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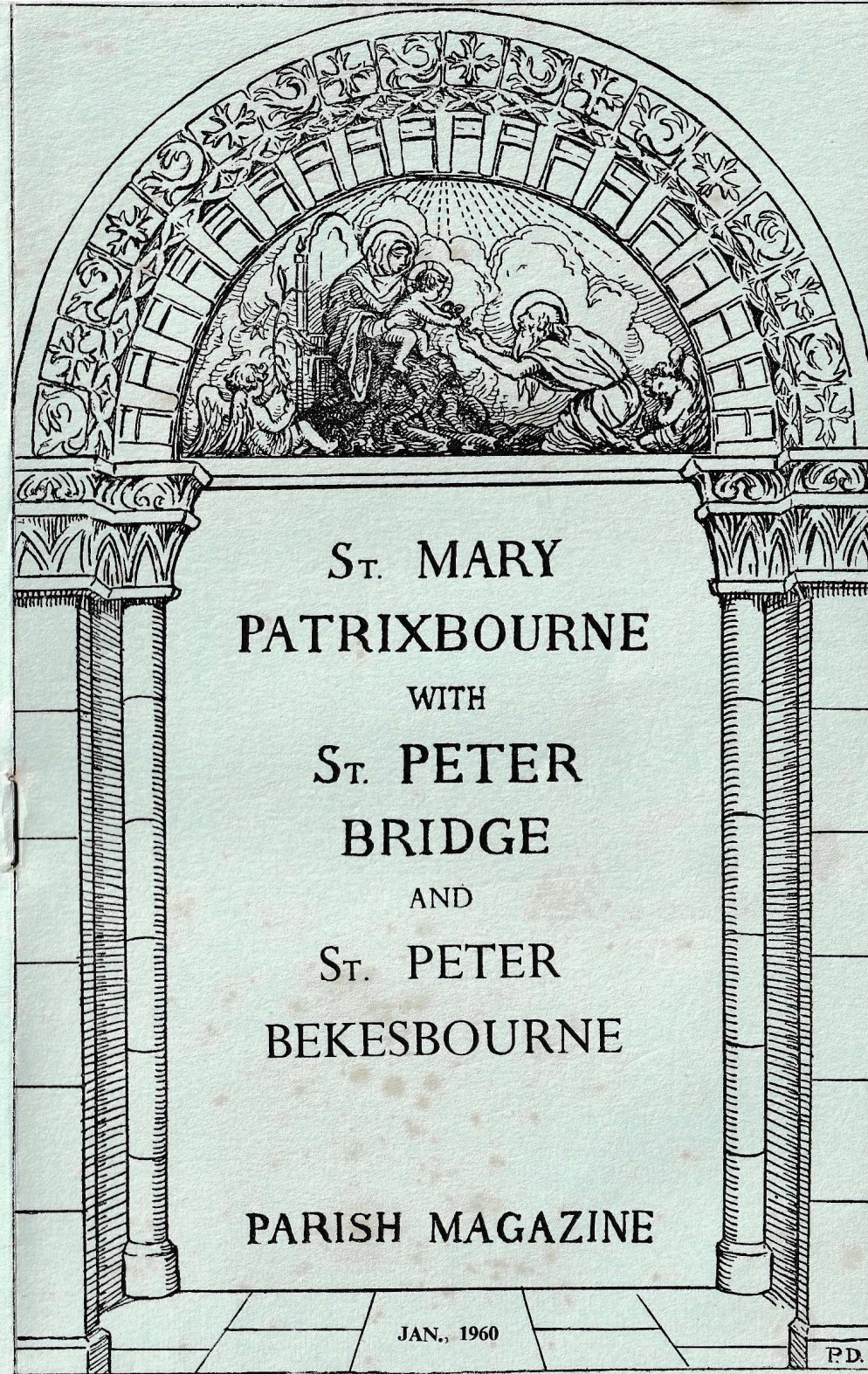
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PARISH DIARY - JANUARY 1960

- 1 Fri. Circumcision
7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
9 a.m. Holy Communion (M.U. Corporate)
Bridge.
- 3 Sun. 2nd Sunday after Christmas
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.
- 5 Tue. 4.30 - 4.45 p.m. Patrixbourne & Bridge
4.45 - 5.00 p.m. Bekesbourne.
M.U. WAVE OF PRAYER
- 6 Wed. Epiphany
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 7 Thu. 8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Bekesbourne
- 8 Fri. 8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Bridge.
- 10 Sun. 1st Sunday after Epiphany
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 Thu. 8.00 p.m. Bridge Young Wives' Group,
The Vicarage.
8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Bekesbourne.
- 15 Fri. 8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Bridge.
- 17 Sun. 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne.
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.
- 18 Mon. 7.00 p.m. Mothers' Union. Village Hall
- 21 Thu. 8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Bekesbourne
- 22 Fri. 8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Bridge.
- 24 Sun. 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge

- 10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patrizbourne
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Matins - Patrizbourne
 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns and
 Address - Bekesbourne.
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.
- 25 Mon Conversion of St. Paul
 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 26 Tue. 2.15 p.m. Bekesbourne Young Wives' Group
 Cobham Court Cottages.
- 28 Thu 8.00 p.m. Bridge Young Wives' Group,
 The Vicarage.
- 31 Sun 4th Sunday after Epiphany
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
 9.00 a.m. Parish Communion - Bridge
 10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patrizbourne.
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Matins - Patrizbourne
 3.00 p.m. Evensong - Bekesbourne.
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.
- Feb.
- 2 Tue Purification of the B.V.M.
 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrizbourne.

VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

At the beginning of this New Year of 1960, we review the past year and thank God for many Blessings.

1. Bekesbourne Organ re-conditioned at a cost of £405, all paid for by hard work and generous giving by parishioners and friends from outside the parish.
2. Patrizbourne Church beautifully restored and re-decorated and a new window installed. (In addition to the re-shingling of the spire etc.) The whole of the cost over £1,300 - raised by Grants from various sources and generous donations and bequests.
3. Junior Church at Bridge built up to a strength of 35 children and 6 teachers, under our Layreader, J.D. Smith, and our new Sunday School at Patrizbourne Church going well with a roll of 40 and 4 teachers under

Mrs. E. Greenwood.

4. Nearly 50 Confirmation Candidates being prepared for Confirmation next Whitsun.
5. Young Wives' Groups started and functioning enthusiastically at Bridge and at Bekesbourne.
6. A number of most successful parish, school and choir functions and sales.
7. A general increase in Church-going and giving of money to worthy causes (e.g. £56 sent to Refugees by Church and School efforts and £30 raised by the Bridge Young Wives' Group for the C. of E. Children's Society).
8. A good start with the building of the new Vicarage which should be completed by the summer of 1960.
9. The Reading Room re-decorated and new stage curtains hung.
10. The scheme for beautifying the Close nearly completed, to the pleasure and excitement of the residents, staff and the Friends of the Canterbury Hospitals.

This year, by God's Grace, we shall continue to grow in Christian discipleship and stewardship, increasing our Church-going and alms-giving and tackling cheerfully whatever work we may be called upon to do.

God bless you all - thank you for all your lovely Christmas Cards.

Your friend and Vicar,

ROBERT PENNY

JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES

Annual Concert I am pleased to report that with the addition of 1/- our Concert raised the sum of £25. Thanks to all who helped.

Annual Prizegiving This event duly took place on 18th Dec. Mrs. Hare, the wife of the ex-Rector of Barham very kindly came along and gave the awards to the children and the parents and friends helped us to sing Carols and also watched a little Nativity play by the children, J.D.S.

YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

Bridge

We were glad to have so many visitors to our film on the "Church of England's Children's Society" and as a result of your generous patronage of our Gift Stall, we were able to send the Society a cheque for £30.

Our next meeting on 14th Jan. will be our Annual General Meeting.

Bekesbourne

It has now been decided that an afternoon meeting will be more convenient in Bekesbourne; the Jan. meeting will be held in Mrs. Kember's house - Cobham Court Cottages at 2.15 p.m. on 26th Jan. It will be a very informal meeting and of course toddlers will be welcome.

MOTHERS' UNION

Wave of Prayer

Patrixbourne & Bridge - 4.45 - 5 p.m. in Church. (In place of intercessions at 3 p.m.)

Bekesbourne. 4.30 - 4.45 p.m. in the Hut.

On 18th Jan. at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall the Bekesbourne Branch and Bridge Young Wives are invited to join the Patrixbourne & Bridge Branch to hear Mrs. Sansbury speak on the Church in Japan.

BRITISH LEGION

At the December General Meeting of the District Branch at the Rose, Wickhambreaux, Mr. V. Maynard who had filled the dual role of Hon. Sec. & Treasurer, stated that he could no longer continue to serve as Hon. Sec. but would carry on as Hon. Treasurer. Mr. S.A. Russ of Rose Cottage, Littlebourne, was unanimously elected Hon. Sec.

The following new members of the Branch give an increase of 13 in membership during the past three months:- Messrs. A.F. Ansell, W.S. Jones, P.D. Marsh, C.E. Townsend and G.F. Witt, all of Littlebourne, and Mr. R.F. Miles (Jnr) of Wickhambreaux.

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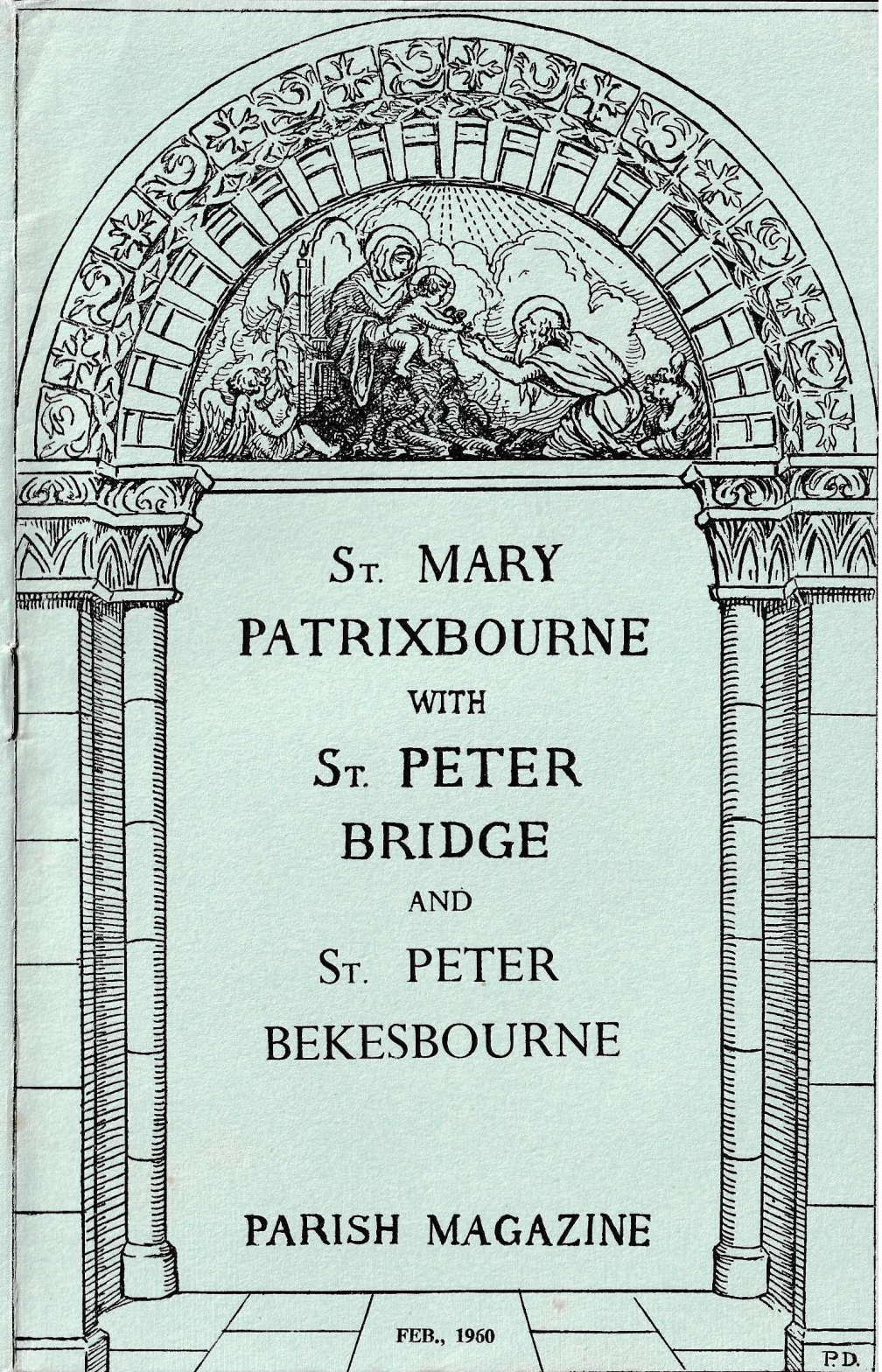
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PARISH DIARY - FEBRUARY 1960

2. Tue. Purification of the B.V.M.
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne
3.00 p.m. M.U. Intercessions - Bridge
4. Th. 8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Bekesbourne
5. Fri. 8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Bridge
7. Sun. 5th Sunday after Epiphany
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
(NO 3 p.m. EVENSONG AT PATRIXBOURNE)
6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
- Preacher: The Rev. Michael Adie, Archbishop's Chaplain.
11. Th. 8.00 p.m. Young Wives' Fellowship - Vicarage.
8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Bekesbourne
12. Fri. 8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Bridge
14. Sun. Septuagesima
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
15. Mon. 2.45 p.m. Mothers' Union - Bridge
16. Tue. 2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union - Bekesbourne
18. Th. 8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Bekesbourne
19. Fri. 8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Bridge
21. Sun. Sexagesima
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
23. Tu. 2.15 p.m. Young Wives' Group - Cobham Court
Cottages, Bekesbourne
24. Wed. St. Matthias, A.M.
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge.
25. Th. 8.00 p.m. Young Wives' Group - Vicarage

25. Th. 8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Bekesbourne
 26. Fri. 8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Bridge
 27. Sat. 7.30 p.m. Youth Social - Village Hall
 28. Sun. Quinquagesima
 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 and
 Address - Bekesbourne
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge

March

2. Wed, ASH WEDNESDAY
 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer & Lent Address
 - Bridge.
4. Fri. Women's World Day of Prayer.

VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

WORLD REFUGEE YEAR

"Thank you so much for your generous gift and we do indeed appreciate the splendid achievement that you have now reached from three small parishes. I hope you will give our genuine appreciation to all those who achieved this target of £64. 9s. 0d".

These words were addressed to you from the Administrative Secretary, The British Council of Churches Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service, in acknowledgement of a further contribution of £7.15s. raised by Bekesbourne Choir, singing carols at Christmas.

There are still a few months left of the Church's special year of effort to aid the refugees and I want you all to understand clearly what we are trying to do...so that you will give every possible help. At a recent meeting in Canterbury we were given a graphic account of the situation by films and special speakers, and the facts, briefly, are as follows:-

Over 10 million Refugees have been re-settled in their own countries and 700,000 have been settled by emigration - But a hard core of 125,000 men, women and children remain to be cared for, and are all at present existing under the most primitive and

frightful conditions of squalor, hunger, noise, misery and suspense. These are the very old, the very young, and the very sick, who cannot be employed or left to look after themselves. The cost of building and staffing the necessary hostels and hospitals will amount to £2 million and the Church is trying to raise half of this, THIS YEAR ending 31st May 1960.

I believe we should try to raise our contribution from £64 to £100 at least; by means of coffee parties, sales of work, donations etc. Let me have your ideas, offers of help and any money you may wish to give to this emergency work.

Clothes are badly needed and may go direct to the W.V.S. Centre at 4, Castle Street. There is also an Adoption Scheme whereby you can be put in touch with a person or a family to whom you can write letters and send papers, books, or comfort parcels.

Telling Statistics: £5 will feed ONE refugee for ONE YEAR at the present food allowance rate of 1/6d per week (FAR EAST)

£25 will secure a University Course and a new start in life for a promising youngster.

£1,000,000 is a LOT of money - BUT in Britain alone in one year 10 million T.V.Licences were paid for at a cost of over £40,000,000!

CONFIRMATION - MAY 1960

If there are any ADULTS who would like to consider being confirmed, will they please speak to me as soon as possible, and I will make individual arrangements with each concerning the necessary preparation.

PARISH OF PATRIXBOURNE WITH BRIDGE:

It has now been established that Bridge has never been a separate parish, but has always been part of the parish of Patrixbourne. As we can only have ONE Parish Church, it has been decided to make BRIDGE CHURCH the parish Church, but of course that need make no difference to our use of Patrixbourne Church, except that persons in Patrixbourne or Bridge may choose to be married in either Church in future.

LENT 1960

To enable us to have a connected series of special addresses during Lent there will be Evensong at 6.30 p.m. at Bridge Church every week as from 6th March. We may very well decide to continue the weekly Evensong after Lent if that seems right.

A PIANO for Bridge Church has been given by Mrs. Rude and gratefully received. A most valuable aid to Choir Practices and Junior Church.

HASSOCKS: Mrs. Christopherson of Sondes House, Patrixbourne is kindly raising a small fund to equip Patrixbourne Church with some new hassocks. She will gladly receive any contributions.

FEB. 7th The Archbishop's Chaplain, the Rev. Michael Adie, will preach at Evensong at 6.30 p.m. at BRIDGE. (There will be no service at 3 p.m. at Patrixbourne).

SICK: Please let me have names for remembrance in prayers and for SICK VISITS.

All good wishes,

ROBERT PENNEY.

JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES:

Membership: Our annual stocktaking is completed and the members have "moved up" where necessary.

We hope to have a busy year; already we are preparing for the Diocesan Examination. We did not have one last year and our members are keen to go in for it again.

Sunshine Guild: has had a very busy time owing to so much sickness in the village. I am glad to say that the membership has grown and only a very few of our members do not yet belong.

J.D.S.

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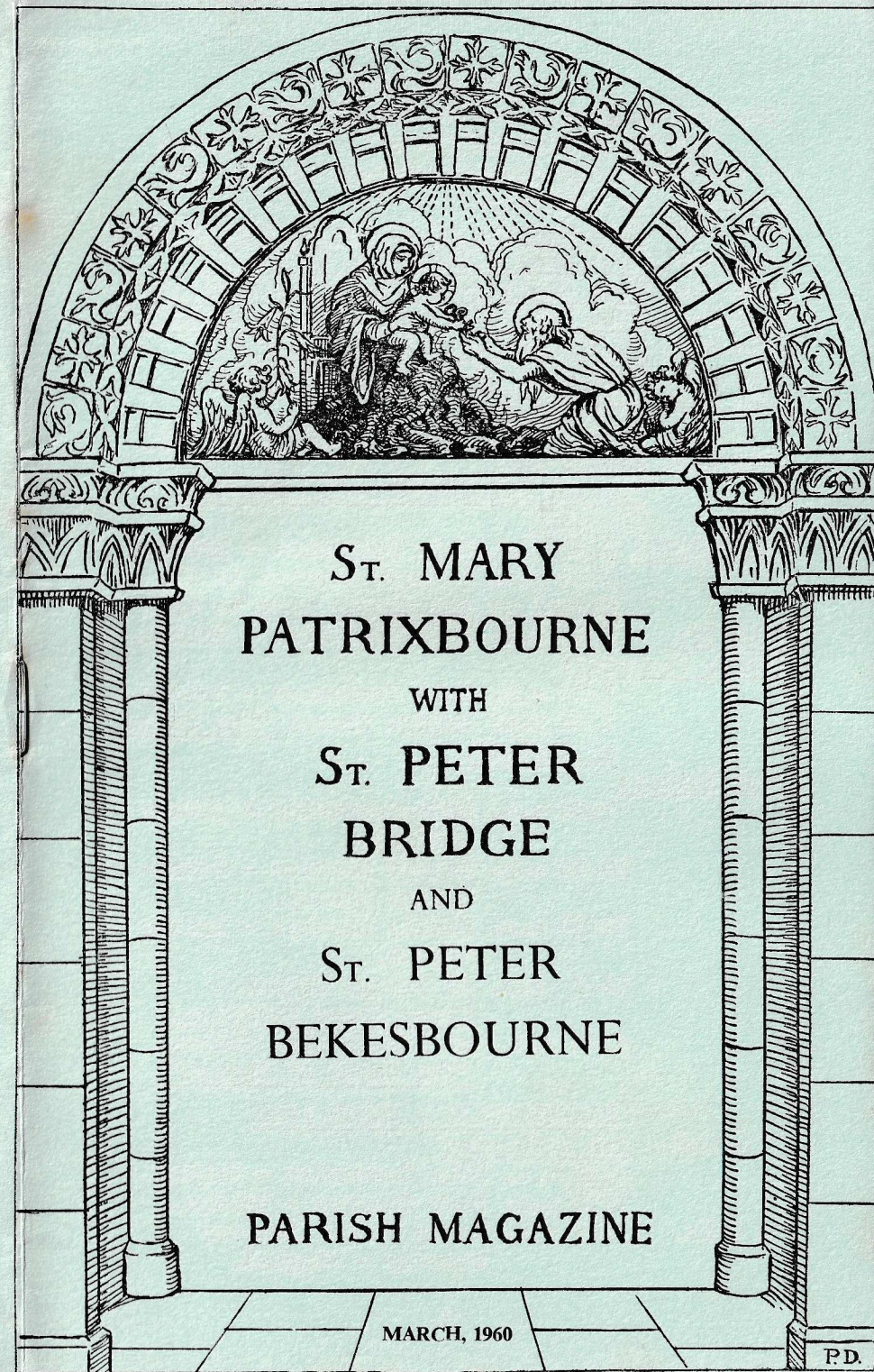
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LENT SERVICES

(See Church Notice Boards for details)

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP will be the theme of the preaching throughout Lent at all our services, as follows:-

28th Feb. "The Meaning of Christian Stewardship"
6th Mar. "Becoming a Christian Steward".
13th Mar. "Our Heritage as Christian Stewards"
20th Mar. "The Duties of Christian Stewardship"
27th Mar. "God's Aid to His Stewards"
3rd Apr. "The Cost of Good Stewardship"
10th Apr. and Holy Week.
"The Perfect Stewardship of Christ"
17th Apr. Easter Day.
"CHRIST TRIUMPHANT - The Perfect Steward"

WEDNESDAYS: 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge.
6.00 p.m. A short service in the Chapel at the Close. Open to ALL.

FRIDAYS: 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge.

Maundy Thursday:

7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge.
7.30 p.m. Bridge Church "The Cross of Christ".

Good Friday:

7.00 a.m. Ante-Communion & Litany - Bridge.
10.00 a.m. Family Service - Bekebourne School.
10.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge Church.
12-3 p.m. at Bridge Church - Three Hours Devotion.
6.00 p.m. at Bekebourne Church. "The Cross of Christ".

PARISH DIARY - MARCH 1960

2 - Wed. Ash Wednesday
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge.
7.30 p.m. Lent Service - Bridge.
3 - Th. 7.15 p.m. Young Wives' Deanery Meeting - Wingham.

4 - Fri. Women's World Day of Prayer - Services at 3 p.m. & 7 p.m. in the Cathedral Crypt.

7.30 p.m. Youth Fellowship - Village Hall.

6 - Sun. 1st Sunday in Lent

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patricxbourne
9.30 a.m. Family Service - Bekebourne
11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge.
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge.
3.00 p.m. Evensong - Patricxbourne.
6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.

10 - Th. 11 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. M.U. Deanery Quiet Day. St. Margaret's Church, Canterbury.
8 p.m. Confirmation Class - Bekebourne
8 p.m. Young Wives' Group - "Wychcroft" Meadow Close.

11 - Fri. Ember Day

7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge.
8 p.m. Confirmation Class - Vicarage.

12 - Sat. Ember Day

8 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge.

13 - Sun. 2nd Sunday in Lent

8 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekebourne.
9 a.m. Parish Communion - Bridge.
10 a.m. Sunday School - Patricxbourne.
11 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge.
11 a.m. Matins - Patricxbourne.
3 p.m. Evensong - Bekebourne.
6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.

15 - Tu. 2.30 p.m. Bekebourne M.U.

18 - Fri. 7.30 p.m. Youth Fellowship - Village Hall.

20 - Sun. 3rd Sunday in Lent.

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patricxbourne.
9.00 a.m. Parish Communion - Bridge.
10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patricxbourne.
11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge.
11.00 a.m. Matins - Bekebourne.
3.00 p.m. Evensong - Patricxbourne.
6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.

PARISH DIARY contd.

- 21 - Mon. 2.45 p.m. Bridge M.U.
7.30 p.m. Christian Stewardship
Meeting Nonington Village Hall (for all
Church-wardens and P.C.C.members). The
Archdeacon of Maidstone.
- 22 - Tu. 2.15 p.m. Bekesbourne Young Wives'
Group.
7.30 p.m. Bekesbourne P.C.C.Meeting.
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VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

This is the subject of our Lent Course this year. As you will see from the Parish Diary, from now onwards there will be Evensong every Sunday evening at 6.30 p.m. at Bridge Church and this will enable a series of consecutive teaching addresses to be given. These, as the titles suggest, will enable us to review, revalue and re-possess the riches of our Christian religion and re-dedicate ourselves as stewards under Jesus Christ. The same course will be given at Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne at morning or evening services.

Confirmation Candidates and their families are particularly urged to come every Sunday as part of their preparation, but this is also an opportunity for many others to establish the habit of regular Sunday worship as an aid to faith.

The phrase "Christian Stewardship" may already be familiar to some of you for there is in the whole church a vigorous revival of the Biblical belief that "all things come of God" and that we should offer back in God's service all that we are and all that we have.

I would like to make clear that our Lent Course is NOT a money-raising campaign, but is concerned solely with religious instruction. There is, however, in this Deanery, the beginning of a movement to raise the standard of Alms-giving in the Church and I hope that our Lent Course may

help to put us all in the right mind to take our part in this necessary campaign when the time comes.

His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, in his addresses to Clergy and Lay representatives of the Parishes last summer made the following points:-

"1. CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP is not simply concerned with money, although money must play a great part. It demands of us that we regard all our activities and occupations as part of our offering of ourselves to God for his service.

"2. The Christian must respond to Christ first, by giving himself to live his life with conviction and devotion; secondly, by careful thought deciding how best to expend himself in the service of God and his fellows.

"3. The life dedicated to God will express itself in a proper and responsible use of time, talent and possessions. A dedicated man cannot give casually to Christ. He must think it out and answer for himself to our Lord".

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PARISH NEWS Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Howard Smith on the death of her husband Lt. Col.L.Howard Smith, who was a former Churchwarden of Bridge and a keen horticulturist. He will be greatly missed in the district, in which he was held in great esteem and affection.

We welcome home from hospital, Philip Hogben, Miss Olive Russell, Major de Termes and Mrs.J.D.Smith. Best wishes to all invalids.

Further details of Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be published as soon as possible.

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May God grant to us all the joy of serving Him better through our self-discipline and devotion during LENT.

Your friend and Vicar,

ROBERT PENNEY.

PARISH DIARY contd.

- 24 - Th. 8 p.m. Confirmation Class - Bekesbourne.
8 p.m. Young Wives' Group - Vicarage.
- 25 - Fri. The Annunciation of the B.V.M.
7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge.
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Patricxbourne.
(M.U. Corporate).
8 p.m. Confirmation Class - Vicarage.
- 27 - Sun. 4th Sunday in Lent - Mothering Sunday
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge.
10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patricxbourne.
11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge.
11.00 a.m. Matins - Patricxbourne.
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion with Hymns and
Address - Bekesbourne.
6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.
- 29 - Tu. 7.30 p.m. "The Living Word" - Cathedral.
- 31 - Th. 7.30 p.m. Bridge P.C.C. Meeting.

April

- 1 - Fri. 7.30 p.m. Youth Fellowship - Village
Hall.
- 3 - Sun. Passion Sunday
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patricxbourne
9.30 a.m. Family Service - Bekesbourne
11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge.
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge.
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MOTHERS' UNION

A Quiet Day on Thurs. 10th March at St. Margaret's
Church, Canterbury from 11 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.

Conductor: The Rev. W. Mortimer Lamb.

Meetings: Bridge: Monday, 21st March, 2.45 p.m.
in the Methodist Chapel. Speaker: Mrs. Meigh,
on her work in India with the Aborigines.

Bekesbourne: Tuesday, 15th March,
2.30 p.m. in the Hut. Speaker: Mrs. A. Brough "The
Ordering of Bishops, Priests & Deacons".

Corporate Communion: Ash Wednesday 9.30 a.m.
Bridge.

25th March. The Annunciation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary, 9.30 a.m. Patricxbourne.

It is hoped that members will make a special
effort to attend these services.

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YOUNG WIVES GROUP

There will be a Deanery Meeting and Bring
and Buy Stall at Wingham on 3rd March at 7.15 p.m.
Bridge Group have been asked to act as Hostesses
at this meeting.

On 10th March we meet at Mrs. Chadwick's house
"Wychcroft" Meadow Close, when her husband will
speak to us about his visit to the Holy Land.

On 24th March we meet at the Vicarage to
hear a talk about Australia by Miss Fox.

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BRITISH LEGION - BEKESBOURNE

The next monthly general meeting will be at
the Duke William, Ickham, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday,
1st March; and the April meeting at the Prince
of Wales, Bekesbourne on 5th April.

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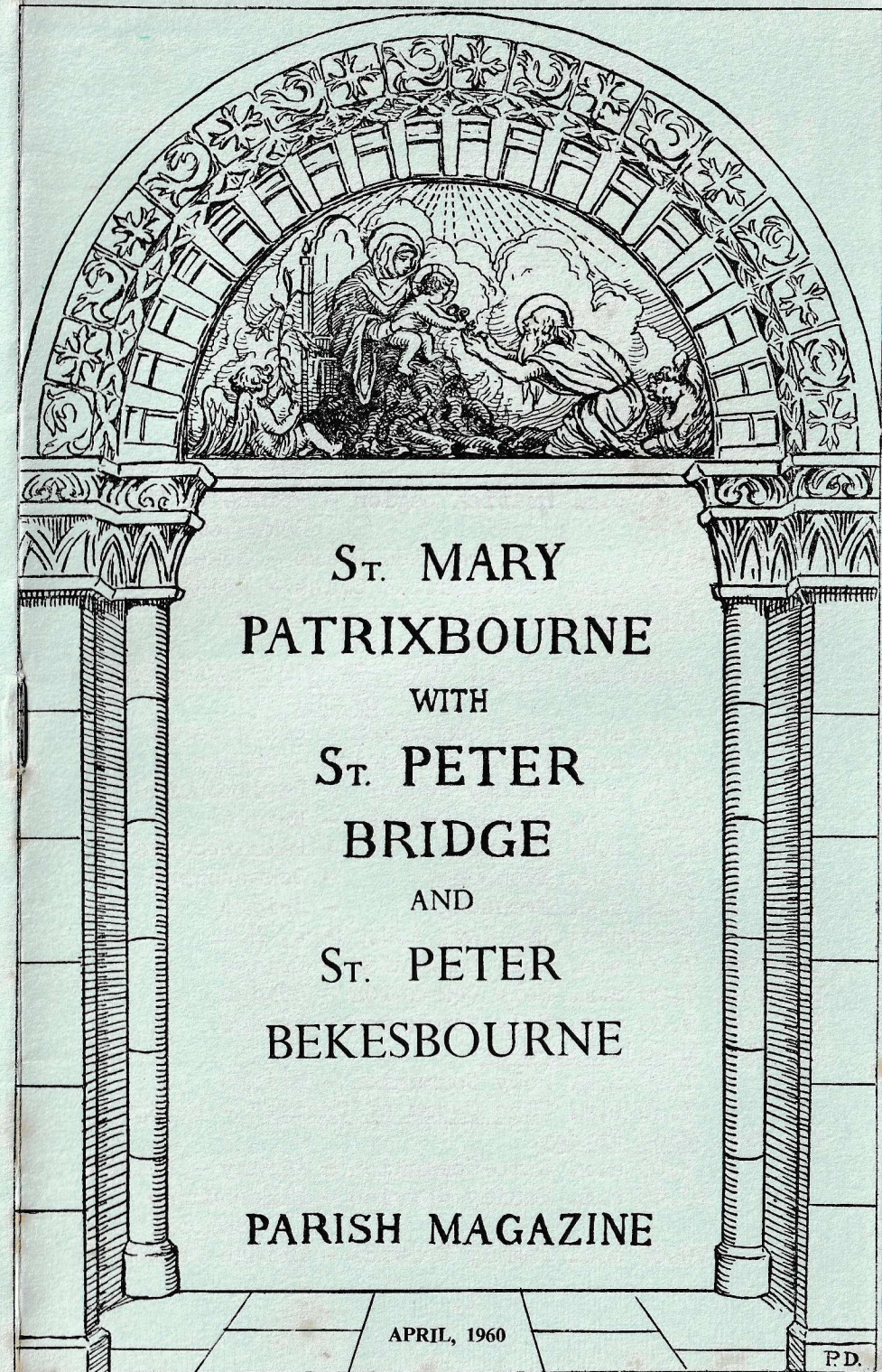
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PARISH DIARY - APRIL 1960

1. Fri. 7.30 p.m. Youth Fellowship - Village Hall
3. Sun. 5th Sunday in Lent
Preaching Theme: "THE COST OF GOOD STEWARDSHIP".
 - 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. Evensong - BridgePreacher: The Rev. R. Whitman, U.S.A.
5. Tue. 3.00 p.m. M.U. Intercessions -
Bridge Church
8.00 p.m. British Legion - Prince of Wales,
Bekesbourne.
7. Thu. 8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Bekesbourne
8. Fri. 8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Bridge
10. Sun. Palm Sunday. Palm Crosses will be
distributed.
Preaching Theme: "THE PERFECT STEWARDSHIP
OF CHRIST"
 - 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 - BridgePreacher: The Rev. A.N. Hare, M.A.
11. Mon. 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
12. Tue. 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
13. Wed. 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
14. Thu. Maundy Thursday
 - 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 - 7.30 p.m. "The Cross of Christ" - Bridge
15. Fri. Good Friday
 - 7.00 a.m. Ante-Communion & Litany - Bridge
 - 10.00 a.m. Family Service - Bekesbourne
School.
 - 10.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge Church

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15. Fri. Good Friday (continued)
 - 12 - 3 p.m. Three Hours Devotion - Bridge.
Conducted by the Rev. Alan Fagg.
 - 6.00 p.m. "The Cross of Christ" -
Bekesbourne
 17. Sun. EASTER DAY. Preaching Theme:
"CHRIST TRIUMPHANT - THE PERFECT STEWARD"
 - 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 - 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne
 - 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
 - 9.00 a.m. Parish Communion - Bridge
 - 10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patrixbourne
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 - 11.00 a.m. Matins - Bekesbourne
 - 3.00 p.m. Evensong - Patrixbourne
 - 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.
 18. Mon. Easter Monday
 - 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 - 7.30 p.m. BARN DANCE - Village Hall
 19. Tue. Easter Tuesday
 - 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 - 2.30 p.m. Bekesbourne Mothers' Union
 21. Thu. 7.30 p.m. BEKESBOURNE A.G.M.
 22. Fri. 7.30 p.m. BRIDGE A.G.M.
 24. Sun. 1st Sunday after Easter
 - 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 and
Address - Bekesbourne
 - 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
 25. Mon. 2.45 p.m. Bridge Mothers' Union
 26. Tue. St. Mark E.M. (Trans. from 25th)
 - 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 28. Thu. 8.00 p.m. Young Wives' Group - Vicarage
8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Bekesbourne
 29. Fri. 7.30 p.m. Youth Fellowship - Village Hall
8.00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Vicarage.
- May
1. Sun. SS. Philip & James AA.MM.
 - 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne
 - 9.30 a.m. Family Service - Bekesbourne

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May (continued)

- 1. 11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge
 - 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 - 3.00 p.m. Evensong - Patricxbourne
 - 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
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VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

Why EASTER EGGS?

Because the egg is universally associated with new life - and that is what Easter means to us. The Resurrection of Our Lord after His death upon the cross was God's assurance to mankind that "death" is not the end of everything, but "birth" out of this world into a higher form of life - and so we rejoice on Easter Day and acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord of LIFE and Conqueror of Death.

To Christians all over the world Easter Day brings the obligation - a duty of LOVE - to worship God in church. It is one of the days on which every Communicant member of the Church is called upon to make his or her Communion, without fail. I hope that you will allow nothing to prevent you from attending one of our Celebrations, which will be at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 9 a.m. on Easter Day.

A less rewarding, but very important duty is your attendance at your Parochial Annual General and Easter Vestry Meeting (21st April at Bekesbourne and 22nd April at Bridge).

This is one occasion in the year on which you have the privilege of coming together to express appreciation and thanks to the loyal, hard-working members of your parish who on your behalf have laboured as Churchwardens, Treasurers, Secretaries, and members of the P.C.C., Diocesan Conference and R.D. Conference during the past year - and it is also the time when you elect your officers and representatives and discuss plans for the coming year.

Last year the attendance was disgracefully small and discouraging, but I hope you will all try to come this year to hear reports of progress and

to elect your representatives. If you wish to nominate anyone for the Parochial Church Council, or in any other capacity, please obtain the necessary Form from the Parish Secretary MR. L.J. WILLIAMS, or MRS. SANDALL as quickly as possible. No-one may be elected to office unless he is properly proposed and seconded and has expressed willingness to serve.

God bless you - and a very Happy Easter from all of us at the Vicarage.

I am grateful to you all for your loyal support, help and encouragement.

Your friend and Vicar,
ROBERT PENNEY.

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BABY CLOTHES FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES:

The W.V.S. are appealing urgently for baby clothes for Refugees in the Middle East. Mrs. Penny would be glad to receive at the Vicarage new or second-hand first size baby clothes, cot blankets etc. Please see what you can do to help.

YOUNG WIVES' GROUP:

There will be no meeting at the Vicarage on Maundy Thursday, but the Choir will be singing "The Cross of Christ" at Bridge Church at 7.30 p.m. It is hoped that you will all come and join in this congregational act of worship.

On 28th April there will be a Record Evening at the Vicarage. Bring along your favourite record and let us hear it!

We offer a warm welcome to all Bekesbourne Young Wives who can join us at our meetings at the Vicarage.

MOTHERS' UNION:

Bridge: The next meeting will be on Monday, 25th April at 2.45 p.m. at the Methodist Chapel, when the speaker will be Miss Skinner - her subject, "Religion for Busy People."

There will be a Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Stall in Mrs. Ledger's Garden on Wednesday 11th May at 10.30 a.m. and it is hoped that all members will come to this.

Bekesbourne: The next meeting will be on Tues:

19th April. The Speaker will be Mrs. Coomber on "Flowers and the Church."

JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES:

Missions to Seamen: Our efforts to "build a ship", raised £5 for the "John Ashley" scheme. We received a badge and a nice letter for each of our members who subscribed, and these were duly presented, before class, on Sunday, 13th March. This was a very good and worthwhile effort.

BARN DANCE ON EASTER MONDAY:

There will be an "introductory evening" of square and country dancing at 7.30 p.m. on Easter Monday at the Village Hall. If enough people are interested a Folk Dance Group can be formed in the Autumn. No experience is necessary - a well-known "caller" will be there to instruct and demonstrate each dance. These Barn Dances are happy affairs and appeal to people of all ages. Please ask for a ticket of admission from Mrs. J.D. Smith, 4 The Terrace, Bridge.

K. Smith.

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EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM:

- 6th Dec: RICHARD RAYMOND, son of Raymond and Patricia SMISSEN. At Patricxbourne.
13th " GRAHAME ROY, son of Frederick and Pamela PATTERSON. At Bekesbourne.
20th " ELIZABETH JOYCE, daughter of Donald and Joyce BELFIELD. At Patricxbourne.
1960
3rd Jan: RUTH ELIZABETH, daughter of William and Valda FUGGLE. At Bridge
17th " GRAHAM LESLIE, son of Peter and Dorothy TALBOT. At Bridge
24th " RICHARD CHARLES, son of David and Valerie ALIBONE. At Bridge.

MARRIAGES:

- 2nd Jan: Solomon Max LEVY and Pamela Mary HONNEY. At Bridge.
2nd " Arthur John FREELove and Ann Margaret RUSSELL. At Bekesbourne.
16th " James Cecil Cumine RUSSELL and Diana Margaret WHITE. At Patricxbourns.

BURIALS:

- 20th Nov: William CORK, at Bridge
10th Dec: Philip William BILLINGTON, at Bridge
16th " Harriet Mary ROWLAND, at Bekesbourne
1960
5th Jan: Bessie Maud Louisa HOARE, at Bekesbourne
14th " Frank MEIGH, Priest, at Bridge.
30th " Edward KNIGHT, at Bridge.

CREMATIONS:

- 30th Nov: Mary Anne CHAPMAN, of Bridge
1960
5th Jan: Elizabeth CURZON, of Bridge
9th Feb: Lyndon Howard SMITH, of Bridge.
26th " Roberta Christina LOGAN, of Patricxbourne

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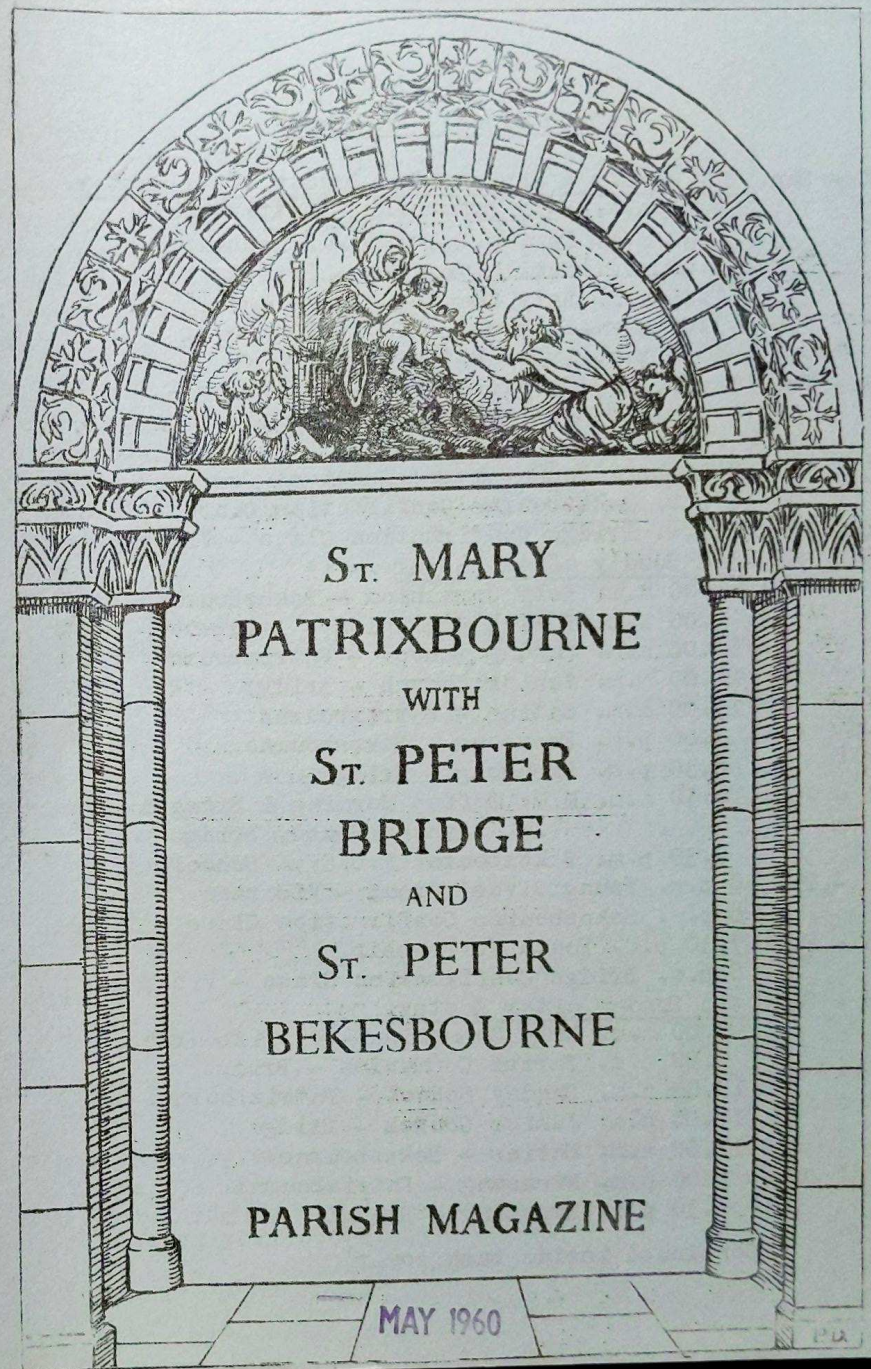
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9.30 a.m. Family Service - Bekesbourne.
11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge.
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge.
3.00 p.m. Evensong - Patrixbourne.
6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
- 3 - Tu. 3 p.m. M.U. Intercessions - Bridge.
8 p.m. British Legion - Basketmaker's Arms,
Littlebourne
- 5 - Th. 7.30 p.m. Young Wives' Festival Service - Ash.
8 p.m. Bekesbourne Confirmation Class - School
- 6 - Fri. 8 p.m. Bridge Confirmation Class - Vicarage
- 8 - Sun. 3rd Sunday after Easter.
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.
- 11 - Wed. 10.30 a.m. M.U. Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy.
Lynton House, Bridge.
7.30 p.m. Bekesbourne P.C.C. - School.
- 12 - Th. 8 p.m. Young Wives' Group - Vicarage.
8 p.m. Bekesbourne Confirmation Class - School
- 13 - Fri. 7.30 p.m. Youth Fellowship.
8 p.m. Bridge Confirmation Class - Vicarage
- 15 - Sun. 4th Sunday after Easter.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne.
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.
6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.

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VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

This is the first edition of our "Do it Yourself" Magazine - a rush job, and not very good - but we hope to improve the quality as we become more expert. We plan in future to accept small advertisements from local tradesmen and that will still further reduce the cost of production and give us a valuable shopping guide.

We had good church congregations at Easter (224 Communicants in all) and, what is equally encouraging, we had good attendance at both our Annual Church Meetings, especially at Bridge. I am sure that we have got very good officers and P.C. Councillors for the coming year, who will worthily maintain the past high standard of service. I repeat what I said at our meetings, that our most grateful thanks are due to all our officers, teachers and helpers. A special thank-you is due to Lt. Col. J.L. Carr and Mr. W.J. Parker, retiring after many years of faithful service, and also to Mr. L.J. Williams, who after being Secretary to the Church Council for 33 years is now going to devote his energies to the difficult task of organising the scheme for improving Bridge Churchyard.

The final arrangements for our Parish Confirmations, on Sunday 22nd May, are as follows:-

3 p.m. at Bekesbourne; 6.30 p.m. at Bridge.
Details of arrangements for the candidates and of social gatherings after the Confirmation will be published later.

It is clear from our accounts that we urgently need to raise the standard of our giving of money for the work and expenses of the church. Most regular churchgoers are giving generously, but we need more help from parish families who receive the magazine and take a friendly interest in church affairs, but who only come to church occasionally. Next month I will suggest how you can all help through our F.W.O. Scheme.

Thank you very much for your generous Easter Offerings, which came to £50 altogether - a most welcome contribution to the cost of running my car and large family.

Yours very sincerely,

ROBERT PENNEY.

PARISH VESTRY & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

BEKESBOURNE

The meetings were held on Thursday 21st April, and the following were elected to office:-

Churchwardens: Mr. W.R. Mowll, Vicar's Warden;

Mr. H.S. Shorcy, People's Warden.

Diocesan Conference Representatives:

Mr. C.E. Watson-Taylor

Ruri-Decanal Conference Representatives:

Mr. F. Carey; Mr. & Mrs. S. Grey

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

Sidesmen: Messrs. Newport, F. Carey, F. Tyler, T. Ash, C.E. Watson-Taylor, T.D. Russell, D.E. Lawrence & S. Gray

PATRIXBOURNE & BRIDGE

The meetings were held on Friday 22nd April, and the following were elected to office:-

Churchwardens: Mr. C.A. Potter, Vicar's Warden

(Also appointed Hon. Sec. and Treasurer);

Capt. A.E.W. Farish-Sandbach, People's Warden.

Diocesan Conference Representative: Mr. J. Williamson

Ruri-Decanal Conference Representatives:

Mr. McQuie; Mrs. Meigh & Miss Seath

Parochial Church Council: Messrs. E. Greenwood, J.D. Smith, L.J. Williams, A.J. Chadwick, D.F. Strongitharm, N. Christopherson, G. Rooke & O. Middleton. Mesdames Penney, Potter, Smith & Miss Wass.

Sidesmen: Bridge: Lt. Col. J. Carr, Lt. Col. R.H. Graham, Messrs. A. Penn, W. Kennett, J. McQuie, L.J. Williams & A.J. Chadwick.

Patribourne: Messrs. G. Rooke, N. Christopherson &

E. Greenwood. Assistant Hon. Sec. & Treasurer and F.W.O. Sec.: Mrs. J.D. Smith

At both meetings the Vicar expressed his gratitude to all officers of both churches and all the unofficial helpers behind the scenes for their unfailing and loyal co-operation and work in the parishes.

MOTHERS' UNION

Combined Meetings: The date of this meeting has had to be altered from 17th May to Wednesday 18th May at 7.30 p.m. in Bekesbourne School. There is to be a Brains Trust and Mrs. Penney would be glad to receive your questions by 13th May. Transport is being arranged from Bridge. Deanery Service: at Ash Church on Wednesday 8th June at 3 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. P.C. Hammond, Vicar of Barham. Teas in Hall after the service, price 1/6d. each. Bus arranged.

Special Date to Remember: Bridge Branch Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy in Mrs. Ledger's garden (Lynton House) on Wed. 11th May from 10.30 a.m. and bring your friends.

Outings: visit to Rochester Cathedral and to Gravesend on Monday, 20th June. Coach leaving Bridge at 12.50 p.m. Please give in names early.

Joint M.U. and Y.W. Meeting: The Vicar has agreed to give three talks on Prayer in May, June and July. The first of these will take place in the Village Hall on Thursday, 26th May at 8 p.m.

YOUNG WIVES' FELLOWSHIP

We will meet as usual on the second Thursday in the month at the Vicarage, but during the three summer months we are joining with the Mothers' Union for a course of three talks by the Vicar on Prayer. These will be held on the 4th Thursday in the Village Hall. Deanery Service: on 5th May at Ash Church at 7.30 p.m. Young Wives' Rally: 20th May at 11 a.m. in the County Hotel, Canterbury. Speaker: Mrs. Olive Parker. Admission payable at the door. Coffee will be available.

BEKESBOURNE MAY FAIR

This very happy event is to be repeated again this year on Sat. 28th May at 2.30 p.m. in Bekesbourne School. There will be Stalls, Raffles, Competitions and side shows, and this date free and come and enjoy yourselves!

ANOTHER BARN DANCE!

Another BARN DANCE will be held on Saturday 28th May - so do come along and let us know whether this would, in future, be a popular item in the social life of the village for people of all ages.

The dance starts promptly at 7.30 p.m. No experience is necessary, but if you come on time you will learn more from the instruction to be given by an experienced "caller". Admission, including refreshments, 2/- (1/- to St. Peter's Youth Club members).

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF THE CANTERBURY HOSPITALS

The Bridge Group of the League of Friends of the Canterbury Hospitals is indebted to our Vicar for allowing us space in this magazine to keep members and others informed of what the League is doing and of forthcoming events. We have a number of kind helpers who enrol members; if you would like to join and have not been approached, please write to the Secretary, c/o The Vicar, and one of the Committee will call to see you. Membership is only 2/6 per annum and this money goes to the Central Fund of the League. A donation over and above that sum goes to our local fund for the benefit of patients at the Close. We do hope that those of you who have not yet joined us will do so.

S.J. Steadman,
Group Secretary.

BRITISH LEGION

The April General Meeting of the Littlebourne & District Branch was held at the Prince of Wales, Bekesbourne, and there was a record attendance.

The next general meeting of the branch will be at the Basket Maker's Arms, Littlebourne at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 3rd May. A talk will then be given by the Rev. R.A. Fenney on the training of parachutists. The June meeting will be at the Volunteer, Branling, on Tuesday, 7th June.

Ex-Servicemen are reminded that if they are in need of help, the Vicar, who is Chairman of the Bekesbourne Service Committee, will be glad to make application to the Legion on their behalf.

Parish Diary Continued.

- 16 - Mon. 7.30 p.m. Bridge P.C.C. - Village Hall.
18 - Wed. 7.30 p.m. Joint M.U. - Bekesbourne School.
19 - Th. 8 p.m. Bekesbourne Confirmation Class - School.
20 - Fri. 11 a.m. Young Wives' Rally - County Hotel.
8 p.m. Bridge Confirmation Class - Vicarage.
21 - Sat. Rehearsal for Confirmation Candidates.
Bekesbourne Church - 2 p.m.
Bridge Church - 6 p.m.
22 - Sun. Rogation Sunday.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge.
10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patricxbourne
11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge.
11.00 a.m. Matins - Patricxbourne.
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne.
3.00 p.m. CONFIRMATION - BEKESBOURNE
6.30 p.m. CONFIRMATION - BRIDGE.
25 - Wed. 10.30 a.m. Bring & Buy Sale at Old Palace,
Canterbury in aid of Moral Welfare.
26 - Th. Ascension Day.
7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Patricxbourne.
8 p.m. Combined M.U. & Y.W. Meeting - Village
Hall
27 - Fri. 7.30 p.m. Youth Fellowship.
28 - Sat. 2.30 p.m. BEKESBOURNE MAY FAIR.
7.30 p.m. Barn Dance - Bridge Village Hall.
29 - Sun. Sunday after Ascension.
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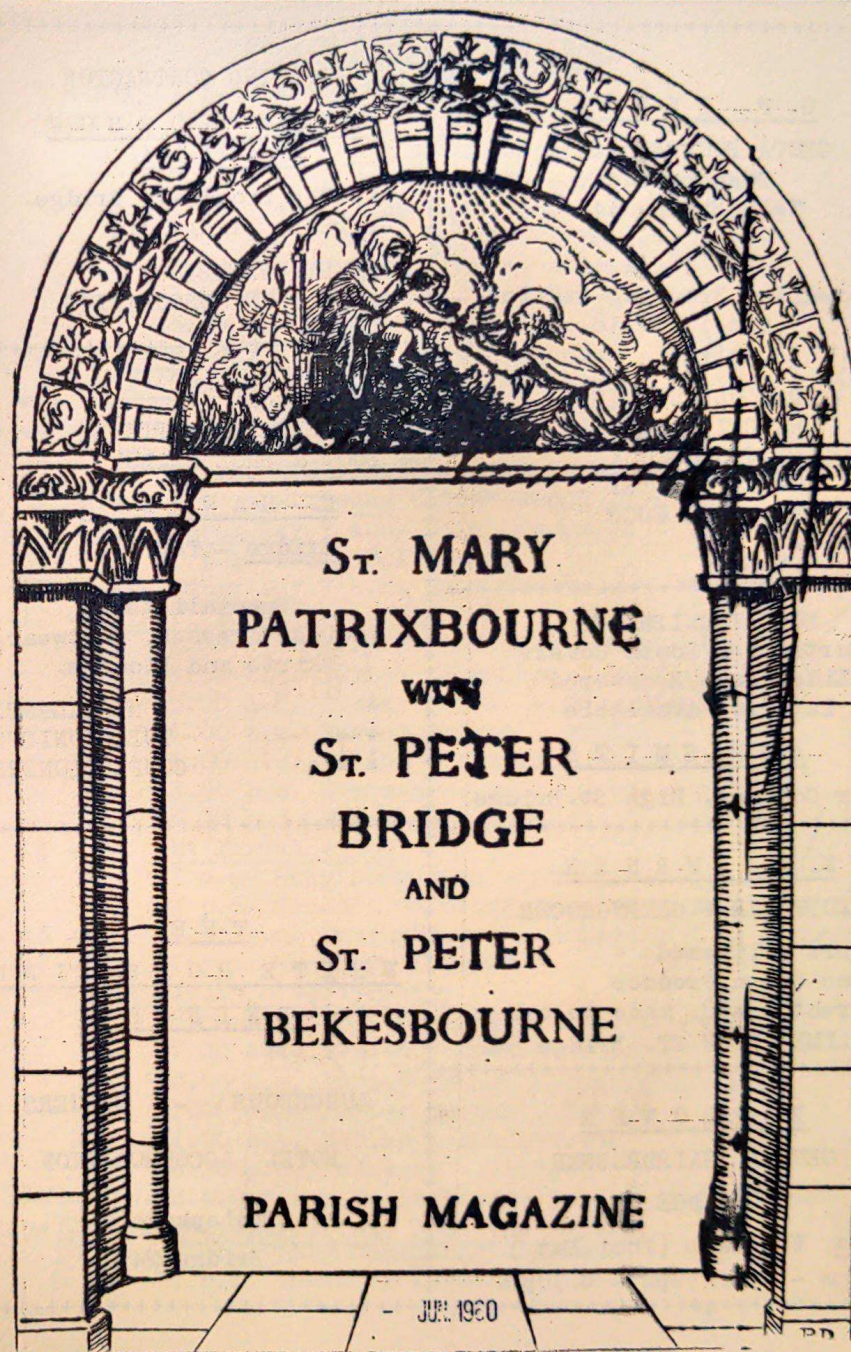
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- 5 - WHITSUNDAY
 - 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
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 - 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion - Bekesbourne
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 - 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
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- 7 - Whit Tuesday 7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 - 3 p.m. M.U. Intercessions - Bridge
- 8 - Wed. Ember Day 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 - 3 p.m. M.U. Festival Service - Ash
- 9 - Th. 7.30 p.m. Young Wives' Group - Vicarage
- 10 - Fri. Ember Day 7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 - 7 p.m. Youth Fellowship
- 11 - Sat. Ember Day 7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 12 - TRINITY SUNDAY
 - 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
 - 9.00 a.m. Parish Communion - Bridge
 - 10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patricxbourne
 - 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 - 11.00 a.m. Matins - Patricxbourne
 - 3.00 p.m. Evensong - Bekesbourne
 - 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
- 14 - Tu. St Barnabas A.M.
 - 7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 - 3 p.m. Women's Offering Service - Cathedral
- 16 - Th. 7.30 p.m. Patricxbourne & Bridge P.C.C. - School
- 17 - Fri. 7 p.m. Youth Fellowship
- 19 - 1st Sunday after Trinity
 - 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patricxbourne
 - 9.00 a.m. Parish Communion - Bridge
 - 10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patricxbourne
 - 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 - 11.00 a.m. Matins - Bekesbourne
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- 20 - Mon. M.U. Outing. Coach leaves Bridge at 12.30 p.m.
- 24 - Fri. Nativity of st. John the Baptist
 - 7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 - 7 p.m. Youth Fellowship

26 - 2nd Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patricxbourne
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BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL FETE

The annual fete for the Bridge Village Hall will be held on Saturday, 2nd July at 2.30 p.m. on the School Field. Your help and support is very necessary, since at least £80 has to be raised to pay off the annual loan instalment.

ST. PETER'S YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Under this title, the young people of both Bridge and Bekesbourne have, for some time, been meeting in the Village Hall for Table Tennis, Snooker, Dancing and other activities. During the fine weather we are planning an outdoor programme of Rambles, Scavenger Hunts, Barbecues, Rounders etc.

Meetings are held on Friday evenings at 7 p.m. unless otherwise arranged, and new members are always welcome.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF THE CANTERBURY HOSPITALS

On 30th April we had our Flag Day, and we are most grateful to our loyal helpers who collected a total of £12.12.4.

On Saturday, 16th July, there will be an Open Day at The Close, when ALL are invited to come and see the new ROSE GARDENS, LAWNS and other improvements.

BRITISH LEGION - LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

The Far East (Prisoners of War and Internees) Fund is now functioning. Awards and help are given under this fund to Prisoners of War (Japanese), Internees and Dependent Relatives. Applications may be submitted to the Branch, whether or not the applicant is a member of the British Legion.

A talk on "The Formation of Parachute Units", given by the Rev. R.A. Penney at our May meeting was the first of many talks that we hope will be given by members or invited speakers.

Next Branch meeting: 7th June at "The Volunteer", Bramling.

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CAPT. A. E. W. FARISH-SANDBACH, Pilgrim Cottage, Bridge. (Bridge 438)

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MR. C. A. POTTER.

Assistant Secretary & Treasurer (and Free Will Offering Secretary)

MRS. J. D. SMITH, 4, The Terrace, Bridge. (Bridge 260)

BEKESBOURNE

Churchwardens :

MR. W. R. MOWLL, Mulberry Cottage, Bekesbourne. (Bridge 213)

MR. H. S. SHOREY, Cherry Tree Cottage, Bekesbourne. (Bridge 235)

Secretary :

MRS. SANDALL, School House, Bekesbourne. (Bridge 256)

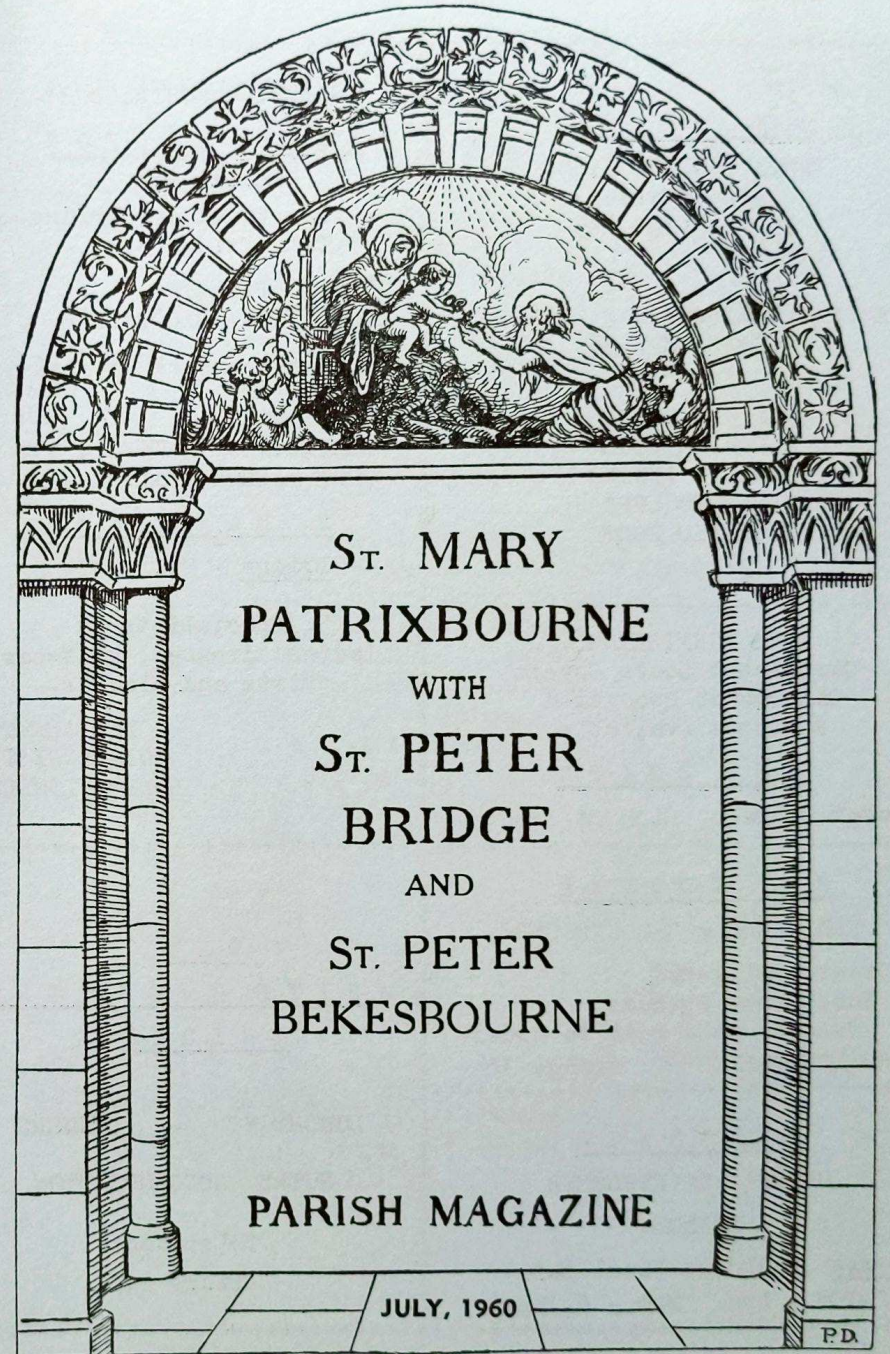
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- 1 - Fri. 7.30 p.m. Youth Fellowship.
- 2 - Sat. BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL FETE.
- 3 - Sun. 3rd Sunday after Trinity.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patricxbourne
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion - Bekesbourne
11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge.
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge.
6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.
- 5 - Tu. 3 p.m. H.U. Intercessions - Bridge.
8 p.m. British Legion - King William IV Littlebourne
- 8 - Fri. 7.30 p.m. Barn Dance - Vicarage Lawn
- 10 - Sun. 4th Sunday after Trinity.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
9.00 a.m. Parish Communion - Bridge
10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patricxbourne
11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
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3.00 p.m. Evensong - Bekesbourne
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- 14 - Th. 8 p.m. Young Wives' Group - Vicarage.
- 15 - Fri. 7.30 p.m. Youth Fellowship.
- 16 - Sat. OPEN DAY - THE CLOSE
- 17 - Sun. 5th Sunday after Trinity
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patricxbourne
9.00 a.m. Parish Communion - Bridge
10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patricxbourne
11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
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6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.
- 20 - Wed. Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy - "Wych Elm",
High St., Bridge.
- 21 - Th. 8 p.m. Joint Y.W. & H.U. Meeting - Bridge Church.
- 22 - Fri. St. Mary Magdalene
7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
7.30 p.m. Youth Fellowship.
- 23 - Sat. BEKESBOURNE VILLAGE FLOWER SHOW & FETE.

- 24 - Sun. 6th Sunday after Trinity.
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patricxbourne
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Matins - Patricxbourne
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 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.
- 25 - Mon. St. James A.L.
 7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge.
- 28 - Th. JUNIOR CHURCH OUTING.
- 29 - Fri. 7.30 p.m. Youth Fellowship.
- 31 - Sun. 7th Sunday after Trinity.
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 Dancing by Pupils of Sydney Woodman's School of Dancing 3.30 p.m.
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VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP OF MONEY

Asking for money is such an unpleasant task that I am very pleased to find our Patricxbourne & Bridge Churchwardens and F.C.C. members taking the initiative in the appeal we are now making for a substantial increase in GIVING towards a target of £1000 p.m. I earnestly commend to you their Reports which follow. Your giving for the maintenance and work of your local church is an opportunity to show whether your Christianity is a real and sacrificial faith or just a superficial and conventional thing.

I am quite sure that all of you value your local church and are proud of it - whether or not you attend it regularly for worship - and when you need to use it for a Wedding, Baptism or a Funeral service, you expect to find it clean, warm and well cared for. But the expenses are always there, whether you come or not - and always increasing - and the faithful few are no longer able to bear the burden.

We appeal to you who are not already members of the FREE-WILL OFFERING SCHEME to join now (using the enclosed form) and pay a regular share - weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually - towards the task of maintaining our ancient parish churches, and the work of which they are focal points, to the Glory of God. And possibly you who are members could give more.

At the recent Missionary Festival the preacher told us of his African parish, comprising 450 poor families, who donate £4,500 yearly to their church, of which £1000 p.a. is given away. This represents an average of £10 per family - nearly 7 times our average per family! How much does your family give? And how much does it spend on luxuries, entertainment, etc? Does your Church-giving involve you in any real self-denial? If so, your giving is an act of worship - and that is exactly what it should be.

My wife and family join me in wishing you all an enjoyable and beneficial summer holiday. We shall be away during August - but I leave the churches in good hands.

Your sincere friend and Vicar
 ROBERT PENNEY.

PATRIXBOURNE WITH BRIDGE

Hon. Treasurer's Report

The Parochial Church Council wish me to publish our estimate of the financial position of the church as at the end of the current year, because we believe that the responsibility for maintaining our local churches should be shared by every member of the church.

From the Estimated Accounts opposite you will see that there will be a deficit of £187, unless there is an increase in the rate of giving for the second six months of the year. (In fact we shall have to find £375 to cover only our known expenses up to 31st Dec. 1960).

The amount included in the Statement for "Repairs to Fabric" is only £15, but this is an incomplete picture as it excludes the cost of Patribourne Church restoration. During 1959 over £300 was spent on the treatment of the roof timbers and decoration of the interior of Patribourne Church. In 1958 the spire was re-shingled at a cost of £870 and in 1956 £560 was spent on essential repairs to the chancel. A large proportion of this money came from outside the Parish because St. Mary's, Patribourne is an ancient building of considerable architectural interest. There is still a formidable list of essential work awaiting completion.

Bridge Church is not nearly such an old building, but even here there is a lot of potential expenditure, details of which will only be disclosed when the Architect's Quinquennial Inspection has been made. The heating plant is about to be improved at a cost of at least £150, the spire will soon have to be re-shingled, sooner or later the bells will have to be turned and the clock renewed at a probable cost of over £500, and there are many other improvements and repairs pending.

It is therefore essential that we should start building up a reserve now to meet these liabilities for at present we are living from hand to mouth. Approximately 30% of our income is derived from collections in church and preferably a great deal more should be contributed through the Free-Will Offering Scheme, so that we may know what our income is likely to be and can plan accordingly.

PATRIXBOURNE WITH BRIDGE

ESTIMATED ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 Dec. 1960
(excluding Collections & payments in respect of MISSIONS etc.)

EXPENSES

	£	s.	d.		
<u>Salaries</u> (Organists, Vergers & Cleaners)	161.	0.	0.		
<u>Lighting & Heating</u>	150.	0.	0.		
<u>Insurance, Rates etc.</u>	22.	0.	0.		
<u>Church Services</u> (Candles, Wine Wafers etc.)	25.	0.	0.		
<u>Church Yards</u> (excess over Income from Legacies)	10.	0.	0.		
<u>REPAIRS</u> - Fabric	£15				
Organs	£35	50.	0.	0.	
Heating Plant (Bridge Church)		150.	0.	0.	
<u>Magazines</u> (cost in excess of Advert revenue)		10.	0.	0.	
<u>Sundry Expenses</u>					
<u>Payments to Diocese</u>	Quota	£93			
	Scheme K	£25			
	Dilapidations	£45	163.	0.	0.
			<u>£776.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>

INCOME

<u>Church Collections</u> (excluding special collections)	170.	0.	0.	
<u>F.W.O. Envelopes</u>	£178			
<u>F.W.O. Covenants</u>	£148			
<u>Tax Recovery on</u>				
Covenants	£ 93	419.	0.	0.
<u>Deficit to be met by Increased giving</u>		187.	0.	0.
		<u>£ 776.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>

N.B. An INCOME of £1000 p.a. is needed to enable Reserve Funds to be set aside for improvements, replacements and repairs to Fabric, Organs, Bells, Clock, Heating Apparatus, Furniture and Furnishings, and to make a more generous contribution to MISSIONS and other worthy purposes.

CHARLES POTTER.

30th June 1960.

Hon. Treasurer & Hon. Sec.

PATRICKBOURNE WITH BRIDGE

Church Finances

Report of Parochial Church Council Meeting on 16th June 1960.

Present: The Vicar and both Churchwardens; Mesdames Leigh, Tenney, Potter and Smith; Miss Seath and Messrs. Christopherson, Greenwood, McQuie, Middleton, Smith, Williams and Williamson.

Business: The chief purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Treasurer's Report on the Parish position. It was unanimously concluded that in view of the increasing regular expenses of the churches and the need to build up reserves for special expenses likely to confront the parish during the next few years, it was necessary to take immediate steps to obtain a substantial increase in Income on the Free-Will Offering Scheme.

Resolved:

1. That a target of £1000 income per annum be aimed at, additional to what is raised for missions and charities by special collections, fetes etc.
2. That a special appeal now be made to all parishioners, to join the Free-Will Offering Scheme, and to give weekly, monthly or annually a minimum amount on the Envelope system, or by a Seven-Year Covenant (which enables the Church to obtain a refund of Income Tax of 12/8d. for every £1 subscribed).
3. That this invitation be made in the July Parish Magazine.
4. That progress be reported in the August magazine
5. That follow-up be made in the autumn by letter and personal calling by members of the P.C.C. and others.

H.B. £1000 per annum means

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BARN DANCE AT THE VICARAGE : 8th JULY

Our next Barn Dance on 8th July will have the added attraction of being on the Vicarage lawn (if wet, in the Village Hall) Please come promptly at 7.30 p.m., and so benefit from the instruction as well as enjoying the fun.

These dances are suitable for people of all ages. Do come along and make it a real parish affair. Admissions: 2/- including refreshments. (St. Peter's Youth Fellowship 1/-)

OPEN DAY at the CLOSE : 16th JULY

You are all warmly invited to visit the Close on Saturday, 16th July between 2 p.m. & 6 p.m. to see the new gardens and other improvements made possible by the support and money of the League of Friends of the Canterbury Hospitals.

A RAFFLE is being run at the Close to help the funds and the draw will take place a week or so later. We hope you will patronise the sweep and we wish you luck in the draw.

JUNIOR CHURCH OUTING : 28th JULY

The Annual Excursion will take place on Thursday, 28th July and the arrangements are as follows:- We go to Folkestone, leaving the Reading Room at 9.30 a.m. in East Kent Coaches. Everybody will bring their own lunch, but high tea will be arranged for all at 5 p.m. We leave Folkestone on the return journey at 7 p.m., arriving back at the Reading Room at approx. 8 p.m. As usual, we shall be pleased if parents and our other friends who wish to come with us will let me know as early as possible so that we can have some idea of the number we shall have to provide for. The charge to the grown ups this year will be 6/- per head, including high tea. Babies and tinies free.

BRITISH LEGION - LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

At the June Meeting the Service Committee reported that arrangements had been made for one case to go to "Churchill Court" for convalescence. After the meeting a most interesting talk was given by Mr. S.A. Russ, concerning a journey he made through Hezekiah's Tunnel in Jerusalem.

Next Meetings: 5th July at 8 p.m. at the King William IV, Littlebourne.

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

Patricxbourne

1st May. JENNY MARY, daughter of Colin and Patricia PREW

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27th Mar. TIMOTHY JOHN, son of Nigel and Beryl HOGBEN.

9th Apr. GEORGINA ELIZABETH, daughter of Paul and Pamela
MUIR LITTLE.

9th Apr. PETER GUY, son of Peter and Freda PARKER.

21st May. JOHN WILLIAM CHILARD.

21st May. BARBARA JOAN, daughter of William and Janet HARRISON

29th May. JAYNE LESLEY, daughter of Allan and Iris LINKINS.

Bekesbourne.

27th Mar. TERESA DAWN, daughter of Brian and Lilian CHILTON

10th Apr. CATHERINE ANN, daughter of Denis and Pamela HOPE

12th Jun. MARK BRIAN, son of Brian and Barbara PEARSON

MARRIAGES:

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19th Mar. Roy George FORD and Margaret Eileen TRITTON

26th Mar. Brian Richard TRITTON and Maureen Primrose JOINER

23rd Apr. Malcolm John Fitch EVERITT and Susan Helena GWYNN.

Bekesbourne

19th Mar. Eric William JAMES and Patricia Gillian DRYDEN.

2nd Apr. Alan John CARR and Cecilia Margaret Mary ROWLAND.

16th Apr. Geoffrey Martin COX and Margaret Doris BOAKES.

11th Jun. Edward Alfred Charles FIGG and Sylvia FORD.

BURLALS:

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17th Mar. Ellen Fanny MARTIN.

5th Apr. Percy John SCOTT.

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24th Jun. Harriette Jane VERCOE.

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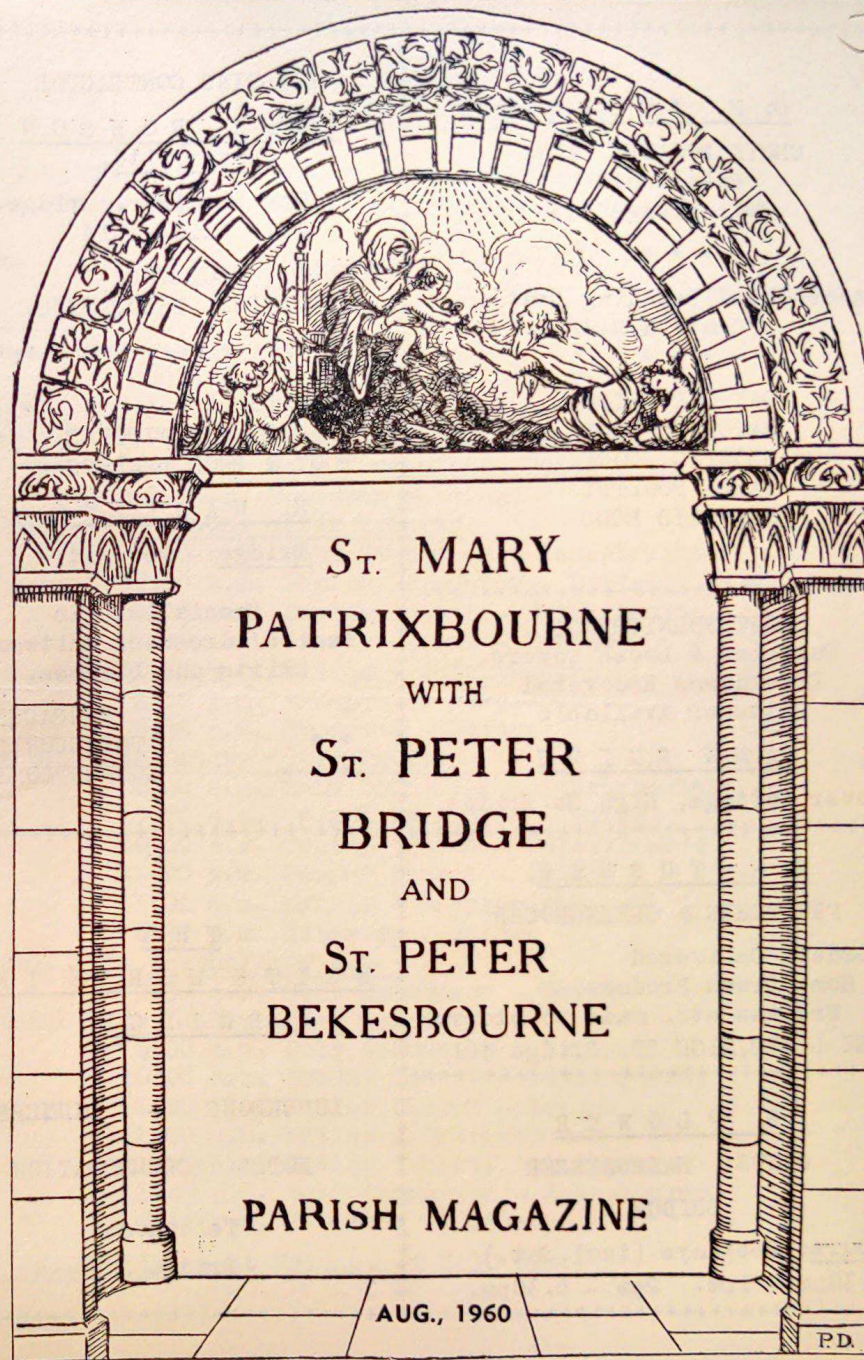
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Notes: Holy Communion 9.30 a.m. every Wednesday at Bridge
but no service at 7 a.m. on Fridays during August.

- 2 - Tu. 3 p.m. M.U. Intercessions - Bridge.
8 p.m. British Legion - Prince of Wales, Bekesbourne.
- 6 - Sat. 2.30 p.m. BRIDGE HORTICULTURAL SHOW
- 7 - Sun. 8th Sunday after Trinity
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion - Bekesbourne
11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
- 14 - Sun. 9th 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
- 21 - Sun. 10th Sunday after Trinity
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne
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
6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
- 24 - Wed. St. Bartholomew A.M.
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 28 - Sun. 11th 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. Matins (Short) Bekesbourne
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: meet Fridays at 7.30 p.m.

VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

My family and I will be on holiday at Thorpeness in Suffolk until mid-August. Sunday services in August will be continued in full at all churches thanks to help from the Rev. Frank Cartman, the Rev. Nevill Hare and Lay-readers J.D. Smith and Ralph Lawrence. There will be the usual mid-week celebration of Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 9.30 am. but no Friday service.

In case of an emergency during my absence necessitating the services of a clergyman, please refer to Mr. J.D. Smith, 4, the Terrace, (Bridge 260).

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In view of the increased number of young Communicants since our last Confirmation, Bekesbourne P.C.C. have approved certain alterations in the services at Bekesbourne Church which, from 1st August 1960, will be as follows:-

- 1st Sunday: 9.30 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION (with hymns and address)
- 2nd Sunday: 8 a.m. Holy Communion 3 p.m. Evensong
- 3rd Sunday: 11 a.m. Matins
- 4th Sunday: 11 a.m. Short Matins 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion
- 5th Sunday: 8 a.m. Holy Communion 3 p.m. CHILDREN'S SERVICE (Adults welcome)

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CONGRATULATIONS to Bridge School for winning the Inter-Schools Silver Sports Cup for the second year running, against Barham, Bekesbourne, Adisham and Womenswold schools.

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Our enjoyment of the OPEN DAY at the Close was marred only by the announcement of the appointment of Mr. & Mrs. Booth to a large hospital in Salford. They and their daughters have done splendid work here and will be greatly missed in the village, especially at the Close.

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It is too early yet to comment on the response to our appeal for more F.W.O. Subscribers. A few have already sent in generous pledges, but many more are giving to this urgent matter the serious thought it deserves. The British have often been accused of giving too little and too late, so here is your chance to refute the charge by a generous and speedy offering.

In our next magazine there will be a full report on the recent Diocesan Conference at which it was decided that active steps must be taken to make Christian Stewardship a normal part of the life of every member of the Church in every parish.

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May God bless you all and make your holidays a happy time of true recreation.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

ROBERT PENNEY.

JUNIOR CHURCH - BRIDGE

Holiday Meetings: During the month of August we will meet in Church at 11 a.m. as usual, but in place of class-teaching, I shall show you interesting film strips, so I hope that you will come along as usual. On Sunday Sept. 4th we shall have our Family Service and on the following Sundays our usual Class Teaching will be resumed. I hope you will all have very happy holidays. J.D. Smith.

FOLK DANCING - COURSE OF INSTRUCTION

If sufficient people promise their support, there will be a fortnightly class of Folk Dancing Instruction from Oct. - Mar. in Bridge, conducted by Mr. Eley of the English Folk Dance Society. He is already known to those who have come to our Barn Dances. A course of 12 lessons would cost 18/-. If you wish to join the classes, please contact Mrs. J.D. Smith, (Bridge 260) immediately, stating whether you prefer Monday or Wednesday evenings.

BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL FETE

The Bridge Village Hall Committee thank all those who supported the fete on 2nd July by their donations, gifts and their presence on the day. A profit of about £80 is estimated. O. Seath. Hon. Sec.

MOTHERS' UNION

The outing by coach to Gravesend via Rochester was very much enjoyed by all members. After looking over Rochester Cathedral, which is a beautiful old 12th Century church, we went on to Gravesend and had tea by the river at the Clarendon Hotel, and then on to another lovely old church at Bearsted, where we attended Evensong, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. John Willmington. 30 members of the Bearsted M.U. Branch joined us for the service and made us very welcome. This was a happy ending to a lovely day.

Monthly meetings will start again in October. Programmes will be given out later.

YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

There will be no meetings during August as most of us will be on holiday with our families. We shall meet again in September, when we hope to welcome some new members.

FRIENDS OF THE CANTERBURY HOSPITALS

The Annual SUMMER FAYRE will be on Wednesday, 7th Sept. in the grounds of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital. Once again Bridge Group have undertaken to be responsible for the Bowling for the Pig Stall and the Handkerchief Girl. Please will you help us to clothe our 'model'? Gifts of handkerchiefs may be sent to Mrs. Pratt, Police House, Bridge, or Mrs. Jury, "Hillview", Bekesbourne - or to the Vicarage after 24th August.

The OPEN DAY at the CLOSE was a great success and as the weather was favourable the many visitors were able to see the new lawns and flower beds at their best.

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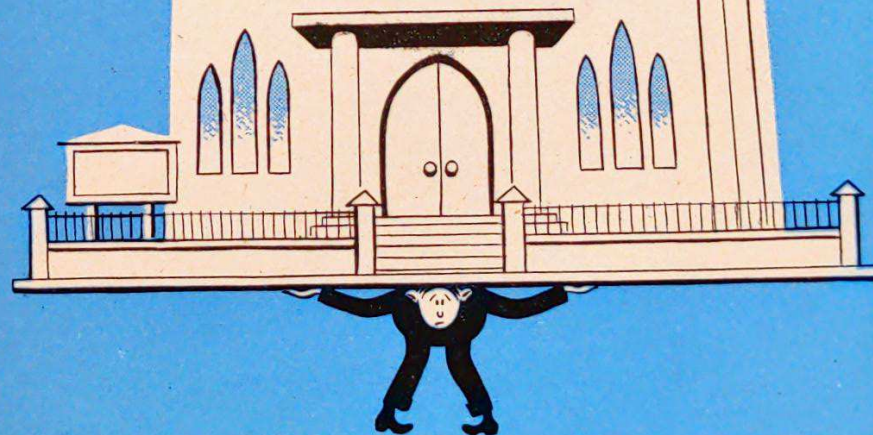
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WELL, why *should* you support the Church? The answer lies in whether you think the Churches are filling a worth-while place in modern life. Obviously if you think that there are no such things as spiritual values and that there is no God to be worshipped; that there is no point in maintaining men to visit the sick, to cheer the lonely and depressed and to give kindly and disinterested advice over life's many problems, then you won't give a halfpenny to the Church, and you wouldn't shed a tear if all the Churches in the land had to be closed through lack of support.

Yet there are many people who, though they rarely enter a church, would be extremely sorry to see them disappear from the pattern of our national life. Somehow they expect the Church to be *there* and a clergyman or a minister to be available for their needs, if and when required. Indeed such people are quite shocked when a church has to be closed through lack of money or manpower, and are not slow to complain that "nobody ever visits them".

If we mean by "the Church" those who believe in and try to follow Jesus Christ, then it can never be destroyed, even if it has no financial support and even if

it is bitterly persecuted. History proves this. But if you mean by "the Church" your particular Church, with its ministry, its organisations and its influence on the community, then that Church could very easily come to an end through sheer lack of support.

It is easy to moan about empty churches, particularly if we do nothing to fill them! It is easy to complain about depressed clergy and ministers, but the very reason why many of them grow depressed and depressing is because they do not get the backing of the men of good-will who do at heart value what the Church stands for! It is easy to say that the country is going to the dogs, but how can the Church exert its proper influence if it is hamstrung by lack of support from the people who care about an honest and decent life?

We don't need to be Jeremiahs to see that this is a materialistic age which is rapidly exhausting the spiritual capital of the past. Every Church and Chapel in the land is a natural rallying-point for those who do believe that there is a spiritual meaning in life, and that there is a God who loves and cares what happens to us men. Don't stay outside and criticise; *come in and help!*

J.B.P.

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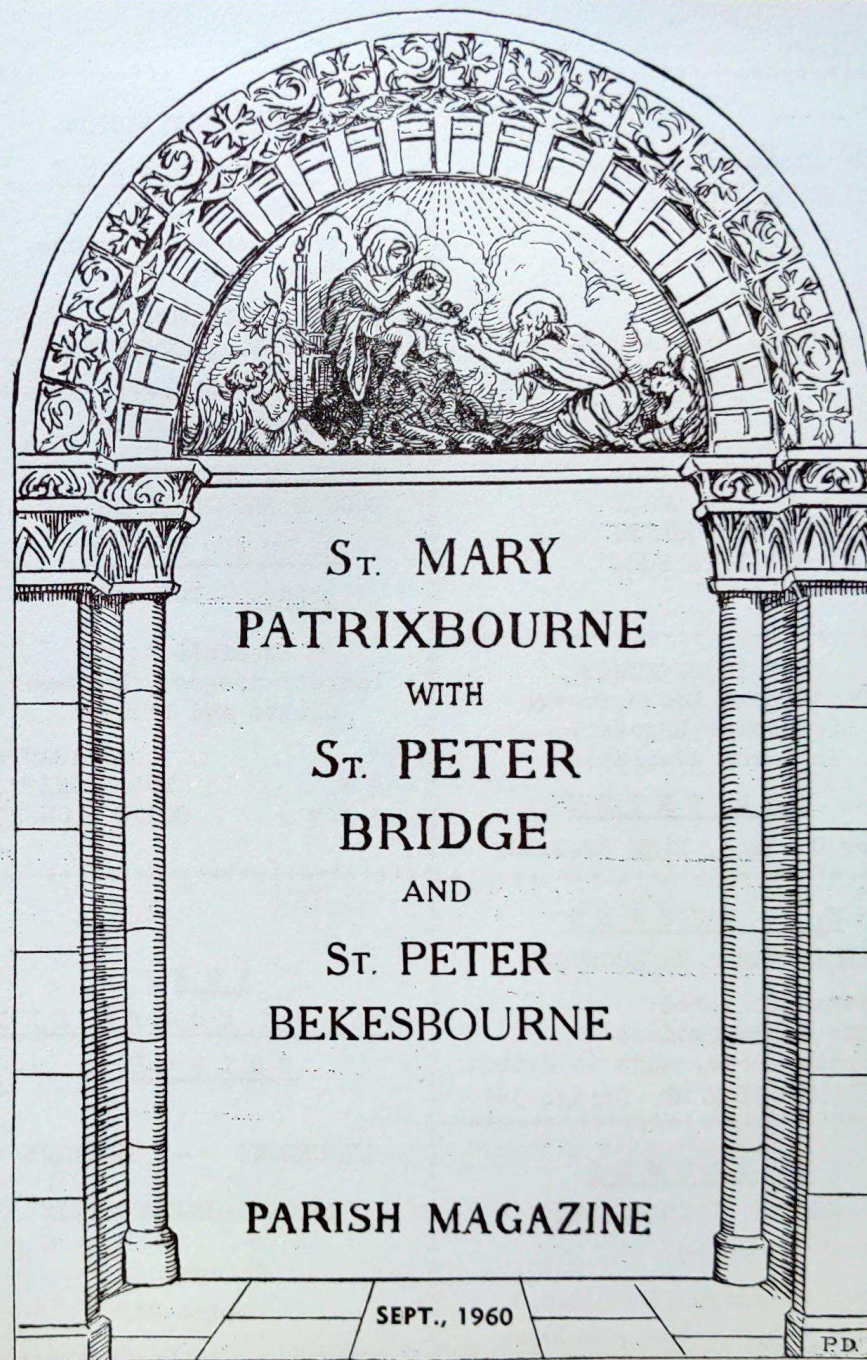
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Choir Practice - Thursdays at 6.30 p.m.
Youth Fellowship - Fridays at 7.30 p.m.

- 4 - Sun. 12th Sunday after Trinity
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11.00 a.m. Matins - Patricxbourne
3.00 p.m. Evensong - Bekesbourne
6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
- 18 - Sun. 14th Sunday after Trinity
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patricxbourne
9.00 a.m. Parish Communion - Bridge
10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patricxbourne
11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
11.00 a.m. Matins - Bekesbourne
6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
- 21 - Wed. St. Matthew A.E.M. Ember Day
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 22 - Th. 8 p.m. Young Wives' Fellowship - The Vicarage
- 23 - Fri. Ember Day
7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 24 - Sat. Ember Day
7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge

Parish Diary (Continued)

25 - Sun. 15th Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patricxbourne
- 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
- 11.00 a.m. Matins - Patricxbourne
- 11.00 a.m. Matins (Short) - Bekesbourne
- 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
- 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge

29 - Th. St. Michael & All Angels

- 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge

Oct.

2 - Sun. 16th Sunday after Trinity

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT BRIDGE

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patricxbourne
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion - Bekesbourne
- 11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge
- 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 6.30 p.m. FESTIVAL EVENSONG - Bridge

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VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

For some of us holidays are over and it's "back to work". In my case the pleasure and benefit of a most enjoyable family holiday has been enhanced by the satisfaction of finding how well everything has gone on in my absence at the churches, thanks to the splendid teamwork of lay-workers, clergy and congregations. I am most grateful to all who shared the work and responsibility.

The new Vicarage is progressing well - as you may have noticed - and we expect to move in by the end of October. I am sure that when you have the chance of inspecting the house you will be proud that it is the work of a local firm employing our own parishioners. You will not find better workmanship anywhere.

"WINDS OF CHANGE" are blowing in our direction also! In the next year or so there will be much new building in this area and our Parish life will benefit by the influx of many new families. Their happiness and ours will depend upon the welcome we are able to offer. A strong, healthy, social life centred on the church

is needed, and this calls for enthusiasm, warm-heartedness and generosity on the part of all church-members and our chapel brethren.

Please make a great effort to attend Church Services, Sunday School, Choir Practices, P.C.C. Meetings and all meetings of a social or business nature, so that together we can plan and build for the future in a truly Christian, democratic spirit of Service.

Your friend and Vicar,
ROBERT PENNEY.

CANTERBURY DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

There was a large attendance at the Diocesan Conference held at the Chapter House on 16th July, at which it was proposed that active steps be taken to make Christian Stewardship a normal part of the ordinary life of the parish and that a full time adviser should be appointed for this diocese.

A great feature of the conference was the part taken in the discussions by the laity, and great emphasis was laid by everyone that it was the duty of every Christian to designate a part of his wage or salary towards the Church. Canon H.H. Hodd, who addressed the conference on this theme said that the raising of money had been neglected in the Church of England because of a misunderstanding of the puritan doctrine making it easy to believe that all material things were evil, so that they had come to look on money as something which they ought not to talk about. But now this attitude was changing and it was our duty to give back deliberately a certain amount of our possessions "in gratitude to God". There is a great deal of misunderstanding on this whole subject, and ignorance, and I hope that any parishioner who would like to discuss the subject further will ask me about it.

J. J. Williamson
(Diocesan Rep. for Patricxbourne w. Bridge)

BEKESBOURNE BELL-RINGERS WANTED

Some of our regular ringers have moved away and ex-ringers and volunteers for training are asked to come forward. Names, please, to Mr. Albert Fox, c/o "The Prince of Wales", Bekesbourne, or to the Vicar.

JUNIOR CHURCH - BRIDGE

Meetings: On Sept. 4th: Family Service at 11 a.m., and on Sunday, Sept. 11th class teaching in Church at 11 a.m. as usual. I hope all members will have enjoyed their holidays and that they will return full of zest and bring any new members they can.

Annual Outings: In spite of rather dull weather, a very enjoyable event. We were glad to have so many parents and friends with us.

Harvest Thanksgiving: Our next big event. I hope all members will bring gifts to God and help to decorate our part of the Church. Time and day will be announced later.

Missions to Seamen: During the early part of the year, our members "Built a Boat" and as a result were able to send £5 towards the cost of the "John Ashley", the new Missions to Seamen floating Church and Club, which serves the sailors of ships using the Rivers Thames and Medway. This lovely new motor boat was on view at Ramsgate, so, with the help of Miss Wass and Mr. Gordon Smith we were able to take by car 20 of the older children to Ramsgate on Saturday evening, July 30th. We were welcomed by the Chaplain and crew of the "John Ashley" and were taken all over her. It was an interesting and worthwhile experience.

SCOUTS, BROWNIES and CUBS

Activities will start again in the week beginning Sept. 13th. Meetings are held at The School, Bekesbourne, and particulars are available from Mrs. Sandall, School House, Bekesbourne (Tel. Bridge 256).

Scouts: Fridays 7 - 9 p.m.
Brownies: Saturdays 10 - 11.30 a.m.
Cubs: Saturdays 2 - 4 p.m.

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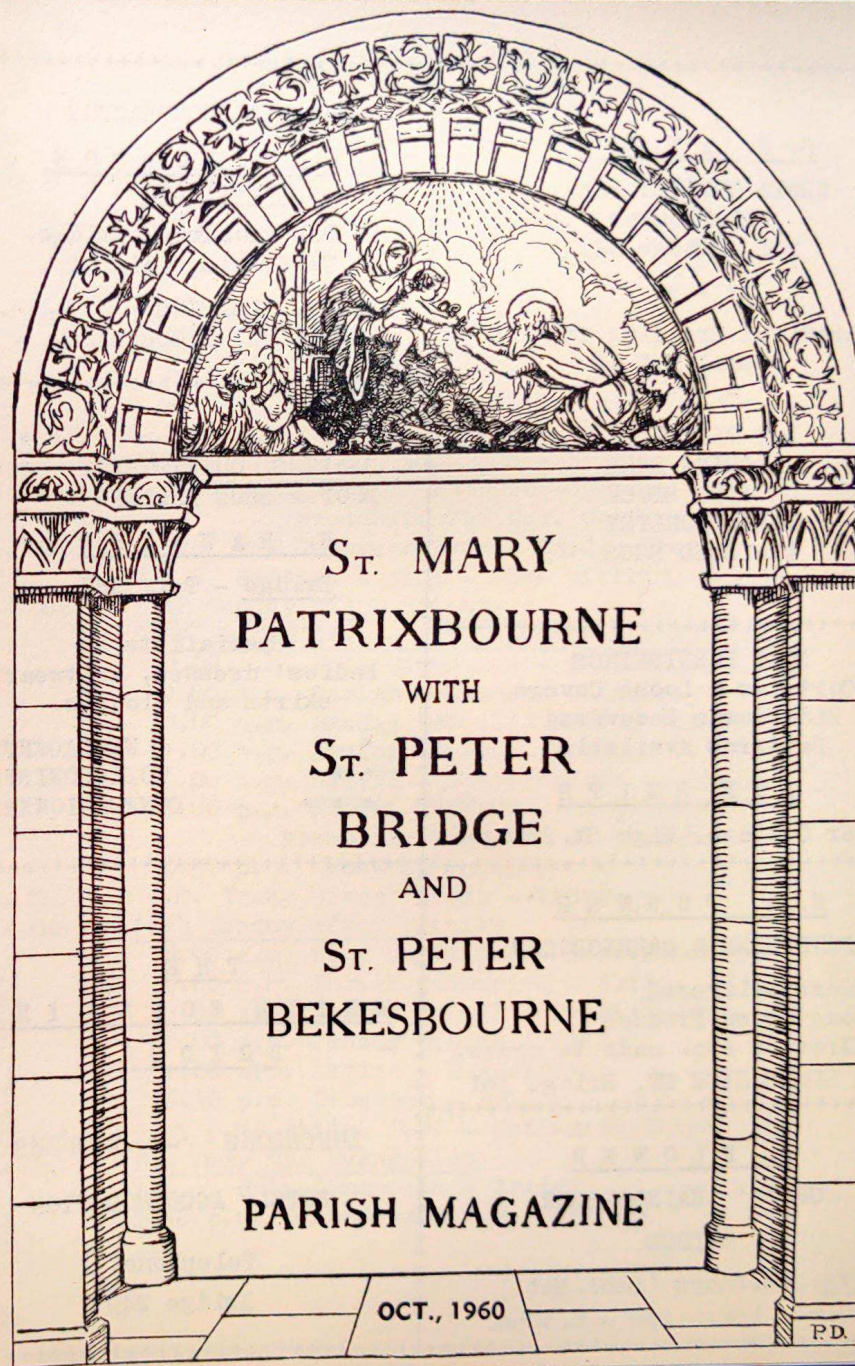
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Youth Fellowships: Fridays at 7.30 p.m.

- 2 - Sun. 16th Sunday after Trinity
HARVEST FESTIVAL - BRIDGE
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion - Bekesbourne
11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
6.30 p.m. FESTAL EVENSONG - Bridge
Preacher: The Rev. Geoffrey Church
- 4 - Tu. 3 p.m. M U Intercessions - Bridge Church
8 p.m. British Legion - Duke William, Ickham.
- 9 - Sun. 17th Sunday after Trinity
HARVEST FESTIVAL - PATRIXBOURNE & BEKESBOURNE
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. FESTAL EVENSONG - Bekesbourne
Preacher: The Rev. A. Brough
- 13 - Th. 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
8 p.m. Young Wives' Group - Vicarage
- 16 - Sun. 18th Sunday after Trinity
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne
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
6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
- 17 - Mon. 2.45 p.m. Bridge M.U. - Methodist Chapel
- 18 - Tu. St. Luke the Evangelist
7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
2.30 p.m. Bekesbourne M.U. Service.

Parish Diary (Continued)

- 21 - Fri. 7.30 p.m. Barn Dance - Village Hall.
- 23 - Sun. 19th Sunday after Trinity
 - 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 - 10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patricxbourne
 - 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 - 11.00 a.m. Matins - Patricxbourne
 - 11.00 a.m. Matins (Short) - Bekesbourne
 - 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
 - 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
- 27 - Th. 8 p.m. Young Wives' Group
- 28 - Fri. SS. Simon & Jude
 - 7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 30 - 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 - Patricxbourne
 - 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 - 11.00 a.m. Matins - Patricxbourne
 - 3.00 p.m. Children's Service - Bekesbourne
 - 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.

Nov.
 1 - Tu. All Saints' Day
 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (I.U. Corporate & Intercessions) - Bridge Church.

Harvest Festival: Gifts of flowers, fruit, vegetables, jam or packaged groceries will be welcome and should be brought to church before 10 a.m. on Sat. 2nd Oct. at Bridge and Sat. 8th Oct. at Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne.

"Freely have ye received, Freely give"

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BARN DANCE

Our next Barn Dance is on Friday, 21st Oct. Some of you already know what fun these dances are, and we hope to hold them monthly. Classes, to include modern, old-time and folk dancing, are being arranged as part of the Youth Fellowship programme, but adults are also cordially invited.

VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

Once again we are trying in a practical way to show our thanks to God for our harvest by giving away the collections at our Harvest Festival services. This year our money will go to assist our dear friend Tom Savage, Bishop of Zululand.

We hear from Bishop Savage that the Rev. Anthony Salmon, the young curate from South Norwood, whose stipend we are helping to provide, is now well established in his work in Zululand. He is living at a Mission Station receiving specialised training and learning the languages. Bishop Savage goes on to say "when I arrived at the mission house I found him (Salmon) doing first aid on one or two Swazi children who needed attention. As well as Canon Arden, his Director, Salmon has as colleagues a young Swazi priest named Philemon Dlamini, a layman from Northumberland called Jack Dobson who has done all the building (of the new school) most magnificently, and the new headmaster, Peter Coxon. These five form a batchelor mess at the Usuthu Mission so that Anthony Salmon is not by any means living in isolation. Everybody likes him and we feel already he is a valuable addition to the Diocese".

In view of the present situation in Africa I hope you will all help to make our contribution really generous and that you will give with a prayer in your heart for those who are doing battle for Christ in the front line.

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The new Vicarage is now almost ready for occupation and we are planning to move in at the end of October. We shall then try to lick our wilderness of a garden into shape, and as soon as we are a little bit straight, we hope to give you all an opportunity of visiting the new house.

I am glad to say that the old Vicarage will be occupied by the Purchase family, who are already known to many of you as worshippers at Bridge church.

May God bless you all, especially any of you who may be sick or troubled at this time.

Your sincere friend and Vicar

ROBERT PENNEY

MOTHERS' UNION.

Monthly meetings begin again for Bridge branch on Monday, 17th October in the chapel at 2.45 p.m. when the speaker will be the Rev. C.G. Stapley in "The Work of St. Augustine's College. Bekesbourne branch meet for a service in church on Tuesday, 18th October at 2.30 p.m. We hope that members will make a real effort to attend meetings during the coming year.

Overseas Christmas Sale: All members in the Canterbury Diocese have been asked if they will provide a small gift for this sale. These must reach Mrs. Sillars by the end of October, so please bring your gift to the October meeting

Official Workers' Meeting: Friday 7th Oct 11 a.m. at Leas Cliff Pavilion, Folkestone.

Intercession Services: Tuesday 4th Oct., 3 p.m. Bridge Church.

Deanery Meeting: Diocesan House Canterbury, Monday, 24th Oct. 2.30 p.m. Speakers: Mrs. Greenaway

ALTAR FLOWERS

Several ladies have had to drop out of the Rota during the last year through removals and other reasons. If there are any ladies in the Parishes who would like to help by taking a turn at providing and arranging the flowers in church, would they please let Mrs. Penney know, so that their names may be included in the Rota for next year.

BRITISH LEGION - LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

The Service Committee reported at the last meeting that three cases of hardship had been investigated in the last month, and assistance and advice given. The Branch would be glad to hear of any cases of illness or hardship among ex-servicemen, so that visits may be arranged

Whist Drive: at Littlebourne Village Hall, Fri. 14th Oct.

Branch Remembrance Day Parade at ICKHAM this year.

Next Meetings: at The Duke William, Ickham on 4th Oct. 1960.

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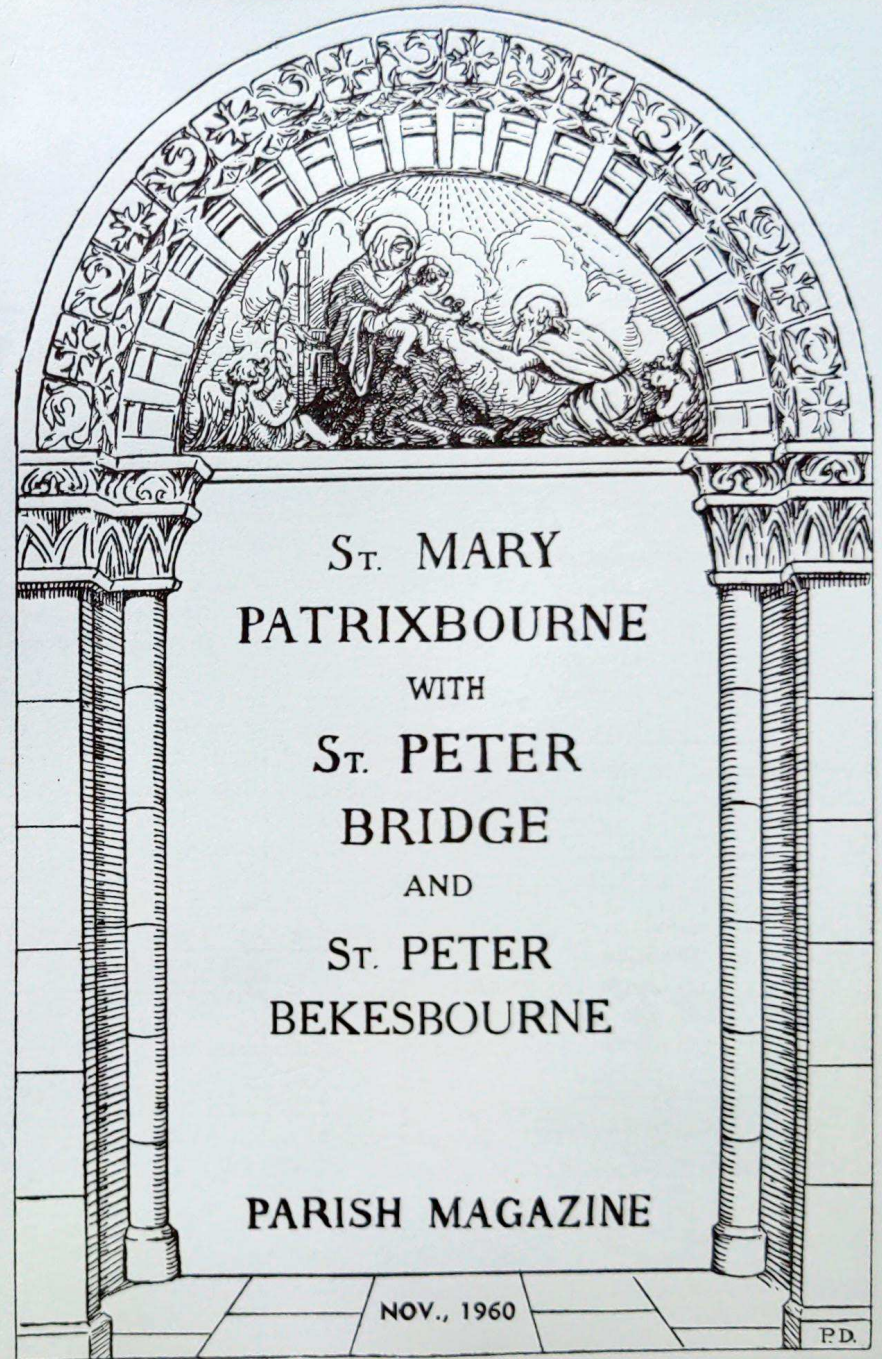
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- 6 - Sun. 21st Sunday after Trinity
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne
 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion - Bekesbourne
 11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge
 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
- 9 - Wed. 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon. Friends of the Canterbury Hospitals Coffee Morning - Village Hall
- 10 - Thu. 2.15 p.m. Young Wives' Group - Vicarage
 8.00 p.m. Young Wives' Group - Vicarage
- 13 - Sun. 22nd 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
- 15 - Tu. 2.30 p.m. Bekesbourne M.U. - "Hillside"
 The Aerodrome.
- 18 - Fri. 7.30 p.m. Barn Dance - Village Hall
- 20 - Sun. Sunday next before Advent
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne
 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
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
- 21 - Mon. 2.45 p.m. Joint M.U. Bridge & Bekesbourne Meeting - Methodist Chapel. Young Wives invited.
- 24 - Thu. 2.15 p.m. Young Wives' Group - Vicarage
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- 25 - Fri. 6.00 p.m. Bekesbourne School Jumble Sale.

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Parish Diary (Continued)

27 - Sun. 1st Sunday in Advent

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10.00 a.m. Sunday School - Patricxbourne
11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
11.00 a.m. Matins - Patricxbourne
11.00 a.m. Matins (short) - Bekesbourne
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge

30 - Wed. St. Andrew A.M.

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge

C.M.S. RALLY

Saturday, November 19th at 7 p.m. - at the Red Cross Hall, Lower Chantry Lane, Canterbury. Speaker: Harvey Cantrell, Training Officer, C.M.S. Costume Demonstration; Bookstall; Refreshments. Admission 1/- (tickets available shortly).

MOTHERS' UNION

Tues. November 1st: All Saints' Day. Corporate Communion followed by Intercessions at 9.30 a.m. at St. Peter's, Bridge.

Mon. November 21st: At 2.45 p.m. in the Methodist Chapel - a combined meeting of Patricxbourne and Bridge Branch with Bekesbourne Branch and Young Wives' Group. Speaker: Mr. Bickersteth on "After Care of Prisoners".

Intercessions: It has been decided to have the monthly Tuesday Intercession Service on the 1st Wednesday in the month with Holy Communion, at 9.30 a.m., and it is hoped that members will make a great effort each month to attend this Corporate Communion and Intercession Service, which the Vicar has kindly arranged for us.

BRITISH LEGION - LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

Annual General Meeting - Littlebourne Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on 1st November. Transport available at the Railway Arch, Bekesbourne at 7.10 p.m.

Remembrance Day Parade - Littlebourne, 13th November, 10.45 a.m. Assembly Point: "The Basket Makers Arms", Littlebourne. Transport available at the Railway Arch, Bekesbourne at 10.25 a.m.

VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

NEW VICARAGE: Yes - we have actually MOVED IN at last! I am writing this in my new study surrounded by piles of books, files, etc.

Doubtless many of you would like to see over the new house, so on Saturday, 26th November we will gladly welcome all parishioners who would care to call and inspect. This is your INVITATION:

+++++++ "The Vicar and Mrs. Penney will be+++++++
+ AT HOME +
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+ to all Parishioners who would care to +
+++++++ see the new Vicarage at Bridge"+++++++

ADULT CONFIRMATION: Some of you have reached a mature age without being confirmed, and for your benefit I am starting an informal group of weekly meetings at the Vicarage, to discuss the Christian faith and the teachings of the Church of England. Later on we shall present, as Candidates for Confirmation at the Cathedral, those who feel they would like to take this step forward. Please speak to me or write me a note, if you would like to join this group "without obligation" - and I will call a meeting to discuss plans. Adults already confirmed may also join the Group for a "refresher". It should be enjoyable and profitable.

FRIENDS OF ST. PETER: On Advent Sunday at Evensong, I hope to speak to you about re-starting the Guild of Friends, who volunteer to do little jobs for the Church, so come at 6.30 p.m. on 27th November and hear all about it.

CHURCH FINANCE: All P.C.C. Members and Parishioners who would like to know what the Church Commissioners do with their "millions" will find the DIOCESAN NOTES for NOVEMBER very interesting, so please read and digest!

The late REVEREND NEVILLE HARE: It was a great shock to many of us to learn of the sudden death of this greatly beloved and holy man, whom I shall miss greatly as a friend and colleague. Our love and sympathy go to Mrs. Hare and family in their bereavement.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

ROBERT PENNEY.

BRIDGE JUNIOR CHURCH

Special Visitor - On Sunday, 16th October we had a special visitor - Mr. Stanley Emery - who is an expert in "Visual Aid in Teaching". He gave a lesson to the assembled children, which kept them all enthralled and was a model for our own teachers who greatly appreciated his effort. After School, he talked to the Teachers and showed us some extremely good visual aids as well as excellent text books. We all thoroughly enjoyed his visit and we are grateful to Mrs. Greenwood and Mrs. Wiltshire for enabling us to have the benefit of his visit.

Sunshine Guild - I am very glad to be able to report that this body is still maintaining its good work. The Treasurer tells me that during the past twelve months the expenditure has almost balanced the income, in spite of the large amount of sickness. Keep it up, children, it's a good work.

Annual Concert - We hope to produce something special this year. Owing to removals and other causes beyond our control, we have had no chance to get into production sooner, but we are now settled and hope to get on with it.

Membership - I am glad to report that in spite of losses caused by removals, etc. our numbers are growing. But we still have room for plenty more members so, children, please come along and join us.

J.D.S.

YOUNG WIVES' GROUP, BRIDGE

In December we plan an Effort to raise money for the New Treatment Room Fund of the Whiteness Manor School for Crippled Boys at Kingsgate, Kent (part of the Shaftesbury Society). The meetings on Nov. 10th and 24th will be work parties to prepare for this Effort. (Since the afternoon is more convenient for some people, there will be one meeting at 2.15 and another at 8 p.m. on each of these dates). Please come along with your sewing things, ideas, and a friend if possible. Those of us who have heard the Superintendent of the School speak and seen his film are convinced this is worth every effort we can make. We hope that our programme will include a visit to the School in the Spring.

New members and visitors to the Young Wives' Group are always welcome - at the afternoon meetings there will be arrangements for the care of infants and toddlers.

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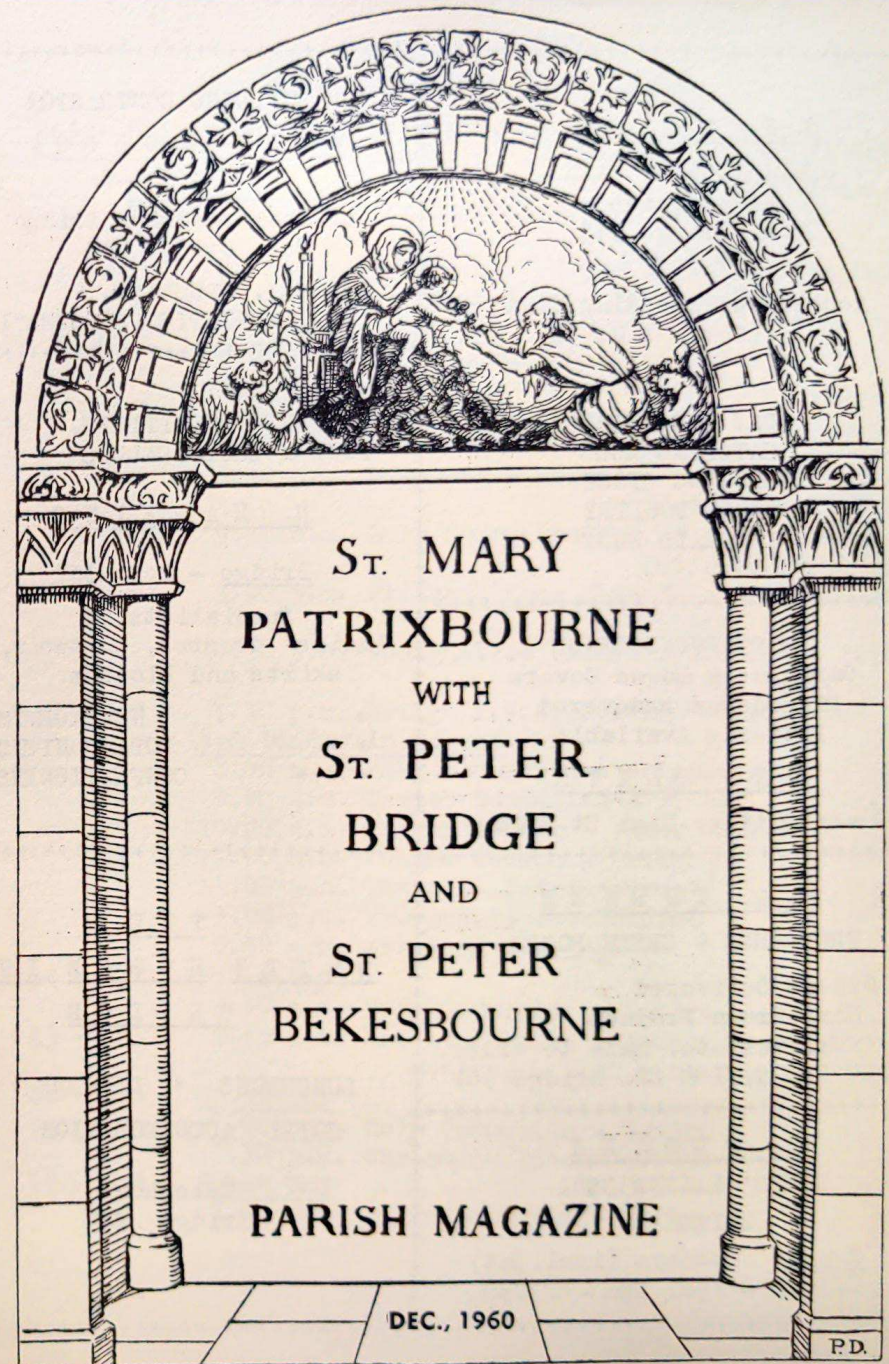
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Note: Holy Communion: 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays } at Bridge
7.00 a.m. on Fridays }
Choir Practice: Fridays at 6.30 p.m. at the Vicarage
Youth Fellowship: Fridays at 7.30 p.m.

- 2 - Fri. 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon. Young Wives' Coffee Morning and Christmas Sale - Village Hall.
- 4 - Sun. 2nd Sunday in Advent
 - 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne
 - 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion - Bekesbourne
 - 11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge
 - 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 - 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge. Preacher: Cmdr. Gordon Steele, R.N., V.C.
- 7 - Wed. 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (M.U. Corporate & Intercessions) Bridge
- 8 - Th. 3.00 p.m. Pleasant Hour Club Sale of Cakes etc. - Village Hall.
7.30 p.m. Young Wives' Deanery Meeting - Bridge Village Hall.
- 9 - Fri. 7.30 p.m. Bridge P.C.C. Meeting - Vicarage
- 11 - 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 - 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. Ember Day
 - 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 15 - Th. 2.45 p.m. Mothers' Union & Young Wives' Christmas Meeting - Methodist Chapel
- 16 - Fri. Ember Day
 - 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 - 7.30 p.m. Christmas Dance - Village Hall
- 17 - Sat. Ember Day
 - 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge

Parish Diary (Continued)

- 18 Sun. 4th Sunday in Advent
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne
 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. Latins - Bekesbourne. Preacher: Cmdr.
 Gordon Steele, R.N., V.C.
 3.00 p.m. Junior Church Prizegiving - Village Hall
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge. Preacher: The Rev.
 John S. Beaverstock (Tasmania)
- 19 - Mon. 2.30 p.m. Bekesbourne School Carol Service - School
 20 - Tu. 2.30 p.m. Bekesbourne M.U. "Hillside" The Aerodrome
 21 - Wed. St. Thomas A.M.
 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 2.30 p.m. Bridge School Carol Service - Bridge
 Church.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- 24 - Sat. CHRISTMAS EVE
 11.30 p.m. Parish Communion with Carols - Bridge
- 25 - Sun. CHRISTMAS DAY
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion with Carols - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Family Service with Carols - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Family Service with Carols - Bekesbourne
 5.00 p.m. Holy Communion with Carols - The Close
 6.30 p.m. Evensong with Procession and Carols -
 Bridge
- 26 - Mon. St. Stephen M.
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 27 - Tu. St. John A.E.
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 28 - Wed. Holy Innocents
 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 7.30 p.m. Service of Nine Lessons & Carols - Bridge
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 1 - Sun. Circumcision of our Lord
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne
 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion - Bekesbourne
 11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge
 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge

VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

A "SHOWER" of Good Wishes and House-warming presents, with musical accompaniment, was the delightful surprise that greeted the Penney family when we went to have tea at the Reading Room with the Parochial Officers and other "church-workers" who had been invited to view the new Vicarage on Sat. 19th Nov. last. We spent the evening opening our gifts and felt quite overwhelmed by all your kindness. We do thank you all - especially the "anonymous" donors, the hosts, and the organisers of that memorable occasion.

The new Vicarage is a lovely house and we are very privileged to live in it. Many of our Parishioners have already visited it and those of you who have not yet been able to come are cordially invited to call any Wednesday afternoon before Christmas.

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"ST. PETER'S GUILD" is the title we have given to our band of voluntary "church-workers". You become a member by volunteering to help, in any way you like, to keep the churches, church-yards and gardens clean and tidy and the church furnishings in good order. If you can spare any time to dust or polish pews, brasses etc., to repair or launder choir or altar linen, or to do outside work or carpentry repairs - in fact any job at all - please ENROL by entering your name on the LIST IN THE CHURCH. There will be an occasional meeting to allocate jobs - and you will be notified when need arises. Here is your opportunity for really practical Christian Service to your local Church.

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Advent is the Christian season of preparation for Remembrance of the Birth of the Infant Jesus. It is a time of joyful expectancy, un-marred by any shadow - such as the "Good Friday shadow of Lent". Nevertheless it is a "penitential" season when it is right to face up to our failure in discipleship and our duty to make amends in the short while before making our Christmas Communion. Recently, attendance at Holy Communion has been disappointing, especially on the part of those who were recently Confirmed. Now is the time to check this slackness and make new efforts to be regular in coming to

the Lord's Table on the Lord's Day.

This is one of the rare occasions when Christmas falls on a Sunday; so plan now to give Our Lord the Joy of your presence in Church that day. Our collections will be given to the Church of England's Children's Society

Please notify me if you or any one known to you is unable to come to Church and would like to receive Holy Communion at home.

Love and best wishes to you all for a very happy Christmas.

Your friend and Vicar

ROBERT TENNEY.

PRINCESS MARGARET'S MESSAGE TO YOUTH

As President of the Church of England Youth Council, Princess Margaret, speaking at the Birmingham Diocesan Rally, recently gave the following inspiring message to Christian youth:-

"The future at any given time depends to a large extent on those who are young at that time. They are responsible for much of what happens next.

"If they shelve that responsibility then they are to blame for the disastrous effects of their apathy. On the other hand if they grasp with courage and faith the opportunity which the future offers, then one day they will have the joy of having achieved things that are worthwhile and of having been responsible for these achievements.....

"As Christians we believe in God who can cut into any situation and change it for the better. The way He cuts in is through people. While for many people the shape of the future is anybody's guess, for Christians it is everybody's chance, everybody's opportunity of serving God in His Church by serving God in His world".

ST. PETER'S YOUTH FELLOWSHIP - DECEMBER PROGRAMME

Fri. 2nd Dec.	Films & Talk by Mr. Purchase) and usual
" 9th "	Beetle Drive) activities
" 16th "	<u>CHRISTMAS DANCE</u>	
" 23rd "	<u>CAROL SINGING</u>	

ADVENT PRAYERS (TWENTIETH CENTURY)

A Motorist's Litany

From domineering driving; from the vanity of power and the infection of speed:

Good Lord deliver me.

From carelessness and indifference; from the demon of impatience and the tyranny of time:

Good Lord deliver me.

From ignorance and ungraciousness; from harsh judgment and the flood of invective:

Good Lord deliver me.

From inattention and monotony; from the delusion of drink and the obscurity of fatigue:

Good Lord deliver me.

Grant me a divine courtesy to all. Awake in me an abiding care for the slowness of age and the rashness of youth. Let my car become an instrument of Thy purpose, bringing happiness to all who travel with me, and leaving no man weeping at my passing.

A prayer for the Middle Aged.

Lord, thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends at the end. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details, give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and love of rehearsing them becomes sweeter. I dare not ask for grace to enjoy the tales of others' pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

Keep me reasonably sweet; a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And give me O Lord, the grace to tell them so.

Amen.

MOTHERS' UNION

BRIDGE 1st Wednesday, 7th Dec. at 9.30 a.m. Corporate Communion & Intercession Service. Please make a great effort to attend this very special Service each month.

Christmas Meeting: This year we are very pleased to be joining with the Young Wives' Group for this meeting which will be on Thursday 15th Dec. at 2.45 p.m. in the Methodist Chapel. Speaker Mrs. Jordan - "Christmas in Poland" followed by tea and carols.

1st Jan. (Sunday) Corporate Communion.

2nd Jan. Wave of Prayer. 9.45 - 10 a.m.

BEKESBOURNE: Mrs. Appleton will be our speaker on 20th Dec. and she is going to tell us of her holiday in Rome and visit to the Pope. We hope for a full meeting to welcome her.

Wave of Prayer: Monday 2nd Jan. 9.30 - 9.45 a.m.

YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

Christmas Sale & Coffee Morning. We hope the Parish will support us again this year in this effort to help the Whiteness Manor School for Crippled Boys - part of the Shaftesbury Society. During the past few weeks the Group have been busy making toys, aprons etc. which will make excellent Christmas presents, so come and do your Christmas shopping at the Village Hall on Friday 2nd December between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon.

Young Wives' Deanery Meeting: to be held in Bridge this year on Thursday, 8th December at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. We shall be hostesses, so will every member please bring a contribution towards the refreshments.

Christmas Meeting See Mothers' Union notes above.

THE PLEASANT HOUR CLUB. (Over 60s)

Our Christmas Sale will be on 8th December at 2.45 p.m. in the Village Hall. Wonderful gifts, cakes etc. will be for sale. You have all been so kind helping us in the past, we look forward to seeing you again. Proceeds for the Club's Christmas Party.

JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES

Annual Prizegiving. This event will take place in the Village Hall on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 18th at 3 p.m. It will follow the usual pattern with Carols and a Nativity Play, and we invite all the parents and friends to join us.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF THE CANTERBURY HOSPITALS - BRIDGE GROUP

A very successful Coffee Morning was held on 9th November when a total of £7.12s.10d. was raised for Group funds, and the Committee would like to take this opportunity of thanking all members and friends who supported this effort.

It is proposed to hold a Whist Drive on 18th Jan., further details to be given later, and if any members wishing to help on this occasion, would be kind enough to offer a prize, it would be much appreciated.

W. H. Clarke,
Group Secretary.

BRITISH LEGION : BEKESBOURNE (Littlebourne & District Branch)

A successful A.G.M. was held on 1st November and officers of the Branch were elected, including:-

President	-	Maj. Gen. G. Surtees
Chairman	-	Mr. L. R. Hasley
Vice Presidents	-	Dr. Mercer; Mr. A.T. Fox; Mr. S. Arnold; Mr. F. Newing; Mr. R. Miles
Vice-Chairman	-	Mr. R. A. Chandler
Hon. Secretary	-	Mr. S. A. Russ
Hon. Treasurer	-	Mr. V. Maynard
Membership Representative for Bekesbourne	-	Mr. Russell
Journal Member	-	Mr. F. Bennett
Publicity Member	-	Mr. R. Lane
Branch Committee:		Messrs. Gilliam, Spreadbury, Cawood, J. Fox, Russell, Maple, F. Bennett, Twyman.
		<u>Christmas Cheer</u>

The Vicar would like to receive immediately (not later than 10th Dec.) the names and addresses of all Old Age Pensioners, who are Ex-Service or dependents of Ex-Servicemen, who would like a small contribution from our Benevolent Fund to make their Christmas more enjoyable. Please do not be backward in coming forward.

Next monthly meetings: The Rose, Wickhambreaux, on Tuesday, 6th December at 7.30 p.m.

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