. Matins

- 22 - Mon. St. Thomas A.M.
 7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 7 p.m. Nativity Play, and Prize-
 Giving Junior Church. Reading Room.
- 24 - Wed. Christmas Eve
 11.30 p.m. Parish Communion (Choral)
 Bridge Church.
- 25 - Th. CHRISTMAS DAY
Bridge 10.00 a.m. Family Serv.
 (Carols & Lessons)
 11.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
Patricxbourne 9.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
Bekesbourne 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 11.00 a.m. Matins.
- 26 - Fri. St. Stephen, M.
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion, Bridge.
- 27 - Sat. St. John A.E.
 8 a.m. Holy Communion. Patricxbourne
- 28 - Sun. Holy Innocents. 1st Sunday after
Christmas.
Bridge 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 6.30 p.m. Service of
 Carols and Nine Lessons
Patricxbourne 11.00 a.m. Matins
Bekesbourne 9.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 3.00 p.m. Service of
 Carols & Nine Lessons

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- 1 - Th. Circumcision of our Lord
 9 a.m. Holy Communion. Bridge
 (M.U. Corporate)
- 4 - Sun. 2nd Sunday after Christmas
Bridge 11.00 a.m. Matins
 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm.
Patricxbourne 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 3.00 p.m. Evensong.
Bekesbourne 9.30 a.m. Matins

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ALTAR FLOWERS.

No flowers in Advent.

BRIDGE. High Altar.
25th Dec. Mrs. Ledger 28th Dec. Mrs Middleton
4th Jan. Mrs Penney
Lady Chapel.

25th Dec. Miss Lawrence
28th Dec. Miss Lemar 4th Jan. Miss S. Mummery

BEKESBOURNE

25th Dec. Mrs Newport
28th Dec. Mrs Shorey 4th Jan. Mrs Kingsford

PATRIXBOURNE

28th Dec. Mrs Stevens January Mrs Christopher-
son.

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VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear People,

Christmas greetings to you all from all of us at the Vicarage!

It seems strange to be wishing you a happy Christmas so far ahead, but I do sincerely wish you every blessing - including good luck in your preparations, your cooking and shopping, your present choosing or making, and all your arrangements for parties.

I hope you will manage a family visit to Church and I look forward to seeing you there and sharing your Christmas joy. Worshipping together, and making our Communion (if we are confirmed), is the best way of honouring God and paying homage to our Lord Jesus Christ, whose birthday we celebrate on Christmas Day.

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CHILDREN and CHRISTMAS: This should be the happiest time of the year for children - the brothers and sisters of the Infant Jesus. But not all children have happy homes and loving parents to care for them and give them presents. Thousands and thousands of babies, toddlers and older children are without homes. Many are sick, or crippled, some are orphans, many are victims of broken homes and have been robbed of a background of family happiness.

The Church of England's Children's Society look after very many of these children and try to give them some of the happiness they deserve.

I expect you would like to help them yourselves in some way. If so, will you take a Gift Envelope home and help me to send the Society a present of money at Christmas. Bring your family Gift Envelope to Church on Christmas Day and put it in the collection.

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PARTIES AND SOCIALS: We had a very successful Parish family party at Bridge on Friday, 14th Nov. and about 65 parishioners of all ages attended. We are planning some more for the Winter months, so please note the following:-
Friday, Dec. 5th 7.30 p.m. A Three-Parish YOUTH SOCIAL at the Reading Room, for all TEENAGERS. Bring favourite records and suggestions for new games.

Friday, Dec. 12th at 8 p.m. in the Reading Room. There is a PARISH MUSIC PRACTICE, with the Choir, to sing through CAROLS and to practise the music for the Choral Communion Service on Christmas Eve. We all love to sing and we do it better with practise, so DO COME ALONG and SING with us.

Tues., Dec. 16th at 7.30 p.m. in BRIDGE CHURCH. The CANTERBURY SINGERS will give us a CAROL RECITAL lasting an hour. It is a great privilege to hear these well-known singers and we owe our thanks to Mrs Stevens of Patricbourne for arranging this visit.

Fri., Dec. 19th at 7.30 p.m. A PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY at Bridge Reading Room. I hope to see the Hall packed!

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SERVICES: We have reviewed the schedule of Church Services to suit Winter conditions, so please note the changes.

Patricbourne - Evensong at 3 p.m. instead of 6.30 p.m.

Bekesbourne - 1st Sunday - Mattins at 9.30 a.m. instead of Holy Communion at 8 a.m., which will be on the 5th Sunday.

4th Sunday: Holy Communion at 9 a.m. without hymns or address, and Family Service 3 p.m.

STUDY GROUP: Those interested from all three parishes are cordially invited to a preliminary discussion at the Vicarage - 8 - 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 10th December.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION: Will all sick persons and others unable to attend Church, who would like to receive Holy Communion in their homes, please notify me as soon as possible, so that I can arrange times and dates.

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God bless you all,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,
ROBERT PENNEY.

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JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES. At the end of this month we say "goodbye" to Barbara. We shall miss her very much in so many ways. She took over the infants class when Marion left us and this was no easy matter, for Marion was so exceptionally good. But Barbara was equal to the job and the little ones are going to miss her very much. However, we are lucky, inasmuch as we have got Susan Penney to succeed her and I feel sure that she will adequately fill the gap. Barbara was also the very efficient secretary of the Sunshine Guild and we have got to find somebody to take her place there. She was also the Junior Church Treasurer. All these jobs she carried out with a quiet, efficient, enthusiasm. We shall also miss her at concert time for she has a wonderful talent as an actress and has a very pleasing stage personality. She is going into the most wonderful profession open to women, that of nursing, and I know that she will be a valuable acquisition to a noble profession. Good-bye Barbara. God be with you always.

Prize giving. This little ceremony will take place in the Reading Room on Monday, Dec. 22nd at 7 p.m. As is usual, we shall have a short Nativity Play with carols and we cordially invite all parents, friends and old members to

join with us. Mrs Penney has kindly consented to present the prizes and we look forward to a very pleasant evening.

Meetings. Dec. 7th Family Service in Church at 11 a.m. 14th: 21st & 28th Dec. Class Teaching in Church at 11 a.m. On Christmas morning there will be Family Service at 10 a.m.

MOTHERS' UNION. Patricxbourne & Bridge .

At our Christmas meeting on 15th Dec. we are having a talk on "Christmas Overseas" by a Missionary from St. Augustine's College. This will be followed by tea and carols.

There will be the usual Intercession service on 2nd Dec. at 3 p.m. in Church. Bekesbourne. On 16th Dec. Mrs. Moffatt is coming to speak to us. Her subject will be "Some Glimpses of the Life of Our Lord".

YOUNG WIVES' GROUP.

Our newly formed Group met for the first time in November. It has been decided to meet fortnightly on the second and fourth Thursdays in the month at 8 p.m. at the Vicarage. Our programme will be varied and will include talks and discussions on many subjects concerning the family and home. On 11th Dec. we shall be having a demonstration of Christmas Cookery by Miss Campbell of the S.E. Electricity Board and we extend a warm welcome to prospective new members.

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