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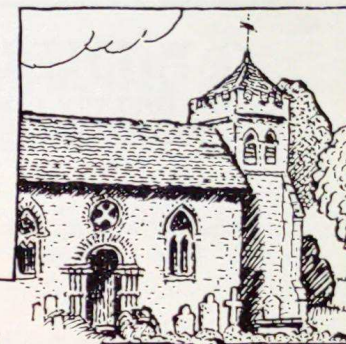
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VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

Epiphany means the showing forth of Christ. Christianity itself is nothing more - for when we were made Christians we became a living part of Jesus Christ. The very existence of the Church of Christ is the continuance of His Incarnation - for as Members of the Church we are Members of Christ's Body, and through us His spirit proffers Love and Service to all men.

This understanding of the nature of our religion should help us in the making of our New Year Resolutions. Be simple - be unselfish - be determined in making your resolutions and pray that by Grace you will be enabled to keep them for Jesus' sake.

This was our fourth Christmas in Bridge and a very happy one! We have never had so many Christmas Communicants, or such representative congregations - in spite of much illness.

God bless you all in 1962 - and may I thank you all for your kind, encouraging and faithful support throughout 1961. Much has been done and there is even more to do, so let us get down on our knees and get on with it.

Your friend and Vicar,

ROBERT PENNEY.

MONEY FOR NOTHING - FOR YOUR CHURCH

A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION on the part of you benevolent business men, to contribute to the cost of running your parish church, by means of a 7-year Covenant - would lift a great burden of work and anxiety from the shoulders of your Vicar, Churchwardens, and P.C.C.

To give your Church £10 p.a. would require a covenanted payment of only £6.2.6. p.a. (less than 2/3d. per week - the cost of 2 cigarettes a day only), the balance of £3.17.6. would be recovered as Tax Refund from Inland Revenue.

If you pay Tax at the Standard Rate, ask the Vicar or Churchwardens about the Covenant Scheme - and let your Tax Collector increase your contribution to church funds. - Our need is greater than his! - 3 -

ST. PETER'S BEKESBOURNE

I appeal to all who love this fine and ancient little church to help forward our plans for its preservation and improvement.

The decision to replace obsolete and inefficient gas lighting and heating by the latest, most efficient and economical electrical system is being executed as soon as possible - this spring - and not A MOMENT TOO SOON. Our organ, recently re-conditioned at the cost of over £400 has already suffered severe deterioration through the gas fumes - and the beautiful alabaster memorial in the Bell Tower is rapidly disintegrating; due also to the chemical reaction of the fumes.

From the convenience and labour saving point of view, the electrical system will be a great boon (e.g. Mr. C. had to walk to church at 6 a.m. on Christmas Day to light the heaters so that the church would be warm for the 8 a.m. service!).

A further improvement is being contemplated, namely the removal of the Oak Screen from across the Chancel (where it separates Choir and Vicar from the Congregation) to a new position across the West end of the Church to form Vestries for the Choir and Bell-ringers.

It will save a great deal of time and money to carry out all these improvements at the same time and I hope to have the full support of the parish. We already have the necessary funds for most of the work - but more is needed. May I now have your donations, please - as generous as your means permit?

ROBERT PENNEY

Vicar.

ALTAR LINEN

Gifts of fine linen and/or lace suitable for making into Altar Cloths, etc., would be appreciated and offers to help in the making. Please discuss this with the Vicar if you are interested. All the church linen at Bridge and at Bekesbourne really needs to be replaced.

JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES

Christmas Fair: This event, organised by Miss Wass, Mrs. Meigh and the teachers and members, was held on 9th December and was most successful. We thank all those who gave things to sell and all those who supported us with their presence. Our funds benefitted by over £15.

Annual Prizegiving: This took place on Sunday, 17th December, before an audience of parents and friends. The children mimed a delightful Nativity Play, accompanied by a choir of carollers. We are most grateful to Miss Wass and Mrs. Meigh for organising this, and also to Miss Seath for her help with the Nativity Play, and Miss Wiltshire, who took over the duties of accompanist at the last minute.

Greetings: The Staff and members of the Junior Church wish all their friends a very happy New Year, especially the Mums and Dads.

AFTERTHOUGHTS on the PARISH RETREAT

Until I spent a weekend at St. Gabriels I had imagined that a 'Retreat' would be a very solemn time and more suited to high-minded intellectuals. I was agreeably surprised to discover that this is not so.

On the Friday evening we were welcomed by the Conductor, Father Lamb, the Warden and staff. After being shown to our rooms there was time before supper to have a look round the house and choose suitable books from the well-stocked library. Having had supper we assembled in the beautiful Chapel where Father Lamb spoke to us about the programme for the weekend. There were to be addresses on Prayer, the Offices of Holy Communion, Matins and Compline, times of Intercession, private prayer and ample time for walking. After saying Compline we were plunged into silence until lunch time on Sunday.

One imagines that being in silence would create loneliness, but in fact it had the opposite effect. I found that I was able to think far more easily about my spiritual life in these conditions and any doubts in my mind seemed to be answered in the addresses. If one felt the need for advice or confession, the Conductor was available at all times.

The one thought that sticks in my mind, taken from the

addresses, is that in prayer it is not what God does for you that counts, it is what He does with you.

As well as being spiritually stimulating the Retreat was also a period of re-creation and perhaps the fact that I am looking forward to the next one will make you want to come along.
D.M.

Little Stour Records - V.J.Torr

CHURCH DEDICATIONS (Contd.)

Perhaps the foremost authority which decides doubtful dedication is found in the last wills of parishioners of a particular place, for in medieval times they would often insert in their testaments the name of the patron saint of their parish church. This brings us to your own three parishes.

PATRIXBOURNE

This ancient church, called St. Mary's, is an example of the dedication by tradition only, for apparently no early document positively states the fact.

BRIDGE

When we come to this church, (formerly a chapel of Patricbourne), we are on firmer ground. Today it is known as St. Peter's, and this is confirmed as valid by a parishioner's will calling it so, in the year 1474.

BEKESBOURNE

Still known likewise as St. Peter's, we find it confirmed by a similar will of 1507 - the same date as that on one of the brasses in the neighbouring church of Goodnestone (pronounced "Gunston").

It is always of great interest to find very rare dedications. Examples in Kent are St. Vincent (Littlebourne), St. Helen (Cliffe-at-Hoo) and St. Oswald (Paddlesworth, near Hythe). These are all unique in Kent, whereas two only of its old churches are named after SS. Cosmus and Damian, two early Christian physicians - at Blean and Challock.

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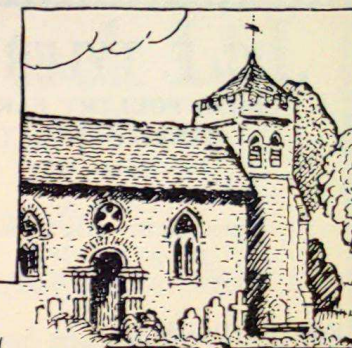
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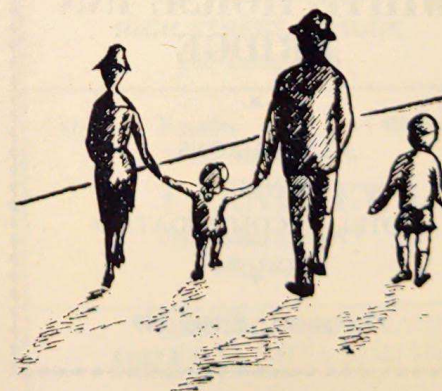
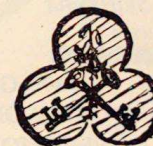
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 Fridays at 7.00 a.m.) at Bridge
Confirmation Class: Thursdays at 6.30 p.m. Vicarage
Choir Practice: Fridays at 6.30 p.m. Vicarage
Youth Fellowship: Fridays at 7.30 p.m.
Study Group: Fridays at 8.30 p.m. Vicarage.
- 2 - Fri. Purification of the B.V.M.
 7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 4 - Sun. 5th Sunday after Epiphany
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne
 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion - Bekebourne
 9.45 a.m. Sunday School - Patrixbourne
 11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge
 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
- 5 - Mon. 3 p.m. A.G.M. C.of E. Children's Society. County Hotel.
 6 - Tu. 8 p.m. British Legion - Duke William, Ickham.
 7 - Wed. 9.30 a.m. M.U. Corporate Communion & Intercessions -
 Bridge Church.
- 11 - Sun. 6th Sunday after Epiphany
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekebourne
 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 9.45 a.m. Sunday School - Patrixbourne
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Matins - Patrixbourne
 3.00 p.m. Evensong - Bekebourne
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
- 13 - Tu. 7.15 p.m. Friends' Whist Drive - The Close.
 18 - Sun. Septuagesima
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne
 9.00 a.m. Parish Communion - Bridge
 9.45 a.m. Sunday School - Patrixbourne
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Matins - Bekebourne
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
- 19 - Mon. 2.45 p.m. Bridge M.U. - Methodist Chapel
 20 - Tu. 2.30 p.m. Bekebourne M.U. - Village Hall
 7 p.m. Women's Institute - Bridge Village Hall.

Parish Diary - February 1962 (Cont.)

- 24 - Sat. St. Matthias A.M.
 7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 25 - Sun. Sexagesima
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 9.45 a.m. Family Service - Patrixbourne
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Matins (Short) - Bekebourne
 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekebourne
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.

Mar.

- 4 - Sun. Quinquagesima
 Usual services for the 1st Sunday in the month.

Editor's Note. NEWS ITEMS & NOTICES FOR THE March Magazine
 should reach the Vicar NOT LATER THAN 21st Feb.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

This is one of the most important charitable works of the Church to which we give our support, and last year we raised over £38 for the funds of the Canterbury Branch, (of which the Vicar is Chairman).

The Annual General Meeting of the Society, at which the Archbishop will take the chair, will take place in the County Hotel on Monday, 5th February at 3 p.m., and you are invited to be present if you are interested.

MOTHERS' UNION

BRIDGE: Corporate Communion & Intercessions: Wed. 7th Feb. at
 9.30 a.m.

Next Meeting: Methodist Church, 19th Feb. at 2.45 p.m.

Speakers: The Rev. C. Stapley - "How we got our Creeds"

BEKEBSOURNE: Corporate Communion: Sunday, 11th Feb. 8 a.m.

Next Meeting: Village Hall, 2.30 p.m. 20th Feb.

Speaker: Deaconess Stapley - "The Bible in English".

VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

With so many houses being built and new families coming into our Parishes, it is most important to look out for the newcomers and make them welcome. Please call upon them yourselves, give them a church magazine, and let me know that they have moved in. I want to keep up-to-date with arrivals, and I need your help.

Newcomers in Bekesbourne, Patricxbourne and Bridge - if I have not yet visited you and you would like me to call, please drop me a line and say when is the best time.

CONFIRMATION at Bridge : ASCENSION DAY, 31st May, 1962

Adult parishioners, who are not Confirmed are warmly invited to approach me for private preparation and instruction, with a view to CONFIRMATION.

BEKESBOURNE CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS: The P.C.C. have ratified all the plans mentioned in the January Magazine, and already the Electric Cable has been laid up to the church. We now face the task of finding the cost. A SPRING FAIR is contemplated, and all who would like to help are invited to start now making and collecting articles for sale.

MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTION: Our grateful thanks are due to all who deliver our parish magazines. MORE distributors are badly needed in Bekesbourne and Bridge to share the work and lighten the burden of our present faithful few.

If you would like to help, please attend an informal meeting and tea party at the Vicarage, 3 p.m. on Wed. 14th Feb. (St. Valentine's Day).

My best wishes to all who are sick or housebound. Please let me know if you would like a visit.

Yours sincerely,

ROBERT PENNEY.

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AID TO REFUGEES - A new Campaign

A letter from the British Council of Churches, Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service thanks us for our share in raising their income for 1961 to £670,000. They are now planning a FREEDOM FROM HUNGER CAMPAIGN in co-operation with all leading Missionary Societies. Altogether the Refugee Year campaign raised £9,000,000. This seems a wonderful total - until one realises that in the same period we spent on ourselves a thousand times as much on GAMBLING, even more than that on DRINK, and still much more on SMOKING!!!

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S * * * *

to JOHN HARRIS, of Bridge, elected the Captain of the Junior Section of Canterbury Golf Club for 1962, and to

NEVILLE CHRISTOPHERSON, of Patricxbourne, nominated for the Presidency of the Kent Cricket Association. A very popular choice.

CHIROPODY SERVICE

The County Council now operates a Chiropody Service in the Bridge/Blean area, available to elderly people, expectant mothers and physically handicapped persons.

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JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES

Membership: The Junior Church is an essential part of the Christian life of the parish, catering for tiny toddlers up to children old enough for Confirmation. Our meetings are held in the Church itself, so that even the youngest of the children soon get to feel the atmosphere of God's House, and to sense His Presence there. This sense of reverence is apparent in even the youngest, and is a great joy to us. As they grow in age and membership, the children get a very good grounding in the Christian Faith, as laid down in the Church Catechism. We have a good staff and the atmosphere is a brother and sister one, as it should be.

On the first Sunday in each month, the meeting is not confined to members of the Junior Church, but is a "Family Service", so that the parents can share with their children in family worship. We would like more parents to come to this service and give us their help and support in this Christian training.

We are a growing parish. Many families are coming to live here and bringing children with them. To these people we extend a very hearty welcome and an assurance that even toddlers will find in the Junior Church an atmosphere of friendliness and welcome, because we are not just a Sunday School, we are a family.

Let us know if you would like children collected.

J.D. Smith.

ST. PETER'S YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Meets every Friday at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, and continues to thrive. A new Electric Record Player and a set of smart blue Football Jerseys have been bought out of Club funds.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF THE CANTERBURY HOSPITALS (BRIDGE GROUP)

At the Whist Drive in December £11.15.9. was raised, and we thank all those kind people who gave such lovely prizes and enabled us to make this evening such a success.

The February Whist Drive raised a further £3.10.0. The next one will be on 13th February at 7.15 p.m. at The Close.

The Group has bought Place Mats for every patient at The Close, and provided artificial flower displays. Also at Christmas every patient was given a present.

W.M. Clarke. (Hon. Sec.)

BRIDGE & PATRICKBOURNE WOMENS' INSTITUTE

The February meeting will be held in the Village Hall at Bridge on Tuesday, 20th February at 7 p.m.

Talk: Cooking demonstration by Miss P. Angell S.E.G.B.

Competition: Peppermint Creams.

BRITISH LEGION - LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH (including BEKESBOURNE)

Results of the Poppy Day Appeal:

House to House collecting tins	£74.	12.	10.
Church Collections	27.	14.	10.
Contributions	3.	3.	0.
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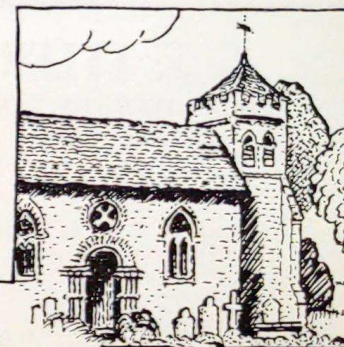
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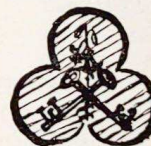
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My dear People,

I must apologise if I seem to be neglecting you all, but I have had a bad back since 1st February and have been laid flat with a "slipped disc" since 17th February. Not knowing how long it will be before I am fit for duty, it is a little hard to make definite plans for Lent. However, this I can say:-

All Sunday Services will take place as usual and I hope you will make a special point of attending, so that if I am not there a visiting preacher or Celebrant will have the encouragement of a good congregation.

Mid-week Communion Services will be discontinued until I am fit.

Lent Services - Starting on Ash Wednesday (7th March), there will be a Wednesday evening service in Bridge Church at 7.30 p.m. each week, taken by Mr. Cartman or myself.

Lent Preaching - The Rev. C. G. Stapley has kindly consented to give us at Evensong at Bridge a series of addresses entitled "Meditations on the Psalms".

Holy Week - Details will be published next month, but the Three Hours Service on Good Friday will be taken by Father Ronald Leeks of St. Peter's, Whitstable, and the Preacher on Easter Sunday evening will be the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Dover.

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Diocesan Week of Christian Witness - All church people are invited to wear in their lapel a miniature silver cross as an act of Christian witness during Holy Week. These little crosses will cost 6d. each and will be obtainable in church during Lent.

You may remember that this idea was first introduced for the benefit of overseas Christians visiting this country during the Festival of Britain year, and many sincere Christians have been wearing their cross ever since.

I hope that there will be a lively demand for these crosses.

Parish Visitors - At a recent meeting of Magazine Distributors I had an opportunity of thanking these good people for the valuable work that they do in visiting all your homes with the monthly magazine, and I have asked them to regard themselves as parish visitors and to assist me by calling upon newcomers and welcoming them in the name of the church.

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Eucharist - one of the loveliest names given to the Holy Communion - is the Greek word for "thanksgiving", and during Lent I hope to adopt as the general theme of my preaching the importance of giving one's whole life in the spirit of the Eucharist. Our weekly presence at the Altar should be our renewal of our intention to live the coming week in that spirit.

I hope that all Communicant members of the Church, especially those recently Confirmed, will during Lent try to form the habit of regular weekly attendance at the Altar.

Finally, may I say how greatly Communicants could assist the Celebrant if when receiving Communion they would (a) hold their hands high (on a level with the chin) to receive the Wafer, and (b) guide the Chalice to their lips and tilt it until they receive a sip of Wine.

Ladies are again reminded that lipstick tends to transfer itself to the Chalice, which is very distasteful to other recipients.

Lent Book - I strongly recommend for your Lent devotional reading a little book entitled "A LIVELY SACRIFICE" by Harold Sly - published by Mowbrays and available at the S.P.C.K. Bookshop, price 4/- This reading could deeply increase your devotion in preparation for your Easter Communion.

All good wishes and every blessing,

Your sincere friend and Vicar

ROBERT PENNEY

(Recumbent!)

CIVIL DEFENCE

How often do we hear of serious damage by high winds, floods or fires, and that members of the Civil Defence have been called out to help? That is what Civil Defence means; giving a hand in local and national emergencies, however they may arise and not limited to possible nuclear bomb damage, dreadful as that would be.

The local branch of the Civil Defence Corps meets for training fortnightly at the C.D. Centre, Union Rd., Bridge on alternate Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. The lectures and demonstrations are interesting and most instructive. Excellent tea is brewed by Mrs. Blée and Mrs. de Cent!

Young men and women are specially invited to come for training. Have a word with P.C. Bing and/or come to one of the following meetings, with a view to enrolling in the local group.

1st March	Warden Section Organisation in Peace and War	P.C. Bing
15th March	Co-ordination between Welfare and Warden Section in Peace and War.	Mrs. Philips
29th March	Civil Defence Tactics - Localised - Light - Heavy Damage	P.C. Bing
12th April	Reporting and Forms. Individual Dosimeter. Charging Unit.	Inspector Legg.
26th April	Films	Assistant C.D.C.

BRITISH LEGION - LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

The tickets for the Grand National Draw are now available at 6d. each, and we hope that all will support this draw, profits from which will be used to help people less fortunate than ourselves.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 6th March at the King William IV,
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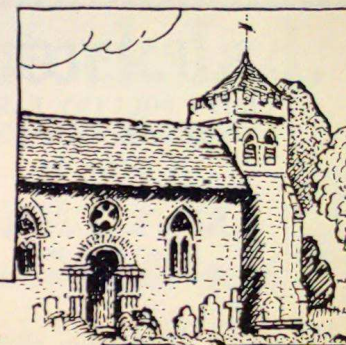
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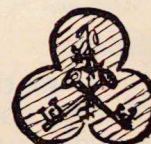
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 Fridays at 7.00 a.m.) Bridge
Confirmation Class: Thursdays at 6.30 p.m. Vicarage
Choir Practice: Fridays at 6.30 p.m. in Church
Youth Fellowship: Fridays at 7.30 p.m.

April

- 1 - Sun. 4th Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patricxbourne
 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion - Bekesbourne
 9.45 a.m. Sunday School - Patricxbourne
 11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge
 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge. Preacher: The Rev.
 C.G. Stapley
- 3 - Tu. 8 p.m. British Legion - Hooden Horse, Wickhambreaux.
- 4 - Wed. 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge (M.U. Corporate
 and Intercessions)
 7.30 p.m. Lent Service - Bridge.
- 8 - Sun. 5th Sunday in Lent
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 9.45 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. Preacher: The Rev.
 C.G. Stapley.
- 11 - Wed. 7.30 p.m. Lent Service - Bridge
- 12 - Th. 7.15 p.m. Barham Drama Group "Sailor Beware" -
 Bridge Village Hall
- 15 - Sun. Palm Sunday
 (Distribution of Palm Crosses at all morning services)
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patricxbourne
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HOLY WEEK

- 16 - Mon. 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 17 - Tu. 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union - Bekesbourne Village Hall
- 18 - Wed. 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 7.30 p.m. Lent Service - Bridge
- 19 - Th. MAUNDY THURSDAY
 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 20 - Fri. GOOD FRIDAY
 7.00 a.m. Ante-Communion & Litany - Bridge
 9.30 a.m. Family Service - Bekesbourne School
 10.30 a.m. Family Service - Bridge
 12 - 3 p.m. Three Hours Devotion - Bridge.
 (Conductor: The Rev. Ronald Leeks)
- 22 - Sun. EASTER DAY
 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
 9.45 a.m. Family Service - Patricxbourne
 11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Matins - Patricxbourne
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 3.00 p.m. Evensong - Bekesbourne
 6.30 p.m. Festal Evensong - Bridge. Preacher: The
 Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Dover.
- 23 - Mon. Easter Monday. 8 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 24 - Tu. Easter Tuesday. 7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 7.30 p.m. Patricxbourne with Bridge Vestry Meeting
 and Annual General Meeting - Village Hall.
- 25 - Wed. 7.30 p.m. Bekesbourne F.C.C. and at 8 p.m. Vestry
 and Annual General Meeting - The School.
- 29 - Sun. 1st Sunday after Easter
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 9.45 a.m. Sunday School - Patricxbourne
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
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VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

Easter-time, to members of the Church, is a joyful Festival: especially after the austerity of Lent and Good Friday. But Easter Day is a Holy Day - one of the three great Christian Festivals - on which all Communicants are bidden to make their Communion as an offering of Christian obedience, love and worship to our Lord. So wherever you may be - at home or away on holiday - DO PLEASE GO TO CHURCH on Easter Sunday and MAKE YOUR COMMUNION. Study the list of Services and make FAMILY WORSHIP the chief feature of your day.

ON GOOD FRIDAY Fr. Ronald Leeks of St. Peter's, Whitstable is kindly taking our Three Hours Devotion at Bridge, and I shall do the same at his church.

On EASTER DAY the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Dover will honour us with his presence at Evensong at Bridge - and will preach to us - so I hope you will come in force from all three Parishes to give him a warm welcome and to enjoy the Easter music of our joint Choirs.

LIFTS TO CHURCH If you send me a note of the service you wish to attend, I will try to arrange transport. If you cannot come to church, please tell me if you would like Communion at home, and I will arrange to visit you.

CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS Please note the dates and make a real effort to come, to hear reports of progress and plans, to express your thanks to all who have served so well in the past year - and to help elect the Churchwardens and officers for the forthcoming year.

BEKESBOURNE CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME - Work will shortly be commenced and DONATIONS towards the cost would be very welcome when you see the result, you will be glad you had a share in it!

May God bless you all this Easter,

Yours sincerely,

ROBERT PENNEY

EASTER DECORATIONS

Gifts of flowers and offers of help with the decoration of the church's will be gratefully received. Please may both flowers and helpers be in church not later than 10 a.m. on Holy Saturday.

EASTER LILIES If you wish to give an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, please send 5/- per lily to Mrs. Penney (or Mrs. Sandall for Bekesbourne) NOT LATER THAN PALM SUNDAY as these have to be ordered in good time.

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R.A.P.

BEKESBOURNE CHURCH BELLS

Our new Ringers have made great progress and are beginning to learn change-ringing. Will experienced Ringers please accept this cordial invitation to come back and lend their skill for the benefit of us all? We need at least a dozen ringers, so that we can ring for every Service.

R.A.P.

BRITISH LEGION - LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

The next meeting will be at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 3rd April at the Hooden Horse at Wickhambreaux.

MOTHERS' UNION

Corporate Communion: Bridge - 4th April at 9.30 a.m.
(followed by Intercessions)

Bekesbourne - 8th April at 8 a.m.

Joint Branch Meeting: At Bekesbourne Village Hall on Tuesday, 17th April, at 2.30 p.m., when the Rev. N. Baldock will speak on "Christian Values".

BRIDGE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next meeting will be held on 17th April at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Talk: "The Adventures of a Ship's Purser" - Mr. Mason-Springay

Competition: Tainted Hard Boiled Egg.

Social Time: Old Time Dancing, with Mr. Eley.

WOMEN'S VOLUNTARY SERVICE

A group of the above has been formed in Bridge. Anyone interested in joining is invited to contact the W.V.S. Village Representative:- Mrs. J. Kelsey, "Garth", Meadow Close, Bridge. Tel. Bridge 309.

ALTAR LINEN

Our recent appeal brought several kind offers, and ladies in Bekesbourne and in Bridge are now working on new Altar and Credence Cloths. Very many thanks.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY HOSPITALS - BRIDGE GROUP

The Annual General Meeting of the above was held at The Close on 8th March and there was a record attendance.

It was reported that Special Events during the year had raised a total of £106. Approx. £60 was spent on The Close, and £10 was given to Nunnery Fields Hospital.

Our membership has dropped slightly, but we hope to improve this, and 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.

On 12th April Barham Drama Club are presenting "Sailor Beware" at the Village Hall, Bridge at 7.15 p.m. in aid of League funds.

LITTLE STOUR RECORDS - V.J. TORR (Continued)

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MOTHERS' UNION

Corporate Communion: Bridge - 4th April at 9.30 a.m.
(followed by Intercessions)

Bekesbourne - 8th April at 8 a.m.

Joint Branch Meetings: At Bekesbourne Village Hall on Tuesday, 17th April, at 2.30 p.m., when the Rev. N. Baldock will speak on "Christian Values".

BRIDGE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next meeting will be held on 17th April at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Talk: "The Adventures of a Ship's Purser" - Mr. Mason-Springay

Competition: Painted Hard Boiled Egg.

Social Time: Old Time Dancing, with Mr. Eley.

WOMEN'S VOLUNTARY SERVICE

A group of the above has been formed in Bridge. Anyone interested in joining is invited to contact the W.V.S. Village Representative:- Mrs. J. Kelsey, "Garth", Meadow Close, Bridge. Tel. Bridge 309.

ALTAR LINEN

Our recent appeal brought several kind offers, and ladies in Bekesbourne and in Bridge are now working on new Altar and Credence Cloths. Very many thanks.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY HOSPITALS - BRIDGE GROUP

The Annual General Meeting of the above was held at The Close on 8th March and there was a record attendance.

It was reported that Special Events during the year had raised a total of £106. Approx. £60 was spent on The Close, and £10 was given to Nunnery Fields Hospital.

Our membership has dropped slightly, but we hope to improve this, and 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.

On 12th April Barham Drama Club are presenting "Sailor Beware" at the Village Hall, Bridge at 7.15 p.m. in aid of League funds.

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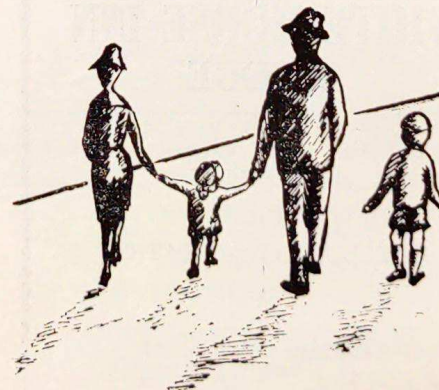
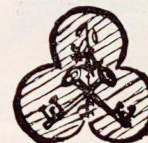
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May, 1962

CHRISTIAN FAMILY YEAR

From May 1962 to May 1963 parishes in this diocese will be observing Christian Family Year, with the approval of the Archbishop, who, with Her Majesty the Queen, is its patron.

The one great purpose will be to bring home to all the supreme value of the family and their place in the life of the Church of today.

All members of the Mothers' Union and all women are earnestly asked to keep 16th May 1962 as a day of personal dedication with Special Intention for Christian Family Year at the Holy Communion Service at 9.30 a.m., when each member will share in united prayer, seeking God's guidance for all the work of the coming months.

MOTHERS' UNION

FESTIVAL SERVICE: Members of both branches are reminded of this special service which is to be held at the Cathedral on Wednesday 23rd May at 5.30 p.m. Those attending are asked to be in their seats by 4.45 p.m.

BRIDGE: Corporate Communion & Intercessions - Wed. 2nd May at 9.30 a.m. Special Corporate Communion for commencement of Christian Family Year - Wed. 16th May at 9.30 a.m.

Branch Meeting: 21st May at 2.45 p.m. in the Methodist Church, when the speaker will be the Rev. Eric Stanton.

There will be a Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Sale in Mrs. Ledger's garden on Friday, 18th May from 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon to which all ladies of the parish are cordially invited.

BEKESBOURNE: Corporate Communion - Sunday 13th May at 8 a.m. Branch Meeting: 15th May at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, at which Mrs. Ledger will speak on some aspects of Christian Family Year.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY HOSPITALS (BRIDGE GROUP)

Once again the Group has cause to be very grateful to the Barham Players, who, by their very amusing and well acted play "Sailor Beware", gave a large audience a hilarious evening and at the same time contributed £7 to the Group Funds.

BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next meeting, on 15th May at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall, will be the Resolutions Meeting and Members' Night.

OUR LOCAL CHURCHES

Another interesting illustrated lecture will be given at Bridge School at 8 p.m. on Friday, 18th May by Mr. V.J. Torr, the well-known Kent historian. This should prove of great interest to all local people and you are warmly invited to attend.

CHRISTCHURCH COLLEGE, CANTERBURY

This new training college is opening in September 1962 with seventy men and women students. There will be no residential accommodation for them in their first year and an appeal is made to interested people to act as hostesses. Generous boarding terms are offered. Ask the Vicar for further information. CANTERBURY DIOCESAN YOUTH CAMP 1962

Following a most successful camp last year, there will be another this year, from 18th Aug. - 1st Sept. 1962 at Stowting Court, Stowting, Kent. The cost will be £3.5s.0d. per week, plus 5/- booking fee for each week. The age limit is 14+ - 20 years.

The emphasis of camp activities will be on holiday. Each day will end with an epilogue to which, we hope, all campers will come. We shall have an opportunity of joining in the farm work on several occasions. In many ways this will be a holiday to remember.

For more information and application forms, please write to:-
The Rev. Michael Upton, Diocesan House,
Lady Wootton's Green, CANTERBURY.

BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Staff and Children wish to thank all who supported their Jumble Sale on 7th April. The sale realised £15.11s.0d.

RED CROSS FLAG DAY

The British Red Cross Society are most grateful to all who so kindly collected for them in Bridge. The total of £11.2s.11d. is an increase of £1.11s. over last year's collection.

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N.B. Holy Communion: Wednesdays at 9.30 a.m.)
 Fridays at 7.00 a.m.) Bridge
Confirmation Class: Thursdays at 6.30 p.m. Vicarage
Choir Practice: Fridays at 6.30 p.m. in Church
Youth Fellowship: Fridays at 7.30 p.m.

May

- 1 - Tu. SS. Philip & James AA.MM.
 7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 2 - Wed. St. Mark (transferred)
 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge (M.U. Corporate
 & Intercessions)
- 6 - Sun. 2nd Sunday after Easter
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne
 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion - Bekesbourne
 9.45 a.m. Sunday School - Patrixbourne
 11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge
 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
- 8 - Tu. 8 p.m. Village Hall Committee - All Representatives
 invited to attend
- 13 - Sun. 3rd Sunday after Easter
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 9.45 a.m. Sunday School - Patrixbourne
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Matins - Patrixbourne
 3.00 p.m. Family Service - Bekesbourne
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
- 15 - Tu. 2.30 p.m. Bekesbourne M.U. - Village Hall.
- 16 - Wed. 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge (M.U. Corporate)
- 18 - Fri. 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon. M.U. Coffee Morning - Lynton House
 8 p.m. Illustrated Lecture, "Our Local Churches" by
 V.J. Torr - Bridge School.
- 20 - Sun. 4th Sunday after Easter
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne
 9.00 a.m. Parish Communion - Bridge
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 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge

Parish Diary - May 1962 (Cont.)

- 20 - Sun. 11.00 a.m. Matins - Bekesbourne
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
- 23 - Wed. 5.30 p.m. M.U. Festival Service - Cathedral
- 27 - Sun. Rogation & Industrial Sunday
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 9.45 a.m. Family Service - Patrixbourne
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Matins (Short) - Bekesbourne
 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.
- 31 - Th. Ascension Day
 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 7.00 p.m. CONFIRMATION - Bridge

June

- 2 - Sat. 6.30 p.m. Deanery Choir Festival - Ash Church
- 3 - Sun. Sunday after Ascension
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - BRIDGE. Celebrant:
 The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Dover
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne
 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion - Bekesbourne
 9.45 a.m. Sunday School - Patrixbourne
 11.00 a.m. Commonwealth Youth Service - Bridge
 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge

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VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

First, I thank you for a very generous Easter Offering, for which I am most grateful. Easter Sunday was a lovely day, with strong congregations at all services. It was brought to a close by Festal Evensong at Bridge, attended by the Bishop of Dover, who preached us a fine sermon. It was typically kind of the Bishop that he chose to come to us on such an important and busy day, when he must have been very tired indeed. We shall welcome him again very soon when he comes for our Confirmation.

CONFIRMATION at BRIDGE: Ascension Day - 31st May.

This Service will be at 7 p.m., but all Candidates will require to be in Church by 6.30 p.m. - detailed instructions will be issued to them personally.

Please pray for our 13 young Candidates:-

Girls: Margaret Blakey, Pauline Fuggle, Cherry Hunter, Diana Loney, Kathleen Penney, Elizabeth Pratt, Francesca Purchase and Jennifer Young. Boys: Peter Fitton, Roger Fuggle, Anthony Purchase, William Webb and John Young.

They will make their FIRST COMMUNION at Bridge on 3rd June and the Bishop of Dover will Celebrate.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY YEAR: We must congratulate the Mothers' Union for having initiated a much needed campaign to bring about sanctification and strengthening of Family Life. Of course nothing can be achieved without the willing co-operation of parents, but this campaign may cause Fathers and Mothers of families to question and examine the quality of their family life and their own example and leadership in all its aspects.

NEW CITIZEN is the name of an attractive new Church newspaper which caters for the whole family. Copies will be available shortly, and may be obtained in church monthly.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL,

Your friend and Vicar

ROBERT PENNEY

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

The following elections and appointments were made:-

BEKESBOURNE

Churchwardens: Wilfred R. Mowl, H.S. Shorey.
Diocesan Representative: P. Watson-Taylor
Ruri-Decanal Representatives: Mr. & Mrs. S. Grey, Fred Carey
P.C.C. Members: The above (ex officio), and
Mesdames Belsey, Jury, Maple*, Noble, Penney, Sandall,
Severn, Tyler, and Misses Douglas and June Hadlow*.
Messrs. Ash, Maple and Noble.
Hon. Sec. Mrs. Sandall. Hon. Treas. Mr. Stanley Grey.
Sidesmen: As before.

PATRIXBOURNE WITH BRIDGE

Churchwardens: Chas. A. Potter, Capt. A.E.W. Farish-Sandbach.
Diocesan Representative: John Williamson
Ruri-Decanal Representatives: Miss Seath, Mrs. Meigh, Mrs. Young.*
P.C.C. Members: The above (ex officio) and
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Miss Syson*.
Messrs. Baker*, Chadwick, Christopherson, Kelsey, Middleton,
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Sidesmen: As before.

* Denotes new members.

COMMONWEALTH YOUTH SUNDAY

On Sunday, 3rd June, services for Commonwealth Youth Sunday will be held all over the world. This year is the Jubilee of the movement.

We shall have a united service for our youth organisations in Bridge Church at 11 a.m. It will be a real Youth Service, conducted by Bill Penney, with an address by David Maple.

We hope that the parents and friends of our young people will come and join with them in this far reaching act of Christian worship.

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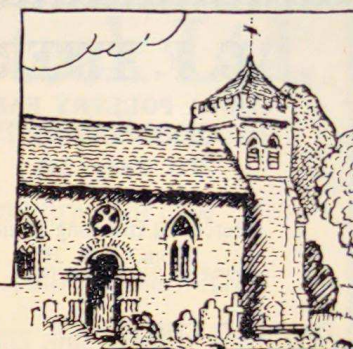
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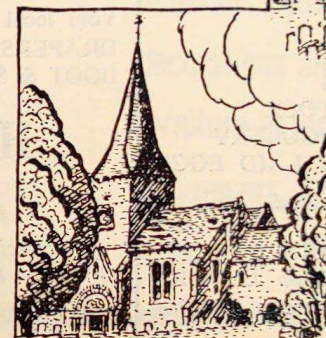
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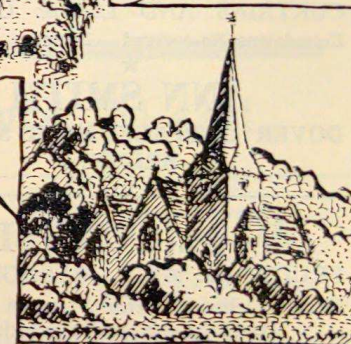
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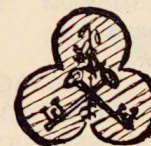
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VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

WHICH WAY? Must Communism conquer the freedom-loving democratic way of life? World statesmen seem to think it inevitable, unless it is held at bay by a strong alliance of anti-Communist nations, backed by military power, with Nuclear weapons as the great deterrent! But is this so?

His Grace, the Archbishop of Canterbury had this to say at the last Diocesan Conference:-

"First, I think we must agree that war can no longer be an instrument of justice in the world....It is impossible to defeat Communism merely by military means. We cannot defend liberty in the world merely by building a rampart around it. We defeat Communism by spreading a better way of life and helping to relieve economic distress in those countries which are vulnerable to Communism. Communism is a false belief, and it will be conquered only by the spread of a right belief, lived out in communities otherwise exposed to Communist pressure. Military defence alone cannot achieve these ends."

It would seem that the Christian answer to the invasion of Communism is the spread of Christianity, by an active demonstration of Christianity as a better way of life, and we in Britain can do our part by seeking the re-conversion of our own people - starting with OURSELVES and OUR FAMILIES. We must face the fact that on the whole our Christian religion is no longer the dynamic sincere faith of the early Church - but a very shallow, 'taken for granted' heritage from our forefathers.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY YEAR is a Church campaign - a mission to the Nation - to re-think, re-learn and re-practise true Christianity in personal, family, parochial and national life. This needs faith, and faith (to quote again the Archbishop,) means:-

"The conviction that the world is in the hands of a faithful Creator. We too are in His hands, and the supreme question is not whether we live or die, but whether we are with Him or are separated from Him."

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Our Easter Communion, the recent Confirmation Service and the Commonwealth Youth Service taken by young people, must have demonstrated to many the up-lifting power of corporate worship. Church worship is not everything - but it can be a starting point. It provides the environment and climate in which a germ of faith can grow, and this I know from my own personal experience.

BEKESBOURNE CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS - Thanks to Mrs. Sandall and her many helpers, a successful MAY FAYRE raised £50. The weather kept most people inside the School Building, but the Garden Stall and Hot Dog fryers braved the cold and did a roaring trade outside.

BRIDGE CHURCH - Would anyone be willing to do the weekly cleaning? Mrs. Ennis has had to give it up for health reasons and a voluntary worker is coping temporarily - for which I am most grateful.

NEW CITIZEN - I recommend this Newspaper. All P.C.C. members have subscribed to it and should take their copies from the Church. Others are invited to take a copy and put 4d. in the Alms Box. Please PASS YOUR COPY ON to a neighbour.

JUNE 18th - 28th - My wife and I will be on holiday, but the rest of the family will still be at the Vicarage to receive messages. Needs for a parson will gladly be met by the Rev. Frank Cartman of 'Lime Trees', Nackington Rd., Canterbury. (Tel. Cant. 2359), who will take Services in my absence.

CONFIRMATION AFTERTHOUGHTS - I am very grateful to the relatives and God-parents of the Candidates for their co-operation, and to all the 'anonymous helpers' who did such a wonderful job decorating church and hall, and feeding the multitude after the Service.

To those newly Confirmed I say I have admired your conscientious attention during preparation, and look forward to helping you forward in the days to come.

All good wishes and every Blessing,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

ROBERT PENNEY

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LITTLE STOUR RECORDS - V.J.TORR (Cont. from April issue)

BEKESBOURNE

The other Bekesbourne culprit was female, but her case is of rather greater interest than the last. She was "Alice, the wife of John Caryngboll" and was accused of suspiciously visiting "M. Malk, Vicar of Patrikysborne". To make pleasant variety, this gentleman would sometimes call on Alice at her own house, for the same alleged disreputable purposes. Now this "Malk" was none other than the Malcolm Ramsey, who was in the living of Patribourne for many years, and whom you can still see, lying in stone effigy just by the High Altar at Bridge. Alice (who next year was miscalled Joan) was ordered, under pain of excommunication, to keep clear of the Vicar "except in public places". Warham's official thereupon let her go because they had arranged that Ramsey must also clear himself from the charge. So we now turn to

PATRIXBOURNE

The only complaint here is again about the Vicar; and this implies that both Patribourne and Bekesbourne Churches were probably in fairly good condition, unlike many of their fellows at that period. Now the language used in the official record is more forthright than at Bekesbourne. Master Malcolm Ramsey, the Vicar, is openly accused of adultery with Alice Claryngbole "the which is openly known". I may remark in passing that in the same record we find that the Master of Wye College (also a priest) was accused of riding all the way to Boughton-under-Blean to visit a married woman for similar purposes.

Ramsey denied it all - "openly known" or not - and was therefore ordered to appear at Canterbury on 26th January, 1512, accompanied by two clergymen and two laymen who should clear him of the crime. He did so, but then unfortunately a blank is left as to what happened. We may presume he scraped off, since he stayed Vicar for many years more, but the method employed to establish innocence seems a little naive, for had the accusation been true, both Malcolm and Alice would certainly have conducted their affairs out of the reach of local parsons and countrymen!

(To be continued)

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM:

Bekesbourne

1961

- 8th Oct. KATHERINE, d. of Michael & Jean GREY
3rd Dec. BARRY ANDREW, s. of Roy & Rita SMITHSON
10th Dec. SUZANNE PATRICIA, d. of Eric & Patricia JAMES
24th Dec. DAVID JOHN, s. of Violet NEWPORT
24th Dec. ANDREA LESLEY, d. of Edward & Sylvia FIGG

1962

- 13th May. JONATHAN MICHAEL, s. of Denis & Pamela HOPE

Patribourne

1961

- 15th Oct. JOANNA MARY, d. of Brian & Josephine ARNOLD

Bridge

1961

- 22nd Oct. NICHOLAS, s. of Raymond & Josephine PRICE
22nd Oct. ELISABETH ANNE, d. of Nigel & Beryl HOGBEN
17th Dec. Kevin Edward, s. of Reginald & Jean NEAME

1962

- 7th Jan. TIMOTHY JOHN KENNEDY, s. of John & Mollie
1st Apr. MARK CHARLES, s. of Roy & Margaret FORD. PURCHASE

MARRIAGES:

Patribourne

1962

- 14th Apr. John Frederick SAVAGE and Geraldine Mary HAWKINS

BURIALS:

Bekesbourne

1961

- 3rd Oct. Trevor WILSON
28th Oct. William Gilbert UPTON
23rd Dec. Penelope TUCKER

1962.

- 19th Jan. John R. HOGBEN
8th Feb. Edith PRETT
7th Apr. Olive REYNOLDS.

Bridge

1961

- 6th Oct. Noah BOOTH
1st Dec. David J. DAVIS

- 9th Jan. Thomas G. SMITH
14th Mar. Beatrice M. FAULDS
28th Mar. Grace A. OVENDEN
19th Apr. John H. RAVENHILL

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- 6th Jan. Joseph A. Alexander

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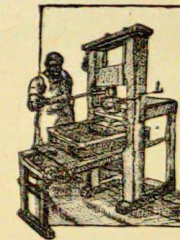
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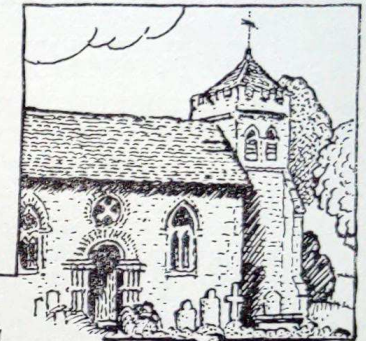
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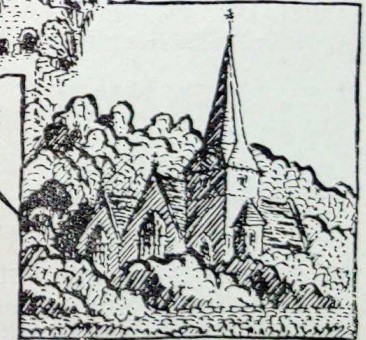
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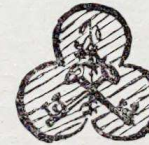
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Holy Communion: Wednesdays at 9.30 a.m.) Bridge
 Fridays at 7.00 a.m.)
Choir Practices: Fridays at 6.30 p.m. in Church
Youth Fellowship: Fridays at 7.30 p.m.

JULY

8 - Sun. 3rd Sunday after Trinity
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 9.45 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 - Sat. 2.30 p.m. VILLAGE HALL FETE - Bridge School
 15 - Sun. 4th Sunday after Trinity
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne
 9.00 a.m. Parish Communion - Bridge
 9.45 a.m. Sunday School - Patrixbourne
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Matins - Bekesbourne
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
 22 - Sun. 5th Sunday after Trinity - S. Mary Magdalene
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 9.45 a.m. Family Service - Patrixbourne
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Matins (short) - Bekesbourne
 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
 25 - Wed. S. James A.M. 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge.
 10.30 a.m. Coffee Morning - Reading Room, Bridge.
 (League of Friends of the Canterbury Hospitals).
 29 - Sun. 6th Sunday after Trinity
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 9.45 a.m. Sunday School - Patrixbourne
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Matins - Patrixbourne
 3.00 p.m. Family Service - Bekesbourne
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.

Parish Diary - July 1962 (contd.)

AUG. - NO MIDWEEK SERVICES, JUNIOR CHURCH OR SUNDAY SCHOOL
 DURING AUGUST.

5 - Sun. 7th 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

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 3.30 p.m. Scottish Dancing and music
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VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

During July we shall complete the work on Bekesbourne Church. I hope then to have a special Thanksgiving and Dedication Service in September or October, preceded by a Gift Day, so that if possible we can raise the balance of the cost before the service takes place. Meanwhile, any donations towards cost will be very welcome - about £150 is going to be needed, in addition to what we have already in hand. The total cost will be about £950.

We also hope very shortly to carry out a small scheme of improvements to Bridge Church - moving some pews from the front to the back to give more space for Weddings and Funerals. Later we hope to move the pulpit, so as to make room for an additional Minister's Desk and Seat, and to give a better view of the Sanctuary. This scheme will give us improved seating accommodation and also some extra heating. I hope to cover the cost of this by means of a generous donation from one of my Shirley friends - but any gifts towards these and other much needed repairs and improvements will be gladly received.

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August is the holiday month and as usual I shall be taking the family to Thorpeness in Suffolk for the first three weeks in August. My wife will be remaining at the Vicarage, but she will have company. Our friend, the Rev. Dennis Hawker, formerly at Folkestone, but now Missioner to the Diocese of Lincoln, will be bringing his wife and family to stay at the Vicarage from 3rd to 17th August, and after that I shall be back.

Fr. Hawker will assist the Rev. Frank Cartman and Mr. J.D. Smith in taking the Church Services during my absence. I am sure that you will make the visiting Ministers welcome and support them with your presence at all Services.

I wish you all very happy summer holidays, especially the School children.

Yours sincerely,

ROBERT PENNEY

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ZULULAND NEWS

Extracts from letter from the Rev. Norman Gilmore.

Kwa Magwaza Mission Station
Zululand, South Africa.
21st May, 1962.

Dear Friends,

In my last letter written in 1960, soon after coming to this Mission from St. Augustine's, I spoke of the plans I had for building in various parts of the district, and of the need to press on in the face of the growing power and hostility of our Afrikaner Nationalist Government.

We have "pressed on" and I can now report that the church of St. Paul, Nkwenkwe, has been completely rebuilt and re-roofed and the school-rooms there put into good order....

On 8th April, by the side of the Zulu King Mpande's "great place" - it was he who gave KwaMagwaza to our first missionary, Robert Robertson, in 1860 - I dedicated the church of St. Barnabas, Keteketeni.....

On Saturday, May 5th, yet another dedication took place, this time at Kwa Magwaza itself. I dedicated the new assistant Curate's house and also the new classroom block, in the presence of the Zulu King, Cyprian Bekuzulu, his "prime minister" Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, the inspector of schools, Mr. Kolbe, our local chief Sikhukhuza, and a great crowd of Christians and Heathen.....

On the morning of May 5th, preceding this dedication, I received a letter from the Magistrate asking whether my church was prepared to "co-operate" with the Government in removing the people of Kwa Magwaza Mission. Because this Mission is surrounded by European-owned farms, we are regarded as a "black spot" in a white area and this is anathema to the present Government who believe that all men must live in their own areas, separated from people of other race groups. Remember that when Kwa Magwaza Mission began in 1860, and for many years after, there were no European-owned farms anywhere near us. The whites came later, and the story of how they got their land makes disquieting reading. But now we, the Zulus, must leave the homes that families have held for 100 years in order to conform to a blueprint of racial segregation. Justice takes second place to political expediency. I have replied to this letter that under no circumstances will the Church co-operate in perpetrating so dastardly a crime. The Bishop confirms my

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Mission Station letter (Cont.)

actions: "We will not move until they come with their guns and hound us out of our homes".

I cannot sufficiently stress the urgency of the situation we missionaries and our people find ourselves in today, and our desperate need for the fellowship and support of you in other lands. Our Bishop needs all our prayers that he may not fail, through any inducement (and many are offered), to see the moral issues clearly, nor for fear of consequence, to lead his people in opposition to whatever threatens God's order and God's laws.

For your help which has helped us here to achieve so much in so short a time, I am profoundly thankful. We continue to press on. I have not succeeded in getting a site (so far) at Mkwandlweni but have applied with more hope of success for one at Mjomelwane. So much remains to be done.

Our Mission account is heavily in debt. On 31st March 1962 we owed £331.10.0d. Perhaps I should not have gone ahead so quickly with building projects without having the money in hand. But, as I have tried to show, the times are urgent. So if you can help us to liquidate our debt - to pay our evangelists (£60 a year) - to build and repair - to establish new stations - I beg of you to do so.

(Note: Zululand Mission Boxes available in Bridge Church)

JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES

Annual Outing: In view of the number of families who will be away, it has been decided not to hold the Junior Church Annual Outing on 27th July as notified.

Summer holidays: The Junior Church will not meet during the Sundays in August owing to the holidays, but it is hoped to announce special arrangements for those children who will be at home.

USED STAMPS

The collection of used stamps to be sold in aid of Village Hall Funds is being well supported, and grateful thanks are extended for stamps received to date. It is hoped that everyone in the village is saving all stamps from parcels and letters. Mr. Clark is always willing to accept them at The Pharmacy, and any further information can be obtained from the organiser, Mr. J. Kelsey, Garth, Meadow Close.

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Corporate Communion & Intercessions: 4th July at 9.30 a.m.
Annual Outing - Tuesday, 10th July. The coach will leave the White Horse at 1.30 p.m. for Sheerness. Tea will be catered for by the Sheerness Mothers' Union Branch. After tea, on to Minster in Thanet, via the coastal route, for a short service there. Any further names to be given to Mrs. Meigh. (Cost: 10/3d. inclusive).

Once again we have been asked to run the Household Stall at the Village Hall Fete on 14th July. Will all members please try to give something for this stall?

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF THE CANTERBURY HOSPITALS - BRIDGE BRANCH

A Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale will be held at the Reading Room at 10.30 - 12 noon on Wednesday, 25th July. Will all members and friends please try to support this effort.

Mr. R. Carpenter would like to thank all the kind friends, including the Pleasant Hour Club and Bridge and Patrixbourne W.I., who donated so generously in memory of his dear wife. A cheque for £8 has been forwarded to the League of Friends of the Canterbury Hospitals, to go to the Nurses' Recreation Fund.

BRITISH LEGION - LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

At the last monthly meeting it was agreed that the Branch should adopt the In-patients at Preston Hall. Arrangements are now being made regarding visits etc. and the Secretary-Administrator, Mr. A. Hornick, is to be invited to speak to the Branch in the near future.

Next Meeting: King William, Littlebourne, 8 p.m. on 3rd July.

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42nd Annual Summer Show: Union Road Meadow: 11 August 1962.
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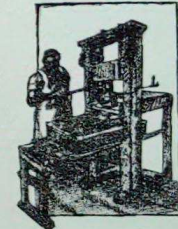
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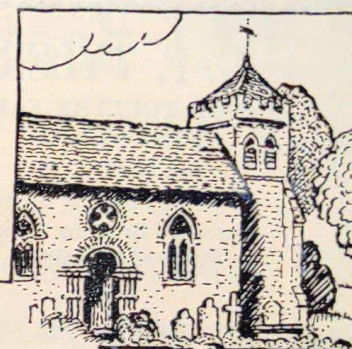
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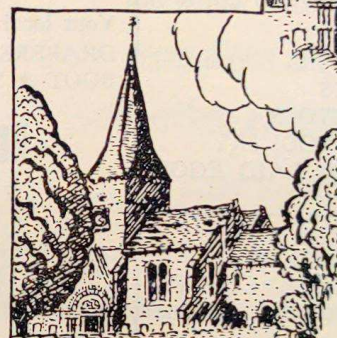
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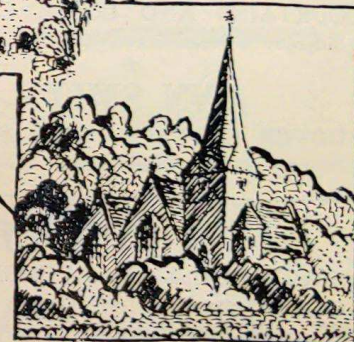
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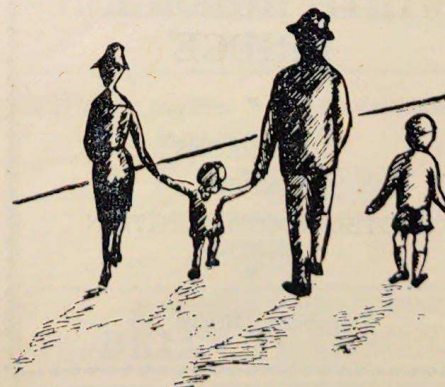
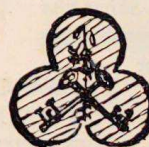
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Mid-week services - All cancelled during August
Sunday School at Patrixbourne closed until Sunday 16th Sept.
Youth Fellowship - usually 7.30 p.m. on Fridays - see Notice Board.
Choir Practice - 7 p.m. on Fridays, as usual.

- 5 - Sun. 7th Sunday after Trinity
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion - Bekesbourne
11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge
NO HOLY COMMUNION AT 11.45 a.m.
6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.
- 7 - Tu. 8 p.m. British Legion - Prince of Wales, Bekesbourne
- 11 - Sat. BRIDGE HORTICULTURAL SHOW
- 12 - Sun. 8th Sunday after Trinity
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
9.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
11.00 a.m. Matins - Patrixbourne
3.00 p.m. Evensong - Bekesbourne
6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
- 19 - Sun. 9th Sunday after Trinity
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne
9.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
11.00 a.m. Matins - Bekesbourne
6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
- 21 - Tu. 7 p.m. Bridge & Patrixbourne Women's Institute.
- 26 - Sun. 10th Sunday after Trinity
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
11.00 a.m. Matins - Bekesbourne
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.

VICAR'S LETTER

24th July, 1962.

My dear People,

I have just had the distressing experience of breaking the news to my Churchwardens and P.C.C. members, and announcing in Church, that I have to leave Bridge, as from early December next, to go to the densely populated town parish of St. Saviour, West Croydon.

I and my family have been very happy here and it is a sad blow to us to have to leave you all, not to mention our lovely churches and attractive new Vicarage! As I explained in Church on Sunday, 22nd July, this call to new responsibilities was quite unexpected, and the move will not be to our advantage from the residential or financial point of view, but I feel that it is my plain duty to do the work for which I was Ordained where the need is greatest, and I believe that the Archbishop and his advisers are the best able to judge where I should be used. St. Saviour's Parish will have been without clergy for a year, and is in a very low state, and my wife and I both feel that it would be wrong to decline to go.

I hope and trust that my successor will be appointed with the minimum of delay, and I will do my utmost to complete all outstanding improvement schemes and make the best possible arrangements for the interregnum period.

THE CHALLENGE

The next few months are going to present a great challenge to me and to you who make up the church-going community. What matters when I leave you is that there should be no diminution of your worship; no slacking off in your church-attendance, and no relaxing of standards where your duties are concerned.

You are fortunate in having good and experienced leaders in your Churchwardens and P.C.C. members, and good Clergy and Lay-readers available and willing to take Services.

Choir-members will still have Mr. Maple and our other Organists to take Choir Practices and to maintain the present excellent standard of singing. Everything will depend on the determination of all members to attend choir practices and

church services with even greater punctuality and regularity than at present.

Servers will have to be organised and trained to look after visiting Celebrants and to attend to the setting out and putting away of linen and vessels correctly.

The Magazine production and distribution must go on and sick visiting, flower arranging, church cleaning, church-yard grass cutting and all the other duties which are part of the church's working life.

My job will be to find and train those who are to carry on the various duties when you are without a Vicar. I shall also have to make many preparations for our family removal to Croydon, which involves finding new schools for the children and supervising the work of repairing and decorating the old Victorian Vicarage which is to be our new home.

THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS

Please help me to find a solution to the Bridge Church cleaning problem. If some one (man or woman) could be found to do the sweeping floors and brushing of mats, it should be possible to find one or two volunteers for dusting and polishing pews etc.

Has anyone an oak table? (about 4'6" x 2'6") I would like to put a table at the West End of Bridge Church for Magazines, Missionary Boxes etc.

Improvements to Bridge Church interior - The removal of the front pews and re-siting of the pulpit to give a better view of the Sanctuary and Choir will shortly be commenced. I hope to put up a sketch to show you how it will look. Meanwhile I am looking for a nice Lectern - possibly a brass Eagle!

Shirley Parish Church have presented us with a very fine Bishop's Chair to go in our Sanctuary, so releasing the present Chair to be used for the second Minister's Stall which is to be made out of the present Lectern. This will give us a pair of identical Minister's Stalls, which will look very nice indeed when the Pulpit and front pews have been moved.

HOLIDAYS

As mentioned last month, I shall be away with the children at Thorpeness from 1st - 20th August, but Mr. J.D. Smith and visiting clergy will take services and attend to any parochial emergencies during my absence.

Wishing you all very happy holidays and every blessing in your homes,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

ROBERT PENNEY.

JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES

Summer Holidays - During August we shall be closed down for ordinary meetings, but the Family Service at 11 a.m. on Sunday, 5th August will take place as usual and we would like to see all of our members who are not away from home. On 12th, 19th & 26th August there will be no ordinary class teaching, but if those who are not away will let me know that they would like to attend, I will hold a service with some lantern slides at the usual time. Please let me know in good time. J.D.S.

PATRIXBOURNE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Patrixbourne Sunday School will be closed from the beginning of August until 16th September.

BRIDGE & PATRIXBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Monthly Meetings: 7 p.m. on Tuesday, 21st August in the Reading Room, when there will be a talk by Miss Larkan on "Growing and Arranging Garden Flowers".

Competition: Salad on a Tea Plate.

BRIGGE, 1511.

In Warham's time and for very long afterwards, Bekesbourne was ecclesiastically independent of Patricxbourne and its chapel of Bridge. Nevertheless, it appears that all three churches were, in 1511, in fairly good structural condition, unlike so many of their sisters, for the visitation returns of each are almost silent about such defects. You have had two of them put before you, and now I come to the longer report on Bridge, where you will notice that the greater part of it is concerned, as so often, with financial matters.

The first case deals with a complaint that the Warden of St. Laurence's Nunnery in Canterbury has kept back (for the past 30 years!) 1s.4d. per annum which is due to Bridge Church. (I need hardly remind readers that this annual sum was then worth far more than its equivalent today). The circumstances were in any case rather unusual, for this establishment was not governed, as might be expected, by an Abbess or Prioress, but by a man. Still, curiously, this male Warden was a Benedictine monk of St. Augustine's Abbey, named Robert Dovor. Later on, this person appeared at Canterbury and denied that Bridge had any such claim on himself; so Warham's Commissary ordered the Bridge wardens to prove it on 28th January, 1512; when they produced the documents showing that their former predecessors had in some cases actually received that rent. Richard Dovor was accordingly directed to appear again on 18th March to hear a decision. On that day the Commissary ordered him either to pay these long arrears to the Churchwardens, or to appear before the Archbishop to justify failure to do so.

Next we come to the offence of William Isaac, gentleman, who is 15 years behind with a twopenny annual rent to Bridge Church. He was ordered to pay this rent yearly in future, and to wipe off the arrears by next Midsummer - or be excommunicated.

The next case links up with that of Isaac. A certain Thomas Yong has for over three years similarly kept back a fivepenny annual rent to the church - and that lifts the lid a little more about Bridge affairs, since he pleads that he will not pay up until Mr. Isaac and certain other defaulters give him an example.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF THE CANTERBURY HOSPITALS - BRIDGE GROUP

A very successful Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale was held in the Reading Room on 25th July, and a total of £10 was raised towards funds.

WANTED URGENTLY: CLEANER FOR BRIDGE CHURCH

For several months we have been without a cleaner and the Church has been kept clean meantime by a voluntary helper, who is no longer able to carry on. Anyone who feels able to spare a few hours weekly to keep our Church looking clean and tidy, for a modest wage, please get in touch with the Vicar or Churchwardens without delay.

BRITISH LEGION - LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

At the last meeting of the Branch two new members were proposed and accepted, Mr. E.G. Rogers, ex R.N., and Mr. H. Holness, ex R.A.S.C.

Various correspondence from H.Q. was read to the meeting, including a circular regarding the photographs of graves or memorials in the case of missing personnel. These can be obtained by relatives, who should apply to the Secretary of the Branch, giving as much information as possible.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 7th August at 8 p.m. at the Prince of Wales, Bekesbourne.

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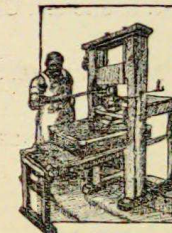
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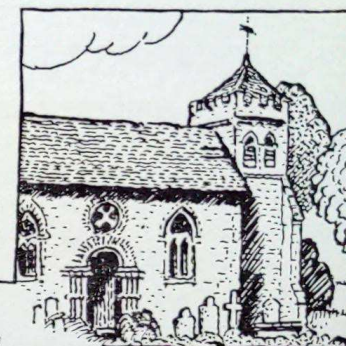
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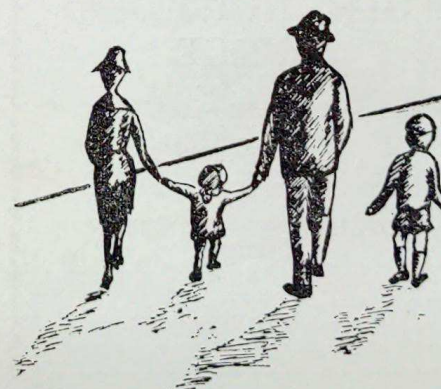
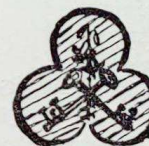
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PARISH DIARY - SEPTEMBER 1962

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

- 2 - Sun. 11th Sunday after Trinity
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne
 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion - Bekesbourne
~~9.45 a.m. Sunday School - Patrixbourne~~
 11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge
 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
- 4 - Tu. 7.30 p.m. Fete Committee Meeting - The Close.
- 5 - Wed. 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge (M.U. Corporate
 Communion & Intercessions)
- 9 - Sun. 12th Sunday after Trinity
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
~~9.45 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 - Sat. 2.30 p.m. BRIDGE CHURCH FETE - THE CLOSE
- 16 - Sun. 13th Sunday after Trinity
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne
 9.00 a.m. Parish Communion - Bridge
 9.45 a.m. Sunday School - Patrixbourne
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Matins - Bekesbourne
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
- 18 - Tu. 7 p.m. Patrixbourne & Bridge W.I. Harvest Supper.
- 19 - Wed. Ember Day 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 21 - Fri. St. Matthew A.E.M. Ember Day 7 a.m. Holy Communion -
 Bridge.
- 22 - Sat. Ember Day 7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge.
- 23 - Sun. 14th Sunday after Trinity
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 9.45 a.m. Family Service - Patrixbourne
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge

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- 23 - Sun. 11.00 a.m. Matins - Bekesbourne
 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.
- 26 - Wed. 7.30 p.m. Bridge M.U. Service in Church.
- 29 - Sat. St. Michael and All Angels
 7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 30 - Sun. 15th Sunday after Trinity
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge-
 9.45 a.m. Sunday School - Patrixbourne
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Matins - Patrixbourne
 3.00 p.m. Evensong - Bekesbourne
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GIFT DAYS: BRIDGE - 6 OCT. BEKESBOURNE - 13 OCT.

HARVEST FESTIVAL: BRIDGE - 7 OCT. PATRIXBOURNE &
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VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

It gives me great joy to tell you that my wife gave birth to a son on Tuesday, 21st August, and both are very well. This brings our family on to level terms - 3 boys and 3 girls - and we are all delighted, though Stephen John will be the junior member by nine years. We would like to thank you all for the many kind enquiries, messages of congratulation and gifts. I had the privilege of being with my wife during the birth and I believe that husbands should be encouraged to do this where possible. It is a wonderfully unifying experience and very beneficial to both husband and wife. It gives the wife company and comfort during the long hours of labour and enables the husband to play an active part instead of waiting in anxious separation.

I hope that children and parents alike have had good summer holidays and I expect that some of you will soon be very busy picking hops. Please note the date of Harvest Festival and don't forget to bring your gifts of fruit, flowers, vegetables, wheat, hops etc. for the decoration of the churches.

Last year at Bekesbourne we had a HARVEST SUPPER which was a great success. I feel sure that you will want to repeat this and I will do my best to arrange it - especially as it may be my family's last opportunity of attending a parish social at Bekesbourne.

Good wishes to you all, good health, and a good harvest.

Your sincere friend and Vicar

ROBERT PENNEY

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CHURCH IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES - GIFT DAYS

BRIDGE : SAT. 6th OCTOBER BEKESBOURNE : SAT. 13th OCT.

TO ENABLE US TO COMPLETE AND PAY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES NOW IN HAND, BEFORE MY DEPARTURE at the end of the year, THERE WILL BE A GIFT DAY at Bridge and Bekesbourne.

GIFT ENVELOPES WILL BE ENCLOSED with the OCTOBER MAGAZINES, and I will be glad to receive your gifts by the eve of your Harvest Festivals, so that they can be presented at the Altar next day as part of your Harvest Thanksgiving Offering.

At Bekesbourne there has been a hold-up due to delay in the supply of the Electric Light fittings, but as soon as those arrive the job should be completed in 2-3 weeks. The entire scheme is costing £950, and all the money has been raised except about £100.

At Bridge the re-arrangement of Pews is well in hand now, and extra heating has been provided, but I regret that we may have to postpone the re-siting of the Pulpit and other improvements to the Chancel until your next Incumbent takes over, as we are short of money. If we have a successful Church Fete on 15th September, and if some of you felt able to contribute to the cost by means of a donation, there would still be time for me to have the improvement scheme completed before my departure. Needless to say I would very much like to see the job through, and I hope that your generosity will make it possible. £200 is necessary.

ROBERT PENNEY

Vicar.

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JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES

Re-opening. On Sunday, 2nd September, the Junior Church will resume its normal activities with attendance at the Family Service at 11 a.m. Class teaching will start again on 9th September.

We all sincerely hope that now the holidays are over members will strive to be present every time we meet. We shall also be glad to welcome as new-comers any children who would care to join us. We have an excellent staff and a very friendly atmosphere!

Annual Excursion - We regret that it was impossible to make the necessary arrangements for this event as the attendance of the senior members dwindled to three or four during the last few weeks of last term. Events of this kind cannot be arranged without co-operation, as one can neither arrange transport nor the necessary catering without some knowledge as to numbers.

Parents - May we ask you to co-operate with us in our work? At the present time there is a big drift away from Christianity and religious practice. Easy travelling facilities lead people to make Sunday a holiday and to hold all sorts of sporting fixtures on Sundays. As a result children are growing up with practically no knowledge of religion or the real place of Sunday in our national life. I would ask you as parents to give the children a chance to know something about religious observance and give us a chance to try and influence them. This is still supposed to be a Christian country, but unless the children know what this means it cannot long remain so. Please help us in our work and send your children along.

J.D. Smith.

PATRIXBOURNE & BRIDGE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our HARVEST SUPPER will be held on Tuesday, 18th September at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Competition: Short story not exceeding 500 words.

MOTHERS' UNION

Bridge and Patricxbourne Branch start their Autumn Programme with a service in Bridge Church at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 26th September.

LITTLE STOUR RECORDS by V.J.TORR (Continued)

Then comes Nicholas Parker, who has kept back a twopenny church-rent for the handwome period of 30 years. He denied this, and the wardens must prove their case on 26th January, 1512, when they produced receipts as in the case of Dovor. So Parker was told he must clear off all the arrears or otherwise satisfy the wardens by the following August, under pain of excommunication.

You will notice that these slippery financial transactions in one village justify my statement that the diocese was riddled with such cases; there are some hundreds more in the enormous Warham report. We end with a change of diet. The Bridge wardens complain that "They be not duly served with an honest priest, but sometime with a friar, sometime with none at all, and that the Vicar will not have there a priest resident". Now this raises several noteworthy points:- (1) as Vicar Ramsey was buried in Bridge Chapel, it implies that he probably lived and died there rather than in Patricxbourne, (2) if he lived on the spot, therefore, there was little excuse for the irregular nature of how the chapel was served, when served at all, (3) I would suggest that perhaps at that period of his long incumbency, Master Malcolm was too engrossed with Alice Claryngbole to have much concern for church services? (4) This business of the duties of a secular priest being sometimes carried out by monastic persons who were supposed to live and work inside their own precincts, was a sign of the times in the years preceding the general Dissolution. It is known for example that St. Radegund's Abbey, near Dover, had its residents gravely depleted in 1511 through this cause, or in a few instances through its inmates having decided to take long leave of their abbey, wandering all over the place and so presumably getting a living by odd jobs or begging from lay-folk. Remember that this sort of decadence was firmly in being for a respectable time before Henry VIII employed visitors of pliable consciences to gather up evidence why 'monkery' should come to an end. (5) Ramsey's objection to having a curate resident at Bridge, where he himself probably lived when he was in the district at all, may have been dictated by a desire not to have another clergyman spying on Alice and himself, or it may have been merely to save money.

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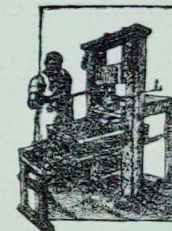
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ST. PETER'S CHURCH

GIFT DAY

FOR CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.

Bridge: 6 October, 1962

Bekesbourne: 13 October, 1962

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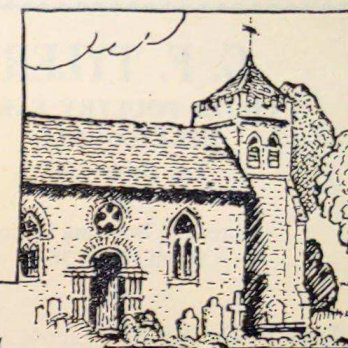
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Holy Communion : Wednesdays 9.30 a.m. }
 Fridays 7.00 a.m. } At Bridge
Choir Practice : Fridays 7.00 p.m.
Youth Fellowship: Fridays 7.30 p.m.

- 2 - Tu. 8 p.m. British Legion - Duke William, Ickham.
 7.30 p.m. P.C.C. Meeting - Bekesbourne
- 3 - Wed. 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (M.U. Corporate &
 Intercessions)
- 6 - Sat. GIFT DAY - BRIDGE (Gifts to Church 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
- 7 - Sun. 16th Sunday after Trinity
HARVEST FESTIVAL - BRIDGE
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patricxbourne
 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion - Bekesbourne
 9.45 a.m. Sunday School - Patricxbourne
 11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge
 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 6.30 p.m. Festal Evensong - Bridge Preacher: The
 Rev. Kenneth Hoare, Rector of Godstone
- 10 - Wed. 7.30 p.m. P.C.C. - Bridge
- 13 - Sat. GIFT DAY - BEKESBOURNE (Gifts to Church 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
 6.30 p.m. Parish Choirs Festival - Cathedral (see below)
- 14 - Sun. 17th Sunday after Trinity
HARVEST FESTIVAL - PATRICXBOURNE & BEKESBOURNE
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 9.45 a.m. Family Harvest Festival Service - Patricxbourne
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Matins - Patricxbourne Preacher: Cmdr.
 Gordon Steele, V.C.
 3.00 p.m. Festal Evensong - Bekesbourne.
 Preacher: Cmdr. Gordon Steele, V.C.
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.
- 15 - Mon. M.U. School of Prayer - St. Mary Bredin Hall - Canterbury.
- 16 - Tu. 2.30 p.m. Bekesbourne M.U. - Service in Church
 7 p.m. Patricxbourne & Bridge W.I.
- 18 - Th. St. Luke E. 7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge.
- 21 - Sun. 18th Sunday after Trinity
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patricxbourne
 9.00 a.m. Parish Communion - Bridge

Parish Diary - October 1962 (Cont.)

- 21 - Sun. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School - Patricxbourne
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Matins - Bekesbourne
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.
- 27 - Sat. 2.30 p.m. W.I. Sale of Work - Reading Room.
- 28 - Sun. SS. Simon & Jude - 19th Sunday after Trinity
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 9.45 a.m. Family Service - Patricxbourne
 11.00 a.m. Matins (Short) - Bekesbourne
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge Preacher: Mr.N.
 Freeman, Missions to Seamen.

Nov.

- 1 - Th. All Saints' Day
 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 7.30 p.m. CHOIR FESTIVAL SERVICE - BEKESBOURNE
- 4 - Sun. 20th Sunday after Trinity
 Services as for 1st Sunday in the month.

Church Decoration for Harvest Festival - Please bring your gifts of fruit, flowers and vegetables to the churches by 10 a.m. on the preceding Saturday, and if possible, stay and help with the decoration.

CHOIRS FESTIVAL - CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

On 13th October at 6.30 p.m. the Choir of Bridge and Bekesbourne will be joining for the first time with other choirs of the Diocese, for the Annual Festival in the Cathedral.

The intention of this year's service is to bring out the meaning of the psalms and to show their depth and versatility, by singing them in various ways.

All members of the congregation will be most welcome at this very impressive service, where nearly 1000 Choristers will be singing together.

Our Choir hope to sing the Festival music on the evening of All Saints' Day, Nov. 1st at Bekesbourne Church, and also at some other time, at Bridge.

VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

First of all I must tell you, what to me and my family is good news, that we shall be with you all over Christmas. We expect to move to Croydon early in January, but the date of my Institution by the Archbishop has not yet been settled.

One of the benefits of the new lighting and heating at Bekesbourne Church is that we shall be able to hold evening services there again, and I hope to hold our Christmas Midnight Communion there this year, with a Christmas peal of bells. It should be a joyful experience, giving us one more happy memory to treasure in the future.

HARVEST FESTIVALS : Bridge - 7th October.
Patricxbourne & Bekesbourne - 14th October.

Our special preachers will include Commander Steele at Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne and the Rev. Kenneth Hoare, Rector of Godstone, Surrey, at Evensong, Bridge.

Our Church Collections will be given as last year to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent fund and to Zululand. Your Gift Envelopes containing your donations to the cost of Church Improvements will be placed on the Altar and offered to God as part of the Offertory at our Harvest Festival Communion.

GIFTS OF ALTAR LINEN. In response to my appeal for Altar Linen I am glad to say we have had several gifts. A lovely Altar Cloth and Credence Table cloth have been made for Bridge Church by Mrs. Harry Hawkins and Mrs. Stanley Grey has just finished working the lace edging of a beautiful Altar Cloth for Bekesbourne, which will come into use at Christmas.

CHURCH NEWSPAPER. Please help yourselves to the copies of "NEW CITIZEN", stocks of which are now in each of the Churches. There is no charge - as the cost has been paid by members of your P.C.C.

GIFT DAYS : Bridge - Sat. 6th Oct. Bekesbourne - Sat. 13th Oct.

A GIFT ENVELOPE is enclosed for your family use and I APPEAL TO YOU ALL to make a generous donation to the cost of

the Improvements which are being carried out to your Church.

All these improvements have been authorised by your P.C.C. after the fullest consideration, and on expert advice - and the cost must be met. Most of the money has already been raised, including very substantial contributions from well-wishers in other parishes, and the balance required (£100 Bekesbourne and £200 Bridge) is so small a sum that if you each give something there should be a good surplus to carry forward for future maintenance.

We have accepted on your behalf the responsibility of beautifying these churches to the Glory of God and for the benefit of future generations of worshippers, and you will surely wish to contribute according to your means out of loyalty to your Church Officers and Vicar, and in the spirit of glad thanksgiving for your lovely Churches.

I, or an Officer of the Church, will be present at the Church to receive your gifts most of the day between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., but in our absence your envelopes may be placed in the ALMSBOX. (I have to take a Wedding on 6th Oct.)

If you would like an acknowledgment of your gift, please put your name and address on the Gift Envelope.

"If thou hast much, give plenteously; if thou hast little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little, for so gatherest thou thyself a good reward in the day of necessity".
(Tobit 4 v.8)

"Let every man do according as he is disposed in his heart, not grudging, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver".
(II Cor. 9 v.6)

Whatever is given I will most gratefully receive, for it is my heartfelt wish to see all the work completed and paid for before I reluctantly take my departure.

God bless you all,

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

ROBERT PENNEY.

BRIDGE CHURCH FETE at the CLOSE : 15th Sept. 1962

This proved a most happy and successful event. The sun shone and everybody came and spent their money generously and with evident enjoyment, to the benefit of Church Funds. As Vicar I would like to thank all who contributed to this success in any way - by work and by gifts. Socially, if not financially this year's effort was the best fete we have held, and I congratulate Mrs. J.D. Smith, Mr. Douglas Baker and the Organizing Committee, of which he was the Chairman. Robert Penney Vicar.

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FREE WILL OFFERING SCHEME (See back cover)

Our total this year has dropped seriously, due to deaths, removals etc. but Church Expenses (like your own) have gone up. Please try to INCREASE your F.W.O. if you can. NEWCOMERS please help us by joining the scheme.

MOTHERS' UNION

SCHOOL OF PRAYER : East Bridge and Canterbury Deanery are combining to hold a School of Prayer entitled "The Family and Prayer" on Monday, 15th October at St. Mary Bredin Hall, Canterbury. The Conductor will be Canon Gordon Strutt, Arch-deacon of Maidstone, and there will be an afternoon session from 2.30 - 4 p.m., and an evening session, particularly for husbands and wives from 7.30 - 9 p.m.

OFFICIAL WORKERS' MEETING : Friday, 19th October, 11 a.m. at the Winter Gardens, Margate.

Bridge Branch - Corporate Communion and Intercessions on 3rd October at 9.30 a.m.

In view of the School of Prayer mentioned above, our monthly meetings will commence on 19th November. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend either or both sessions on 15th October.

Bekesbourne Branch - Corporate Communion on Sunday, 14th Oct. at 8 a.m. Opening Service in Church on Tuesday, 16th Oct. at 2.30 p.m.

BRIDGE & PATRIXBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Monthly Meeting: 7 p.m. on Tuesday, 16th October in the Reading Room, when there will be a talk and film by the East Kent Road Car Company.

Competition: Item of Handicraft, not exceeding value of 2/6d.

Sale of Work: To be held on Saturday, 27th October in the Reading Room.

JUMBLE SALE IN AID OF OVERSEAS MISSIONS

It has been decided to hold a Jumble Sale in aid of the Overseas Missions supported by the Parish on Monday, 15th Oct. at 7 p.m. in the Reading Room. Miss Wass, Mrs. Meigh or Mr. J.D. Smith will be pleased to receive any Jumble or arrange for it to be collected.

STONE AT THE VICARAGE!

The Vicarage back garden has been cultivated preparatory to sowing with grass seed - but it is covered with large stones which have to be raked up and removed before the ground can be rolled and seeded. It requires many hands with rakes! Any volunteers - Youth Club members, or others - for a Saturday working party?

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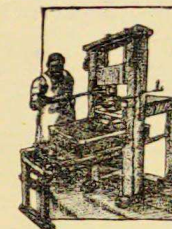
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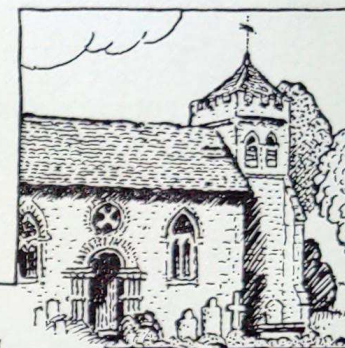
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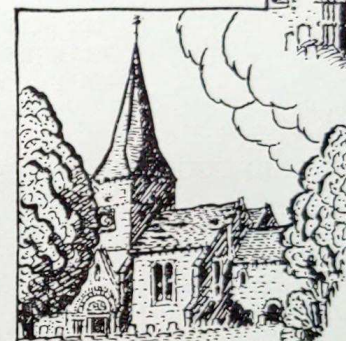
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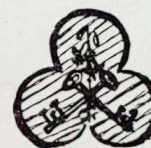
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Holy Communion: 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays } at Bridge
 7.00 a.m. on Fridays }
Choir Practice: 7.00 p.m. on Fridays
Youth Fellowship: 7.30 p.m. on Fridays.

- 1 - Th. All Saints' Day 7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge.
 4 - Sun. 20th Sunday after Trinity
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne
 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion - Bekesbourne
 9.45 a.m. Sunday School - Patrixbourne
 11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge
 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge. Preacher: The Rev.
 Frank Cartman.
 6 - Tu. 7.30 p.m. British Legion A.G.M. - Littlebourne Hall
 7 - Wed. 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge (M.U. Corporate &
 Intercessions)
 10 - Sat. 2.30 p.m. Jumble Sale - Bridge Primary School
 11 - Sun. 21st Sunday after Trinity - Remembrance Sunday
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 9.45 a.m. Sunday School - Patrixbourne
 10.50 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 10.50 a.m. Matins - Patrixbourne
 3.00 p.m. Evensong - Bekesbourne
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge (No Sermon) Followed by
 Illustrated Talk by Dr. Stevens on the
 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.
 13 - Tu. 2.30 p.m. Friends of the Hospitals Rummage Sale -
 Village Hall.
 18 - Sun. 22nd Sunday after Trinity
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patrixbourne
 9.00 a.m. Parish Communion - Bridge.
 9.45 a.m. Sunday School - Patrixbourne
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Matins - Bekesbourne. Preacher: Mr. Freeman
 Missions to Seamen.
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.
 20 - Tu 2.45 p.m. Bridge & Bekesbourne Combined M.U. -
 Methodist Chapel.

Parish Diary - November 1962 (Cont.)

- 20 - Tu. 7 p.m. Patrixbourne & Bridge W.I. - Village Hall
 25 - Sun. Sunday next before Advent
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge.
 9.45 a.m. Family Service - Patrixbourne
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Matins (Short) - Bekesbourne
 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.
 29 - Th. 7 p.m. Overseas Evening - Village Hall.
 30 - Fri. St. Andrew A.M.
 7 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 ALL DAY CHAIN OF INTERCESSIONS FOR MISSIONS.

Dec.

- 2 - Sun. Advent Sunday
 Usual services for 1st Sunday in the month.
 4 - Tu. Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy for Missions to
 Seamen - Wych Elm, High St. Bridge.

BRITISH LEGION - REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

Will members please note that the next meeting is the Annual General Meeting, and will be held in the Littlebourne Memorial Hall on Tuesday 6th November at 7.30 p.m.
 Remembrance Day Church Parade will be held at Littlebourne Parish Church. R.V. at Basketmakers Arms 10.45 a.m. Sunday, 11th November.

W.V.S. - APPEAL FOR CLOTHING

Owing to heavy demands on the wardrobe during the past year, there is now a serious shortage of children's clothing, especially for boys. Gifts of second-hand clothing in good condition will be gladly received at the W.V.S. centre in Castle St. Canterbury. If necessary, Mrs. Kelsey would arrange for collection. Telephone Bridge 309.

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IMMEDIATELY - To purchase at Bridge - a family house with good garden. Alternatively property to rent. Please phone Canterbury 2541.

VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

First I must thank you for your generous GIFT DAY donations, which so far amount to £32 at Bekesbourne and £53 at Bridge.

CONGRATULATIONS: * * * *

* * * to those who did the Harvest Festival decorations. We have never seen the churches more beautiful.

* * * to BILL MOWLL on being accepted as an Ordinand. He has already started his pre-Ordination training at Farnham.

* * * to FRED CAREY and ETHEL MINTER on their marriage, which it was my great privilege and pleasure to conduct recently at Bridge Church. Mr. & Mrs. Carey were overwhelmed with presents and congratulations, and on page 5 you will find messages from them to Bekesbourne parishioners and the 'Pleasant Hour' Club.

* * * to DAVID MAPLE, our Choirmaster on his splendid work in training our choir for the Choir Festival at Canterbury Cathedral, a most thrilling and inspiring service, and for the Choir Festival Service on All Saints' Day at Bekesbourne Church.

A special word of appreciation to BARRY MORGAN and JOHN GREY whose guitar accompaniment to David Maple singing the Introit Psalm to a modern setting was most effective.

I hope that we shall hold a similar service at Bridge Church on St. Nicholas' Day (Thursday, 6th December).

* * * to Choir members for their high standard of musical discipline and skill, and to IMOGEN WILTSHIRE for her splendid support on the organ.

* * * to ALBERT PATTERSON for his able direction of the electrical work at Bekesbourne Church. The entire scheme, including the flood-lighting of the church and paths from the Lych Gate, is very efficient and attractive.

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Most of you by now will have heard of the appointment of your new Vicar, the Revd. Colin E.H. Perry, at present Rector of St. Martin with St. Paul, and Chaplain to H.M. Prison, Canterbury. It is a compliment to you all that the Archbishop has seen fit to appoint such a senior and experienced priest to be your new

incumbent. I feel very relieved to know that you will be in such good hands - and without a long interregnum.

We expect to leave early in January, but the joy of having Christmas Celebrations with you all at Patricbourne, Bridge and Bekesbourne will compensate for the discomfort of our mid-winter removal.

Do please keep me informed of illness or other cases for priority visiting, as my time is necessarily becoming more restricted. Your affectionate friend and Vicar,

ROBERT PENNEY

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF BEKESBOURNE CHURCH

Being recent arrivals from South Africa, it was with some trepidation that my husband and I set out through the cold and wet to attend the service at Bekesbourne on All Saints' night. We imagined ourselves shivering throughout the evening. But we were soon entranced and uplifted by the exciting and unusual service which took place in a delightfully warm, brightly lit church.

The church at Bekesbourne has been very reverently restored to beauty and usefulness and above all for worship. Especially noticeable is the way in which the Norman Chancel has been opened up and the screen moved to where it makes a very impressive West End.

It was very fitting that the first evening service should have been held on All Saints' Day, and such a beautiful service - showing the beauty and uses of the psalms both sung and read. Most striking was the opening psalm reverently and beautifully sung to a very effective guitar accompaniment.

All concerned are to be congratulated on such an ambitious undertaking, carried out so well and with such an acute sense of worship, which made the service a wonderful act of thanksgiving and praise.

Barbara Norburn.

(Note: The Revd. and Mrs. R.E.W. Norburn from South Africa have come to live at Bridge.)

MOTHERS' UNION

Corporate Communion: Bridge - Wednesday 7th Nov. 9.30 a.m.
Bekesbourne - Sunday 11th Nov. 8 a.m.

Combined Meetings: Methodist Chapel Bridge. 2.45 p.m. 19th Nov.
Speaker: Deaconess Berry "Peace".

PATRIXBOURNE & BRIDGE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Monthly Meeting: Tuesday 20th November at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall. Speaker: Mrs. Crookenden.
Competition: Knitted 6" square.

OVERSEAS EVENING

On Thursday, 29th November at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall. The Rev. M.J. Whatmore will speak about the work of the Bible Society and show a film.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF THE CANTERBURY HOSPITALS - BRIDGE GROUP

A Jumble Sale will be held at the Reading Room Bridge on 13th November at 2.30 p.m. Will all members please support this effort. Rummage can be delivered to The Close any time, or given to members of the Committee.

The Secretary would like to take this opportunity of thanking all L.O.F. members who so generously responded with cakes etc., for the Church Fete held at The Close.

MESSAGE FROM MR. & MRS. FRED CAREY

My dear Friends of Bekesbourne,

We wish to thank you for the lovely present you sent us on the occasion of our marriage. The beautiful inscribed book of names is a treasure, also the cheque most acceptable.

Thanking you all so much,

F. & E. CAREY.

To the Committee and Members of the "Over 60s Club":-

Mr. & Mrs. Carey thank you so much for the sweet little present you so kindly sent on the occasion of our marriage, and we hope to see you one day.

E. & F. Carey.

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EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

Bekesbourne

1962

29th July. STEVEN GLENN, s. of John & Hannah ATTWELL
30th Sept. JULIAN, s. of Ronald & Kathleen COLEMAN
30th Sept. WENDY, d. of Frederick & Janet MacNALLY
14th Oct. STEPHEN, s. of Geoffrey & Margaret COX
14th Oct. TINA SUSAN, d. of Albert & Joan CHARLTON

Patricxbourne

30th June. MELANIE ANNE BROSTER, d. of Thomas & Elizabeth RINGLAND
29th July. ANGUS JAMES, s. of Duncan & Gillian McDOUGALL
7th Oct. STEPHEN LEONARD, s. of Paul & Vera ZYGMANT
28th Oct. RUPERT JAMES MARCUS, s. of John & Ailsa WILLIAMSON

Bridge

1st July. MARK STEPHEN, s. of George & Brenda RAMUZ
22nd July. CAROLINE LOUISE, d. of David & Alicia PENTIN
16th Sept. STEPHEN JOHN, s. of Robert & Margaret PENNEY
23rd Sept. BELINDA JANE, d. of Robin & Gladys ROGERS
21st Oct. SHEILA JANE, d. of William & Anne McKEEVER
21st Oct. KEVIN JOHN, s. of Derek & Marion FARBRACE.

MARRIAGES:

Bridge

1962

8th Sept. Paul Harold ISAACSON and Barbara Jill HAWKINS
25th Oct. Frederick John CAREY and Ethel Gertrude MINTER

BURIALS:

Bekesbourne

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1st June. George Emmerson FARBRACE

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6th June. Walter SAGE
24th Oct. James KENYON

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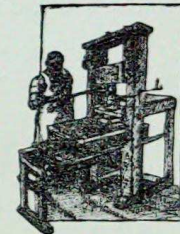
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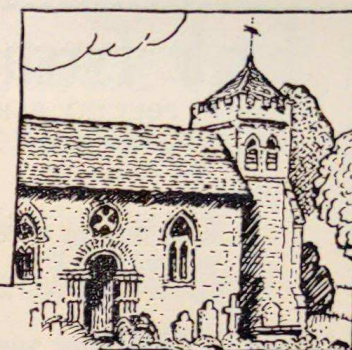
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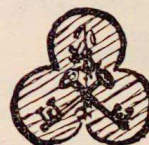
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 7.00 a.m. on Fridays }
Chair Practice: 7.00 p.m. on Fridays
Youth Fellowship: 7.30 p.m. on Fridays

- 2 - Sun. 1st Sunday in Advent.
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patricxbourne
 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion - Bekesbourne
 9.45 a.m. Sunday School - Patricxbourne
 11.00 a.m. Family Service - Bridge
 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 6.40 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
- 4 - Tu. 10.30 - 12 noon. Coffee Morning - Wych Elm, Bridge.
- 5 - Wed. 9.30 a.m. M.U. Corporate Communion & Intercessions -
 Bridge Church
- 6 - Th. 7.00 p.m. Lecture on Canterbury Cathedral - Bridge
 School.
- 9 - Sun. 2nd Sunday in Advent
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 9.45 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
- 11 - Tu. 7.15 p.m. Whist Drive - The Close.
- 12 - Wed. 7.00 p.m. Bridge School Whist Drive
- ~~15 - Sat. 7.30 p.m. Bekesbourne Parish Supper and Social~~
- 16 - Sun. 3rd Sunday in Advent
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patricxbourne
 9.00 a.m. Parish Communion - Bridge
 9.45 a.m. Sunday School - Patricxbourne
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Matins - Bekesbourne
 3.00 p.m. Sunday School Prizegiving.
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge. Preacher: The Rev.
 T. Rockley, Tait Missioner.
- 17 - Mon. 2.45 p.m. Bridge M.U. - Methodist Chapel.

Parish Diary - December 1962 (Cont.)

- 18 - Tu. 2.30 p.m. Bekesbourne M.U. - Village Hall.
 7.00 p.m. Patricxbourne & Bridge W.I.
- 19 - Wed. Ember Day 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 21 - Fri. St. Thomas A.M. Ember Day
 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 22 - Sat. Ember Day - 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 23 - Sun. 4th Sunday in Advent
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 9.45 a.m. Sunday School Family Service with
 Carols - Patricxbourne
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Matins (Short) - Bekesbourne
 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
- 24 - Mon. CHRISTMAS EVE
 11.30 p.m. PARISH CHRISTMAS COMMUNION - Bekesbourne
- 25 - Tu. CHRISTMAS DAY
 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patricxbourne
 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion with Carols - Bekesbourne
 10.30 a.m. Family Carol Service - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 5.00 p.m. Carol Service - The Close.
- 26 - Wed. St. Stephen M. 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 27 - Th. St. John A.E. 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 28 - Fri. Holy Innocents 7.01 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
- 29 - Sat. 3.00 p.m. Parish Tea Party - Village Hall
- 30 - Sun. Sunday after Christmas
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne
 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 9.45 a.m. Sunday School - Patricxbourne
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Matins - Patricxbourne
 3.00 p.m. Special Service of Lessons & Carols -
 Bekesbourne
 6.30 p.m. Special Service of Lessons & Carols -
 Bridge.

JAN.

- 6 - Sun. The Feast of the Epiphany
 Usual services for the 1st Sunday in the month.

BRIDGE JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES

Our Annual Christmas Frizegiving will take place on Sunday, 16th Dec. at 3 p.m. in the Village Hall. We heartily invite all the parents and friends, especially those who have recently come to Bridge, to join us and sing carols with us.

Membership - We have been very glad to welcome so many of the youthful new members of our village community. We feel sure that they will be very valuable to us in many ways. We have plenty of room for more, and plenty of teachers to make them feel at home.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF THE CANTERBURY HOSPITALS - BRIDGE GROUP

We would like to thank all who supported the Rummage Sale on 13th Nov. This event raised the magnificent sum of £24.

A Christmas Whist Drive is to be held at The Close on 11th Dec., and we hope all our members will support this, perhaps the people who do not play whist would like to give a small prize.

MOTHERS' UNION

Corporate Communion: Bridge. Wednesday, 5th Dec. 9.30 a.m.
Bekesbourne. Sunday, 9th Dec. 8.00 a.m.
Branch Meetings: Bridge. 17th Dec. Talk & slides on the Holy Land by Mrs. Meigh.
Bekesbourne. 18th Dec. Christmas Customs - Mrs. Bailey.

PATRIXBOURNE & BRIDGE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Monthly Meetings: Tuesday, 18th December at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall. 'History of British Wines' by V.P. Wine Products Ltd.,

Competition: Christmas Table Decoration - materials not to exceed 1/-

There will be carols and a Christmas Tableau.

MISSIONS TO SEAMEN

Mrs. Vine is holding a Coffee Morning at Wych Elm, High St., Bridge on Tuesday, 4th December in aid of the Missions to Seamen. Please come and give us your support. There will be a Bring & Buy Stall.

FAREWELL TO THE VICAR AND HIS FAMILY

"Open House" will be held in the Village Hall, Bridge, on Saturday, 29th December from 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., so that the Vicar and his family and all parishioners will have an opportunity of saying "Farewell".

The Churchwardens and the P.C.C.s of Patricxbourne with Bridge and Bekesbourne extend a most cordial invitation to all parishioners to join in this occasion, when tea will be served.

STOP PRESS: The party at Bekesbourne, planned for 15th Dec. has unfortunately had to be cancelled.

THE VICAR'S INSTITUTION AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CROYDON

Parishioners are warmly invited to attend this Service on Wednesday, 16th January at 7.30 p.m., and those wishing to do so should notify their P.C.C. Secretary (Mrs. Smith or Mrs. Sandall) by 31st December, so that seats may be reserved and transport arranged. (If an "East Kent" bus is hired and filled, the cost would be approximately 9/6d. each person, and the bus would leave at about 5 p.m.)

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

In accordance with our usual custom, our Christmas Day Collections will be given to the Church of England Children's Society - the church's own society for the care of children who would otherwise be homeless.

The Society is NOT State-supported, and depends entirely on our voluntary giving for the income it needs to run its 100 Homes, which cost nearly £1,000,000 p.m.

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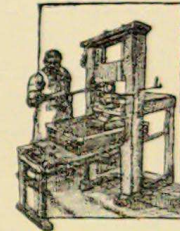
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