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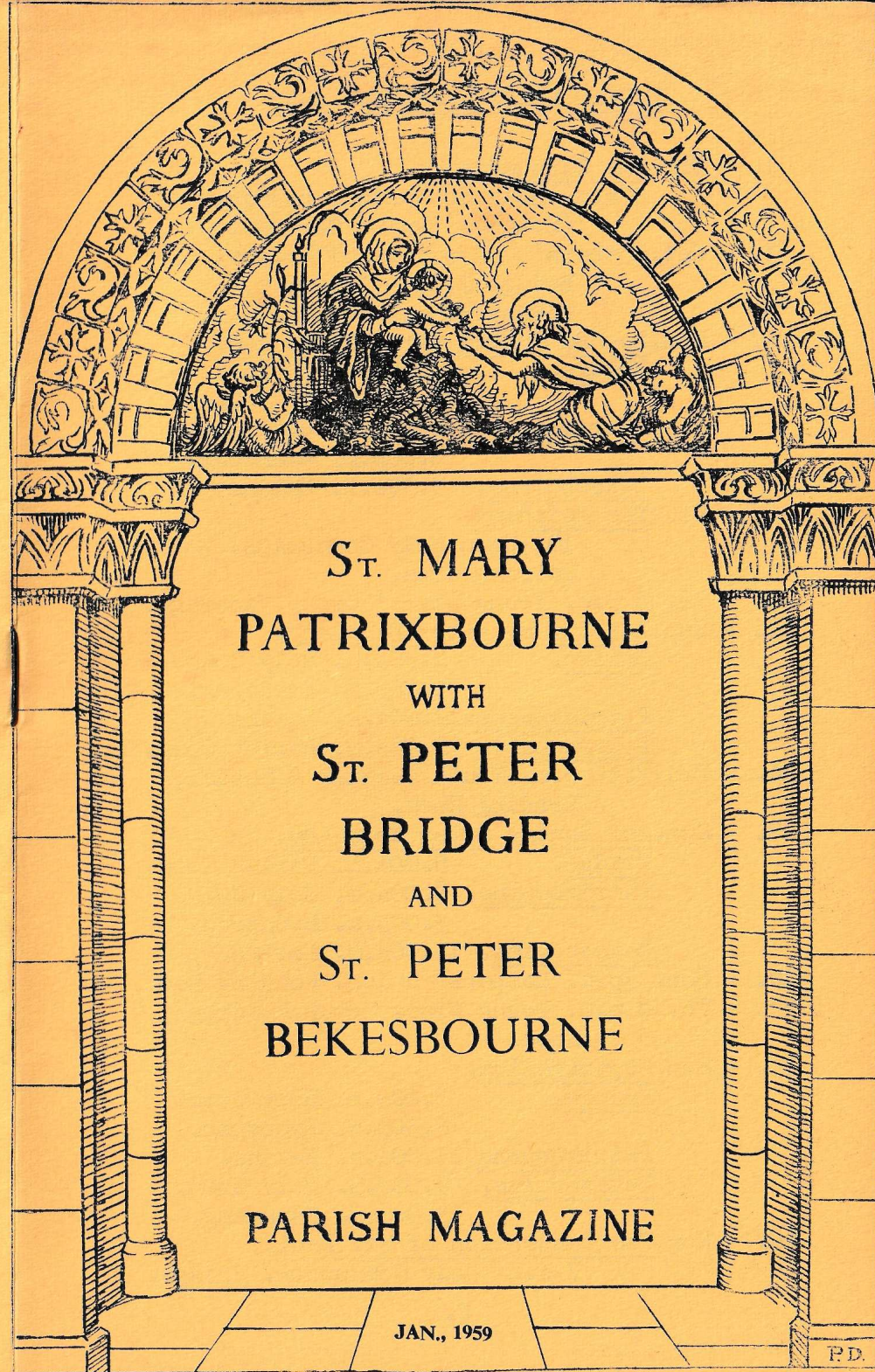
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PARISH DIARY - JANUARY 1959

Jan.

1. - Th. The Circumcision
9 a.m. Holy Communion. Bridge.
(Mothers' Union Corporate).
3. - Sat. Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer.
Bridge 2.15 - 2.30 p.m.
Bekesbourne, 2p.m.-2.15p.m.
4. - Sun. Second Sunday after Christmas.
Bridge. 11.00a.m. Matins.
11.45a.m. Holy Comm.
Patricxbourne. 8.00a.m. Holy Comm.
3.00p.m. Evensong.
Bekesbourne. 9.30a.m. Matins.
6. - Tu. The Epiphany
10.30a.m. Holy Communion.
Patricxbourne.
8. - Th. 8 p.m. Young Wives' Group. Vicarage.
11. - Sun. 1st Sunday after Epiphany.
Bridge. 8.00a.m. Holy Comm.
6.30p.m. Evensong.
Patricxbourne. 11.00a.m. Matins
Bekesbourne. 9.00a.m. Parish Comm.
16. - Fri. 7.30 p.m. Youth Meeting & Social,
Reading Room.
18. - Sun. 2nd Sunday after Epiphany.
Bridge. 9.00a.m. Parish Comm.
Patricxbourne. 8.00a.m. Holy Comm.
3.00p.m. Evensong.
Bekesbourne. 11.00a.m. Matins.
19. - Mon. 7p.m. Mothers' Union. Reading Room.
22. - Th. 8 p.m. Young Wives Group. Reading
Room.
25. - Sun. Septuagesima.
Bridge. 8.00a.m. Holy Comm.
6.30p.m. Evensong.
Patricxbourne. 11.00a.m. Matins.
Bekesbourne. 9.00a.m. Holy Comm.
3.00p.m. Evensong.
26. - Mon. The Conversion of St. Paul.
7 a.m. Holy Communion. Bridge.

30. - Fri. 7.30 p.m. Parish Musical Evening.
Reading Room.

Feb.

1. - Sun. Sexuagesima.
Bridge. 11.00a.m. Matins
11.45a.m. Holy Comm.
Patricxbourne. 8.00a.m. Holy Comm.
3.00p.m. Evensong.
Bekesbourne. 9.30a.m. Matins.
2. - Mon. Purification of the B.V.M.
7 a.m. Holy Communion. Bridge.
3. - Tu. 3 p.m. M.U. Intercessions. Bridge.

ALTAR FLOWERS

BRIDGE. High Altar.

- 4th. Jan. Mrs. Middleton.
11th. Mrs. Penney.
18th. Mrs. Roadley.
25th. Mrs. Sandbach.
1st. Feb. Mrs. Williams.

Lady Chapel

- 4th. Jan. Miss Mummery.
11th. Miss Setterfield.
18th. Miss Stevens.
25th. Miss Swan.
1st Feb. Miss Taylor.
- PATRICXBORNE
January. Mrs. Christopherson.
February. Mrs. Greenwood.

BEKESBOURNE.

See list in Church.

VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

The beginning of a New Year is like the peak of a mountain in a large range of mountains. It is good to look back for a moment to appreciate what we have left behind us in 1958 before we tackle the 1959 slope.

Looking back, I see much cause for gratitude for good work achieved in the parishes through

loyal and devoted service by many officers and helpers. Our thanks go out to all who have done their bit behind the scenes or in public view - especially those who have to turn out regularly in all weathers to do their duty - our Vergers, Sexton and Bell-ringers, members of our Choirs, Organists and Choir-trainers, Churchwardens and P.C.C. Officials; also the ladies who have cleaned and decorated our Churches so well - and those who have assisted at Socials.

Services and Social events have been well attended and generous giving has enabled us to put in hand the renovation of the spire at Patricxbourne and the organ at Bekesbourne.

It is too early to comment yet on our Christmas services, but already we have had some delightful school carol services and a most enjoyable recital at Bridge Church by the Canterbury Singers.

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Looking forward. I can see before us some challenging problems, which promise to make 1959 an interesting and worthwhile year.

SPIRITUALLY, we are challenged by the fact that far too many of our Local residents seem to have little or no interest in their Church. They neither attend Services, nor contribute in any way to the upkeep of the lovely old Churches, which are our precious heritage. Well to such I say, we can manage without your financial help (though the burden is heavy) but God is missing your worship, we miss your contribution to our corporate strength and it is probable, if not certain, that your return to church-going will prove to you that you have been missing something which only religion can give to enrich your own way of life.

We warmly invite those of you who are only occasional church goers to join us for worship, study, and social activities. We shall also, gladly welcome any newcomers to the district.

In the new year we shall make special

efforts to attract more children into our Junior Church and Youth Fellowship. All young people 11 - 19 years old are invited to our YOUTH MEETING & SOCIAL on 16th January (7.30 p.m. at the Bridge Reading Room).

Those of us who regard ourselves as regular Churchgoers need to examine ourselves to see if we are really as sincere, devout and as frequent in our prayer and worship as we should be.

FINANCIALLY There is much to be done, but if every loyal church-member would support our Free-will offering scheme, even by a very small regular contribution, we should manage to cover all our church expenses. We would then be able to make special efforts to do more of Christ's work by contributing to the needs of welfare and missionary activity. It is not enough to scrape together only sufficient money to cover our ordinary annual expenses, plus our minimum missionary and diocesan commitments. We should also be putting aside, to organ fund, Bell fund, and Fabric fund, such sums each year as would meet the heavy repairs, which fall due periodically.

SOCIALLY there is a tendency for large numbers of residents in this district to exclude themselves from our local activities. You may quite well be able to do without the fellowship of our modest little groups, and you are busy people, but you have something to give to others in the way of companionship and encouragement - and in a village all should share the community life as much as possible. Perhaps this angle has not occurred to some of you. New blood and enthusiasm are always beneficial - so we look forward to seeing you.

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EVERY GOOD WISH FOR A BLESSED NEW YEAR.

Yours sincerely,
Robert Penney.

MOTHERS' UNION

This month our two branches are holding the second of the joint meetings arranged for this season. On this occasion the Patricxbourne & Bridge branch will be hostesses and the meeting will be held in The Reading Room, Bridge, on Monday 19th January at 7 p.m., when the film "The Woman in a Dressing Gown" will be shown.

Members are reminded of the Wave of Prayer on Saturday 3rd January. The time for Bekesbourne is 2-2.15p.m. and for Bridge 2.15-2.30p.m.

YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

We were disappointed that Miss Campbell was prevented through illness from coming to give us a demonstration of Christmas Cookery last month. However, she has promised to come on 22nd January to give us a demonstration of Continental Cookery. We have arranged to hold this meeting in the Reading Room so that we shall have room for a larger audience and we extend a warm welcome to all the ladies in the parish to join us on this occasion, so please keep the date free-Thursaday 22nd Jan. at 8 p.m.

We were most grateful to Mrs. Campbell who came at such short notice and gave us such an interesting account of her experiences in Persia.

We meet as usual on 8th Jan. at the Vicarage, when we shall elect our committee.

BRIDGE

Junior Church Notes.

Prizegiving. This event takes place on 22nd Dec. but as we go to press before this date, a report must be held over until our next issue.

New Year. We wish all our members and their parents a Happy and Carefree New Year. Will members please make an extra New Year Resolution - "To bring along to our meetings at least one new member".

Meetings. Jan. 4th. Family Service in Church at

11 a.m. Jan. 11th, 18th & 25th. Class Teaching in Church at 11 a.m.

BEKESBOURNE

School. A Carol Service was held in the School on Fri. Dec. 12th, conducted by the Vicar and in spite of the bad weather there was a very good attendance of parents and friends.

The School Christmas party was held on Thursday afternoon with all the joy and excitement that accompanies this event. Then at 6 o'clock the parents came and the presents were distributed and everybody sat around the Christmas Tree and sang Carols.

Social. On Wednesday, 17th Dec. there was a very successful party for everybody, with Country Dancing and Carols in the Hut.

Coming Events. On 2nd Jan. there will be a combined Scouts and Guides party and on 3rd Jan. a similar party for the Cubs and Brownies.

It is also hoped to have a monster Country Dance Party early in January, but the date is not yet fixed.

BRITISH LEGION

Littlebourne & District Branch

The next meeting will be held at the Rose Inn, Wickhambreaux on 3rd February.

The Branch Officers for 1958/9 are as follows :- President. Major-General G. Surtees C.B., C.B.E., M.C. Chairman. Capt. F.W. Newing. Vice Chairman. R.E. Port. Hon. Sec/Treas. V. Maynard. Committee: F. Bennett., R. Cawood, C. Edwards, J. Fox, W. Gillian, R. Maple, R. Miles, F. Newport, T. Newport, T. Russell, T. Rye, J. Scrivener, J. Spreadbury & E. Stringer.

In the Bekesbourne parish area any applications for assistance should be made to the Vicar, The Rev. R. A. Penney.

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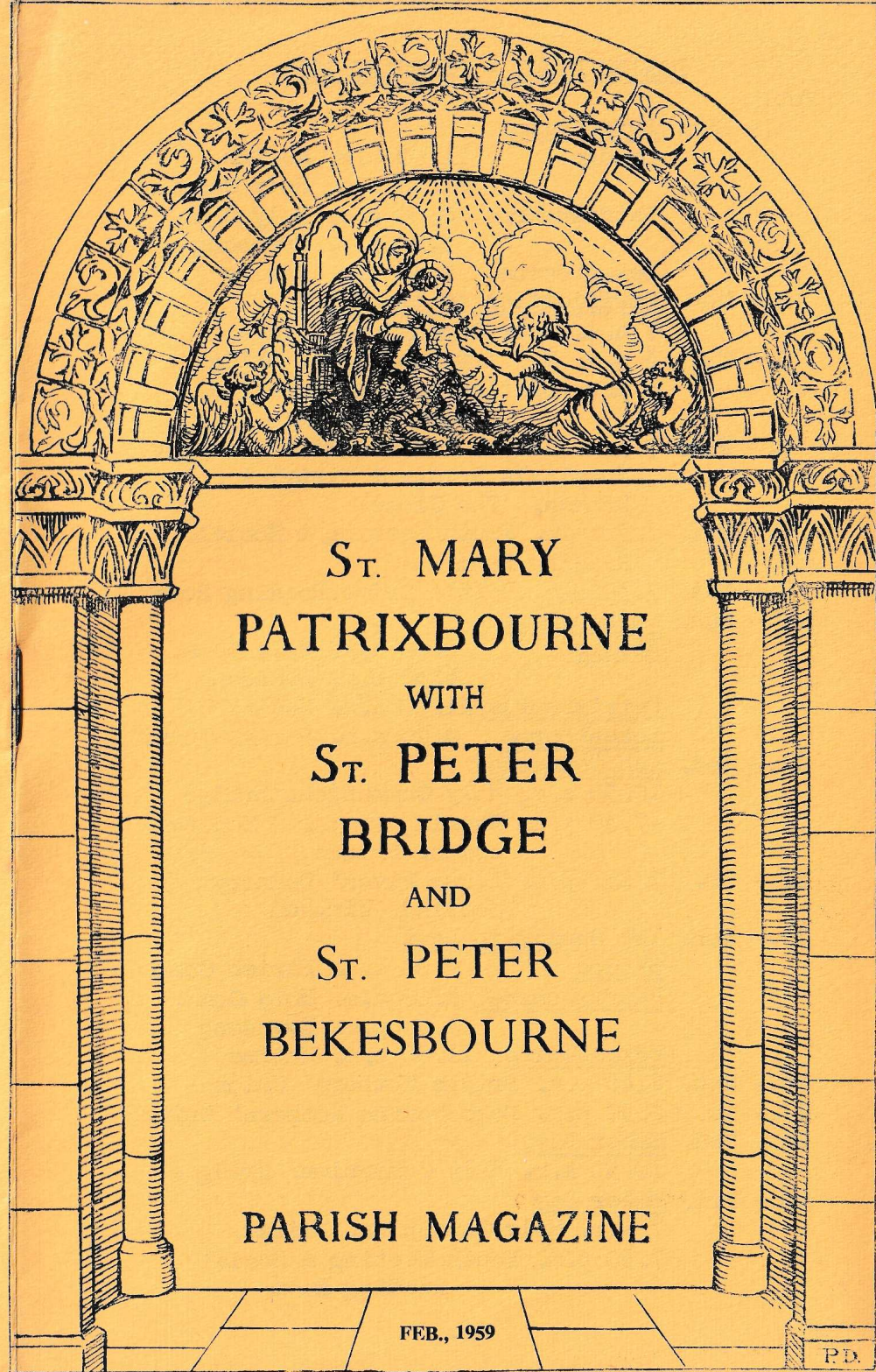
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Feb.

- 1.- Sun. Sexagesima.
 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
- 2.- Mon. Purification of the B.V.M.
 7 a.m. Holy Communion. Bridge.
- 3.- Tu. 3 p.m. M.U. Intercessions. Bridge.
 8 p.m. British Legion. Rose Inn
 Wickhambreaux.
- 4.- Wed. 7 p.m. A.G.M. Friends of Canterbury
 Hospitals Bridge & District
 Branch. The Close.
- 6.- Fri. 7.30 p.m. Youth Meeting & Social.
 Reading Room.
- 7.- Sat. 7.30 p.m. Beetle Drive. Reading Room.
- 8.- Sun. Quinquagesima
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.
- 11.- Wed. Ash Wednesday
 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. Bridge.
 7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer & Medit-
 ation. Bridge.
- 12.- Th. 7.15 p.m. Young Wives' Deanery
 Meeting. Wingham.
- 15.- Sun. 1st Sunday in Lent
Bridge. 9.00 a.m. Parish Comm.
Patricxbourne. 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 3.00 p.m. Evensong
Bekesbourne. 11.00 a.m. Matins.
- 16.- Mon. 2.45 p.m. Bridge Mothers' Union.
- 17.- Tu. 2.30 p.m. Bekesbourne Mothers' Union.
- 18.- Wed. Ember Day.
 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. Bridge.
- 20.- Fri. Ember Day
 7 a.m. Holy Communion. Bridge.
 7.30 p.m. Youth Meeting & Social.
 Reading Room.

Feb.

- 21.- Sat. Ember Day
 8 a.m. Holy Communion. Bridge.
- 22.- Sun. 2nd Sunday in Lent
Bridge. 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 6.30 p.m. Evensong
Patricxbourne. 11.00 a.m. Matins
Bekesbourne. 9.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 3.00 p.m. Evensong
- 24.- Tu. St. Matthias.
 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. Patricxbourne.
- 26.- Th. 8 p.m. Young Wives' Group. Vicarage.

Mar.

- 1.- Sun. 3rd Sunday in Lent
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.
- 3.- Tu. 3 p.m. M.U. Intercessions. Bridge.
 8 p.m. British Legion. King William IV,
 Littlebourne.
- 6.- Fri. 7.30 p.m. Youth Meeting & Social.
 Reading Room.

ALTAR FLOWERS

BRIDGE. High Altar.

1st Feb. Mrs. Williams. 8th Feb. Mrs. Young.

Lady Chapel.

1st Feb. Miss Taylor. 8th Feb. Miss J. Baker.

PATRICXBOURNE.

February. Mrs. Greenwood.

BEKESBOURNE:

1st Feb. - - - 8th Feb. Miss Darville.

N.B. NO FLOWERS DURING LENT.

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VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

Ash Wednesday on 11th February marks the beginning of the Church's annual preparation for a lively spiritual advance at Easter. It should be for each one of us a period of self-cleansing, self-discipline and self-giving leading to a closer walk with God.

In keeping forty days of "prayer and fasting" the Church follows the age-old Bible pattern of spiritual preparation: Moses on Mt. Sinai for forty days and nights before receiving the ten Commandments; Elijah, forty days on Horeb before God speaks to him "in a still, small voice"; and our Lord, fasting in the wilderness, and wrestling with temptation, before embarking on His active ministry.

The object of our LENTEN discipline is not self-improvement, but freedom from selfish and slovenly habits of mind and body, which impede our response to the calling of God. Our Easter Communion should therefore mark the climax of an increasing sense of communion with the mind of God and understanding of His purpose for each of us in the world.

May I suggest the following AIMS for LENT:

1. LOVE GOD - with heart, soul, mind and strength by giving of time to meditation and worship at home and in church.
2. LOVE NEIGHBOUR - by generous giving of alms and service to Church and charities.
3. DENY YOURSELF in order to observe 1 and 2.

THE CHURCH ARMY: You gave a Good Friday collection to the Church Army in 1957, I am glad to see - and now they are going to help us.

A Church Army Mission Van is visiting us from 8th - 22nd March. Their Caravan will be parked in the Vicarage Garden and the two Church Army sisters will be visiting your cottages and holding services for the benefit of those who now find it difficult to go to Church.

I am hoping that you will give them a very warm welcome and invite them to a meal with you

during their stay.

The difficulty of finding time to visit homes when one is trying to cope with three parishes and their many problems is so great that I am glad to feel that these Sisters are going to help me during Lent in this way. We shall all benefit in many ways for there is no doubt that these Sisters are wonderfully gifted to impart the faith and Joy of Christ.

SOME INTERESTING PROBLEMS now receiving our attention, include the following:-

1. Curtains and stage surrounds for the Reading Room, Bridge.
2. Renovation and possible re-siting of the organ at Bekesbourne.
3. Urgent repairs and interior decoration of Patricxbourne Church.
4. Demolition of A.R.P. Shelters and improvements to the courtyards of the Close.

R. I. P.

The parishes have recently lost, through death, the services of several faithful and much loved members, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Hope of Bridge and Mrs. Ronald and Miss Fanny Tonbridge of Patricxbourne. Thank God for their life and witness.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

ROBERT PENNEY.

A PRAYER FOR DAILY USE IN LENT

Look graciously upon us, O Holy Spirit, and give us, for our hallowing, thoughts that pass into prayer, Prayers that pass into Love and love that passes into life with Thee forever.

Amen.

JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES

Prizegiving: We had a very pleasant evening on 22nd December when Mrs. Penney so kindly came and presented the prizes to our members, including the Certificates to those who got "distinction" in

the Diocesan Exam.

We all enjoyed the carols and the Nativity Play which was given in such a reverent manner by those taking part.

Sunshine Guild: We need a new Secretary to fill the vacancy left by Barbara's departure. Will a Senior member please volunteer to fill this post? This is urgent because Joan, our Treasurer, now lives in Canterbury and has not sufficient leisure time to do both jobs.

Meetings: As is usual, we meet for class teaching every Sunday, in Church, at 11 a.m. except 1st Feb. when there is the usual Family Service at 11 a.m.

Found: After Prizegiving. 1 pair child's woollen gloves, 1 "Kynoch" scarf. Please apply to me if they are yours. - J.D.S.

BRIDGE (KENT COUNTY) LIBRARY

The present stock of books will be changed for a new supply on 30th Jan. This is an entirely free service and all residents, Junior and Senior, are entitled to borrow books. The Library is open on Thursdays from 4.30 - 5 p.m., and on Fridays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The services this year will be held at the Methodist Church, St. Peter's St. Canterbury, on Friday, 13th Feb. at 3 p.m. when the Leader will be Mrs. Rowlands and the Speaker Mrs. G.K.A. Bell; and at 7 p.m., Leader Mrs. Field. Speaker, Mrs. Oliver.

MOTHERS' UNION

The combined meeting of our Branches held at Bridge on 19th January proved a very happy occasion. After prayers led by the Vicar we were shown the film "The Woman in a Dressing Gown" which portrayed the breakdown of a marriage and gave us much food for thought. On 16th Feb. at 2.45 p.m. Patricxbourne & Bridge Branch will hear a short talk by Mrs. Ledger on the work of the Watch & Social Problems Committee of the M.U., followed by discussion. Mrs. Field will be speaking to Bekesbourne Branch on "The

Holy Communion" on 17th Feb. at 2.30 p.m.

YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

We were very glad to welcome visitors to our meeting on 22nd January and Miss Campbell's demonstration of Continental Cookery was enjoyed by everybody present.

On 12th February at 7.15 p.m. there is a Deanery Young Wives' Meeting at Wingham when the speaker will be Mrs. Wright from Jamaica. At this meeting there will be a Bring and Buy Stall for Deanery Funds. Transport from the Vicarage at 6.45 p.m. On 26th Feb. we meet at the Vicarage as usual at 8 p.m. when there will be a Discussion Evening.

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism - Bridge

Oct. 19: SYLVIA CAROL, dau. of Dennis and Avril Plain.

Dec. 14: DAVID KEITH, son of James and Winifred Tamsitt.

Dec. 14: JONATHAN VAUGHAN, son of John and Dorothy Stevens.

Patricxbourne

Oct. 19: MARY CAROLYN, dau. of John and Mary Kent.

Bekesbourne

Oct. 31: ROBIN JOHN ERNEST, son of Ernest and Joan Wiebe.

Nov. 30: NICHOLAS, son of Frederick and Joy Smith.

Holy Matrimony - Bekesbourne

Oct. 4: Arthur Charles Cockle and Janet Elizabeth Farbrace.

Burials - Bridge

Sept. 19 - Mary Jones.

Nov. 5 - Edith Mary Wyborn

" 19 - Ada Mercy Wanstall

Dec. 13 - Alice Marie Davis.

Patricxbourne

Dec. 5 - Evelyn Mary Ronald.

Bekesbourne

Nov. 15 - Osborne Herbert Delano-Osborne.

Dec. 13 - Edward John Austin.

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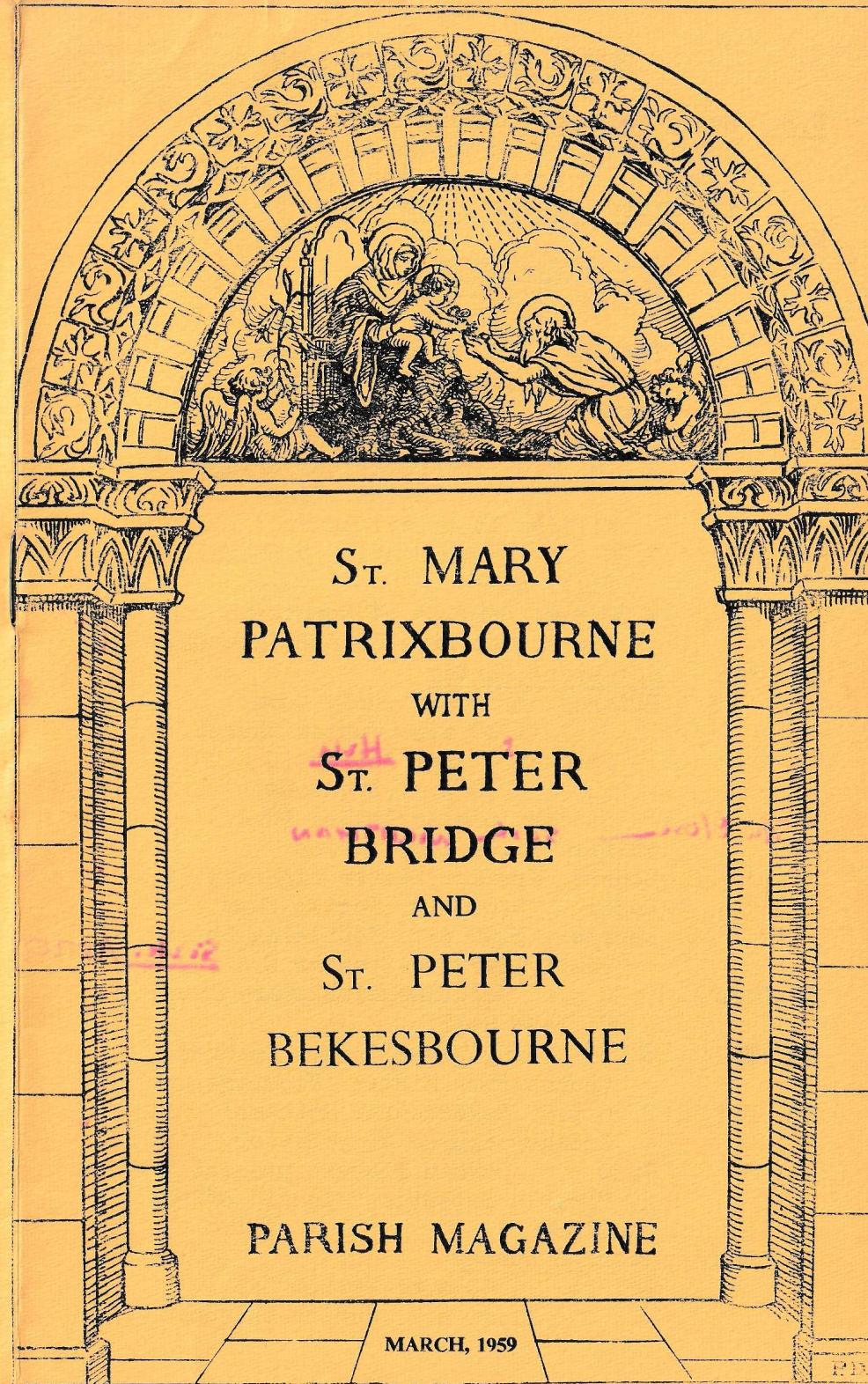
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N.B. Every Wednesday during LENT. 10.30 a.m.
Holy Communion in Bridge Church.
5.30 p.m. A half-hour Evening Service in
the Chapel at the Close - open to all.

Mar.

1. Sun. 3rd Sunday in Lent
Bridge 11.00 a.m. Matins.
11.45 a.m. Holy Comm.
Patricx- 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
bourne 3.00 p.m. Evensong.
Bekes-
bourne 9.30 a.m. Matins.
3. Tu. 3 p.m. M.U. Intercessions. Bridge
8 p.m. British Legion. King.
William IV, Littlebourne.
6. Fri. 7.30 p.m. Youth Meeting & Social.
Vill. Hall.
7. Sat. 7.30 p.m. Service of Commissioning
the Church Army Team. Bridge Ch.
8. Sun. Mothering Sunday
Bridge. 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
11.00 a.m. Junior Church.
Speaker Sister Astley (C.A.)
6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Speaker Sister Astley (C.A.)
Patricx- 11.00 a.m. Matins.
bourne Speaker Sister Wightman (C.A.)
Bekes- 9.00 a.m. Parish Comm.
bourne 3.00 p.m. Mothering Sunday.
Family Service. Speaker C.A. Student
10. Tues. 7.30 p.m. Zululand Missionary Evening
Village Hall.
12. Th. 8 p.m. Young Wives Group. Speaker
Church Army Sister. Vicarage.
13. Fri. 2.30 p.m. Bekesbourne Mothers' Union
Speaker Church Army Sister.
7.30 p.m. Barham Players present
"Double Deception" in aid of the
Close.
15. Sun. Passion Sunday
Bridge 9.00 a.m. Parish Comm.
11.00 a.m. Junior Church.

15. Sun. Passion Sunday contd.
Speaker Sister Wightman (C.A.)
Patricxbourne. 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
3.00 p.m. Evensong.
Speaker Sister Wightman (C.A.)
Bekesbourne 11.00 a.m. Matins.
Speaker Sister Astley (C.A.)
"The Work of a Deaconess".
17. Tu. 7.30 p.m. Bekesbourne Parish Evening at
the Hut to meet the Church Army
Mission Team.
18. Wed. 7.30 p.m. Church Army Meeting. Bridge
Village Hall.
19. Th. 7.30 p.m. Church Army Meeting. Bridge
Village Hall.
20. Fri. 7.30 p.m. Church Army Youth Meeting
Bridge Village Hall.
21. Sat. 7.30 p.m. Church Army Talk with coloured
illustrations. Bridge Village Hall.
22. Sun. Palm Sunday
Bridge. 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
11.00 a.m. Junior Church.
Speaker Church Army Student.
6.30 p.m. "The Cross of Christ"
Patricxbourne 11.00 a.m. Matins.
Speaker Sister Astley (C.A.)
Bekesbourne 9.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
3.00 p.m. "The Cross of
Christ".
23. Mon. 7.30 p.m. Final Mission Service followed
by Parish Communion at 8 p.m.
Bridge Church.
24. Tu. 7 a.m. Holy Communion. Patricxbourne
7 p.m. Holy Week service. Bekesbourne Sch.
25. Wed. Annunciation of B.V.M.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
(M.U. Corporate) Bridge.
26. Th. Maundy Thursday
7 a.m. Holy Communion. Bridge.
7.30 p.m. A Meditation in Bridge Church
27. Fri. Good Friday
7 a.m. Ante-Communion and Litany. Bridge

27. Fri. Good Friday contd.
 10 a.m. Family Service. Bridge.
 12 - 3 p.m. THREE HOURS DEVOTION.
Bridge.
 6.30 p.m. Evening Service at Bekes-
bourne School.
29. Sun. EASTER DAY
Bridge. 9.00 a.m. Parish Comm.
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church.
 6.30 p.m. Festal Evensong.
 Patricxbourne 11.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 with Hymns.
 Bekesbourne 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
 3.00 p.m. Festal Evensong.
30. Mon. Easter Monday
 8 a.m. Holy Communion. Bridge.
31. Tu. Easter Tuesday
 7 a.m. Holy Communion. Bridge.

April

5. Sun. Low Sunday
Bridge. 11.00 a.m. Matins.
 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion.
 Patricxbourne 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 3.00 p.m. Evensong.
 Bekesbourne 9.30 a.m. Matins.

CONFESSIONS: Maundy Thursday 26th March
 6 - 7 p.m. in Bridge Church, and by
 special appointment.

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ALTAR FLOWERS

(NO FLOWERS IN LENT)

EASTER FLOWERS. Please deliver your gifts for
 the decoration of the three churches to church
 by 10 a.m. on Saturday 28th March.

EASTER LILIES in memory of a loved one, may be
 given for the Altar - or money for the purchase
 of lilies.

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VICAR'S LETTER

My dear people,

"GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD, and preach
 the Gospel to every creature". That was our
 Risen Lord's last command to His disciples

before His Ascension, "And they went forth, and
 preached everywhere, the Lord working with them,
 and confirming the word with signs following".
 (St. Mark 16.20). And so Churches or Church
 Members who are not Missionary-minded are
 failing dismally in discipleship and are missing
 the joyful experience of having "the Lord working
 with them".

It is good news that during this last
 year the amount given by our three parishes for
 Overseas Missions has increased from £33 in
 1957 to £71 in 1958, but we can do better than
 this!

ZULULAND: We have promised to raise £15
 p.a. for Bishop Tom Savage, and on TUESDAY
 March 10th at 7.30 p.m. in the Hall we shall
 have a visit from two friends of the Bishop who
 will give us a talk, illustrated by lovely
 coloured film - strips of the Mission work in
 Zululand and Swaziland.

CHURCH ARMY PARISH VISIT. We have two
 C.A. Sisters, Sister Wightman and Sister Astley,
 and a Student, with us from 7th to 23rd March.
 They will be helping us to keep Lent in the
 spirit of worship, by holding special weekday
 services in our Halls, Huts, Schools and homes,
 as well as Sunday services in Church. I believe
 that if we ALL give our friendship and full
 support to them, by prayer, by coming to Meetings
 by offering the hospitality of our homes for
 small "house-meetings, and accepting gladly the
 help they offer, we shall find Lent a time of
 lively growth in the Christian faith.

If any of you are willing to invite a few
 neighbours and friends to your home for a short
 meeting, I will give you some special "Invitation
 Cards" to use and tell you anything you may want
 to know.

BEKESBOURNE: We had an exciting idea for moving the organ out of the Vestry Chamber to a gallery at the West end of the Church - but the pipes are too tall! We are completing the overhaul as quickly as possible and hope to have our cleaned and renovated organ in action, again by Easter Day. BUT - WE BADLY NEED MORE MONEY! For the past few months we have had no donations and WE STILL NEED at least £150 to pay for the work now in hand. The burden is too heavy for the "faithful few" who have already given - SO WILL YOU HELP US - those of you in Bekesbourne and the BROTHER PARISHES who have not yet given?

PATRIXBOURNE: We have put in hand certain urgent repairs and we hope to decorate the interior this year. YOUR DONATIONS towards the bill would be a comfort and help!

BRIDGE: It was a very generous act on the part of the Horticultural Society to give a donation of £30 towards new curtains and stage fittings at the Village Hall. We shall try to show our appreciation by carrying out the improvements as well and as quickly as we are able. Thank you, fellow-horticulturalists!

CONFIRMATION: Apart from a few older Candidates who may be Confirmed at other Churches, I am NOT planning a Parish Confirmation this year. I HOPE and expect to have enough candidates coming forward this year to justify a CONFIRMATION in one of our own Churches early in 1960. Meanwhile I want all young people over 11 years to join our Youth Fellowship for "WORSHIP, WORK AND RECREATION" as the first stage in preparation. Our group in Bridge is going well and the next step is

to start a group in the Bekesbourne/Patrixbourne Area, meeting at the School.

AFTER EASTER - We plan to start a SUNDAY SCHOOL as well as a YOUTH FELLOWSHIP in the Bekesbourne/Patrixbourne area, (Details in next Magazine and Notices).

PARISH NEWS. Several notices of Weddings and funerals will have to be held over until next month owing to lack of space.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to Mr.J. D.Smith, our Lay-reader at Bridge, whose wife has just died, after a long period of ill-health. We hope that he will find solace in the much appreciated work that he does for his church - and "road-safety" training of children.

A VERY HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL - GOD BLESS YOU.

Your friend and Vicar,

ROBERT PENNEY.

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MOTHERS' UNION

Patixbourne & Bridge. We deeply regret the loss of Mrs.Hope, a loyal and faithful member of the Mothers' Union for so many years. She was a committee member from 1953 and was always a happy and willing helper, with a great sense of humour. We shall all miss her very much at our meetings.

We are glad to welcome Mrs.Greenwood into our Branch at the meeting in February.

Members are reminded of our Corporate Communion at St.Peter's, Bridge at 10.30 a.m. on 25th March - The Feast of the Annunciation.

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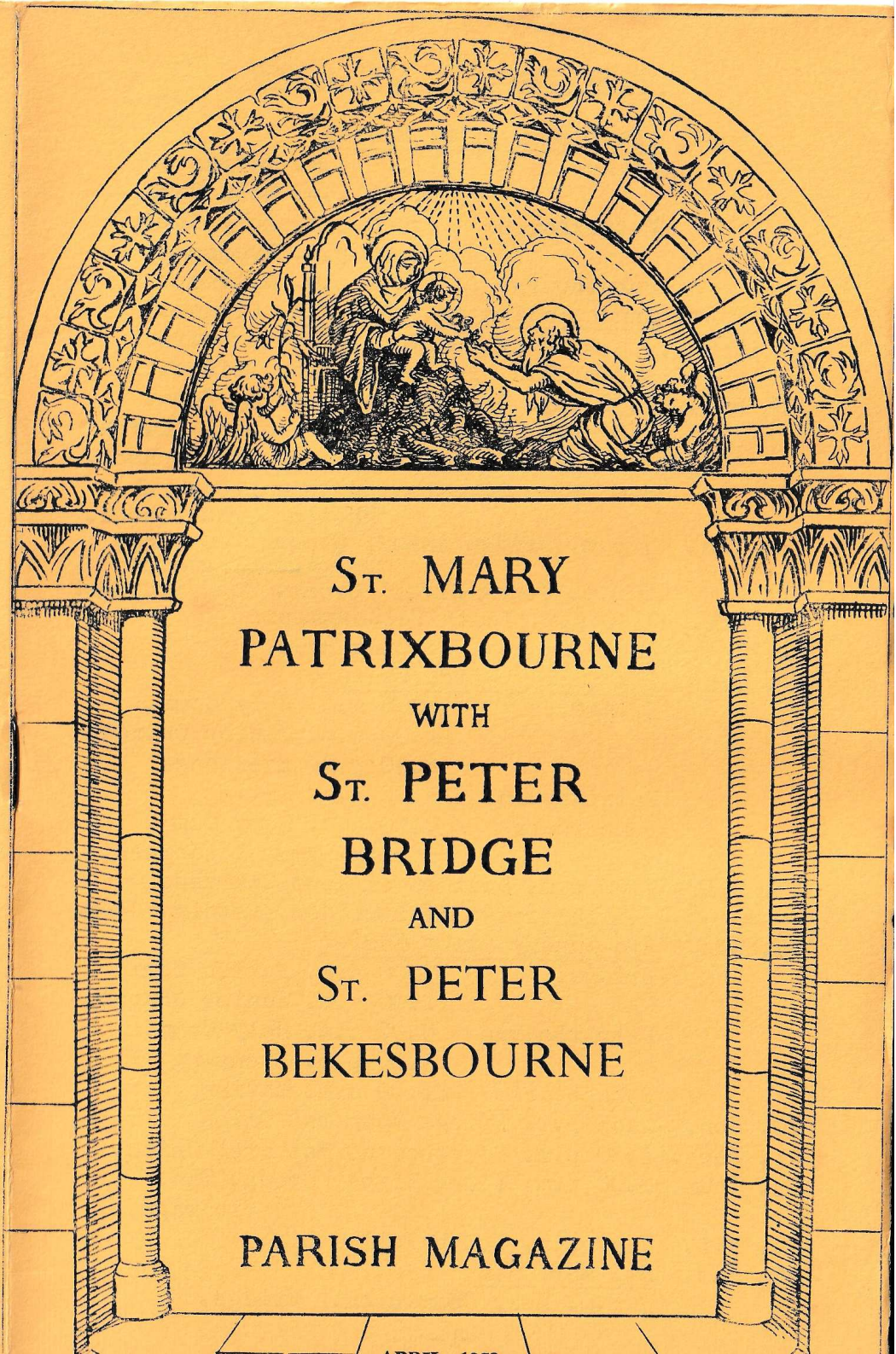
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5. Sun. 1st Sunday after Easter
 Bridge. 11.00 a.m. Matins
 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm.
 Patricxbourne 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 3.00 p.m. Evensong
 Bekesbourne 9.30 a.m. Matins
7. Tues. Annunciation of the B.V.M. (Trans.)
 7 a.m. Holy Communion. Patricxbourne
 3 p.m. M.U. Intercessions, Bridge.
8. Wed. 2.30 p.m. Grand Sale. Reading Room.
 7.0 p.m. Bekesbourne Parochial Church
 Council Meeting. The School.
 8.0 p.m. Bekesbourne Annual General
 Meeting. The School.
9. Thu. 7 p.m. Bridge Annual General Meeting.
 8 p.m. Young Wives' ~~School~~ Reading Room. The Vicarage.
10. Fri. 7.30 p.m. Youth Fellowship.
11. Sat. Choir Dance: Reading Room.
12. Sun. 2nd Sunday after Easter.
 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.
 with Hymns & Address.
17. Fri. 7.30 p.m. Lecture on Kent Churches
 Illustrated with slides. Reading Room.
19. Sun. 3rd Sunday after Easter
 Bridge. 9.00 a.m. Parish Comm.
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church.
 Patricxbourne 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 3.00 p.m. Evensong.
 Bekesbourne 11.00 a.m. Matins
20. Mon. 2.45 p.m. Bridge Mothers' Union.
21. Tues. 2.30 p.m. Bekesbourne Mothers' Union.
23. Thur. 8.00 p.m. Young Wives' Group. The
 Vicarage.
24. Fri. 7.30 p.m. Youth Fellowship.
25. Sat. St. Mark A.M.
 7 a.m. Holy Communion. Bridge.

26. Sun. 4th Sunday after Easter
 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.
 3.00 p.m. Family Service.
- May
3. Sun. Rogation Sunday
 Bridge. 11.0 a.m. Matins & Holy
 Comm.
 Patricxbourne 8.0 a.m. Holy Comm.
 3.0 p.m. Evensong.
 Bekesbourne 9.30 a.m. Family Service.

ALTAR FLOWERS

BRIDGE

High Altar

5th April Mrs. Berry. 12th. Mrs. Carr
 19th " Mrs. Carroll. 26th. Mrs. Cherry
 3rd May Mrs. Friend.

Lady Chapel

5th April Miss Lemar. 12th. Miss Mummery
 19th " Miss Setterfield. 26th. Miss Stevens
 3rd May Miss Taylor.

PATRICXBOURNE

April - Mrs. Mount. May - Mrs. Parker.

BEKESBOURNE

5th April Miss Nunn. 12th. Mrs. Sandall.
 19th " Mrs. Watson. 26th. Mrs. Hogben.
 3rd May Mrs. Watson-Taylor.

VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

I hope that your Easter has brought joy and blessing to you all.

At this time last year I wrote to you to introduce myself and family to you, and we were looking forward to coming amongst you - but with a certain amount of inner trepidation! Now, after our first year, I feel St. Paul could truthfully say to us (as he wrote to the Ephesians) "Now you are no more strangers and foreigners,

but fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God) (in Patricbourne, Bridge and Bekesbourne). It has been a very happy year for us and we are looking forward to the forthcoming year, encouraged by and grateful to you all for your warm friendship and co-operation.

CHURCH ARMY VISIT. Many people have expressed to me their appreciation of the work and visits of the C.A. Sisters and I in turn would like to say thank you to all of you who acted as their hostesses.

FUTURE PLANS. Based on my experience of the past year, and subject to your approval at the Parochial Annual General Meeting, I am making the following proposals:-

1. SUNDAY SCHOOL (Patricbourne-Bekesbourne).

This will start on SUNDAY, May 10th at 10 a.m. at Patricbourne Church, and will meet at the same time every Sunday (except the 1st Sunday in the month, on which is a Family Service at 9.30 a.m. at Bekesbourne.) The Sunday School will provide classes for Infants of 2½ years upwards and Juniors under the Supervision of Mrs. Greenwood and a bevy of young teachers.

2. YOUTH FELLOWSHIP. (Patricbourne-Bekesbourne)

This will start with a Social for Teenagers (11-19 years) at Bekesbourne School on 7th May and will meet there at 7.30 p.m. on 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month thereafter. Bridge Group is now up to 30 members and going well - so let's see what we can do at Bekesbourne.

3. SERVICES. It is clear that at Bekesbourne 9 a.m. is not the best time for a service and starting in MAY I shall offer you a similar pattern to what you had a year ago viz:-

1st Sunday: 9.30 a.m. Family Service.
2nd & 5th: (8 a.m. Holy Communion
(3 p.m. Evensong
3rd 11 a.m. Matins.

4th 11 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns & Short Address.

I hope that this will enable the majority to make their Communion regularly at the time best suited to family routine, and parents and children to worship together at family services.

At Bridge, the growing popularity of the 9 a.m. Sung Parish Communion encourages me to suggest having this service on the 2nd Sunday in place of the present 8 a.m. Celebration. This change would enable me to give Bekesbourne a Celebration at 8 a.m. which is greatly needed.

PATRICBOURNE CHURCH RESTORATION

We are going to redecorate this year and carry out some urgent repairs and improvements. To help to raise money there will be a GRAND SALE at Bridge Reading Room on 8th April, and on Sat. 17th April at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Lawrence Jones will give his delightful lecture on the beauties of Kent Churches, illustrated with many lovely coloured slides. Please all come.

PAROCHIAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS, to elect your P.C.C. and Churchwardens, will take place at Bekesbourne on Wed. 8th April and at Bridge on Thursday, 9th April. Please all try to come and do your duty. I hope to see you there.

Your friend and Vicar,
ROBERT PENNEY.

BRIDGE JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES

Sunshine Guild. This Guild is now working with a new Secretary and a new Treasurer and as funds are low, we are holding a Jumble Sale on Monday, 13th April at 6.30 p.m. If you can help us by giving part-worn clothing or any other useful things you no longer need, we shall be very grateful and members will be glad to call and collect them if you will let us know.

Staffing. Miss Christina Pratt is taking over the Junior Class, as from Easter Day and I am hoping that we shall have sufficient members to enable us to turn this into two classes. If we do, Mrs. Gordon Smith has volunteered to take over the younger members. With the advent of these two new teachers the Junior Church should go ahead with new vigour.

Concert. Many people have asked me if we are having our annual Concert this year. We are, but not until the Autumn, as owing to circumstances beyond our control, we have not been able to prepare the necessary material this winter.

Meetings. On the first Sunday in every month we all meet for Service in Church at 11 a.m. On every other Sunday the Junior Church meets at 11 a.m. in Church for Class teaching.

GRAND SALE !!!

A Grand Sale will be held in Bridge Reading Room on Wednesday, 8th April at 2.30 p.m., to raise money for the re-decoration of Patricxbourne Church and Bridge Church Funds.

Second hand stalls; New stall; Produce stall and Teas.

MOTHERS' UNION

Will members please note that the date of the M.U. Deanery Festival has been changed from Thursday, 18th June to Thursday, 25th June, at 3 p.m. at Ickham Church.

On 20th April the Patricxbourne & Bridge Branch will hear a talk by Mrs. Rock on "the M.U. Branch as a Spiritual Force in the Parish".

Mr. Freeman, of the Mission to Seamen is coming to the Bekesbourne Branch on 21st April to show us films and speak about the work of the Mission.

YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

The Group is growing in numbers and we should be pleased to welcome new members on the second and fourth Thursdays in the month at 8 p.m. at the Vicarage.

On 9th April we have a talk on Marriage Guidance and on 23rd April a demonstration by Singer Sewing Machine Co.

BEKESBOURNE BRITISH LEGION

The recently formed Service Committee has now dealt with three cases - £10 for removal expenses; £6 at 10/- a week for groceries for 12 weeks; a similar grant of £3. These grants were made by return of post, thanks to properly completed application forms.

All ex-service personnel, whether members of the Legion or not, and their dependents are eligible for assistance, and cases are investigated by Parish sub-committees. That for Bekesbourne comprises the Vicar (chairman), Mrs.W.M.Wallis, Messrs. J.Newport and T.D. Russell.

The next meeting of the branch will be held at the Prince of Wales, Bekesbourne on Tuesday, 7th April.

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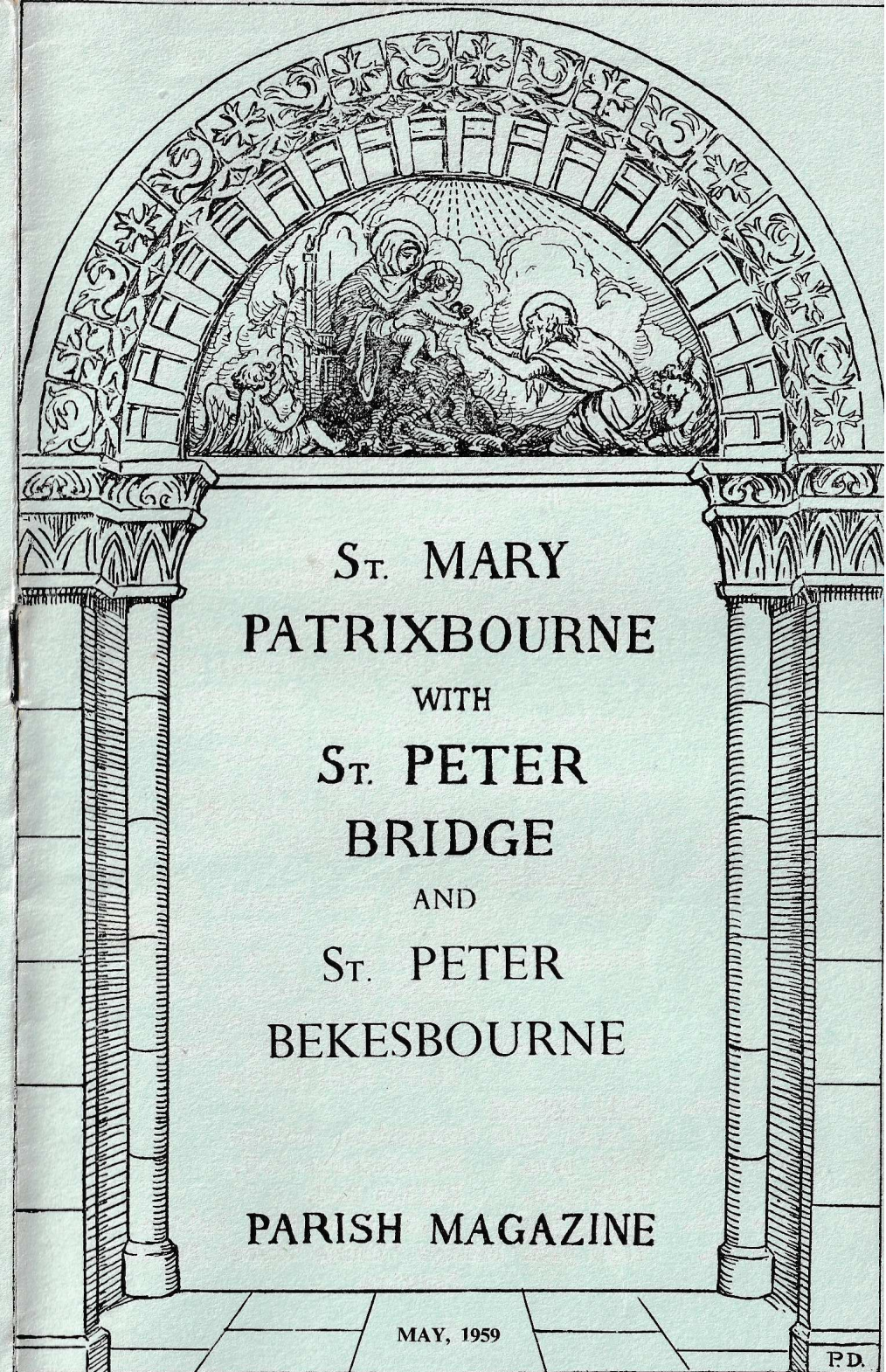
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 Bridge 11.00 a.m. Family Service
 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm.
 Patricxbourne 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 3.00 p.m. Evensong
 Bekesbourne 9.30 a.m. Family Service

4 - Mon. Rogation Day 7.00 a.m. H.C. Bridge

5 - Tu. Rogation Day 7.00 a.m. H.C. Bridge
 3 p.m. M.U. Intercessions: Bridge Ch.

6 - Wed. Rogation Day 10.30 a.m. H.C. Bridge

7 - Th. Ascension Day
 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Patricxbourne
 7.30 p.m. Bekesbourne Youth Social.
 School.

8 - Fri. 7.30 p.m. Bridge Youth Fellowship

9 - Sat. 2.30 p.m. MAY FAYRE. Bekesbourne Sch.

10 - Sun. Sunday after Ascension
 Bridge 9.00 a.m. Parish C. (Sung)
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church
 6.30 p.m. Evensong
 Patricxbourne 10.00 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL
 11.00 a.m. Matins
 Bekesbourne 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 3.00 p.m. Evensong

14 - Th. 8 p.m. Young Wives' Group, Vicarage

17 - Sun. Whit Sunday
 Bridge 9.00 a.m. Parish C. (Sung)
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church
 Patricxbourne 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 10.00 a.m. Sunday School
 3.00 p.m. Evensong
 Bekesbourne 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 11.00 a.m. Matins

18 - Mon. Whit Monday
 8 a.m. Holy Communion, Bridge

19 - Tu. 2.30 p.m. Bekesbourne M.U.
 2.45 p.m. Bridge M.U.

20 - Wed. Ember Day 10.30 a.m. H.C. Bridge

21 - Th. 7.30 p.m. Bridge 'Young Wives' Festival
 Service

22 - Fri. Ember Day 7.00 a.m. H.C. Bridge
 7.30 p.m. Bridge Y.Fell.

23 - Sat. Ember Day 7.00 a.m. H.C. Bridge
 7.30 p.m. Choir Beetle Drive & Social
 Reading Rm.

24 - Sun. Trinity Sunday
 Bridge 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church
 6.30 p.m. Evensong
 Patricxbourne 10.00 a.m. Sunday School
 11.00 a.m. Matins
 Bekesbourne 11.00 a.m. Holy Comm. with
 Hymns & Address

28 - Th. 8 p.m. Young Wives' Group, Vicarage

31 - Sun. 1st Sunday after Trinity
 Bridge 9.00 a.m. Par.C. (Sung)
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church
 6.30 p.m. Evensong
 Patricxbourne 10.00 a.m. Sunday School
 11.00 a.m. Matins
 Bekesbourne 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 3.00 p.m. Evensong

JUNE 4 - Thurs. 3 p.m. British & Foreign Bible
 Society Garden Party: St. Augustine's
 College grounds.
 7.15 p.m. PIANO RECITAL in aid of
 Bekesbourne Organ Fund by ALFRED TAYLOR
 at Bekesbourne School.

ALTAR FLOWERS

<u>BRIDGE</u>	<u>High Altar</u>		
3rd May	Mrs. Friend	10th May	Mrs. Gilbert
17th "	Mrs. H. Hawkins	24th "	Mrs. Howard-Smith
31st "	Mrs. Hunter	7th June	Mrs. Ledger
	<u>Lady Chapel</u>		
3rd May	Miss Taylor	10th May	Miss Baker
17th "	Miss Lemar	24th "	Miss Mummery
31st "	Miss Setterfield		
		7th June	Miss Stevens

PATRICXBOURNE

May - - Mrs. Parker June - - Mrs. Potter

BEKESBOURNE

3rd May	Mrs. Watson-Taylor	10th	Mrs. Hulse
17th "	Mrs. Ash	24th	Mrs. Newport
31st "	Mrs. Scales	7th June	Mrs. Arman

VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

I thank you all very warmly for your generous Easter Offering, which amounted to £46.3.4 (Bekesbourne £20.6.9, Patrixbourne & Bridge £25.16.7). It was very good to see so many of you in Church on Easter Day and I have never seen Churches more beautifully decorated.

HOLY COMMUNION and "the moment of truth"

To the Toreador the moment of truth comes when the sword point is placed for the kill and the die is cast for success or failure.

For the Communicant a "moment of Truth" may occur as the Chalice is administered. Are you truly "in love and charity with your neighbour" and drawing near "with faith" to take the Holy Sacrament to your comfort? Or is there an instinctive drawing back - a reluctance to drink from the Cup from which your neighbour has just drunk - because of a weakness in love or in faith? Although it is customary to wipe the Chalice each time it is re-placed on the Altar, it is not the general practice to wipe the lip of the cup after every Communicant, and for me this would be a denial of the true nature of the Sacrament and would deprive someone of this vital "moment of truth" - the challenge of the Holy Spirit - which must be faced by every Christian before unity is achieved. It was only when Francis of Assissi turned back and embraced the leper that his saintly life began.

When Christ took the Cup and gave it to His disciples they all drank from it, sharing His Cup as an act of unity and love. To them, and to us - this is Christ's blood, by which, through faith we receive the life of Christ into ourselves. (Read I. Cor. XI, 17 on).

On grounds of hygiene, I doubt if there is any case for wiping the Chalice after each person. Wine is itself antiseptic and there is less danger from germs here than through kissing, conversation or any occasion when people come together and

breathe the same air. Priests consume the ablutions after every Celebration and yet their longevity is unequalled!

But for me the last word on this subject is "consecration". We believe that wherever Christ is present good is brought out of evil: can anyone therefore seriously believe that out of this good act, whereby wine is consecrated and given to Believers in accordance with His Commands, any evil could ensue? "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?"

Your friend and Vicar,

ROBERT PENNEY

PARISH VESTRY & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Bekesbourne

The meetings were held on Wednesday 8th April, and the following were elected to office:-

Churchwardens: Mr. W. R. Mowll, Vicar's Warden; Mr. H. S. Shorey, People's Warden.

Diocesan Conference Representative: Mr. C. E. Watson-Taylor (elected in 1958 for 3 years).

Parochial Church Council: Messrs. C. E. Watson-Taylor, T. Ash, C. Noble & F. Carey. Mesdames Belsey Baker, Coombes, Jury, Newport, Noble, Sandall, Penney, Russell & Tyler.

Sidesmen: Messrs. Newport, F. Carey, Tyler, Sandall, Ash, Weatheral, Watson-Taylor & Russell.

Patrixbourne & Bridge

Joint meetings were held on Thursday 9th April and the following were elected to office:-

Churchwardens: Bridge. Capt. A. E. W. Farish-Sandbach, Vicar's Warden; Lieut-Col. J. L. Carr, People's Warden.

Patrixbourne. Mr. W. J. Parker, Vicar's Warden; Mr. C. A. Potter, People's Warden. Diocesan Conference Representative: Capt. Sandbach (elected in 1958 for 3 years).

Ruri-Decanal Conference Representatives: Mrs. Ledger, Miss Seath & Col. Carr.

Parochial Church Council: Messrs. E.Greenwood, J.D.Smith, J.Mc.Quie, L.J.Williams. Mesdames, Christopherson, Parker, Penney, Potter & Sidders; Misses Richards, Wass & Wylie. Sidesmen: Bridge. Messrs. A.Fenn, W.Kennett, J.Mc.Quie, H.Stanbridge & L.J.Williams. Patrixbourne. G.Rooke, N.Christopherson & E.Greenwood.

At both Meetings the Vicar expressed his gratitude to the Churchwardens, sidesmen, members of the P.C.C. and Choir, the Organist and Bell-ringers for their help and co-operation during the past year - and to Mr.Henry Foord for his voluntary work maintaining the Church clock.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Young Wives' Groups of our Deanery are holding their Annual Deanery Service at Bridge Church on Thursday 21st May at 7.30 p.m. in Bridge Church and members are invited to this Service and to meet the Young Wives over a cup of tea in the Village Hall afterwards.

Bridge and Patrixbourne Branch meeting will be on Tuesday 19th May when we hope for a large attendance to welcome Mr.Church who is coming to speak to us on the History of the Prayer Book.

Bekesbourne Branch also meet on Tuesday 19th May. Our Speaker will be Mrs.Welch and her subject, "The Church Today".

YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

Members are reminded of the Deanery Service at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 21st May at Bridge Church. After the service we shall entertain the other Groups in the Village Hall and I should be glad of contributions of cakes towards the catering.

We continue to meet on 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 8 p.m. in the Vicarage. On 14th May there will be a Social Evening and on 28th May Mrs. Alan Bailey is coming to speak to us on "The Sex Education of Children".

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP - PATRIBOURNE & BEKESBOURNE

All young people between the ages of 11 and 19 are invited to our opening Social at Bekesbourne

School at 7.30 p.m. on 7th May. At this meeting the Vicar will explain the purpose of the Youth Fellowship which will meet in future on 2nd and 4th Thursdays in the month.

BRIDGE JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES

Sunshine Guild. The Jumble Sale realised the sum of £11.0.7d. We also received a donation of £2.2.0d. from a lady, Miss E.M.Almedingen, who lives in Shropshire. As a result of this, together with the fact that the membership of the Guild has increased considerably under the enthusiasm of the new Officers, we now have a very nice balance in hand. Will everybody who helped us, especially Mrs.Harry Hawkins, please accept our sincere thanks.

Membership. Our numbers are increasing each week and our new teachers are doing very good work. Will you please help them with your prayers?

Meetings. On the first Sunday in the month we all meet for FAMILY SERVICE in Church at 11 a.m.

On every other Sunday in the month we meet in Church at 11 a.m. for Class Teaching. J.D.S.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT PATRIBOURNE CHURCH

Commencing Sunday 10th May, there will be Sunday School at 10 a.m. for 30 minutes every Sunday (except the 1st Sunday). Will all parents of children aged 2½ upwards bring or send them on this first Sunday so that they may be enrolled in proper classes and get off to a good start!

The Superintendent, Mrs. Greenwood, The Bartons, Patrixbourne (tel. Bridge 288) will be glad to answer any enquiries.

BEKESBOURNE MAY FAYRE

A May Fayre is to be held at Bekesbourne School and Grounds on Saturday 9th May in aid of BEKESBOURNE ORGAN FUND.

PLEASE COME AND GIVE YOUR SUPPORT. We particularly hope to see visitors from other Parishes. We still have £250 to find for the Bekesbourne Organ.

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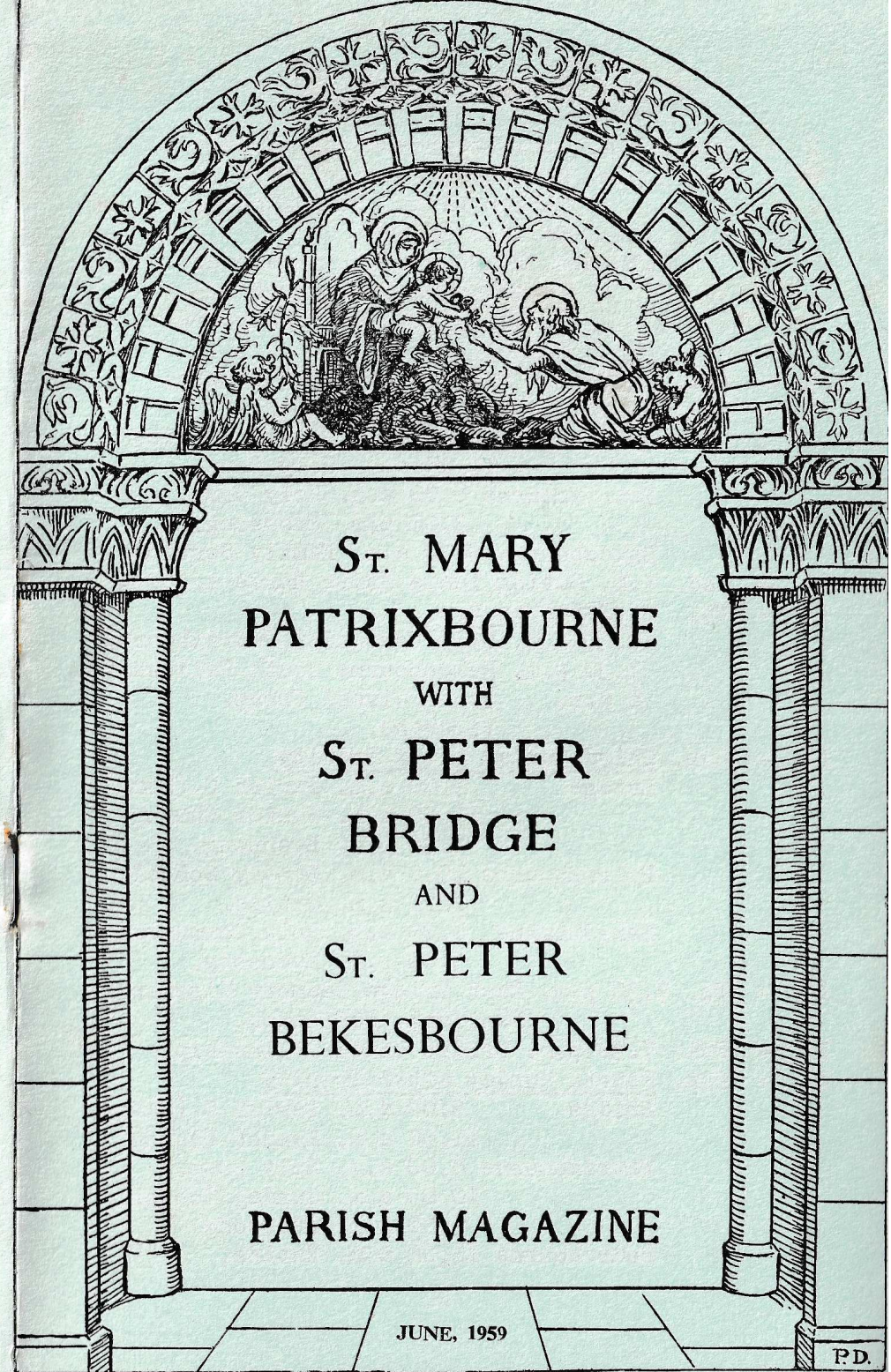
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- 2 - Tu. 3 p.m. M.U. Intercessions. Bridge.
 4 - Th. 3 p.m. British & Foreign Bible Soc.
 Garden Party. St. Augustine's
 College Grounds.
 7.15 p.m. PIANO RECITAL in aid of
 Bekesbourne Organ Fund by
 ALFRED TAYLOR at Bekesbourne
 School.
- 5 - Fri. 7.30 p.m. Bridge Youth Fellowship.
 7 - Sun. Second Sunday after Trinity.
 Bridge 11.00 a.m. Family Service
 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm.
 Patricxbourne 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 3.00 p.m. Evensong.
 Bekesbourne 9.30 a.m. Family Service.
- 10 - Wed. M.U. Outing leave White Horse 1.30 p.m.
 11 - Th. St. Barnabas A.M.
 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. Patricxbourne
 7.30 p.m. Bekesbourne Youth Fellowship
 8 p.m. Young Wives' Group.
 Vicarage.
- 14 - Sun. Third Sunday after Trinity
 Bridge 9.00 a.m. Parish C. (Sung)
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church
 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
 Patricxbourne 10.0 a.m. Sunday School.
 11.0 a.m. Matins.
 Bekesbourne 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 3.00 p.m. Evensong.
- 18 - Th. 7.30 p.m. East Bridge Deanery Missionary
 Festival, Nonington.
 19 - Fri. 7.30 p.m. Bridge Youth Fellowship.
 21 - Sun. Fourth Sunday after Trinity
 Bridge 9.00 a.m. Parish C. (Sung)
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church
 Patricxbourne 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
 3.00 p.m. Evensong.
 Bekesbourne 11.00 a.m. Matins.

- 24 - Wed. Nativity of St. John the Baptist
 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. Bridge.
 25 - Th. 3 p.m. Deanery Festival Ickham.
 7.30 p.m. Bekesbourne Youth
 Fellowship.
 8 p.m. Young Wives' Group. Vicarage.
 28 - Sun. Fifth Sunday after Trinity
 Bridge. 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 11.00 a.m. Junior Ch.
 6.30 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG
 Patricxbourne 10.0 a.m. Sunday School
 11.0 a.m. Matins.
 Bekesbourne 11.0 a.m. Holy Comm. with
 Hymns and Address.
- 29 - Mon. St. Peter A.M.
 7 a.m. Holy Communion. Bridge.

July

- 4 - Sat. VILLAGE HALL FETE.
 5 - Sun. Sixth Sunday after Trinity
 Bridge 11.00 a.m. Family Service
 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm.
 Patricx- 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
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ALTAR FLOWERS

BRIDGE: High Altar

7th June Mrs. Ledger 14th June Mrs. Middleton
 21st " Mrs. Penney 28th " Mrs. Roadley
 5th July Mrs. Sandbach.

Lady Chapel

7th June Miss Stevens 14th June Mrs. G. Smith
 21st " Mrs. Weller 28th " Mrs. Williamson
 5th July Miss J. Baker

PATRICXBOURNE

June - Mrs. Potter. July - Mrs. Stevens.

BEKESBOURNE

7th June Mrs. Arman 14th June Mrs. Wilson
 21st " Mrs. Whigham 28th " Miss Wallace
 5th July Bekesbourne Brownies

My dear People,

Bekesbourne May Fayre was a great success and a very happy occasion, thanks to glorious sunshine, much hard work and generosity on the part of many, and the kindness of Bobby's of Folkestone, who sent us flags, shields and bunting for decoration. A profit of £51 was made for the Organ Fund, which is good news as the organ has now been completed, but we still need at least £200 to clear the cost. Our grateful thanks to Mrs. Sandall for her unsparing efforts in organising this most enjoyable event.

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You will be glad to know that the Patixbourne & Bekesbourne Sunday School has made a wonderful start. Already 35 or more children have been enrolled and teachers and children are equally enthusiastic.

The Youth Fellowship at Bekesbourne also made a good start with a Social at which 34 young people enrolled. I warmly invite all young folk of 11+ upwards to join us at the Hut at 7.30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month.

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On my return from an instructive and inspiring conference with all the clergy of the Diocese at Margate, I was delighted to find that a party of ladies from the Bridge Mothers' Union and young Wives' Group had spent some busy hours polishing the pews in Bridge Church, and I am very grateful to them.

I cannot overstress the value which I place on voluntary work by parishioners in the care of our churches, church furnishings, and ornaments and of the surrounding grounds and graveyards. All over the country Vicars receive complaints about neglect of churchyards, but it is not perhaps realised that there is neither money nor labour available to keep graveyards and church gardens in a well-kept state and it is only by voluntary labour that this can be done.

I will gladly receive offers of assistance from those who are willing to do some work in any of the churchyards; to cut grass, trim hedges and bushes, clean tombstones, tend flower beds etc.

A list will be put up in each church of jobs of work for which volunteers would be appreciated and on St. Peter's Day, 29th June, (our Patronal Festival at Bridge and Bekesbourne) these lists, representing our offering of work to God, will be blessed at the Altar.

The time has come for a revival of the spirit of Christian stewardship in its widest sense. In days of old, and today in the mission field, wonderful work was done and is being done through the giving of labour for Christ's sake. Today there is a great need of sacrificial giving of time and labour in God's service.

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Our best wishes and congratulations go with Sergeant Corke who has been promoted and transferred to Maidstone. We shall miss him and his family very much. Many will have cause to remember with gratitude P.C. Corke, whose pastoral care for people, and interest in the affairs of the village, went far beyond the call of duty. I remember with pleasure the way he reported to me in old clothes on his day off to help me with the labour of preparing for the Vicarage Garden Fete.

I hope we shall find ourselves equally blessed in his successor, to whom, we offer a warm welcome.

Your friend and Vicar,

ROBERT PENNEY.

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MOTHERS' UNION

All members are reminded of the Deanery Festival Service at Ickham on Thursday, 25th June at 3 p.m.

Patricxbourne & Bridge Branch outing will be on Wednesday, 10th June. The coach will leave the White Horse at 1.30 p.m., drive to Rye; tea at Tentenden and from there we will proceed to Hawkhurst for Evensong. Home about 8.30 p.m. Approximate cost 11/-.

Intercession service - Bridge Church
2nd June at 3 p.m.

YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

On 11th June Mrs. McKeever is coming to tell us about her work as a Children's Officer and we would welcome any Mothers' Union members who would like to join us on this occasion.

On 25th June we are having a flower arranging competition. There will be no restriction as to type or style of arrangement, only they should not be very large!

We are very sorry to lose two of our members, Mrs. Corke and Mrs. Griffiths through removal.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT PATRIBOURNE CHURCH

We were very glad to welcome so many children at our first service. If there are any children too young to come by themselves, the teachers will gladly escort them - please contact the Superintendent, Mrs. Greenwood, The Bartons, Patricxbourne, if you would like your child to be collected.

The FIRST SUNDAY IN EACH MONTH there will be FAMILY SERVICE at BEKESBOURNE CHURCH at 9.30 a.m. This, of course, will take the place of Sunday School and we hope that Mothers and Fathers will co-operate and make this a real FAMILY service.

BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL FETE: 4th JULY

The Village Hall and its financial commitments are the joint responsibility of all who live in Bridge - so please give all the support you can by donation and gifts and by coming to the fete on the day. Helpers for stalls are welcomed.

O. Seath, Hon. Sec.

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM - Bridge

19th April. LESLEY ANN, dau. of Philip and Joan BIRCH.

Patricxbourne

21st Feb. Sheila Margaret CAMPBELL
(Confirmed 22nd Feb.)

15th Mar. SHARON, dau. of Robert and Betty WALLIS.

Bekesbourne

29th Mar. ANTHONY JOHN, son of John and Audrey HILLER.

" " COLIN CHARLES, son of Robert and Ethel FREELOVE.

17th May JOHN DEREK, son of Derek and Kathleen HOGBEN.

MARRIAGES - Bridge

31st Jan. Brian Frederick HORNE and Grace Irene LAWRENCE.

Patricxbourne

21st Feb. John Victor SOWTON & ANNE GREY

7th Mar. Alan Jeffery CLIMPSON and Sheila Margaret CAMPBELL.

Bekesbourne

7th Mar. George Brian PEARSON and Barbara Florence WALLACE.

BURIALS

Bridge
19th Feb. Gertrude Ada SMITH.

15th Apr. George Edward REYNOLDS.

18th Apr. Herbert Alan BLOWS.

Bekesbourne

2nd May Phyllis Alice UPTON.

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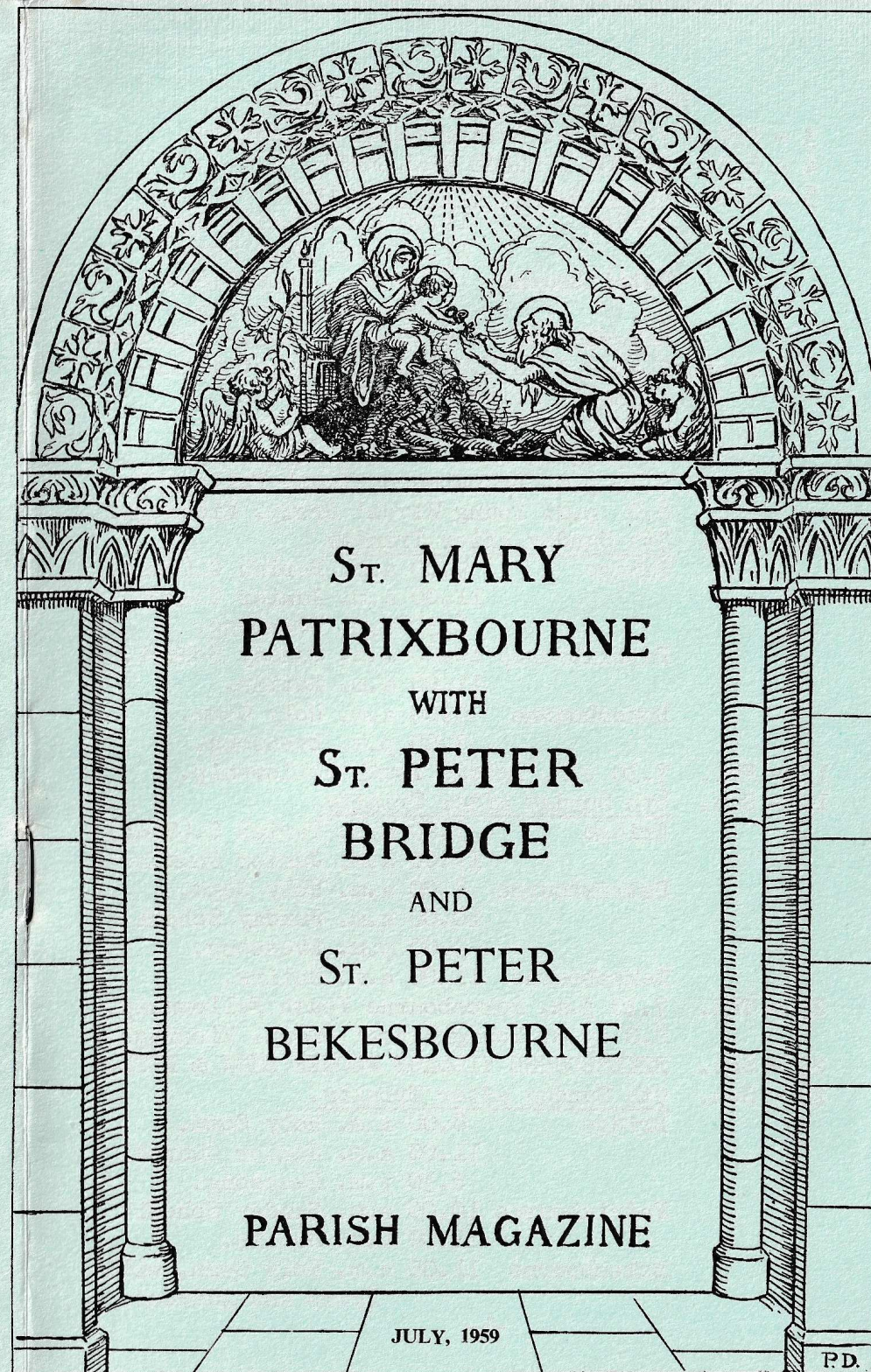
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 3.00 p.m. Evensong.
 Bekesbourne 9.30 a.m. Family Service.
 7 - Tues. 2.30 - 3.30 M.U. Deanery Quiet After-
 noon. Bridge Church.
 8 p.m. British Legion Meeting.
 King William IV Littlebourne.
 9 - Thu. 7.30 p.m. Bekesbourne Youth Fellowship.
 8.0 p.m. Young Wives' Group. Vicarage.
 12 - Sun. 7th Sunday after Trinity
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 Patricxbourne 10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
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 17 - Fri. 7.30 p.m. Bridge Youth Fellowship.
 19 - Sun. 8th Sunday after Trinity
 Bridge 9.00 a.m. Parish C.(Sung)
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church.
 Patricxbourne 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
 3.00 p.m. Evensong.
 Bekesbourne 11.00 a.m. Matins.
 23 - Thu. 7.30 p.m. Bekesbourne Youth Fellowship.
 8.0 p.m. Young Wives' Group. Vicarage.
 25 - Sat. BEKESBOURNE VILLAGE FLOWER SHOW & FETE.
 26 - Sun. 9th Sunday after Trinity.
 Bridge 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church.
 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
 Patricxbourne 10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
 11.00 a.m. Matins.
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 Hymns and Address.

Jul.

30 - Thu. JUNIOR CHURCH OUTING.

Aug.

- 2 - Sun. 10th Sunday after Trinity
 Bridge 11.00 a.m. Family Service.
 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm.
 Patricxbourne 8.00 a.m. Holy Comm.
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 Bekesbourne 9.30 a.m. Family Service.

ALTAR FLOWERS

BRIDGE. High Altar

- 5th Jul. Mrs.Sandbach 12th Jul. Mrs.Williams
 19th " Mrs.Young 26th " Mrs.Berry
 2nd Aug. Mrs.Carr

Lady Chapel

- 5th Jul. Miss Baker 12th Jul. Mrs.Chadwick
 19th " Mrs.Chillard 26th " Miss Lemar
 2nd Aug. Miss Mummery

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July - Mrs.Stevens. August - Mrs.Christopherson.

BEKESBOURNE

- 5th July. Brownies 12th July. Mrs.Harrison
 19th " Mrs.Bishop 26th " Mrs.Coombes
 2nd Aug. Mrs.Steed

VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

Before long the Church's new watchword "Christian Stewardship" may be ringing in your ears. His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury has invited representatives of the laity to meet together on 6th July to discuss "The meaning of Christian Stewardship and Christian giving in the modern world." Eighteen lively members of our three parishes will be present, so no doubt there will be repercussions in due course.

As I see it, we are being called by God to realise and remedy our failure as Christians to accept and apply our Lord's teaching concerning

good and bad "stewardship" in our own individual lives and in our corporate Church life. From every point of view we must honestly confess that we are unfaithful stewards in the Service of God. The world shortage of Christian priests, ordinands, missionaries, church schools, and money for every charitable purpose, is sufficient evidence to condemn us - and the local picture is seldom more reassuring. In every parish the wonderful efforts of a few seem to emphasise the failure of the great majority.

I thank God with all my heart for the hope and encouragement given by the faithful few, (and many youngsters) who are doing their bit by worship, work and giving in our own parishes. But the contrast with the standard of the majority is too great. Most of you are still quite unrealistic in assessing your own share of responsibility for God's work in this place. 450 families receive this Magazine (free) every month in order that all may know what Services are being provided and what are the needs of the moment.

Please ask yourselves whether you are doing and giving your fair share.

I make the following remarks and suggestions for your thoughtful consideration and action:-

1. The children and young people are enthusiastically responding to our efforts in Sunday School and Youth Fellowship, but it will all come to very little without parental example and companionship in worship, so make Family Worship a top priority if you can.
2. Bekesbourne Organ has been finished but it is not yet fully paid for - and we NEED £150 to clear us of debt. We also need all the money we can raise for Patricxbourne Church and Bridge Church for repairs and decoration. A target of £1 upward per family this year would just about do it.
3. The average giving in Church collections is lamentably low and is not keeping pace with rising costs of heating and lighting. (Our gas bill for last quarter was up by £20, but I doubt if

collections were up more than £5.) It is generous of a child or an O.A.P. to offer to God the price of an ice lolly or a cup of tea - but if your offering is not big enough to involve you in personal sacrifice - then it is NOT WORSHIP!

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Holidays will soon be here and I wish you all a happy time of recreation and rest. My family and I will be away for the first four weeks in August. During that period Canon Carter, our Rural Dean, will take all services at Bridge; Canon Appleton will look after Bekesbourne, and Patricxbourne Church will be closed for complete redecoration and improvements.

God bless you all and inspire you to greater efforts in His Service.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

Robert Penney.

P.S. Thank you for your help in the Churchyards!

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BRIDGE MOTHERS' UNION OUTING

25 members set out from Bridge on 10th June for our Annual Outing. We drove through lovely country to Rye - our first stopping place - and there wandered through the picturesque old town and looked at the fine old Church. At Tenterden we had an excellent tea at the Spinning Wheel, and journeyed on to Hawkhurst where we joined some of the local branch of the M.U. in their Parish Church for Evensong. After the service the Vicar gave us a most interesting talk about the Church which was extensively damaged during the war and has recently been very beautifully restored.

We returned home via Cranbrook and Charing, arriving at Bridge about 8.30 p.m. and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Berry and the Committee for arranging such a happy and successful outing.

YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

On 9th July we have Mrs. Ledger coming to speak to us. Her subject will be "What Youth Expects of Parents". This is a debatable subject and we shall follow up the talk with discussion!

On 23rd July our speaker will be Mrs. Rock and her subject "Homes or Houses?"

There will be no meetings in August.

MOTHERS' UNION

There will be a DEANERY QUIET AFTERNOON in Bridge Church on Tuesday, 7th July from 2.30 - 3.30 p.m., conducted by the Vicar.

BEKESBOURNE VILLAGE FLOWER SHOW & FETE

This event will take place on 25th July. Please come and support us.

BEKESBOURNE SCOUTS & CUBS

There is room for new recruits both in the troupe and pack. Will anyone who is interested in joining us please get in touch with Mrs. Sandall.

The Cubs are taking part in the Wolf Cub Rally and Pageant at Tonbridge on 27th July.

BRIDGE JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES

Annual Outing. On Thursday, 30th July, to Folkestone via Stelling Minnis. The arrangements are as usual. Coaches leave the Reading Room at 9.30 a.m. Everybody brings a picnic lunch and we all assemble at the "Marina" at 5 p.m. for High Tea. Coaches leave for the return journey at 7 p.m. Will parents etc. who wish to come, please let me know as early as possible and send 6/- per person (excluding babies), to include High Tea.

I hope we shall have fine weather and, as usual a very happy day.

Canterbury Diocesan Children's Pilgrimage. It is now some years since we were privileged to join in

a pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral, but one is now arranged to take place on 4th July, when children from all over the Diocese will meet and walk in procession to their Mother Church. We can only send 5 children and one teacher owing to the limited space, and Miss Lemar will be taking our party, together with our banner. It is a pity that it takes place on the same day as the Village Hall Fete, as it will prevent most of us from seeing this extremely impressive ceremony.

Missions to Seamen. We have now become "ship-builders". The Mission to Seamen have sent us a very ingenious device whereby we become "tradesmen" and build our own ship by collecting 3d. bits. Unfortunately there are rather too few of us to absorb all work so if any of you would like to join up and help us out we shall be glad of your assistance.

Diocesan Examination. Preparations are going ahead to hold one next year.

British Legion - Littlebourne and District Branch.

The June meeting of the branch held at the Volunteer, Bramling, was attended by twelve members.

The President reported that the Service committee had recently dealt with two cases resulting in a member gaining admission to a Convalescent Home for a fortnight and another receiving groceries to the value of 10/- a week for twelve weeks.

The next meeting of the branch will be held at the King William IV, Littlebourne at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 7th July.

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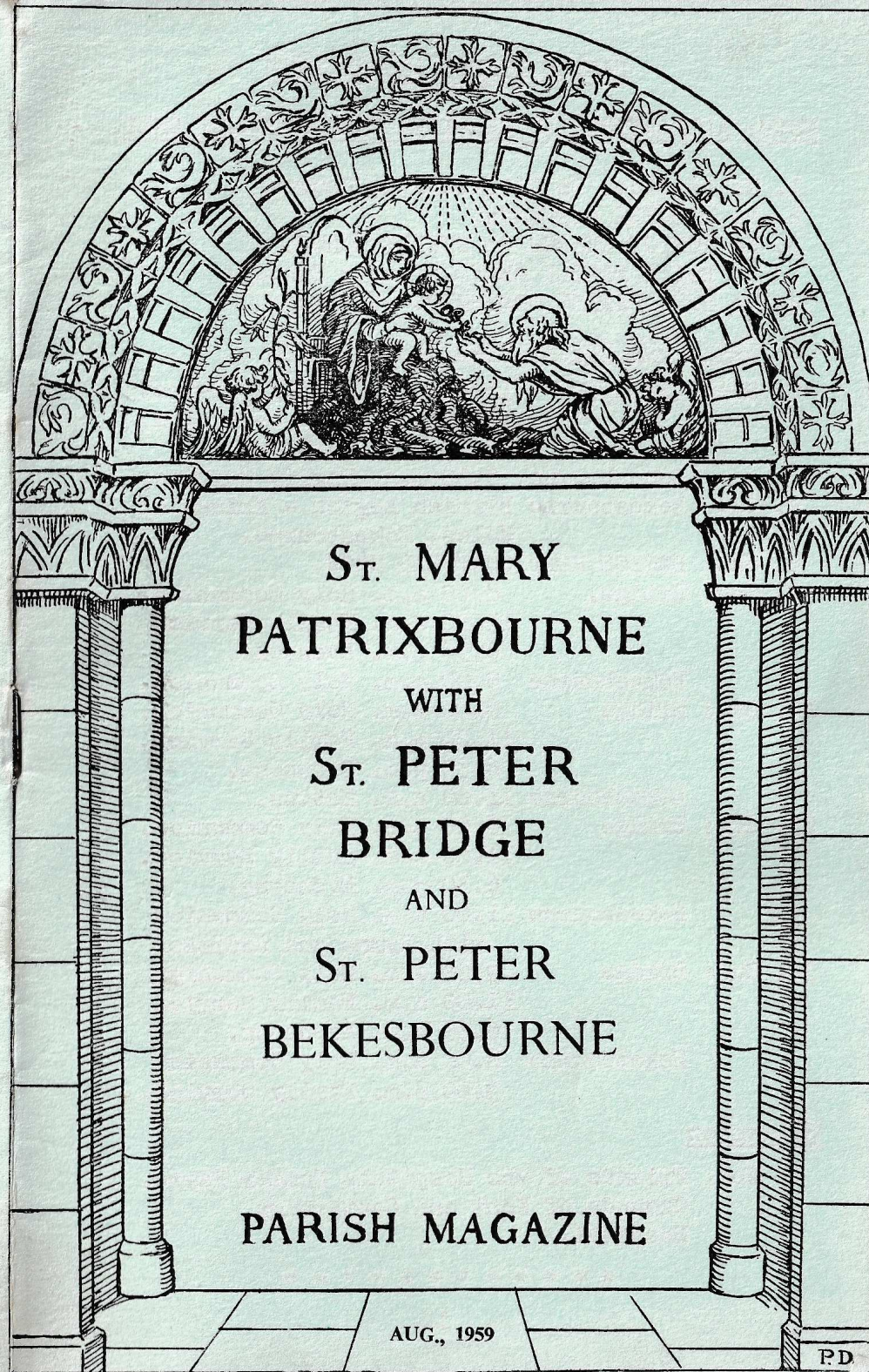
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Note: ALTERATIONS IN SERVICES DURING AUGUST ONLY.

1. No services in Patricxbourne Church
2. No MIDWEEK services.
3. No JUNIOR CHURCH or SUNDAY SCHOOL
BUT A FAMILY SERVICE every Sunday.
4. No SUNG PARISH COMMUNION at Bridge.

See BELOW for details of services.

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| 2. Sun: | Bridge. | 11.00 a.m. Family Service. |
| | | 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion. |
| | | 6.30 p.m. Evensong. |
| | Bekesbourne | 9.30 a.m. Family Service. |
| 4. Tu: | Bekesbourne | British Legion - Prince of Wales, Bekesbourne. |
| 8. Sat: | BRIDGE | HORTICULTURAL SHOW. |
| 9. Sun: | Bridge. | 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. |
| | | 11.00 a.m. Family Service. |
| | | 6.30 p.m. Evensong. |
| | Bekesbourne | 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. |
| 16. Sun: | Bridge | 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. |
| | | 11.00 a.m. Family Service. |
| | | 6.30 p.m. Evensong. |
| | Bekesbourne | 11.00 a.m. Matins. |
| 23. Sun: | Bridge | 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. |
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| | | 6.30 p.m. Evensong. |
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| 30. Sun: | Bridge | 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion |
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| | | 3.00 p.m. Family Service. |

September

2. Wed: Friends of the Hospitals Summer Fayre. Grounds of Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

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BRIDGE: High Altar.

2nd Aug:	Mrs. Carr	9th Aug:	Mrs. Carroll
16th "	Mrs. Cherry	23rd "	Mrs. Friend
30th "	Mrs. Gilbert	6th Sept:	Mrs. Hawkins

Lady Chapel

2nd Aug:	Miss Mummery	9th Aug:	Miss Setterfield
16th "	Mrs. Smith	23rd "	Miss A. Stevens
30th "	Mrs. Weller	2nd Sept:	Mrs. Williamson

BEKESBOURNE:

2nd Aug:	Mrs. Steed	9th Aug:	Mrs. Russell
16th "	Mrs. Wood	23rd "	Mrs. Rowland
30th "	Mrs. Noble	2nd Sept:	Mrs. Mowl

VICAR'S LETTER

Dear People,

For the sake of holiday-makers I hope this glorious weather continues.

Having laboured in my back garden to plant an enormous crop of potatoes, in the hope of producing FIVE MATCHED POTATOES worthy of the Village Horticultural show, I now realise that the show will take place after we are away on holiday! However, I wish you all a successful day, and lots of luck with your exhibits.

SERVICES - Please note changes of services as follows:-

(a) During August, Sunday Services in Bridge will be conducted by our Rural Dean, Canon C.W. Carter, 16, Oaten Hill Place, Canterbury (Tel: 2307) and, in the case of Bekesbourne, by Canon L.G. Appleton, 12, Ethelbert Rd., Canterbury (Tel: 3792). In case of emergency, please communicate with one of these ministers, or a Churchwarden.

There will be NO MID-WEEK SERVICES during August and NO Sunday School or Junior Church.

(b) Commencing Wed: Sept: 2nd. the Wednesday service of Holy Communion will be at 9.30 a.m. to suit the convenience of some who are not able to come at 10.30 a.m. 2.

PATRIXBOURNE CHURCH will be closed during August for repairs and interior decoration. Thanks to the generosity of the Hughes-Hallett family, and a bequest from the late Fanny Tunbridge, the memorial tablets will be removed from the East wall of the North Aisle to the West wall and the bricked-up window will be re-opened. This window will incorporate some circular panels of stained glass from Canterbury Cathedral, presented to us by the Dean and Chapter. I hope that when the new window is dedicated we shall all have the opportunity of indicating our appreciation and gratitude to those who have been so generous in contributing to the beautification of this lovely little church.

VASES: We acknowledge with gratitude a present of two beautiful Grecian-style vases from Mr. Hope and members of his family in memory of the late Mrs. Hope. These will be seen in due course at the side of the Altars at Bridge and Patricbourne respectively.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: We have been promised our own Confirmation Service NEXT year and PREPARATION CLASSES will start late in September. Please let me have written details of all who would like to join the Classes. There will be separate instruction for Adults and younger members, at times and places to suit all-comers. I already have many names and am looking forward to receiving many more.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP: Eighteen parish representatives went to a meeting recently to hear the Archbishop and the Archdeacon of Maidstone speak on this subject. When they have consulted together, I expect they will wish to tell you all about it in their own way.

NEW VICARAGE: What looks like a horrible accident to the gates of the Vicarage is really the first step towards the building of a new Vicarage in the grounds of the present house. Watch for further unexpected developments! (3)

WOMEN'S OFFERING: The amount raised by Bridge and Patricbourne M.U. towards the Moral Welfare work of the Diocese was £9. 1s. 2d. The amount contributed by Bekesbourne M.U. was £10.

ZULULAND MISSION BOXES: Please keep your boxes during August and return them all to the Vicarage during September.

My holiday address will be:
1, Uplands, THORPENESS, Suffolk.

I have undertaken the chaplaincy of this delightful little sea-side village during August, and we look forward to the best family holiday we have ever had. I hope to return to you refreshed and ready for a heavy programme of work, preparing Candidates for Confirmation and supervising the building of the new Vicarage. Meanwhile, I leave you in the best of hands - with every good wish,
Your sincere friend and Vicar,
ROBERT PENNEY.

JUNIOR CHURCH & SUNDAY SCHOOL: During August, instead of the usual Junior Church at Bridge and Sunday School at Patricbourne, there will be a FAMILY SERVICE at Bridge Church at 11 a.m. every Sunday and at Bekesbourne, at 9.30 a.m. on 2nd. August and 3 p.m. on 30th August.

This will give the teachers a rest from teaching and the children the opportunity of coming with their parents.

CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TO CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL:

On Saturday afternoon, 4th July, six of us representing Bridge Junior Church and four of our friends from Patricbourne Sunday School, went to join children from Sunday Schools from all Parishes in the Diocese to take part in a Pilgrimage to the Cathedral.

We assembled on the Green Court in brilliant sunshine and at 1.45 p.m. the procession of 1,500 children, each parish headed by their own banner, walked through the Precincts into the Nave. We

watched our banner, amidst some sixty others, carried through the West Door and up to the Altar by Elizabeth Booth.

The Dean welcomed us to the Mother Church and the Archbishop, in his address, said that it was truly a wonderful sight to see the children dressed in gay colours and exactly how they wished, so unlike the gathering of children he had seen in the Far East where they were all uniformed. We were volunteers, he said, and could pray and sing together, but they had to go as a regiment and could not join together in prayer and thanksgiving.

It is impossible to express in words the feeling that one gets from attending such festivals as this, but the sight of the banners in the Cathedral, the beautiful singing of the choir, and the hearty way in which the children sang the hymns will be remembered by us always.

After the blessing by Dr. Fisher we all returned to the Green Court and managed to find some shade in which to sit and enjoy our tea.

Gwen Lemar.

CHOIR: The standard of singing of the choir has improved during the past few months and several anthems and special settings of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis have been sung.

The members are very keen to learn, and to keep this spirit, new chants for the Canticles, new hymn tunes and simple anthems will be sung on special occasions.

Solo singing by the choir is often received with mixed feelings by the congregation, but it must be remembered that the choir is representative of the congregation and just as the minister alone may voice the prayers of the people, so the choir may properly voice the praises of the people on behalf of the whole congregation.

Finally, the choir needs more members, especially males. Any volunteers?

VILLAGE HALL FETE: Members of the Village Hall Committee wish to thank very sincerely, everybody who supported the fete on 4th July, by their gifts for the stalls, and their presence during the afternoon on the field. They also thank especially the village organizations, who worked hard running stalls and sideshows, and made the fete the success it was. Because of the heat and counter attractions, not quite so many people as usual came, so the fact that a net profit of £90 at least has been made, shows that those who did come were very generous indeed. O. Seath, Hon: Secretary.

FRIENDS OF THE HOSPITALS SUMMER FAYRE: The Annual Fayre of the League of Friends will take place on Wednesday, 2nd September, in the grounds of the Kent & Canterbury Hospital. Bridge Group are to be responsible for the Bowling for the Pig and Guessing the Weight of the Pig stall; also the Handkerchief Girl. It takes quite a lot of handkerchiefs to cover even a small girl and therefore we are appealing for gifts of handkerchiefs which may be given to Mrs. Pratt, Police House, Bridge, or Mrs. Campbell, 1, the Green, Patricbourne, or Mrs. Jury, Hillview, Bekesbourne before the end of August.

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

39th ANNUAL

SUMMER SHOW

will be held in

MR. FAGG'S MEADOW, BRIDGE
on SATURDAY, 8th AUGUST, 1959.

in conjunction with a

VILLAGE FETE and FAIR

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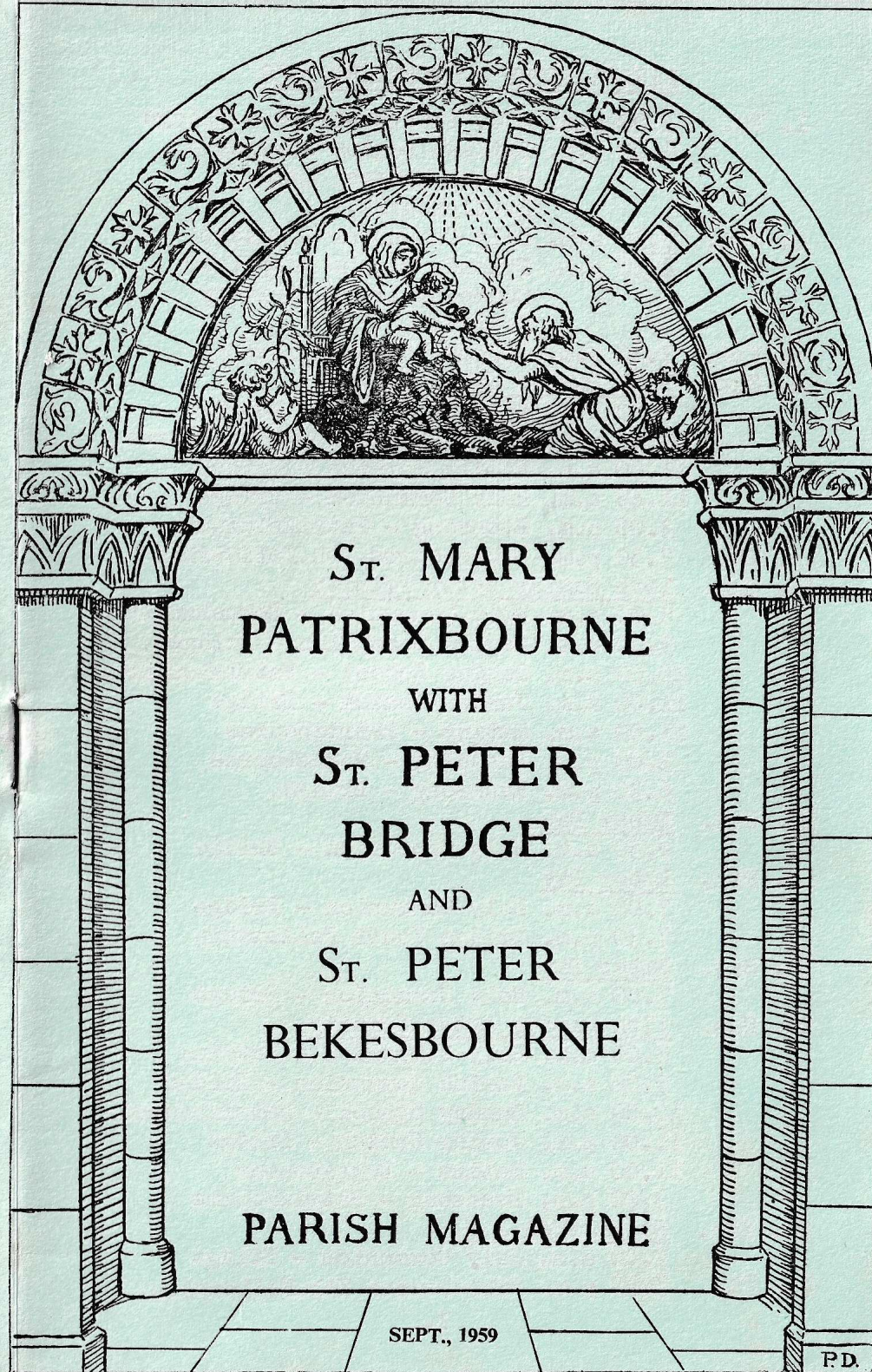
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PARISH DIARY - SEPTEMBER 1959

1. Tu. 3.00 p.m. M.U. Intercessions - Bridge
8.00 p.m. British Legion Meeting -
Basket Makers' Arms,
Littlebourne.
2. Wed. 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
2.30 p.m. Friends of the Hospitals
Summer Fair. Canterbury
Hospital.
4. Fri. 7.30 p.m. Bridge Youth Fellowship
6. Sun. 15th Sunday after Trinity
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrix:
9.30 a.m. Family Service - Bekesbourne
11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
3.00 p.m. Evensong - Patrixbourne
10. Th. 7.30 p.m. Bekesbourne Yth.Fellowship
13. Sun. 16th Sunday after Trinity
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
9.00 a.m. Parish Communion - Bridge
10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patrixbourne
11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
11.00 a.m. Matins - Patrixbourne
3.00 p.m. Evensong - Bekesbourne
6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.
16. Wed. Ember Day
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
18. Fri. Ember Day
7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
7.30 p.m. Bridge Youth Fellowship
19. Sat. Ember Day
7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
20. Sun. 17th Sunday after Trinity
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrix:
9.00 a.m. Parish Communion - Bridge
10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patrixbourne
11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
11.00 a.m. Matins - Bekesbourne
3.00 p.m. Evensong - Patrixbourne
21. Mon. St. Matthew A.M.
7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
24. Th. 7.30 p.m. Bekesbourne Yth.Fellowship.

PARISH DIARY (continued)

September

24. Th. 8.00 p.m. Young Wives' Group - The
Vicarage.
27. Sun. 18th Sunday after Trinity
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patrixbourne.
11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
11.00 a.m. Matins - Patrixbourne
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns &
Address - Bekesbourne
6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.
29. Tu. St. Michael & All Angels
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne

October

4. Sun. 19th Sunday after Trinity
HARVEST FESTIVAL
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne
9.30 a.m. Family Service - Bekesbourne
11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
3.00 p.m. Evensong - Patrixbourne
6.30 p.m. Festal Evensong - Bridge

ALTAR FLOWERS

BRIDGE. High Altar

- 6th Sept: Mrs. Hawkins. 13th Sept: Mrs. Howard-
Smith.
20th Sept: Mrs. Hunter. 27th Sept: Mrs. Ledger
4th Oct: Mrs. Middleton
Lady Chapel
6th Sept: Mrs. Williamson. 13th Sept: Miss Baker
20th. Sept: Mrs. Chadwick 27th Sept: Mrs. Chillard
4th Oct: Miss Hunter.

PATRIXBOURNE

- September - Mrs. Greenwood. October -
Mrs. Christopherson

BEKESBOURNE:

- 6th Sept: Mrs. Mowll 13th Sept: Girls' Choir
20th Sept: Mrs. Kingsford 27th Sept: Mrs. Belsey
4th Oct: Misses Jarvis.

VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

I am writing this at Thorpeness, where my family and I are having a very good holiday. We shall return, if all goes well, on Friday, 28th August, and I am greatly looking forward to seeing you all again.

Good news has been reaching me of activities in Bridge and district - a successful Horticultural show; The start of the improvement scheme at The Close; Re-decoration of Patricxbourne Church, and so on. I also noticed that Col. Carr's son did great things against Kent in Canterbury Cricket week!

The Diocese is embarking on a campaign to revive the true biblical concept of "Christian Stewardship", and a book with the title "The Christian Stewardship of Money" is now being circulated among Members of the P.C.C's - all of whom are requested to read it as soon as possible.

I am therefore cutting short this letter so that I may give a few extracts from this book for your general interest and information.

God bless you all, and best wishes from all of the Penney family.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT PENNEY.

YOUNG WIVES' GROUP: We shall resume our meetings on 24th September at 8 p.m. at the Vicarage, when the Vicar is coming to talk and answer questions.

We have room for more members and would be very pleased to welcome some of the other young wives and mothers in the village. Our meetings are very informal and our programme varied; planned to help us to fulfil the aim of the Young Wives' Groups, which is to build Christian Homes.

"THE CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP OF MONEY"

The following are extracts from the publication issued by the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England.

PREFACE

The ENCYCLICAL LETTER of the Archbishops and Bishops attending the Lambeth Conference, 1958, stated:-

"There can be no forward steps without a full acceptance of Christian Stewardship. By stewardship we mean the regarding of ourselves - our time, our talents, and our money - as a trust from God to be utilized in his service. This teaching is an urgent need in every congregation; a parish without a sense of stewardship has within it the seeds of decay."

Resolution 64 (Christian Stewardship) stated:-

"The Conference recalls Church people to the duty and privilege of stewardship, of which sacrificial, planned, and systematic giving is a part, to the end that the souls of the people may be enriched, and the needs of the Church met, including the adequate support of its ministry and the provision for the extension of its work....."

Introduction

"The movement which the Central Board of Finance is seeking to assist by the publication of this little book has arisen spontaneously ----- Beginning, in most places simply with a desire to put the finances of the Church on a healthier and sounder basis ----- it has broadened out into an attempt to recover and to teach the principles of the right Christian attitude towards the use of money ----- and the Christian Stewardship of money is part of a larger stewardship of time, talents, possessions and opportunity. In this materialistic and acquisitive age, a right attitude towards the gaining and the use of money could be a distinctive mark of Christian men and women and a particularly effective form of witness to Christ who is the Lord of all life.

(para)The primary objective, therefore, is not to
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inculcate the duty of giving one-fortieth, one-twentieth or one-tenth of income, but to teach the stewardship of ten-tenths.

The doctrine of Christian Stewardship is, of course, not new; but it has been greatly neglected, especially in this country.

(para) There is no reason to suppose that the (5) English are by nature more attached to their money than other races, but a superficial acquaintance with the facts of Church finance in England might lead one to suppose so. On the one hand, two-thirds of the stipends of the clergy is provided by the income of the endowments of which the Church Commissioners are the statutory trustees, so that of the cost of maintaining the clergy at a standard which is seriously inadequate, the laity of this generation bear one-third only. On the other hand, our Church appears to lack sufficient funds for almost every necessary or desirable piece of work. At every level, parochial, diocesan and central, the Church is troubled and hindered by lack of means, financial problems absorb an altogether disproportionate amount of time and attention, and the energies of many of the Church's living agents are diverted from the true work of their calling. What is, and has long been so perplexing about this situation, is that it is accompanied by an extraordinary low level of giving. -----

(para) The average Englishman who is not a (8) regular church-goer has a well-nigh ineradicable impression that the Church, in some mysterious way is 'laid on'. He expects the Parish Church to be there when he wants to use it, and a clergyman to be in residence to minister to his needs; but he does not recognise any obligation to support the Church of which he would honestly claim to be a member. He may even believe that the Church is at least partly financed by the State - a misconception which is far more common than Church people generally realise. The existence of the endowments

administered by the Church Commissioners also encourages the belief, in the minds of those who want to believe it, that the Church is paid for, if not by the Exchequer then by some unidentified authority, and that the ordinary person has therefore no responsibility in this connection.

(para) The financial weakness of the Church of (24) England in recent times has not been due to poverty. Our forefathers built our ancient churches with their own hands at a time when the whole population of England was less numerous than our Easter Communicants today; and the endowments which provide two-thirds of the stipends of the clergy are mainly the accumulated gifts and bequests of generations of Christian men and women made out of a standard of living very much lower than our own. The financial weakness of the Church of England has been due to ignorance and lack of understanding: ignorance of the facts about the needs and resources of the Church; lack of understanding of what it means to be made by baptism members of one another and members incorporate in the Body of Christ.

(para) The remedy is to be sought not so much in (25) new methods as in a revolutionary change in the attitude of mind of Church people..... The basic principle, which is winning ready acceptance where it is being taught, is that this world's goods are to be regarded and used as a trust from God, committed to us for the fulfilment of His purposes.

(Chap.11)the use of the whole of our money (para 4) should reflect conscious and deliberate thought and careful judgment, with prayer, directed towards using what is not in truth our money, but God's, as God Himself would have us use it.

(para).....by the dedication of a part the whole (6) is consecrated and brought before God for His blessing. This is a familiar principle. It is by setting aside a few hours exclusively for the worship of God that all time is sanctified; it is by the consecration of some bread that all bread is made sacred.

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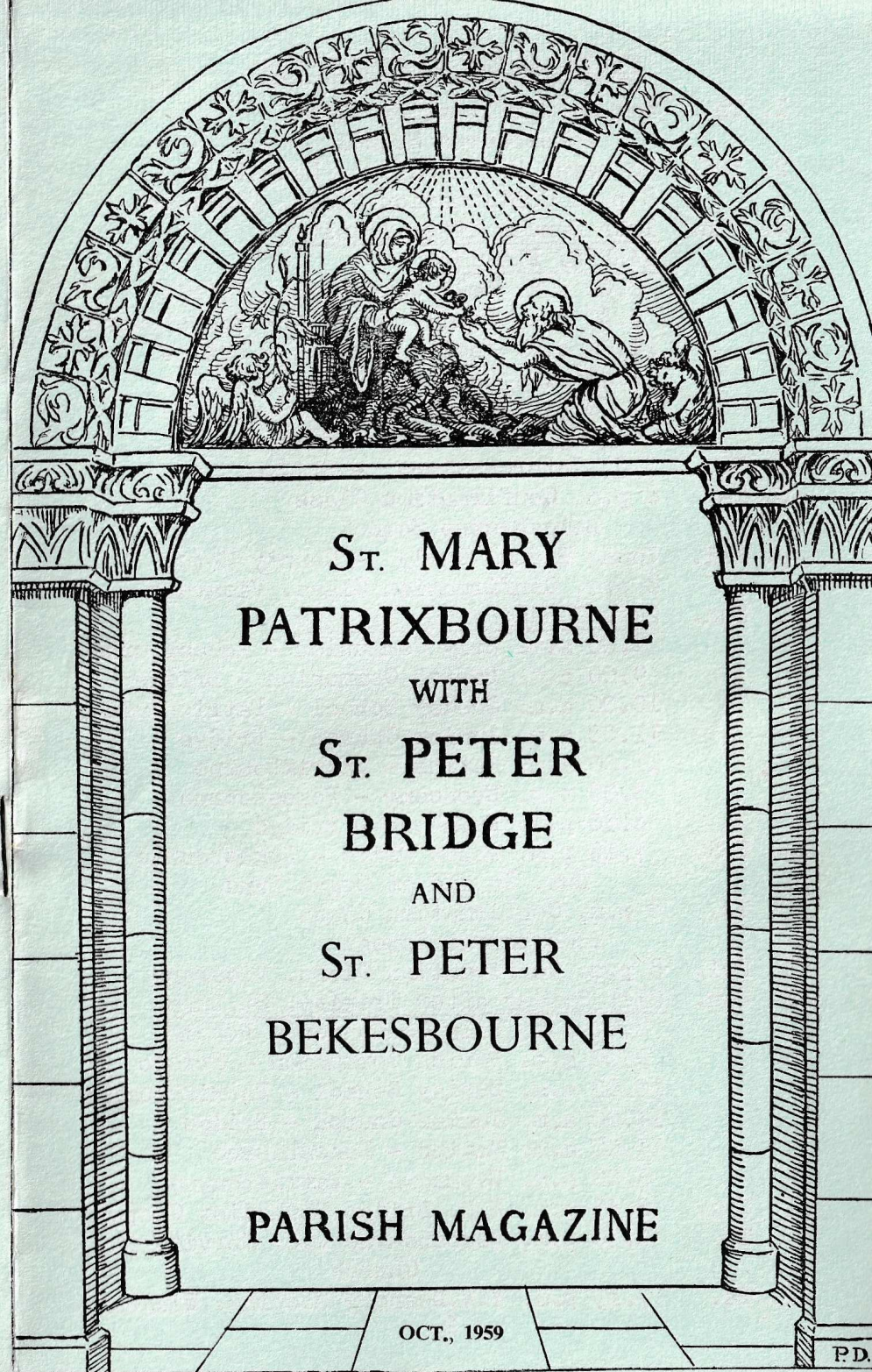
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1. Th. 8 p.m. Confirmation Class
Bekesbourne School
2. Fri. Mothers' Union Rally - Margate
8 p.m. Confirmation Class. Vicarage
4. Sun. 19th Sunday after Trinity
HARVEST FESTIVAL
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrix
9.30 a.m. Family Service - Bekesbourne
11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
3.00 p.m. Evensong - Patrixbourne
6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
6. Tu. M.U. Intercessions - Bridge
8. Th. 8 p.m. Confirmation Class
Bekesbourne School
9. Fri. Young Wives' Rally - County Hotel
8 p.m. Confirmation Class. Vicarage
11. Sun. 20th Sunday after Trinity
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
9.00 a.m. Parish Communion - Bridge
10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patrixbourne
11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
11.00 a.m. Matins - Patrixbourne
3.00 p.m. Evensong - Bekesbourne
6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
14. Wed. 7.15 p.m. Whist Drive - Bekesbourne
Hut. In aid of Organ Fund.
15. Th. 8 p.m. Confirmation Class
Bekesbourne School
16. Fri. 8 p.m. Confirmation Class. Vicarage
18. Sun. 21st Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrix
9.00 a.m. Parish Communion - Bridge
10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patrixbourne
11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
11.00 a.m. Matins - Bekesbourne
3.00 p.m. Evensong - Patrixbourne
19. Mon. 2.45 p.m. M.U. Bridge Methodist Chapel
20. Tu. 2.30 p.m. Bekesbourne M.U. Service in
Church
22. Th. 7.15 p.m. Y.W. Deanery Meeting. Wingham.

22. Th. 8 p.m. Confirmation Class.
Bekesbourne School
23. Fri. 8 p.m. Confirmation Class. Vicarage
25. Sun. 22nd Sunday after Trinity
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patrixbourne
11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
11.00 a.m. Matins - Patrixbourne
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns
& Address - Bekesbourne
6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
Preacher: David M. Lawrence C.M.S.
27. Tu. 7.30 p.m. Meeting for Young Wives.
Bekesbourne School
28. Wed. SS. Simon & Jude
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
7.15 p.m. Whist Drive - Bekesbourne
Hut. In aid of Organ Fund.
29. Th. 7.30 p.m. Young Wives' Beetle Drive
8 p.m. Confirmation Class.
Bekesbourne School
30. Fri. 8 p.m. Confirmation Class. Vicarage
- Nov.
1. Sun. 23rd Sunday after Trinity - All Saints'
Day
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrix
9.30 a.m. Family Service - Bekesbourne
11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
3.00 p.m. Evensong - Patrixbourne

ALTAR FLOWERS

BRIDGE High Altar

- 4th Oct. Mrs. Middleton 11th Oct. Mrs. Penney
18th Oct. Mrs. Sandbach 25th Oct. Mrs. Williams
1st Nov. Mrs. Young

Lady Chapel

- 4th Oct. Miss Hunter 11th Oct. Mrs. Kelsey
18th Oct. Miss Lemar 25th Oct. Miss Mummery
1st Nov. Miss Setterfield

PATRIXBOURNE

- October - Mrs. Christopherson:
November - Mrs. Greenwood

aged and house-bound, people with troubles - and the children of all ages. I shall be visiting the homes of all candidates for Confirmation during the next few weeks, and in due course I hope to get round every house. There is also the difficulty of finding people at home. I have called at very many houses and found no one at home.

If you want me to visit you for any special reason or if you know anyone who ought to be visited - please let me know. A written note of name and address handed to me at Church is quite sufficient.

PROGRESS: Remember in your prayers to give thanks for the many favourable signs of progress in building up our local church life - including the thriving new Sunday School at Patricxbourne Church, the enthusiastic work of our teachers, the loyalty of our choir members and Church officials, the work achieved in the restoration of the Bekesbourne Organ and Patricxbourne Church, the encouraging number of Confirmation Candidates, and the increase in our Missionary giving. For these and all His mercies, may God's Holy Name be praised.

Your friend and Vicar,
Robert Penney

YOUNG WIVES - BEKESBOURNE

The Young Wives' Group which was formed a year ago in Bridge is now well established and it has been suggested that a similar Group be formed in Bekesbourne. There will be an open meeting at Bekesbourne School on Tuesday, 27th October, at 7.30 p.m. to discuss the formation of such a Group, so will all young wives or mothers of school age or younger children keep this date free and come along?

SCOUTS, CUBS & BROWNIES

The Bekesbourne Troop and Packs would welcome new recruits from Bridge and district and Mrs. Sandall would be pleased to meet any parents of children who are interested. Scouts meet on Friday evenings and Cubs and Brownies on Saturday mornings, at Bekesbourne School.

JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES

Staff Reluctantly, we say good-bye to Tina, who has done such good work with her class. We shall miss her very much, but we wish her God-speed in her new sphere.

Concert This annual event which we were unable to produce earlier in the year is now in preparation and will take a new form this year which we feel will appeal to all our friends. Please look out for future announcements and do please, once again, give us your support. J.D.S.

BRITISH LEGION

LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

The September meeting of the branch was held at the Basketmakers' Arms, Littlebourne and was well attended.

It was reported that the membership which now stands at 151 is fully paid-up for the current Legion year and for the second year in succession. In future the annual subscription will be raised by 1s.0d. in order to meet the increased affiliation fee.

It was decided to hold a Whist Drive at the War Memorial Hall, Littlebourne on Friday, the 27th November.

The next meeting of the branch will be held at the Duke William, Ickham at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, the 6th October.

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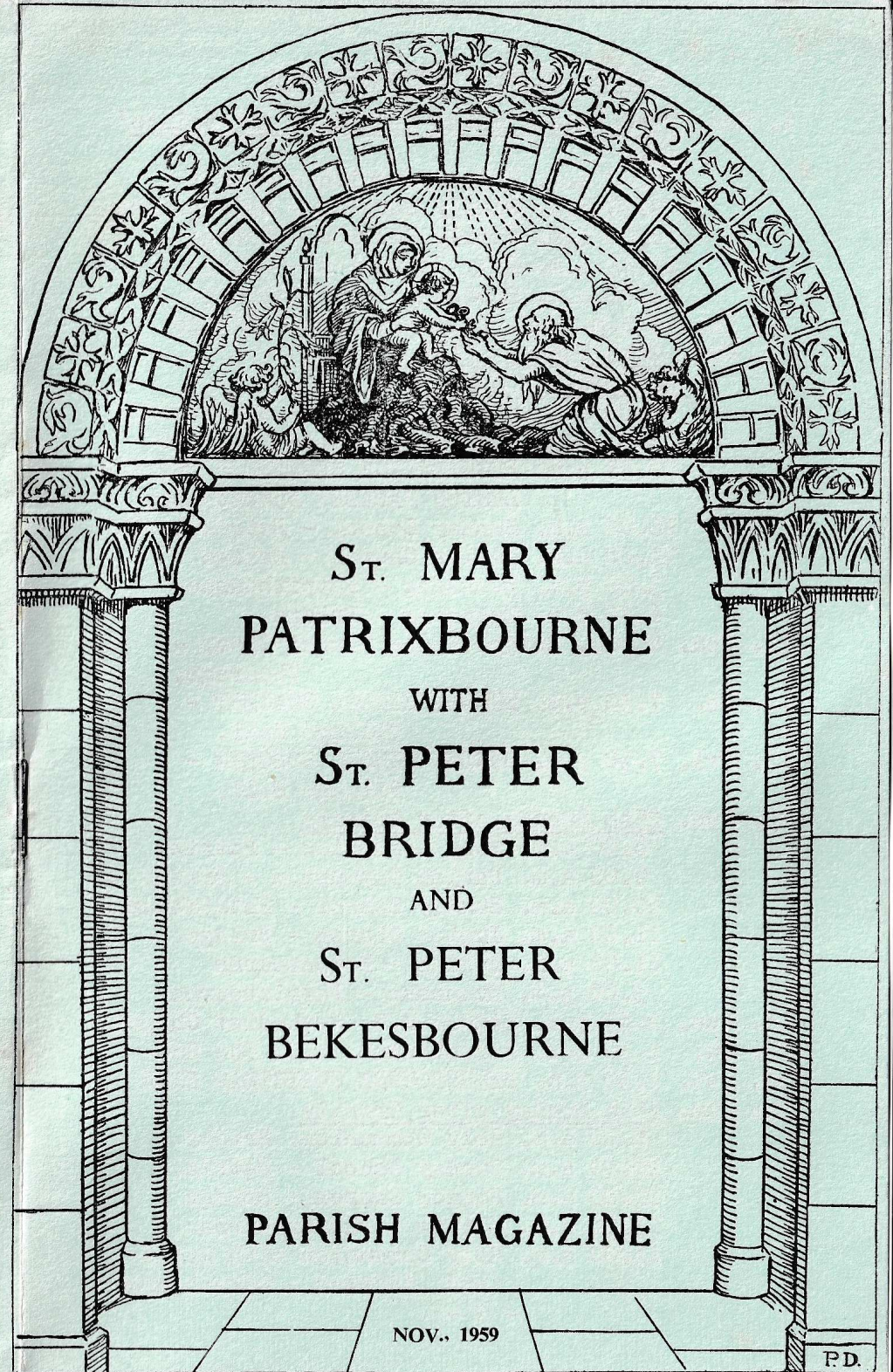
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1. Sun. 23rd Sunday after Trinity. All Saints' Day:
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrix
 9.30 a.m. Family Service - Bekesbourne
 11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge
 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 3.00 p.m. Evensong - Patrixbourne
3. Tu. 3 p.m. M.U. Intercessions - Bridge
8. Sun. 24th Sunday after Trinity
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
 9.00 a.m. Parish Communion - Bridge
 10.45 a.m. REMEMBRANCE SERVICE & BRITISH LEGION PARADE: Bekesbourne
 10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patrixbourne
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 3.00 p.m. Evensong - Patrixbourne
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
11. Wed. 8 p.m. Bridge Young Wives' Group - Vicarage.
12. Th. 7.30 p.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCERT - Village Hall.
13. Fri. 7.30 p.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCERT - Village Hall.
15. Sun. 25th Sunday after Trinity
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrix.
 9.00 a.m. Parish Communion - Bridge
 10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patrixbourne
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Matins - Bekesbourne
 3.00 p.m. Evensong - Patrixbourne.
16. Mon. 2.45 p.m. Bridge M.U. Methodist Chapel
17. Tu. 2.30 p.m. Bekesbourne. M.U. The Hut
21. Sat. 2.30 p.m. BEKESBOURNE CHRISTMAS FAIR
22. Sun. 26th Sunday after Trinity
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. Bridge
 10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patrix.
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Matins - Patrixbourne.
 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns and Address - Bekesbourne

- 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.
- 26 - Th. 8 p.m. Bridge Young Wives' Group
 The Vicarage.
27. Fri. 7.30 p.m. OVERSEAS EVENING
 Village Hall.
28. Sat. 7.30 p.m. Choir Beetle Drive,
 Village Hall.
29. Sun. Advent Sunday
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
 9.00 a.m. Parish Communion - Bridge
 10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patrixbourne
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Matins - Patrixbourne
 3.00 p.m. Evensong - Bekesbourne
 Preacher: Cmdr. Steel, V.C.
 Missions to Seamen.
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
30. Mon. St. Andrew, A.M.
 7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge

Dec.

5. Th. 3 p.m. Pleasant Hour Club Sale of Cakes, etc.
6. Sun. 2nd Sunday in Advent.
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrix
 9.30 a.m. Family Service - Bekesbourne
 11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge
 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 3.00 p.m. Evensong - Patrixbourne

N.B. Confirmation Classes:

- Every Thursday, 8 p.m. Bekesbourne School.
 Every Friday, 8 p.m. Bridge Vicarage.

ALTAR FLOWERS

BRIDGE

High Altar

- 1st Nov. Mrs. Young 8th Nov. Mrs. Berry
 15th. " Mrs. Carr 22nd " Mrs. Carroll

Lady Chapel:

- 1st Nov. Miss Setterfield 8th Nov. Mrs. G. Smith
 15th " Mrs. J. D. Smith 22nd " Miss A. Stevens

PATRIXBOURNE:

- 1st Nov. Mrs. Greenwood 8th Nov. Mrs. Mount
 15th " Mrs. Parker 22nd " Mrs. Potter

BEKESBOURNE:

1st Nov. Mrs. Tyler 8th Nov. Mrs. Scales
15th " - 22nd " Mrs. Hadlow

NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT

VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

Thank you all for what you did by your gifts and work to make our Harvest Thanksgiving a real Festival occasion. I am delighted to be able to tell you that our total contribution to the Church Fund for Aid to the Refugees amounted to £56.14s.2d as follows:

Collections - Patricxbourne	£9. 7s. 3d.
Bridge	£22. 7s. Od.
Bekesbourne	£9.14s. 2d.
Donations - Various	£5. 5s. 9d.
Bridge School Sale	<u>£10. 0s. Od.</u>
	<u>£56.14s. 2d.</u>

This was a remarkable response and a real act of thanksgiving.

LEPER MISSION APPEAL: The total to date amounts to £3. 11s. 4d. If there are any more Envelopes to come, please let me have them at once.

ZULULAND: Our friend Bishop Savage has been very ill but is now much better. The new priest, the Rev. Anthony Salmon, whose stipend will be paid by voluntary gifts from Canterbury diocese, is on his way out to Zululand. So far we have collected £18 this year, but all collecting Boxes have not yet been returned to me. Please let me have them at once, so that I can send in our money.

BEKESBOURNE ORGAN FUND: By a little miracle our outstanding debt of £140 was cleared in one week by generous donations from two parishioners and a donation of £78 from a well-wisher from Shirley Parish where I was previously employed. Thank God for this relief which enables us to build up now for future needs instead of struggling to pay off debts.

We owe grateful thanks to Mrs. Sandall and her supporters for the Whist Drives she has

organised in aid of the Fund.

Remember in your prayers our sick friends, our many Confirmation Candidates, and all our brethren in the Mission field.

God bless you all.

Robert Penney.

JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES

Annual Concert:

The dates for this event will be Thurs. Nov. 12th with a repeat performance on Fri. Nov. 13th, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Please give us your support once more. This year's entertainment is a specially written pantomime and everybody concerned is working very hard to make it the best show we have ever given.

Missions to Seamen: We have almost completed the "building" of our ship and hope to be able to send the result, £5.0.0. to the "Missions to Seamen" in the next few weeks.

Sunshine Guild: The Guild has been very busy lately cheering sick people in the Parish.

If you know of anybody who is ill and has not received a message from us, please let us know.

J.D.S.

OVERSEAS EVENING

This will take place in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on 27th Nov., and there will be a talk or films on the work of the Church overseas. There will also be the usual sale of work in aid of the S.P.G. and gifts for this (including Home-made sweets, Cakes, Raffle Prizes, etc.) will be gratefully received by Miss Richards, Mrs. Sidders or Miss Wass.

PLEASANT HOUR CLUB (OVER 60's). On Dec. 3rd at 3 p.m. 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.

MOTHERS' UNION

Bridge:

During the coming session we are having a course of talks on the Church in various parts of the world. Mrs. Eagling opened the series with a most interesting talk on "The Church in Australia" and on Monday, 16th Nov. the Rev. C.G. Stapley is coming to speak to us on "The Church in India".

Bekesbourne: At our opening meeting in October it was unanimously decided that we should make the 8 o'clock service on the 2nd Sunday in each month the occasion of our Corporate Communion.

On Tuesday, 17th Nov, Mrs. Meigh, who has recently come to live in Bridge, is coming to speak to us about her experience as a Missionary in India.

YOUNG WIVES' GROUPS

Bridge: On 10th December at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, we are having a film on the work of the Church of England Children's Society and a Gift Stall in aid of this Society. We invite all the Parish to come and see this film and do some Christmas shopping at our stall! Our November meetings will both be working parties - the first has been changed from Thurs. 12th to Wed. 11th Nov. on account of the Sunday School Concert.

Bekesbourne: At the time of going to press we are looking forward immensely to our first meeting of the Young Wives' in Bekesbourne. At this meeting those present will be discussing plans for the future, and dates and details will be given in the December magazine.

The success of the Group will depend largely on the enthusiasm and recruiting powers of the pioneer members. Our object is to provide a programme of real interest, value and enjoyment to young wives and mothers and we hope that you will all come to the meetings.

BRITISH LEGION - LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

The Annual General Meeting will take place at the Littlebourne War Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Tues. 3rd Nov. This will be followed

at 8.40 p.m. by a talk on Chile, illustrated with colour slides, by Sir Charles Empson, K.C.M.G. Relatives and friends of members will be welcome to this talk.

The branch is again indebted to the three Women's Institute branches in the district for undertaking the sale of poppies on Poppy Day which, this year, will be on Sat. 7th Nov. The Remembrance Day church parade will take place at Bekesbourne Church the following day at 10.45 a.m. Preacher: The Rev. J. Cartman, M.O.

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM: - Patrixbourne.

July 5th. RICHARD ERIC, son of Edward and Nancy WILSON.

" 13th. JACQUELINE JANE, daughter of David and Doreen McEWAN.

Bridge:

July 12th. LORRAINE ELIZABETH, daughter of Joan SWAN.

Sept. 6th. PETER LAWRENCE, son of Geoffrey and Gonda FRANCIS.

" 20th. PATRICIA HILLARY, daughter and ERNEST SEAN, son of Ernest & Catherinea DUNKLING.

MARRIAGES

Patrixbourne;

July 11th. John Gardener WHITE and Eleanor Valerie FLETCHER.

Oct. 10th. William Thomas PHIPPS & Janice Kathleen BRICKENDEN.

Bridge:

Sept. 3rd. James Denson SMITH & Kathleen Grace WEATHERALL.

Bekesbourne:

Aug. 8th. Keith SANDALL & Maureen HOPLEY

" 22nd. Raymond DYER & Elizabeth DEEBANK.

Sept. 19th. Peter Waller PHILLIPS & DIANA Mary Wellesley WATSON-TAYLOR.

Oct. 3rd. Geoffrey Michael Ernest TURNER & Pamela Jean RUSSELL

BURIALS: Aug. 17th. Henry SIMPSON, at Bridge.

Vicar:

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.
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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.

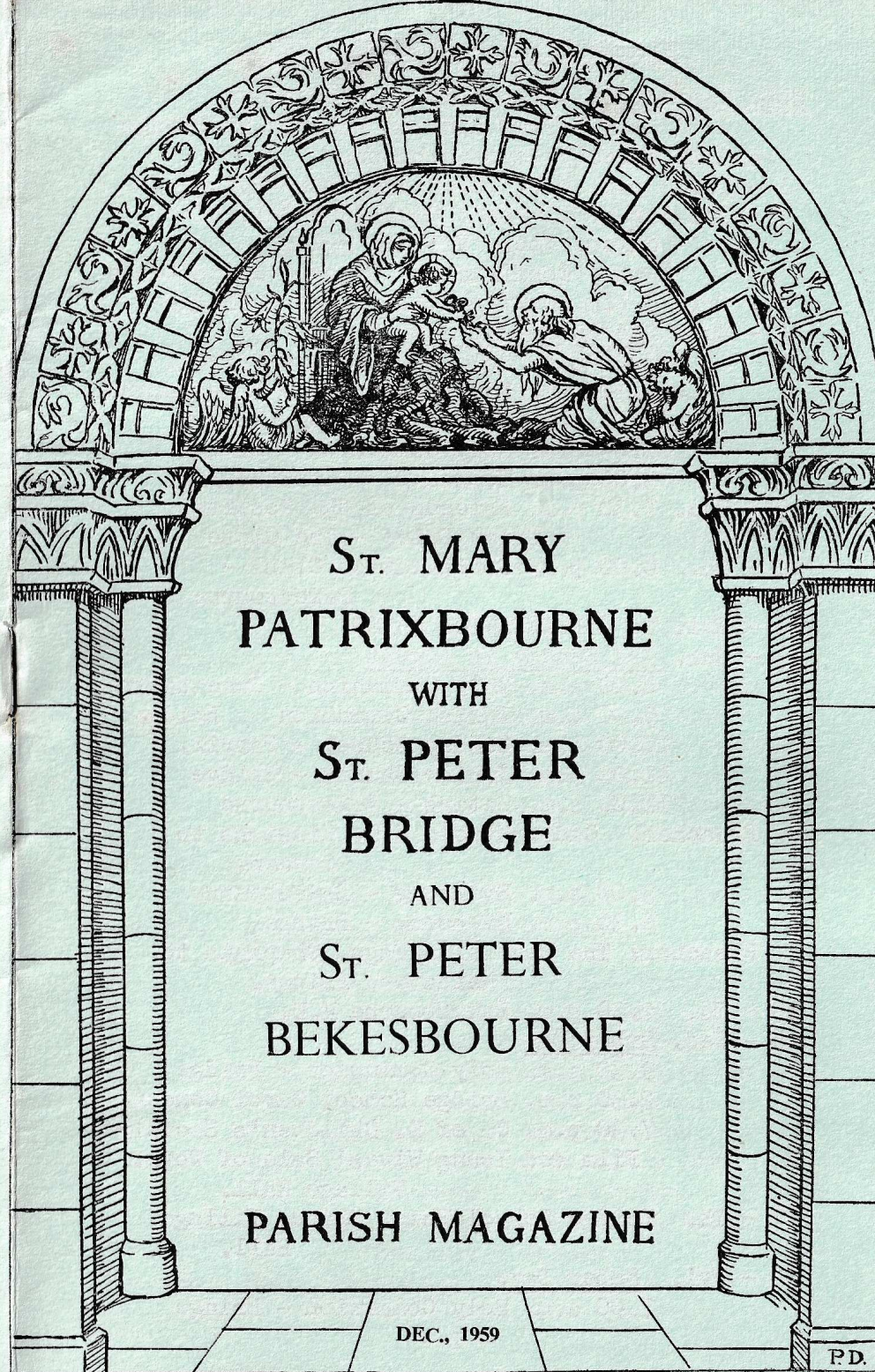
BEKESBOURNE

MR. W. R. MOWLL, Mulberry Cottage, Bekesbourne.
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Tel.: Bridge 256.

Treasurer:—MR. H. S. SHOREY.



PARISH DIARY - DECEMBER 1959

Holy Communion: 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays
7.00 a.m. on Fridays at Bridge
and on special days as below.

- 1 - Tu. 3 p.m. M.U. Intercessions - Bridge
3 - Th. 3 p.m. Pleasant Hour Club Sale of
cakes, etc. Village Hall.
8 p.m. Confirmation Class - Bekesbourne
4 - Fri. 8 p.m. Confirmation Class - Bridge
6 - Sun. 2nd Sunday in Advent.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrix.
9.30 a.m. Family Service - Bekesbourne
11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
3.00 p.m. Evensong - Patrixbourne.
9 - Wed. 7.30 p.m. Friends of the Hospital
Whist Drive - The Close
10 - Th. 8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class -
Bekesbourne
11 - Fri. NO CONFIRMATION CLASS
13 - Sun. 3rd Sunday in Advent
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
9.00 a.m. Parish Communion - Bridge
10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patrix.
11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
11.00 a.m. Matins - Bekesbourne
Preacher: Cmdr. Steel, V.C. Missions to
Seamen.
3.00 p.m. Evensong - Bekesbourne
6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
Preacher: The Rev. Alan Fagg, Chaplain to
Maidstone Prison.
15 - Tu. 2.30 p.m. Bekesbourne M.U.
16 - Wed. Ember Day
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
2.30 p.m. Bridge School Carol Concert
7.30 p.m. C. of E. Children's Society
Film and Young Wives' Sale of Work.
Village Hall.
17 - Th. Bridge School Whist Drive, Village
Hall.
18 - Fri. Ember Day:
7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge

- 2.30 p.m. Bridge School Carol Concert
Bekesbourne School Party.
7.00 p.m. Junior Church Prizegiving.
8.30 p.m. Confirmation Class, Vicarage.
19 - Sat. Ember Day
7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
2.30 - 6 p.m. Bridge School Party.
7.30 p.m. Bekesbourne Village Social.
20 - Sun. 4th Sunday in Advent
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrix.
9.00 a.m. Parish Communion - Bridge
10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patrix.
11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
11.00 a.m. Matins - Bekesbourne.
3.00 p.m. Evensong - Patrixbourne.
21 - Mon. St. Thomas, A.M.
7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
2.45 p.m. Bridge M.U. - Methodist Chapel
24 - Thu. Christmas Eve:
11.30 p.m. Parish Communion - Bridge
25 - Fri. Christmas Day:
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
9.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrix.
10.00 a.m. Short Family Service - Bridge.
11.00 a.m. Short Family Service -
Bekesbourne.
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
26 - Sat. St. Stephen, M.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
27 - Sun. 1st Sunday after Christmas
St. John, .A.M.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patrix.
11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns
and Address - Bekesbourne.
11.00 a.m. Matins - Patrixbourne.
3.00 p.m. Service of Carols & Nine
Lessons - Bekesbourne.
6.30 p.m. Service of Carols & Nine
Lessons - Bridge
28 - Mon. Holy Innocents:

7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge

Jan. 1960:

1 - Fri. Circumcision of our Lord.
7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge

3 - Sun. 2nd Sunday after Christmas
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrix.
9.30 a.m. Family Service - Bekes-
bourne.
11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge.
3.00 p.m. Evensong - Patrixbourne.

5 - Tu. Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer:
Bridge - 4.45 - 5 p.m. in Church.
Bekesbourne - 4.30 - 4.45 in the Hut

6 - Wed. The Epiphany:
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge

VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

Mid-November seems a little early to be writing a Christmas Message to you, but it must be done if you are to receive your December Magazine in time. This will be our second Christmas with you and my family and I are looking forward to happy times ahead - School parties, Sales of Work, Sunday School prize-givings, Carols and the joy of the Midnight Celebration of Holy Communion to welcome the CHRIST-CHILD.

Let our Devotion to Christ, our love of children and our thanksgiving for all the Blessings of home life find expression in our family Worship on Christmas Day. There will be three Celebrations of Holy Communion in addition to the Midnight Service, so that every fit Communicant, and Member of the Church should be enabled to come, (for this is ONE of the occasions on which all Communicant Members are expected to come.) Also there will be two short, joyful Family Services - half-an-hour only - at which parents and children together can sing Carols and hear the lovely story of the Birth of Our Lord. Make an effort to come as a family: bring the babies too.

It is a sobering thought that Our Saviour was born and nurtured in circumstances not unlike the conditions in which our Modern Refugees and displaced homeless families are living. Babies are being born to them too, you know, and Mothers are desperate because they have no place to go. That is why I am so glad that you all responded so generously to the Appeal for the Fund to aid Refugees. For the same reason I hope that every family will give all they can afford to the Church of England's Children's Society appeal. Our Christmas collections will be given to this cause and the Young Wives' Group organising a Sale of Work to raise money for them. At this Season of love - the Children's happiest time - let our love and generosity overflow towards the homeless and love-starved children of broken homes, the orphans of our day, for which the Church has an abiding responsibility.

A happy and blessed Christmas to you all and especially to the children.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Penney.

JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES

Annual Concert:

Thank you all very much for your support once again. The show was a great success and I think everybody enjoyed it especially the performers. The exact amount we raised is not available yet, but it is over £21 when all expenses are paid and I will publish the full amount as soon as it is ready.

Annual Prizegiving: This, our usual Christmas event, will take place on Friday, 18th Dec. at 7 p.m. As always, we invite all our parents and friends to come and sing the old Christmas Carols with us and hear some new ones. We also hope to put on a short Nativity play for your enjoyment.
Christmas: The Junior Church members wish you all a very happy Christmas and a New Year full of peace and joy and blessing.

J.D.S.

MOTHERS' UNION

Patricxbourne; & Bridge: Our December programme will take the form of a Christmas Anthology. This will be followed by tea and Carols.

The Wave of Prayer this year falls on the first Tuesday in the Month - 5th Jan. 1960 - The time allotted to our Branch is 4.45 - 5 p.m. and we will, therefore, meet in Church at this time instead of our usual time of 3 p.m. so that we may preserve the unbroken link of prayer which is maintained by M.U. members all over the world throughout the year.

Bekesbourne: The speaker at our meeting on 15th Dec. will be Mrs. Burnett, whose subject is "Some glimpses at the Life of our Lord."

At our September meeting it was decided that we would meet in the Hut to observe the Wave of Prayer this year as it is more accessible for most of our members. Our time is 4.30 - 4.45 p.m. on Tues. 5th Jan. Please make a real effort to come and make this a corporate act of prayer.

YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

Bridge:

An interesting coloured film showing the work of the Church of England's Children's Society will be shown at the Reading Room at 7,30 p.m. on Wednesday, 16th. Dec. A warm invitation is extended to all members of the Parish. The Rev. S. Pritt, Organizing Sec. of the Society will be with us to comment on the film and to answer questions.

After the film you will have an opportunity of buying many attractive things for Christmas presents which have been made or given by members of the Young Wives' Group and Mothers' Union in aid of the Society.

Please come and spend generously.

Bekesbourne;

A new Group has been formed in the Parish and it has been decided to meet monthly at 7.30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday in the month in

the School. At the moment our numbers are very small and we should welcome more new members.

BRITISH LEGION

The Annual General meeting of the Littlebourne & District branch of the British Legion was held in the War Memorial Hall, Littlebourne on Tuesday the 3rd November.

In opening the meeting, the President, (Major General G. Surtees, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.), outlined the activities of the branch during the year. He emphasised the need for a fuller membership of the British Legion by ex-Service personnel and the showing of a greater interest by present members.

The Chairman (Capt. F. Newing) reported a total membership of 150 (fully paid-up) and a profit on the year's working of £17. 18. 1. The total sum disbursed by the Service committee in the way of aid to distressed ex-Service personnel amounted to £42.10. 0; and another form of assistance given was two weeks' at a Legion convalescent home for one case. A branch Benevolent Fund for the making of grants not permissible from Legion sources, was started in April, 1959, with £12. 6. 6. donated in memory of the late Mr. F.E. Atkins.

Mr. L.R. Healey was elected Chairman for the forthcoming year, Capt. F. Newing, Vice-Chairman and Mr. V. Maynard, Hon. Secretary & Treasurer; and elections to the main and Service committees were duly made.

The meeting closed with a most interesting talk on Chile illustrated with colour slides by Sir Charles Empson, K.C.M.G.

The next monthly general meeting of the branch will be held at the Rose, Wickhambreaux at 8 p.m. on Tuesday the 1st December.

On Remembrance Sunday the Littlebourne and District Branch and The Bridge and District Branch had a joint parade and Service at Bekesbourne Church