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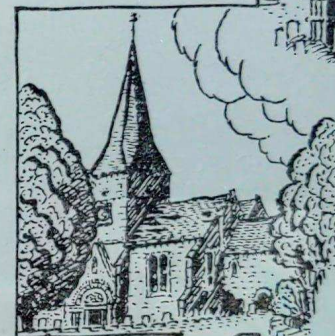
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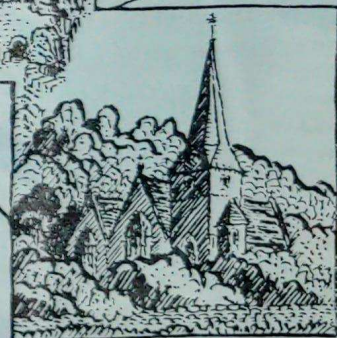
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January, 1963

PARISH DIARY - JANUARY 1963

NO WEEKDAY SERVICES until after 18th Feb., then only as
 Choir Practice: 7.00 p.m. Fridays announced.
 Youth Fellowship: 7.30 p.m. Fridays

- 6 - Sun. Feast of the Epiphany
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Patricxbourne
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 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
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 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Matins - Bekesbourne
 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge
- 21 - Mon. 2.45 p.m. Bridge M.U. - Methodist Chapel
- 27 - Sun. Third Sunday in Epiphany
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge
 9.45 a.m. Sunday School Family Service - Patricxbourne
 11.00 a.m. Junior Church - Bridge
 11.00 a.m. Matins (short) - Bekesbourne
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 6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge.
- Feb.
 3 - Sun. Fourth Sunday in Epiphany
 Usual services for the 1st Sunday in the
 month, as above.
- 6 - Wed. 9.30 a.m. Bridge M.U. Intercessions - Bridge Church

INSTITUTION & INDUCTION OF THE NEW VICAR

The Institution of the Rev. C.E.H. Perry by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury will take place in St. Peter's Church, Bridge on Saturday, 16th February, 1963 at 3 p.m.

Owing to the limited accommodation, the P.C.C.s of the churches concerned have decided that admission to the ceremony will be by ticket only. No tickets will be issued unless applied for and all tickets will be issued strictly in order of application, up to the limit of the church seating capacity.

A rehearsal for the ceremony will be conducted by the Rural Dean and the Churchwardens on Saturday, 9th February at 3 p.m. at St. Peter's Church, Bridge. Will all sidesmen and choir members of all three churches, and others taking special part in the ceremony please take this as an invitation to attend the rehearsal and make an effort to be present.

Application for tickets for the ceremony on Saturday, 16th February should be made as soon as possible to the P.C.C. Secretaries as follows:

for Patricxbourne & Bridge parishioners - to Mrs. J.D. Smith
 for Bekesbourne parishioners - to Mrs. D. Sandall
 and please note that all tickets must be applied for.

A Reception in Bridge Village Hall will follow the Induction.

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Interregnum Period

Will any parishioners who need help or advice about baptisms, weddings or funerals during the period before the institution of our new Vicar, please contact the Lay Reader, Mr. J.D. Smith who will be pleased to make any necessary arrangements.

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VICAR'S LETTER

New Year's Day, 1963.

My dear People,

As I write this farewell letter to you all we are in the midst of final preparations for our removal tomorrow morning; rolled up carpets, piles of crates etc. - a rather depressing reminder of our imminent departure.

My whole family and I feel very sad to be leaving, just as we have become very good friends with so many of you, but at least the gloom is lightened by some very happy recollections of our last few days in the parish, the lovely sight of Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne in the snow; the beautiful and crowded First Communion of Christmas at midnight at Bekesbourne; the memory of the unusual and well-sung Festival Service at Bekesbourne and Bridge last Sunday; and especially the farewell party and presentation at the Reading Room.

The united parish presentation to us of £90 has overwhelmed us. It is indeed the most convincing demonstration of your generosity and goodwill towards us and it will be a very real help towards the furnishing of our new Vicarage. We have in mind buying a specially nice carpet for our drawing room with part of the money so that we can say "this was a present from our last parish".

The very severe weather prevented many of you from coming to the Reading Room on Saturday or to church on Sunday, and it has also drastically curtailed our intended tour of farewell visits, and this we regret very much. We hope that you will take the wish for the deed and remember us in your thoughts and prayers as we shall certainly remember you in the days ahead.

I am glad that in a very short time your new Vicar will be among you, and if you give him and his family the same friendship and loyal support that you have shown us, I am sure that with God's grace your parochial church life will go on from strength to strength.

All my family join me in sending you our love and best wishes for the New Year. God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT PENNEY.

FAREWELL GATHERING

On Saturday afternoon, 29th December, we met together in the Village Hall, Bridge with a blend of pleasure tinged with sadness, for we were there to say goodbye to "The Penneys", and to give them some small token of our gratitude for their work. Officially we met to present the Vicar with the farewell gift of a cheque for £90 and to present Mrs. Penney with a bouquet for her part in the work of the parish. Unofficially it was much more than this, for everyone of "The Penneys" took a full, energetic and useful part in the Church life of our parishes.

We will remember Bill Penney and the Commonwealth Youth Services, and Sue with the Junior Church and the Youth Club, and of course, the voices of them all, from the grown-ups to the clear fresh voices of the little girls, will leave a gap hard to fill.

Of the Vicar and Mrs. Penney, what can we say? Unassuming friendliness and a sincere interest in all of the things that go to make the life of a rural community. Work!!! Both have an enormous capacity for work. Work of all sorts!! Business efficiency in a business world had been their task previous to their call to work for God, and they used this ability to the full for the benefit of their parishes while with us. On the other side, a pick and shovel, or a lawn mower and shears - nothing was too hard or too big to tackle, and we have seen how possible it is to look after the welfare of a big family and at the same time be spick and span and ready to entertain at a moment's notice.

When Mr. Mowll presented that cheque to the Vicar, and Miss Imogen Wiltshire the bouquet to Mrs. Penney, we feel sure that they were expressing the good and heartfelt wishes and thanks for us all.

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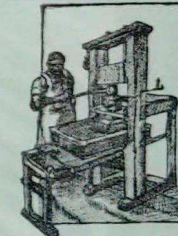
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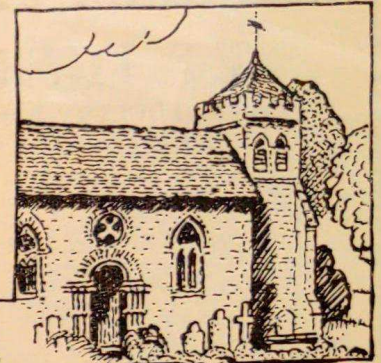
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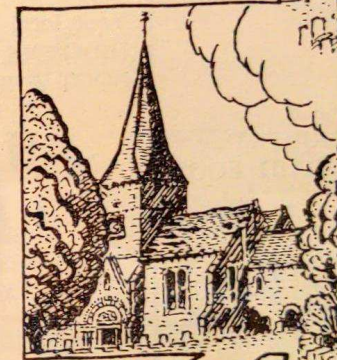
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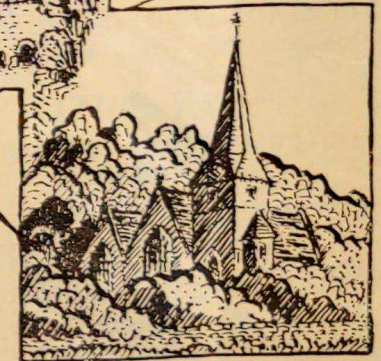
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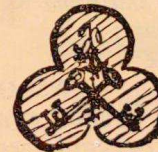
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From
THE ARCHBISHOP
to
THE MEN OF THE DIOCESE

Will you, in Christian Family Year, as a thank offering for your own family life, make a generous contribution to the work of the Moral Welfare Council, who are concerned with the protection of young people and the helping of those who have made mistakes?

I would ask from the Men of the Diocese
£2,500

this Christmastide.

WILL YOU HELP?

Signed MICHAEL CANTUAR.

Note

The above message was received too late for circulation at Christmas time, but for those who would like to help this very urgent work envelopes are available at the back of the Church, and can be placed in the collection bags or boxes.

BRIDGE JUNIOR CHURCH

Annual Prizegiving: This pleasing event took place on Sunday afternoon, December 16th. We were very pleased to see the many parents and friends who came to join in our carols and to witness the excellent Nativity Play which Miss Seath had so competently produced for us. Mrs. Norburn very kindly presented the prizes and was charmed with the children, especially the tiny ones.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEBRUARY MAGAZINE

should reach Mr. J. D. Smith, 4 The Terrace, Bridge (Tel. Bridge 260) before 26th January, please.

MISSIONARY WEEK-END FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Date: Friday, 15th March 1963, 6.30 p.m., to Sunday, 17th March, 7.00 p.m.
Places: Herne Bay Court, Herne Bay.
Cost: £2.5.0 plus travelling expenses.
Intended for: Young People aged 16 - 25 (Married couples welcomed).
Run by: Staff from S.P.G. Youth Department, on behalf of all the missionary societies.

This weekend is intended to help young people to realise their responsibilities in the Church in the world today. We in these parishes are keen to help our young people to attend such gatherings and we would consider the possibility of financial help if necessary.

To the younger ones I say "Please think seriously about this", and to parents and older members of our congregations "Please encourage our young people to consider this rare opportunity".

Applications to attend should be made to me, please.
J.D. Smith

PATRIXBOURNE & BRIDGE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, 15th January, 7 p.m. in the Village Hall. Illustrated talk by Mr. Gipson on "The Elham Valley".

Competition: One page of a scrap-book, same size as the Radio Times.

MOTHERS' UNION

Bridge: Branch Meeting: January 21st, 2.45 p.m. in Methodist Chapel. Speaker: Mrs. Sillars on "Love and Joy".

Intercessions: February 6th, 9.30 a.m. Bridge Church.

THE REV. R. A. PENNEY'S INDUCTION

A few of us from Bridge and Bokesbourne were fortunate in being able, despite the snow and ice, to be present at Mr. Penney's Institution and Induction to the living of St. Saviours, Croydon. The vast Victorian church was full and the Archbishop led and preached at a most impressive service. In his sermon, the Archbishop spoke of the Parish Priest being a 'Good Shepherd' of his flock.

It seemed that most of the clergy from the Croydon Deanery were present and Mr. Penney must have been very pleased to have the choir and congregation supplemented by members of St. John's, Shirley, his former parish.

After the service, a reception was given in the Church Hall, when the Penney family was welcomed by the people of his new parish. We were reminded that anyone from our parish will be made most welcome on dropping in at St. Saviours.

INSTITUTION AND INDUCTION OF THE REV. PERRY

May we draw your attention to the arrangements made for the Institution of our new Vicar, as set out in the January magazine. The accommodation in St. Peter's Church is limited and we would urge all those of you who wish to be present to apply for your admission tickets before they are all allotted, if you have not already done so. May we also remind Sidesmen, Choristers and other Officials of the rehearsal to be held on Saturday afternoon, 9th February, at 3 p.m.

LENT

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent falls on February 27th this year. The church has always regarded the keeping of Lent as a very necessary part of our Religion. We are informed to keep it 'with fasting and with prayer'. Unfortunately, owing to rationing and the scarcity of necessary food stuffs during two wars, fasting was not considered by a large number of church people to be either necessary or advisable. There is no rationing in this country now and no scarcity of food stuffs and

consequently now no need to let up on what is a very excellent form of discipline for us. Fasting can serve a two-fold purpose; first, it means disciplining ourselves and thinking more about God in the process. The second, that we save on the things we have given up as our penance, and this saving we can give to a fund for our less fortunate brothers and sisters. So many hundreds of thousands of people in this present-day world are either slowly starving to death or are so under-nourished that life is a burden to them.

May I urge on all church people the necessity for really keeping Lent this year as it is intended by our Lord Jesus Christ, that it shall be kept; after all, every person who professes to be a Christian and a follower of Christ has some measure of responsibility for all the cruelty and starvation that is going on in the world today. Lent is a season given to us for sincere prayer and self-examination, let us make full use of it. A good well-spent Lent means that Easter joy is real joy. Jesus spent the first Lent in fasting, prayer, and temptation. His fasting was real, much more than ours will or can be. His prayers to His Father were incessant and He prayed for forgiveness for the sins of the whole world while his temptations were immeasurably greater than any we could possibly experience. For forty long days He suffered for us that we might know the Joy of Easter.

We can only know the real joy of Easter if we have sincerely prepared for it. Let us, therefore, each individual one of us, shoulder our share of the responsibility for the condition of the world and its neglect of the Christian principles. I know we can do little, but a little from each of us can make a very big difference. Keep Lent this year with prayers and fasting, and above all, with cheerfulness and courage. Easter is a time of victory. Victory over death. Sin and neglect make for defeat and death. Let us strive earnestly this Lent to each do our share, remembering always that this is a matter which is just between each of us individually, and God.

BEKESBOURNE CAROL SINGERS

We can now report that the augmented choir of singers from the church and school raised the sum of £10.14.0d. for the Church Choir Fund. This was a magnificent result and we congratulate all those who took part in this very pleasing effort. They not only raised a much needed sum for the Choir Fund but gave much pleasure to those who heard their carols.

JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES

Teachers: Our members are growing. In a few months we shall need somebody to take the place of Miss Liz. Pratt who is leaving the district. Are there some ladies amongst our new friends who will volunteer to help us? We are not the old fashioned type of Sunday School. We believe in friendship and smiles and we like it that way. Small intimate classes of young friends and old friends. If you are interested, come along and see us any Sunday except the first Sunday in the month, then, if you appreciate what we are trying to do, please join us. We really do need you, and helping the young to understand and know the Christian life is a very worth-while job.

Sunshine Guild: Still going strong in spite of the weather. I must urge on our members however, the need to let us know as soon as you hear of any people who are sick. I hope we do not miss any, but we cannot be sure if the members do not help us, and remember, it is not only Church people, but all people who are sick.

INTERREGNUM PERIOD

Will any parishioners who need help or advice about baptisms, weddings or funerals until the institution of our new Vicar on 16th February, please contact the Lay Reader, Mr. J. D. Smith, who will be pleased to make any necessary arrangements.

URGENT

Will contributors to the magazine please send in their reports by February 23rd, for inclusion in the March issue.

WEATHER - AND THANKS

The inclement weather has been a source of discomfort and some danger, especially to the older people. As a consequence, many of us have been unable to come to church as often as we would have liked to. This is a thing that will pass, and we shall all be very glad when once more the seats in church are filled and we can feel warm and secure and able to pray together again as members of God's family.

In the meantime, I should like, on behalf of us all, to voice our sincere thanks to all those devoted people who have ensured our comfort by 'staying on the job' however difficult it was for them to do so. The milkmen, postmen, newspaper deliverers, coalmen, and all the rest of those good people whose services we are so apt to take for granted, although they are so vital to our wellbeing, especially at times like this. To all of them we say, "Well done and thank you, yours was a great and very valuable effort".

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WEEKDAY SERVICES - Wed. Feb 20th and 27th - Holy Communion in
Bridge Church - 9.30 a.m.

Fri. Feb. 22nd - Holy Communion in Bridge
Church - 7 a.m.

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Parish Diary - February 1963 (Cont.)

24 - Sun. 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion - Bekesbourne

6.30 p.m. Evensong - Bridge

25 - Mon. S. Matthias A.M.

7.00 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge

27 - Ash Wednesday 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge

Evensong is sung at The Close every Sunday at 5 p.m.

Services for March not included as these can only be fixed
after consultation with Rev. Perry

BRIDGE AND BEKESBOURNE CHOIR

It is possible that the cold weather may be the cause of
the poor attendance at Choir Practices and Services by members
of the choir. I hope this is the only excuse! Nevertheless
our numbers have fallen and we need, and would very much welcome,
new blood in the form of altos, tenors, sopranos and basses. The
only condition, apart from having a slightly musical voice, is
the ability to read.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

The purpose of the choir is to lead the congregation in
the worship of God. All that is asked of you is time - one
hour on Friday evenings for practice, and regular attendance
at one Service each Sunday.

It would be a good thing if our choir could be increased
to support Mr. Perry in his ministry with us. Can you come to
the practice on Friday, 8th February, in Bridge Church at 7p.m.?

MOTHERS' UNION

Bridge: Branch Meeting: 18th February, 2.45 p.m. in Methodist
Chapel - Speaker: Mrs. Brown on 'Kindness'.

Intercessions: February 6th, 9.30 a.m. - Bridge Church

PATRIXBOURNE & BRIDGE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, 19th Feb. at 7 p.m. in the Village
Hall

Talk on "Dressmaking - Finishing Touches"
by Mrs. Pilcher

Competitions:

A bowl of bulbs.

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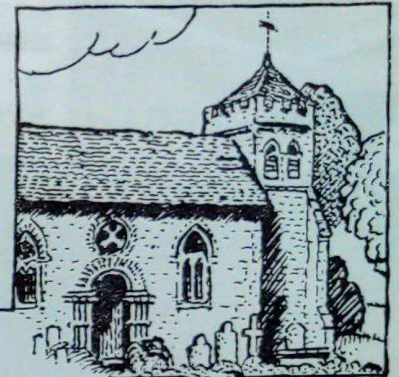
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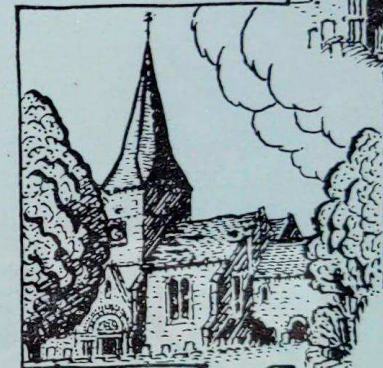
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If you care to pledge a definite amount by a seven-year Covenant (which by Income Tax refund almost doubles the amount you give) please contact the Vicar, or F.W.O. Secretary.

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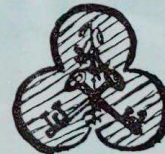
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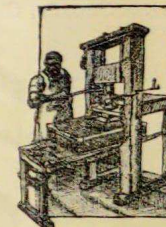
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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

This is my first letter to you as Vicar and I feel that my first act is to say how greatly I and my family appreciate the kindness and sincerity of your welcome. One approaches a new sphere of work in one's ministry with a sense of spiritual adventure, believing in humility that this is where God wishes one to work. I ask for your prayers, your help and support, that I may fulfil His Will.

The Service for my Institution and Induction was a memorable event for me, and one was indeed conscious of your prayers. The arrangements behind the scenes were a credit to all concerned.

I look forward to getting to know you all individually, and I hope that you will make yourselves known to me. Also, may I welcome all who like myself come new to our parishes.

We are entering the period of Lent with its preparation of prayer, penitence and self-denial, leading us through Good Friday to the climax of Easter. There are opportunities for an increase in our spiritual activities. We can come regularly to Holy Communion, by attending Sunday by Sunday throughout Lent. The experience of the Christian centuries proves that in Lent the Church has a weapon of great power for its warfare.

Monday, 25th March, is the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Patricxbourne at 10 o'clock. I do hope many of you will find time to come.

I should be glad to know of any sick parishioners, and if they desire to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord,

COLIN E. H. PERRY

INSTITUTION AND INDUCTION OF NEW VICAR

Seldom has Bridge had such a memorable day as Saturday, 16th February, when His Grace, the Archbishop of Canterbury, came to the Church of St. Peter, Bridge, to Institute the Rev. C.E.H. Perry, into the livings of Patricxbourne with Bridge and Bekesbourne, before a congregation which packed the church. The choirs of Bridge and Bekesbourne were augmented by the choir of St. Paul's, Canterbury (the new Vicar's old parish) under David Maple, and Imogen Wiltshire was the organist.

The service itself was most impressive and dignified, with the presence of His Grace the Archbishop, the Archdeacon of Canterbury, and some 30 clergy from neighbouring parishes to lead us in a service of dedication and devotion. The sermon was preached by the Archbishop, and will, I feel sure, have a good and lasting effect on all of us who were privileged to hear it.

The service in Church was followed by a reception in the Reading Room where tea was served and the parishioners had an opportunity of meeting the Archbishop, the Archdeacon and other Church dignitaries, as well as making the acquaintance of our new Vicar and his wife and family. All our good wishes and prayers go out to him and them in their new field of work.

As is always the case when distinguished visitors come to us, there was a lot of preparation needed, and the Vicar and Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Councils would like to extend their grateful thanks to the people who contributed so largely to the comfort and success of the afternoon:

To Air-Vice Marshal and Mrs. Ledger, who so generously opened their house to the Archbishop and visiting Clergy.

To Sergeant Pratt, of the Kent County Constabulary, and his officers, both regulars and specials, who did a great job for us.

To the Village Hall Committee who made the Hall worthy of the occasion.

To the ladies who decorated and cleaned the Church, and those who provided, made and served the refreshments, and to all the other people whose ready help was so much appreciated. Space does not permit us to single out and thank them, but I am quite sure that such a spontaneous willingness to help on the part of so many will be a great pleasure and joy to our new Vicar.

SUNDAY SERVICES - MARCH 1963

	<u>BRIDGE</u>	<u>PATRIXBOURNE</u>	<u>BEKESBOURNE</u>
<u>1st Sun.</u> <u>LENT I</u> <u>Mar.3rd</u>	11a.m. Mattins (Family Service) 11.45a.m. Holy Communion 6.30p.m. Evensong	8a.m. Holy Communion	9.30a.m. Sung Holy Communion
<u>2nd Sun.</u> <u>LENT II</u> <u>Mar.10th</u>	9a.m. Holy Communion 6.30p.m. Evensong	11a.m. Mattins	8a.m. Holy Communion 3p.m. Evensong
<u>3rd Sun.</u> <u>LENT III</u> <u>Mar.17th</u>	9a.m. Sung Holy Communion 6.30p.m. Evensong	8a.m. Holy Communion	11a.m. Mattins
<u>4th Sun.</u> <u>LENT IV</u> <u>Mar.24th</u>	8a.m. Holy Communion 6.30p.m. Evensong	9.45a.m. Sunday School Family Service	11a.m. Mattins (short) 11.45a.m. Holy Communion
<u>5th Sun.</u> <u>LENT V</u> <u>Mar.31st</u>	9a.m. Holy Communion 6.30p.m. Evensong	11a.m. Mattins	8a.m. Holy Communion 3p.m. Evensong

PATRIXBOURNE - SUNDAY SCHOOL

9.45a.m. - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th Sundays.

9.45a.m. - 4th Sunday: Family Service, to which all parents and members of the congregation are invited.

BRIDGE JUNIOR CHURCH

11a.m. 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays.

11a.m. 1st Sunday: Members attend Mattins with parents and congregation worshipping as a family.

THE CLOSE CHAPEL

5p.m. 1st Sunday: Holy Communion with hymns and address.

5p.m. 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays: Evensong.

BAPTISMS & CHURCHING OF WOMEN by arrangement with the Vicar.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesdays, 9.30a.m. & Fridays 7a.m. : Holy Communion, Bridge.

Wed. 6th Mar. 9.30a.m. M.U. Corporate Commun. & Intercessions, Bridge

Mon. 25th Mar. 10a.m. Annunciation B.V.M. Holy Commun., Patrib'ne.

OTHER DATES - MARCH 1963

Choir Practice: Fridays, 7p.m. Bridge Church.

Youth Fellowship: Fridays, 7.30p.m. Bridge Village Hall.

March

12 - Tue. 7.30p.m. Patribourne & Bridge P.C.C. - Reading Rm.

13 - Wed. 7.30p.m. Friends of Hospitals AGM - The Close.

18 - Mon. 2.45p.m. Bridge Mothers' Union - Methodist Chapel.

19 - Tue. 2.30p.m. Bekesbourne Mothers' Union - Village Hall.

19 - Tue. 7.00p.m. Patribourne & Bridge W.I. - Reading Room.

26 - Tue. 7.30p.m. Bridge Horticultural Soc. - Reading Room
(all interested are welcome).

REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLLS

The current Electoral Roll for Patribourne & Bridge is displayed in both churches. That for Bekesbourne is held by the P.C.C. Secretary. If you are not yet on the Roll, ask for a form from a Sidesman at Church or P.C.C. Secretary, and return it to the Vicar or P.C.C. Secretary by the end of March, please.

THE ELECTORAL ROLL -

WHAT IS IT? ... it is the Church's register of Members who are qualified to attend and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting when the elections take place for the Parochial Church Council and the Parish's representatives on the Ruri-Decanal Conference.

WHO IS QUALIFIED? ... Lay members of the Church of England of 17 years of age upwards who are baptised and declare that they are members of the Church of England and that they do not belong to any religious body which is not in communion with the Church of England; and are resident in the parish, or (whether or not so resident) have habitually attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment; and have signed the form of application for enrolment.

WHY SHOULD I SIGN? ... By doing so you acknowledge your membership of the Church of England and help to demonstrate that England is still a Christian country.

By doing so you become a voting member of the Church and so help to ensure that all the Councils of the Church - including the Parochial Church Council, the Diocesan Conference and the Church Assembly, are fully representative of its members.

By doing so you are exercising a privilege and carrying out a duty given to you by law.

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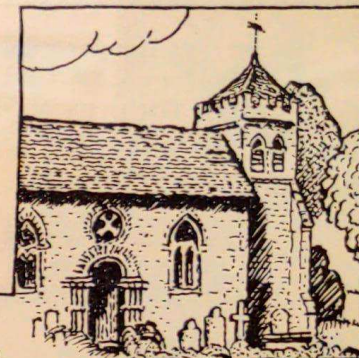
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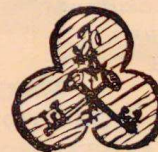
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CHURCH MAGAZINE

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MOTHERS' UNION

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Corporate Communion and Intercessions: 6th March, 9.30 a.m. in Bridge Church.

Bekesbourne: Branch Meeting: 19th March, 2.30 p.m. Bekesbourne Village Hall - Speaker: The Rev. J.H. Gore from Aylesham, "Travels East of Suez".

BRIDGE & PATRICKBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Monthly Meetings: Tuesday, 19th March, 7 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Talk on 'Kentish Books and Writers' by Mr. Marcus Crouch, Deputy
Competition: Bookmark (Group meeting competition). / County Librarian

JUNIOR CHURCH NOTES

Memberships: Our members are growing weekly and we are pleased to welcome young people from 4 years of age upwards. We meet every Sunday at 11 a.m. in Church for class teaching and friendship except on the 1st Sunday in the month when our meeting takes the form of a Family Service which we ask parents to attend so the whole family can worship together.

Teachers: We like our classes to be small intimate affairs, but some of them are growing beyond this stage, and we would gladly welcome some new child lovers to our staff. Any who feel they would like to join us are very welcome to come along and watch us at work and get an idea of what we are trying to do.

KENT COUNTY LIBRARY

In March the Bridge Branch of the County Library will be enlarged and more books will be available to our borrowers. This has become necessary since the coming of so many new residents has increased the number of borrowers.

This library is a free service provided by the Kent Education Committee and is open to all residents of all ages. The present hours are Thursdays 4.30 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 7.30 p.m., and Fridays, 3 to 4 p.m. in Bridge Village Hall.

The County Library is a very complete service and special books on any subject can be obtained through the Branch.

P.C.C. NOMINATIONS

will take place in April at the Annual Church Meetings, and you are invited to make nominations, forms for which are available from your P.C.C. Secretary.

BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

Have you seen the 'New Look' of our Village Hall? The lighting has recently been improved and now the heating has been re-sited and added to, and the body of the Hall redecorated. Our thanks for the latter are due to Mr. Prickett (who worked late through many evenings) and Mr. Robson, but I would like to congratulate the small committee of ladies as well. They chose the colours and the result is most pleasing. Now it is up to all of us who use the Hall to keep it nice and clean. Needless to say, all this costs money and there is still a lot that urgently requires attention - heat in the kitchen, the water supply, draught proofing, etc. etc. Mr. J.J. Williamson (Secretary) and the Hall Committee have sent a personal letter to every house in Bridge asking for help with this necessary work. After all, it is our Hall, run by the Committee for the benefit of us all, so please support this appeal as generously as you can. Thank you.

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

Village life is different from town life. We have to know each other and exist side by side. Most village people belong in some way or other to at least one of our activities, however small. Bridge is still a village community and is likely to remain one for years. We want to keep it so, and we extend a very warm welcome to those new residents who have come to live amongst us. With this object in view, we hope, shortly, to invite you to a "Welcome Afternoon".

All the organisations connected with the village will be represented by their officers and members, and will be prepared to talk about them. It must be remembered that its activities give a village its character, and that they are a very vital part of its existence. Further particulars of this event will be given next month.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY HOSPITALS (BRIDGE GROUP)- ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held at The Close, Bridge on Wed. 13th March at 7.30 p.m. Will all members and their friends please try and come along, when they will be able to hear what has been done during the past year and offer any suggestions for the future.

W.M. Clarke,

Hon. Sec./Treas.

NOTICES ETC. FOR MAGAZINE should be sent in by 21st March for inclusion in the April issue.

VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners of Patricxbourne, Bridge and Bekesbourne,

In this month there are two Sundays that I would emphasise; first, Palm Sunday which is on April 7th. (The blessing and distribution of palms will take place at all our Churches). On Palm Sunday we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem in humility to die for our sins on the Cross of Calvary. We receive this palm in the form of a Cross to remind us of this, and that we may give glory to God as we receive the palm. "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the Highest".

Secondly: Can any joy on earth compare with the joy of a good Easter Communion. God has dealt so tenderly with us all through Lent. He has led us through the darkness of the Cross to the joy and glory and light of Easter. We, as at no other time, need the assurance of the things eternal in the midst of a world which seems only concerned with material and transient things. In our Communion on Easter Day we draw near with penitent hearts to receive the eternal presence of Christ - the Body and Blood - the very and real presence of our Blessed Lord. So it will be throughout the world wherever Christians in faith worship the risen Christ; and we are all made one with them in Christ at the moment of our Holy Communion. So in our prayers and thoughts, let us all be united in offering up our love together in union with His love, and let this love pour into the world.

May I draw your attention to the services on Good Friday and Easter Day.

I would be most glad to know of any sick or aged parishioners who wish to receive their Easter Communion at home.

I would like to say how much my wife and I enjoyed meeting the parishioners of Bekesbourne who made us so welcome on March 9th at Bekesbourne Village Hall.

May I wish you all a joyous and Holy Easter.

Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord,

COLIN E.H. PERRY

Vicar.

On Saturday, March 9th, the parishioners of Bekesbourne were invited to meet the Vicar and Mrs. Perry at the Village Hall. In spite of heavy rain, quite a number of parishioners came to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. Colin Perry. It was indeed a most happy occasion. Our grateful thanks to those who provided and helped with the refreshments.

EASTER DECORATIONS

Easter Day calls for a profusion of flowers. We should be glad if those who are sending flowers would be good enough to bring them to the respective churches by 10a.m. on Holy Saturday, and any help with the decoration of the churches would also be appreciated. Donations for the purchase of Easter Lilies may be given to Mrs. Potter for Patricxbourne Church, Mrs. Sandall for Bekesbourne Church, and to Mrs. Sandbach for Bridge Church.

Following the ancient custom of the Church, the collection throughout Easter Day will be given to the Vicar.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL FUNDS

The many people who have saved used postage stamps during the past year will no doubt be interested and pleased to learn that, due to their efforts, £11.1.2d. has been added to Bridge Village Hall Funds.

Mr. J. H. Kelsey thanks all those who are responding to his request. Some also collect stamps from friends and relations living outside Bridge, others have gone through collections of old letters, and several bring home stamps from their places of business.

Newcomers to the village may like to know that all used stamps, including low value British ones, are welcome. When tearing or cutting them from envelopes etc., at least a quarter of an inch of paper should be left around the stamp to ensure that the perforations are intact.

Mr. Clark at the Pharmacy kindly accepts them, and there is a collecting box in the village hall.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union will meet in Bokesbourne on Tuesday, April 16th at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, when the members of Bokesbourne will welcome the members from Bridge, so please make a special effort to be present. The Speaker will be Mrs. Greiggs of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The official members of the Mothers' Union met in Canterbury for their Conference on Friday, 15th March. Over 200 members were present. The speaker in the morning was Commander Allcock of the I.T.V. Broadcasting Corporation. He gave us a most interesting account of what goes on behind the scenes. It was most encouraging to hear of the great care that is given to broadcasting. It was also interesting to learn how many different groups of men and women take part in producing the mass of information in the plays that come over the air to us in our homes. Great care and consideration goes into religious broadcasts and broadcasts for children. We were reminded that it is up to parents to make careful selections for their children's viewing.

The Bridge Mothers' Union will be taking part in the Exhibition to be held in Bridge Village Hall on Saturday, April 27th, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Monthly Meetings: Tuesday, 16th April, 7 p.m. in the Village Hall

Talk and Demonstration on "Fruit Bottling"
by Mrs. N. Plater.

Competition: "An Egg and Sixpence".

THE PLEASANT HOUR CLUB (Over 60's)

This Club meets every Thursday at 2.45 p.m. in Bridge Village Hall. New members welcome.

NOTICES ETC. FOR MAGAZINE

The Vicar would be grateful if material for the magazine could reach him by 18th April at the latest, please.

THE PARISH MAGAZINE

It is regretted that it is no longer possible to produce the Parish Magazine locally with voluntary helpers. Starting with May issue, we propose placing the printing of the magazine in the capable hands of Messrs. Elvey Brothers. The cost will not be great, and if you feel able to subscribe 3d. per month, or 3/-d. per year, for your copy, this will cover the cost of production.

The Magazine will still be a free issue, but if you would like to contribute towards the cost, your Magazine Distributor will gladly receive your donation.

O. Middleton.

"GETTING TO KNOW YOUR VILLAGE" EXHIBITION

Following up our article in last month's issue, we have made a lot of progress towards staging a worthwhile exhibition.

Most of the village organisations have met and discussed it and have made their plans. The County Library have already sent us a quantity of show material for the Library stand. The Civil Defence are showing a lot of new Defence Devices. The Women's Institute have agreed to provide a comprehensive show of their various activities and will, we hope, provide us with a part of our entertainment. The Horticultural Society stall will also be an interesting feature, while the Youth Fellowship hope to put the final for their table tennis tournament. The Church and its various activities - Mothers' Union, Junior Church, and the Choir will be on show. The Pleasant Hour Club, the Village Hall Committee, the Parish Council, the Methodist Chapel, the Bridge School and staff and P.T.A., the District Nurse, the W.V.S., League of Friends of Hospitals, Scouts and Cubs, and possibly the Royal Observer Corps will all be represented.

The idea of the Exhibition is to show people in Bridge and Patribourne the extent of our activities, and give them a chance to learn more about them and us. The Exhibition will be held in Bridge Village Hall on SATURDAY, 27th APRIL from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Admission will be free and tea and refreshments will be available at moderate prices. Items of entertainment will be given at frequent intervals.

Those who have recently come to live in our Village will be specially welcome.

APRIL 1963
SUNDAY SERVICES and HOLY WEEK SERVICES

	<u>BRIDGE</u>	<u>PATRIXBOURNE</u>	<u>BEKESBOURNE</u>
<u>1st Sun.</u> <u>PALM</u> <u>SUNDAY</u> April 7th	11a.m. Mattins** (Family Service) 11.45a.m. Holy Communion. 6.30p.m. Evensong	8a.m. Holy Communion**	9.30a.m. S Holy Communion
	**Distribution of Palm Crosses		
	<u>HOLY WEEK</u>		
Monday Apr. 8th	9.30a.m. Holy Communion		
Tuesday Apr. 9th		7a.m. Holy Communion	
Wednes. Apr. 10th	9.30a.m. Holy Communion		
Maundy Thursday	7a.m. Holy Communion		9.30a.m. Holy Communion
<u>GOOD</u> <u>FRIDAY</u>	7a.m. Ante- Communion and Litany 2p.m. - 3p.m. Devotional Service.		11a.m. Mattins and Sermon
<u>2nd Sun.</u> <u>EASTER</u> <u>SUNDAY</u> Apr. 15th	7a.m. Holy Comm. 8a.m. Holy Comm. 11a.m. Family Service. 6.30p.m. Festal Evensong	8a.m. Holy Communion 11a.m. Mattins and Sermon 11.45a.m. Holy Communion	8a.m. Holy Communion 3p.m. Evensong and Sermon
<u>3rd Sun.</u> <u>LOW</u> <u>SUNDAY</u> Apr. 22nd	9a.m. Sung Holy Communion 6.30p.m. Evensong	8a.m. Holy Communion	11a.m. Mattins and Sermon
<u>4th Sun</u> <u>EASTER II</u> Apr. 29th	3a.m. Holy Communion	9.45a.m. Sunday School Family Service	11a.m. Mattins (Short) 11.45a.m. Holy Communion

KALENDAR for APRIL 1963

Wednesdays: 9.30a.m. & Fridays: 7a.m. Holy Communion, Bridge.
Choir Practice: Fridays 7p.m. Bridge Church
Youth Fellowship: Fridays 7.30p.m. Bridge Village Hall.

April

3 - Wed. 9.30a.m. M.U. Corporate Comm. & Intercessions - Bridge
 16 - Tue. 7.00p.m. Patricxbourne & Bridge W.I. - Reading Room
 17 - Wed. 7.00p.m. Patricxbourne & Bridge Vestry Meeting and
 Annual General Meeting - Reading Room
 18 - Thur. 7.00p.m. Bakesbourne Vestry Meeting and Annual
 General Meeting - Bakesbourne Village Hall.
 16 - Tues. 2.30p.m. Joint Mothers' Union Meeting of Bridge and
 Bakesbourne - Bakesbourne Village Hall.
 All members are asked to make a special
 effort to attend.
 25 - Thur. S. Mark E.M. 7.00a.m. Holy Communion, Bridge.
 27 - Sat. 3p.m. to 8p.m. EXHIBITION "Getting to Know Your
 Village", Bridge Village Hall - Admission
 Free.

May

1 - Wed. SS. Philip and James, A.M.
 9.30a.m. Holy Communion - Bridge

PATRIXBOURNE - SUNDAY SCHOOL

9.45a.m. - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th Sundays.
 9.45a.m. - 4th Sunday: Family Service, to which all parents
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BRIDGE JUNIOR CHURCH

11a.m. 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays (Family Service Easter Sunday).
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THE CLOSE CHAPEL

5p.m. 1st Sunday: Holy Communion with hymns and address.
 5p.m. 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays: Evensong.

BAPTISMS & CHURCHING OF WOMEN by arrangement with the Vicar.

P.C.C. NOMINATIONS

will take place in April at the Annual General Meetings, and you
 are invited to make nominations, forms for which are available
 from your P.C.C. Secretary.

SUNDAY SERVICES - MAY 1963

	BRIDGE	PATRIXBOURNE	BEKESBOURNE
<u>3rd Sun after Easter</u> May 5th.	11 a.m. Mattins (Family Service) 11.45 a.m. Holy C. 6.30 p.m. Evens.	8 a.m. Holy C.	9.30 a.m. Sung Holy C.
<u>4th Sun. aft East.</u> May 12th.	9 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong	11 a.m. Mattins	8 a.m. H. C. 3 p.m. Evensong
<u>Rogation Sun.</u> May 19.	9 a.m. Sung H.C. 6.30 p.m. Evensong	8 a.m. H.C.	11 a.m. Mattins
<u>Ascension Day, Thurs.</u> May 23rd.	7 a.m. H.C. 7 p.m. Evensong & Sermon		9.30 a.m. H.C. Family Service
<u>Sun. after Ascension</u> May 26.	8 a.m. H. C. 6.30 p.m. Evensong	9.45 a.m. Sun. School Fam. Serv. C. Youth Service	11 a.m. Mattins (Short) 11.45 a.m. H.C.
<u>Whit. Sun.</u> June 2.	8 a.m. H.C. 11 a.m. Mattins Fam. Ser. 11.45 H.C. 4.30 p.m. Fest. Even.	8 a.m. H. C.	9.30 Sung Holy Com.

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WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesdays, 9.30 a.m. & Fridays 7 a.m.: Holy C. Bridge.
Wed. 1st May, St. Phillip & St. James. 9.30 a.m. M.U. Cor. Com. & Intercessions, Bridge.

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KALENDAR

OTHER DATES - MAY, 1963

Choir Practice: Fridays, 7 p.m. Bridge Church.
Youth Fellowship: Fridays, 7.30 p.m. Bridge Village Hall.

May

- 5 - 3rd Sunday after Easter.
- 12 - 4th Sunday after Easter.
- 13 - Mon. 7 p.m. Bekesbourne P.C.C. - Sch. Room.
- 14 - Tue. 7.30 p.m. Patrix. & Bridge PCC. - Vil. Hall.
- 16 - All Magazine Matter to be sent to the Vicar.
- 19 - Rogation Sunday.
- 21 - Tue. 2.30 p.m. Bekesbourne Mothers' Union - Speaker Mrs. Sillars.
- 23 - Thur. Ascension Day.
- 25 - Sat. Bekesbourne Maye Fayre.
- 26 - Sunday after Ascension.

All Clergy of the Diocese have been called by the Archbishop of Canterbury to a Clergy Conference at Margate from 27th May to the 31st May and the Vicar will be away between these dates.

I wish to express my appreciation of the Kindness of all who decorated the Churches at Eastertide who gave gifts of flowers or donations and those who cleaned the Churches, and prepared the altar and linen.

Colin E. H. Perry
Vicar.

VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patrixbourne & Bekesbourne,

During this month we keep the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord. The Ascension tells us of the ultimate dignity of man that "where He is, thither we might also ascend and reign with Him in glory". The Ascension marked the solemn close of the post-Resurrection appearances and the exaltation of Christ to the heavenly life after He had spoken to His Apostles of the things concerning the Kingdom of God. Its theological significance consists in the fact that thereby Christ's human nature was taken into Heaven. The tremendous importance of

the Feast of the Ascension lies in the fact that the Person of Jesus Christ who had lived and wrought and suffered and died upon the Cross, in a human life within the scene of history, passed beyond history to be its Lord and Judge. He entered once and for all into all the circumstance of our human life and He now exercises all power in Heaven and in earth. But we are bidden to remember that it is still the power of love through that power we may have fellowship with that which is eternal. The Person of our Lord who died and rose again and ascended is ever and continually active in the life in which we can always share. His Body which is His Church.

Ascension Day is a neglected Feast but it is one of the chief feasts of the Christian year. Let us keep it in sincerity and in truth.

I would like to welcome all Churchwardens, Sidesmen and Members of the Parochial Church Council and all newly elected Officers of the Church, as we set out on another year's work. They are positions of trust. Many problems have to be faced during the course of a year, dealing with the successful running of the parish life. Each one of us has a contribution to make in the life of our Church. May we do our allotted task to the Glory of God in His name only.

May I too express our appreciation for the loyal service and co-operation by the Church Wardens and Officers during the past year.

Yours sincerely in our Lord,

COLIN E. E. PERRY
Vicar.

May 1st Wed. 9.30 a.m. Mothers' Union Corporate
Communion Intercessions.

May 20th Mon. M.U. Monthly Meeting 2.45 p.m. in the
the Methodist Chapel. Mrs. Illingworth
will speak on "Christian Home Life".
Please make a special effort to

attend our last meeting of the Session.

'Christian Family Year' closes with a service of Thanksgiving in St. Paul's Cathedral on May 22nd at 3 p.m. when the Queen and Prince Philip has graciously consented to be present. Please remember the Service on that day in your prayers.

Our Deanery Festival takes place in St. Clements' Church, Sandwich on May 21st at 7.30 p.m. Will as many members as possible try to join us there. On behalf of all our members I would like to record our most grateful thanks to Mrs. Pratt for her years of devoted and faithful service given to our branch as Secretary and Treasurer. We much regret she and her family are leaving the district. Our warm wishes for much happiness in her new life in the parish and Church of Wickhambeaux.

COLIN E. E. PERRY,
Vicar.

R.I.P.

Arthur William Child - On 24th March, 1963
aged 78 years, at
Bekesbourne Parish Church.
Herbert John Groombridge - On 9th April, 1963, at
Bridge Parish Church.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY HOSPITAL
(BRIDGE GROUP)

The Sixth Annual General Meeting of the above Group was held at The Close on the 13th March. Owing to the resignation of the Chairman, Dr. I. Stevens, the Rev. Colin Perry kindly took the Chair, and was later elected as Chairman.

The Secretary's Report showed that the membership was now 222. That there had been seven money raising efforts during the year raising a total of £88. 10. 6. During the year the Group paid out £23 for the provision of the T.V. set, paid for the flowers in the Entrance Hall and bought 104 presents for patients at The Close at Christmas.

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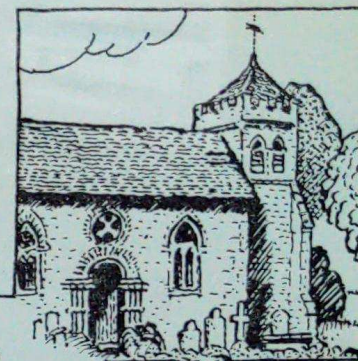
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Our Parish Churches depend for upkeep entirely upon **our voluntary giving**. No State aid or help from central Church funds is available. The F.W.O. Scheme enables you to pay your share regularly even if you are not able to come to church.

Assess for yourself how much you should give each month, as a Thank-offering to God, place your contribution in the small F.W.O. envelope supplied with your Parish Magazine, and give it to your Magazine distributor or put it in the Collecting Bag or Alms Box at Church.

If you care to pledge a definite amount by a seven-year Covenant (which by Income Tax refund almost doubles the amount you give) please contact the Vicar, or F.W.O. Secretary.

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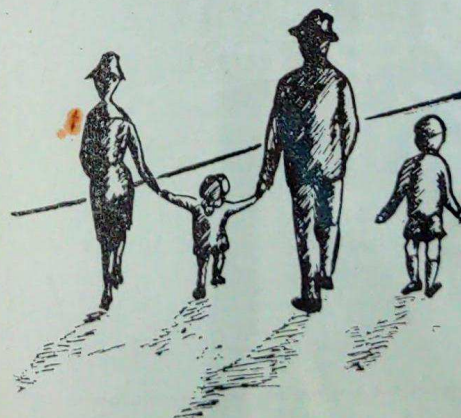
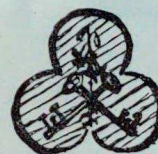
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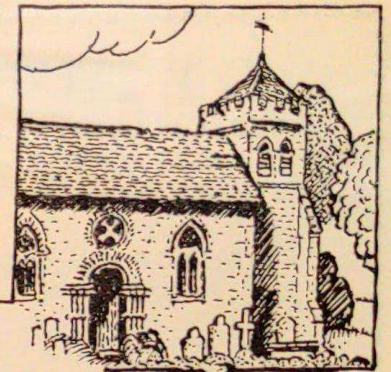
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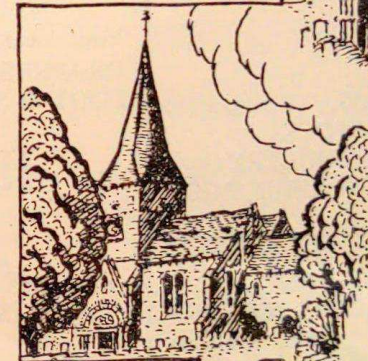
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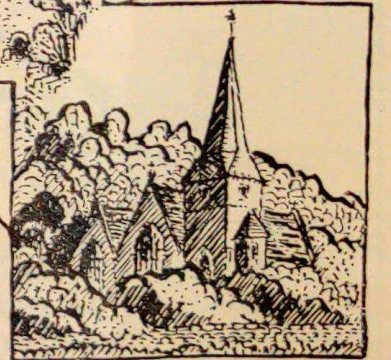
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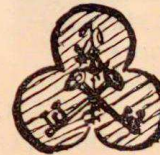
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It was decided at this Meeting that two further television sets should be provided for the Sick Wards at The Close.

The Rummage Sale held on the 26th March raised £20. 18. 9. and the Committee would like to thank all who supported this effort.

EASTER OFFERING

The Vicar wishes to express his thanks to Parishioners for the kindness of their gifts at Easter.

PATRIXBOURNE WITH BRIDGE

At the joint meeting of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 17th April, Captain A.E.W. Farish-Sandbach and Mr. Charles A. Potter were appointed Church Wardens and Mr. Stanley Sergeant of 22 Conyngham Lane, Bridge, was appointed P.C.C. Secretary and Mr. Charles Potter P.C.C. Treasurer.

At the Joint Meeting of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 18th April, Mr. W. R. Mowll and Mr. H. S. Shorey were appointed Church Wardens and Mrs. D. E. Sandall was appointed P.C.C. Secretary and Mr. Stanley Grey P.C.C. Treasurer.

BEKESBOURNE PARISH CHURCH

MAY FAIR

This year's May Fair will be held at Bekesbourne School and Grounds on Saturday, 25th May at 2.30 p.m.

Gift stalls, White Elephant, Garden Produce, Sweets & Cakes, Side-shows.

Refreshments will be available.

The object of the May Fair is to raise a sum of £100 towards church expenses and to pay off the outstanding debt on the heating of Bekesbourne Church.

All are welcome, and it is hoped that all parishioners will come and make this a happy family gathering.

Gifts for the stalls will be welcome, and may be sent to Mrs. Sandall at The School House, Bekesbourne.

PARISH MAGAZINE

I hope you like the presentation of this magazine. Messrs Elvy Bros. are going to produce the magazine for us for the next six months, after which time the P.C.C. will decide whether or not to alter the presentation and layout of the parish magazine, and whether or not to have it printed properly.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who have so kindly agreed to contribute 3d. per month or 3/- per year for their parish magazine.

I would also like to thank Mr. H. Hawkins for a very generous donation towards the cost of printing our magazine.

For the time being at least, the magazine will be a free issue, but donations to cover the cost will be gratefully received.

(C. Middleton).

SUNDAY SERVICES: JUNE 1963

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

Whitsunday - June 2nd

8 a.m. Holy C. 11 a.m. Mat. & Ser. Family Service 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Festal Evensong	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
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Trinity Sunday - June 9th

9 a.m. H. Com. 6.30 p.m. Even- song	11 a.m. Mattins & Sermon	8 a.m. H. Com. 3 p.m. Evensong
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1st Sunday after Trinity - June 16th

9 a.m. H. Com. with Hymns 6.30 p.m. Even- song	8 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Mattins & Sermon
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2nd Sunday after Trinity - June 23rd

8 a.m. H. Com. 6.30 p.m. Even- song	9.45 a.m. Sunday School & Family Service. All ages invited	11 a.m. Mattins & Sermon 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion
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3rd Sunday after Trinity - June 30th

9 a.m. H. Com. 6.30 p.m. Even- song	11 a.m. Mattins & Sermon	8 a.m. H. Com. 3 p.m. Evensong
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Don't forget the Village Hall Fête and Opening
of the new Recreation Ground June 22nd at 2.30 p.m.

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Union Corporate Communion & Intercessions, Bridge.

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

St. Mary's, Patricxbourne

April 21st - Andrew Keith Savage

St. Peter's, Bekesbourne

April 21st - Ian David Godden.

May 5th - Neil Jonathan Garner.

"REST ETERNAL GRANT UNTO THEM"

St. Peter's, Bridge

April 20th, Albert Gore - April 24th, William Isaac Ovenden

May 11th, Emily Kennett

St. Peter's, Bekesbourne

April 21st, Ada Margaret Goldfinch

CALENDAR FOR JUNE 1963 (continued)

June

- 24 - Mon. St. John Baptist.
26 - Wed. Bridge School Sports on new Playing Field
2.0 p.m.
30 - 3rd Sunday after Trinity.

Choir Practice: Fridays, 7 p.m. Bridge Church.
Youth Fellowship: Fridays, 7.30 p.m. Bridge Village Hall
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ST. PETER'S, BRIDGE, MOTHERS' UNION

June 5th - Wed.: 9.30 a.m. - Mothers' Union Corporate
Communion with Intercessions.
Monthly meetings close until Sept.
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NOTES AND NEWS

A Coffee Party will be held at "Lynton House",
Bridge Hill, commencing at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday,
6th June, to raise funds towards the cost of the
Lantern which has recently been erected over the gate
into Bridge Churchyard.
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RED CROSS

Red Cross House to House Collection held during
the week commencing 29th April.

This collection realised a total of £12.9.5.
The Society is most grateful to all those who made
this satisfactory result possible.

D.M.P.
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BRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL P.T.A.

My husband and I would like to thank all past
pupils, parents and friends who contributed so gen-
erously to the cheque presented to us on our wedding.
We shall use the money for a special present which
will always be a reminder of you all. Thank you
so much for your kind thought.

Yours sincerely, Mrs. F.M.Knight.

PATRIXBOURNE PARISH MEETING

A special meeting of the inhabitants of the Parish
of Patricbourne will be held in Bridge School at 7.0 p.m.
on Wednesday, 5th June.

1. To discuss the future status of the Parish in
relation to the impending re-organisation of
Local Government in the County of Kent.
2. To consider possible alterations to the bound-
ary with Bridge Parish.

All parishioners are urged to attend this import-
ant meeting which it is hoped will decide upon the
future of the Civil Parish of Patricbourne.

C.A. POTTER.

Chairman.

Patricbourne Parish Meeting
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BEKESBOURNE MAY FAYRE

Once again a willing team of workers has made
this annual event a success. Our grateful thanks to
Mrs. Sandal for all her work of organisation. The
well laden stalls were manned as follows:- Gifts:
Mrs. Watson-Taylor and Mrs. Tiley. Cakes & Sweets:
Mrs. Mowell and Mrs. Severn. Produce: Mrs. Jury,
Nurse Douglas and Mrs. Noble. Jumble: Mrs. Castle and
Mrs. Wood. Teas: Mrs. Cocmbs and Mrs. Baker.
Competitions: Cubs. Bran Tub: Choir Girls. Books:
Mr. Shorey. Plants: Mr. Carey and Mr. Watson-Taylor.
Raffles: Mrs. Grey and Miss Wiltshire. Side Shows:
Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Mr. Grey. Hot Dogs: Scouts.

Will all of those who gave and spent so gener-
ously accept our thanks - Thank you, too, those who
gave of their time in preparing and running the stalls.
A profit of over £52 was made and this, together with
donations of £7, brings our total to nearly £60 - a
worthy effort!!!!

COLIN E. H. PERRY
Vicar.
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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne

This month we celebrate two of the great festivals of the Church.

The first is Whitsunday, the festival of the Holy Spirit. Just before His Ascension, Our Lord promised to send the Holy Spirit to comfort and sustain this Church, and ten days after His Ascension, The Holy Spirit descended on the assembled Church, to remain with it forever. That is the great event we celebrate at Whitsuntide.

A week later we keep Trinity Sunday, when we think about the Holy Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This marks the end of the first half of the Church's year, during which we have followed the various events in our Lord's life, from His Coming at Christmas, through His childhood and preparation for His Ministry, to His Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection, to His Ascension and the Coming of the Holy Spirit.

Trinity Sunday is also the chief time for the ordination of Deacons and Priests and our prayers on that day should be for those called to this Sacred Ministry.

The brasswork of the Communion rail at St. Peter's Bekesbourne has been restored to its former beauty by the painstaking work of Mr. Stanley Grey who has devoted many hours to this labour of love for St. Peter's Church. We extend to Mr. Grey our deep appreciation. It makes such a difference to the view of the Sanctuary.

Our Summer Fête will take place at the Gardens of the Close (by the kind permission of the Superintendent and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Jones) on Saturday, July 13th. Please make a note of this date, and do help with enthusiasm in any way you can to make this event an outstanding success. On Tuesday, June 18th at 7.15 p.m. at the Close there will be an Open Meeting to make plans and arrangements for this Fête.

I do hope many of you will come to this meeting.

The Bekesbourne May Fair was a great success and a most happy family event. It was most pleasing to see many from Bridge and Patricxbourne supporting this effort. The proceeds which was the excellent figure of £60 will be allocated to Church Expenses. I would like to thank all who worked so hard to make it such a success, with a special word of appreciation to Mrs. Sandal for her making Bekesbourne School and grounds available to us.

Yours sincerely in our Lord,

COLIN E. H. PERRY
Vicar.

CALENDAR FOR JUNE 1963

June

- 2 - Whitsunday.
- 5 - Wed. Ember Day - Holy Communion 9.30 a.m. at Bridge Church.
Patricxbourne Parish meeting at 7.0 p.m. at at Bridge School.
- 6 - Thurs. Ember Day.
- 6 - Coffee Party at Lynton House, Bridge, 10.30 a.m.
- 7 - Fri. Ember Day - Holy Communion 7.0 a.m. at Bridge Church.
- 8 - Sat. Rural Deanery Choir Festival, 6.30 p.m. at Goodnestone Church.
- 9 - Trinity Sunday.
- 11 - Tues. St. Barnabas - Holy Communion 7.0 a.m. at Bridge Church.
- 16 - 1st Sunday after Trinity.
- 18 - All Magazine Matter to be sent to the Vicar.
- 18 - Tues. Open meeting for Summer Church Fete - 7.15 p.m. at the Close.
- 22 - Sat. Diocesan Missionary Festival at the Cathedral - Evensong 3.0 p.m.
Brains Trust at 6.0 p.m.
- 22 - Village Hall Fête and Opening of New Recreation Field, 2.30 p.m.
- 23 - 2nd Sunday after Trinity.

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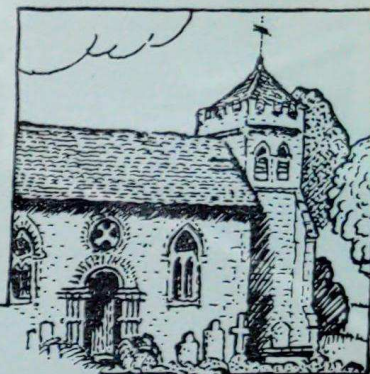
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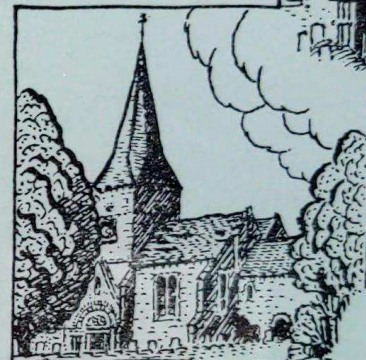
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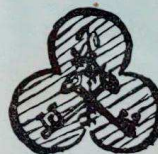
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July, 1963

SUNDAY SERVICES: JULY 1963

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

4th Sunday after Trinity
July 7th

11 a.m. Mat. & Ser.
Family Service
11.45 a.m. Holy
Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong

8 a.m. Holy
Communion

9.30 a.m. Sung
Holy Communion

5th Sunday after Trinity
July 14th

9 a.m. Holy Com.
6.30 p.m. Evensong

11 a.m. Mattins
& Sermon

8 a.m. Holy Com.
3 p.m. Evensong

6th Sunday after Trinity
July 21st

9 a.m. Holy Com.
with Hymns
6.30 p.m. Evensong

8 a.m. Holy
Communion

11 a.m. Mattins
& Sermon

7th Sunday after Trinity
July 28th

8 a.m. Holy Com.
6.30 p.m. Even-
song

9.45 a.m. Sunday
School & Family
Service.
All ages invited

11 a.m. Mattins
& Sermon
11.45 a.m. Holy
Communion

8th Sunday after Trinity
August 4th

11 a.m. Mat. & Ser.
Family Service
11.45 a.m. Holy
Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong

8 a.m. Holy
Communion

9.30 a.m. Sung
Holy Communion

PATRIXBOURNE - SUNDAY SCHOOL

9.45 a.m. - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sunday.

9.45 a.m. - 4th Sunday: Family Service, to which all
parents and members of the congregation are
invited.

BRIDGE JUNIOR CHURCH

11 a.m. - 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday: 11 a.m. 1st Sunday:
Members attend Mattins with parents and com-
munion worshipping as family.

THE CLOSE CHAPEL

5 p.m. - 1st Sunday: Holy Communion with Hymns and
address.

5 p.m. - 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays: Evensong.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesdays, 9.30 a.m. & Fridays 7 a.m.: Holy Communion,
Bridge.

Wed. 3rd July, 9.30 a.m. Mothers' Union Corporate Com-
mun and Intercessions, Bridge.

Thursday, 25th July - St. James, 7.0 a.m. Holy Communion

BAPTISMS & CHURCHING OF WOMEN by arrangement with the
Vicar.

BRIDGE & PATRIXBOURNE

CHURCH FÊTE

Saturday - 13th July

2.30 - 6.0 p.m.

at

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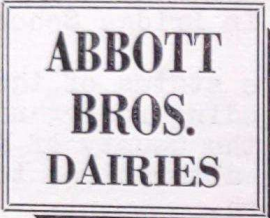
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CALENDAR FOR JULY 1963

July

- 3 - Wednesday. Holy Communion 9.30 a.m. at Bridge. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion Service at 3 p.m. at Patnixbourne Church. Canterbury Branch of the Royal College of Midwives. Whist Drive - 7.15 p.m. at Bekesbourne Village Hall.
- 7 - 4th Sunday after Trinity.
- 11 - Thursday. Eastry Church Festival of Flowers, 10.30 a.m. - 8.0 p.m.
- 13 - Saturday. St. Peter's Church, Bridge and St. Mary's Patnixbourne Summer Fête, 2.30 p.m. at the Close.
- 14 - 5th Sunday after Trinity.
- 16 - Tuesday. Bridge and Patnixbourne W.I. 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.
- 18 - All Magazine Matter to be sent to the Vicar.
- 21 - 6th Sunday after Trinity.
- 25 - Thursday. St. James A.M. Holy Communion 7 a.m.
- 27 - Saturday. Bekesbourne Village Fête - 2.30 p.m. Sports Field, Bekesbourne.
- 28 - 7th Sunday after Trinity.
- Choir Practice: Fridays, 7 p.m. Bridge Church.
- Youth Fellowship: Fridays, 7.30 p.m. Bridge Village Hall.

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NOTES AND NEWS

Sergeant Pratt

The P.C.C. presented Sergeant Pratt with the Oxford book of Common Flowers and Wild Flowers, together with a book token. We would like to thank him and Mrs. Pratt for all the work they have done for us in the village and for the Church, and we would wish them both a long and happy retirement. Wickhambreaux's gain is our loss and we wish them happiness in their new village.

BEKESBOURNE SCHOOL

There will be a Whist Drive at the Bekesbourne Village Hall beginning at 7.15 p.m. on July 3rd. The proceeds will be for Bekesbourne School Funds.

WOMEN'S OFFERING - DIOCESAN MORAL WELFARE

The Patnixbourne and Bridge collection amounted to £9.13.0.

Three guineas was donated by Bekesbourne.

CHURCH LANTERN.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. Sedger and her helpers for her kindness in arranging a coffee morning at her home in aid of the light over the entrance to Bridge Churchyard. The wonderful sum of £21.8.6. was achieved, which was a splendid effort.

BRIDGE AND PATNIXBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Monthly meeting at the Village Hall on Tuesday, July 16th at 7.0 p.m.

Talk: Flower arrangement by Mrs. D. Breeze.

Competition: Hat made from kitchen utensils and vegetables.

FESTIVAL OF CHURCH FLOWERS

To increase interest in flower arrangements in Church, a Festival of Flowers is to be held at Eastry Church from July 11th to July 13th from 10.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day (Saturday, 6 p.m.).

Flower groups of all descriptions will be arranged by those in the district who are interested in Church decorations.

Admission 2/- by programme obtainable at the Church on arrival.

STALLS AT CHURCH FETE

Cakes and Sweets: Mrs. Meigh, 7, Haywards Cottages
(or any Mothers' Union member).

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Handicraft and Gifts: Miss Syson, 1 Eastbridge House. Tel.484.

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If you would care to donate articles, the persons named above would be pleased to receive them - or at The Vicarage - or at 4, The Terrace (opposite Village Hall) - or to The Close after 6 p.m. on Friday 12th; or collection arranged on request.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

St. Peter's, Bridge

May 26 - Darel Martin Pearson

June 2 - Pamela Ann Harris

"REST ETERNAL GRANT UNTO THEM"

June 14 - Mary Emma Davis

St. Peter's, Bekesbourne

June 22 - John Arthur Dryden.

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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne.

This is a time of refreshment of body and mind and many of you will be going away on your holidays during the coming months of July and August. I do wish you every happiness and healthful relaxation with the members of your families and your friends. Whatever Church you may worship in on your holiday, please convey to the Minister the greetings of your Parish Church.

This month we have our Annual Summer Fête at the Close on Saturday, the 13th July, through the great kindness of the Superintendent and the Matron, Mr. & Mrs. Jones. I know I need not ask for your loyal support of our Fête. I do ask you to bring at least one friend with you to help swell the attendance. It is always difficult at this time of year to choose the right day when there are no other events which may have a demand on your presence. I hope that the Church Event will have if not your presence as a priority your support in either gifts to the stalls or a donation to its object.

It is with great sadness that Mr. J.D. Smith has felt that the time has come to relinquish his work as Superintendent of St. Peter's, Bridge Junior Church. He has served the Church so very faithfully and lovingly in this capacity since he came to Bridge in 1945. He has been greatly loved and the children will miss his immediate presence in their midst, but we would like him to know that he has our continuing prayer and affection.

Mr. S. Sergeant was licenced by the Archbishop of Canterbury as a Lay Reader to the Diocesan of Canterbury at the Cathedral on the 15th June. We welcome him and assure him of our prayer for God's blessing on his readership.

Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord,

COLIN E. H. PERRY
Vicar.

SUNDAY SERVICES: SEPTEMBER 1963

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

12th Sunday after Trinity
September 1st

11 a.m. Mat. & Ser. Family Service	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion		
6.30 p.m. Evensong		

13th Sunday after Trinity
September 8th

9 a.m. Holy Com.	11 a.m. Matins & Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Com.
6.30 p.m. Evensong		3 p.m. Evensong

14th Sunday after Trinity
September 15th

9 a.m. Holy Com. with Hymns	8 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Matins & Sermon
6.30 p.m. Evensong		

15th Sunday after Trinity
September 22nd

8 a.m. Holy Com.	9.45 a.m. Sunday School & Family Service.	11 a.m. Matins & Sermon
6.30 p.m. Even- song	All ages invited	11.45 a.m. Holy Communion

16th Sunday after Trinity: St. Michael and All Angels
September 29th

9 a.m. Holy Com.	11 a.m. Matins & Sermon Harvest Thanksgiving Service	8 a.m. Holy Com.
6.30 p.m. Evensong		3 p.m. Evensong & Harvest Thanksgiving Service

PATRIXBOURNE & SUNDAY SCHOOL

9.45 a.m. - 2nd, 3rd Sunday.
9.45 a.m. - 4th Sunday: Family Service, to which all
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BRIDGE JUNIOR CHURCH

11 a.m. - 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday:

THE CLOSE CHAPEL

5 p.m. - 1st Sunday: Holy Communion with Hymns and
address.
5 p.m. - 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays: Evensong.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesdays, 9.30 a.m. & Fridays 7 a.m.: H. Com. Bridge.
Wednesday 4th September, 9.30 a.m. Mothers' Union
Corporate Communion & Intercessions, Bridge.

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HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

Sunday, 29th Sept. - St. Michael and All Angels
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
3.00 p.m. Festal Evensong and Harvest
Thanksgiving Service.

St. Mary's Church, Patricxbourne

Sunday, 29th Sept. - St. Michael and All Angels
11.00 a.m. Matins & Sermon and Harvest
Thanksgiving Service.

St. Peter's Church, Bridge

Sunday, 6th October.
11.00 a.m. Matins & Sermon and Family
Harvest Thanksgiving Service.
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion
6.30 p.m. Festal Evensong and Harvest
Thanksgiving Service
Preacher: Rev. Ralph O. Philips,
Rector of Lower Hardres & Nackington.

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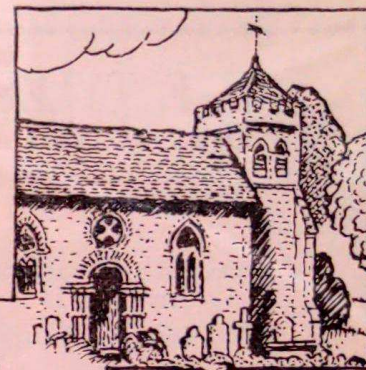
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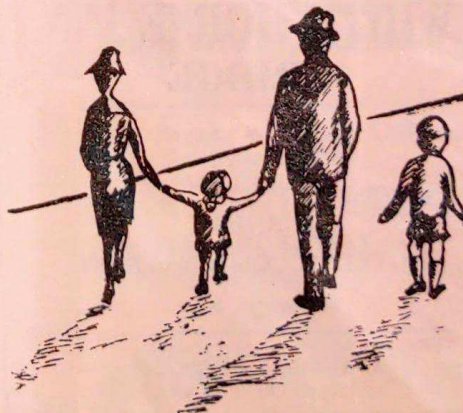
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HOLY BAPTISM

St. Peter's, Bridge

July 28th - Terry Geoffrey Willett

St. Mary's, Patricxbourne

Aug. 6th - Tracey June Zygmán

"REST ETERNAL GRANT UNTO THEM"

St. Peter's, Bridge

July 27th - Sheila Lawrence

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NOTES AND NEWS

BRIDGE JUNIOR CHURCH

Bridge Junior Church will re-commence on Sunday, September 8th at 11.00 a.m. We shall be pleased to enrol and to welcome all children from the ages of 4 years and older.

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PATRICXBORNE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Will re-open on Sunday, September 8th at 9.45 a.m., when Miss Thea Wiltshire will give an illustrated talk to the boys and girls. We hope to see all those at present in the Sunday School, and would be pleased to welcome new members of 4 years old and older.

E.G.

I.W.

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BRIDGE AND PATRICXBORNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Monthly meeting on Tuesday, 17th September - HARVEST SUPPER. Competition: A. Limerick.

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Mothers' Union	
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Teas	13.15. 6.
Programmes	18. 8.
Coconuts	7. 1.11.
Gate	7. 8.10.
Treasure Garden	2. 6. 0.
Produce Stall	1.14. 3½
Bottle Stall	5. 0. 0.
Darts	6.13. 7.
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Draw	35.14. 6.
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Mineral Water	2.10. 4.
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East Kent Bus	2.10.10.
Advertisement	1. 0. 0.
Blighs Loud-speaker	4. 4. 0.
Coconuts	4.10. 0.
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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patricxbourne and
Bekesbourne.

At the end of this month and at the beginning of October we shall be giving thanks to God for the blessing of Harvest. The keynote is in our prayer of Thanksgiving. So many people are involved in the maintenance of our life and in the provision of food and clothing. In a simple meal, for example, we touch the many lives of many people of different races and colour, who in their labour have provided us with the necessities for the continuance of life. Let us remember them in our prayers at Harvest Thanksgiving. Our worship and thanksgiving should not only be limited to one Sunday - familiarly known as Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday. Each meal should be prefaced by the Grace; a thank-you for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life.

On 21st September we remember St. Matthew, one of the twelve Apostles. He was also an evangelist (i.e. a writer of one of the four Gospels). Before his call to serve our Lord, he was a tax gatherer. When the Romans conquered a country they imposed taxes on it: they did not collect taxes themselves, but "farmed them out" to local residents, who paid the Romans an agreed sum, and with the authority of the Romans behind them, squeezed as much money as they could out of the people. The more they managed to collect, the more they would have for themselves, after paying the agreed sum to the Romans. You can quite imagine, therefore, that the tax-gatherers were probably the most hated people in the country, and were regarded as traitors. St. Matthew was called by our Lord from his tax-gathering to be an Apostle. His Gospel is the first book of the New Testament. Like most of the Apostles he died a martyr's death.

St. Michael, whose feast we keep on the 29th, is one of the seven Archangels. He was regarded as the Guardian Prince of the Israelites and he is mentioned four times in Scripture: in the Old Testament in the 10th and 12th Chapters of Daniel, where he is

represented as the helper of the Chosen People, and again in the New Testament, once in Jude (v. 9) disputing with the devil over the body of Moses, and once in the Book of Revelations (xii. 7-9) fighting the dragon. He was early regarded in the Church as the helper of Christian armies against the heathen, and as a protector of individual Christians at the hour of death when he conducts the souls to God, a belief still found in the Offertory of the Roman Mass for the Dead. He has also been regarded as the recording Angel and as the intercessor in Heaven for all mankind. He is usually represented with a sword, standing over or fighting with a dragon.

September is a month when the school children and many of us return from Holiday, ready by God's Grace to tackle the daily round with new zest, enthusiasm and a sense of adventure.

Yours very sincerely in our Lord,

COLIN E. H. PERRY

Vicar.

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CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 1963

Sept.

- 1 - 12th Sunday after Trinity.
- 4 - Wednesday. Holy Communion 9.30 a.m. at Bridge.
- 5 - Thursday. P.C.C. Meeting 7.30 p.m. at Reading Room.
- 8 - 13th Sunday after Trinity.
- 15 - 14th Sunday after Trinity.
- 16 - Monday. Mothers' Union Service - 7.30 p.m. Bridge Church. All parishioners are invited to this service.
- 17 - Tuesday. Women's Institute Harvest Supper, 7 p.m.
- 21 - Saturday. St. Matthew. Holy Communion 7 a.m.
- 22 - 15th Sunday after Trinity.
- 29 - 16th Sunday after Trinity. St. Michael and All Angels. Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne Harvest Thanksgiving.

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SUNDAY SERVICES: OCTOBER 1963

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

17th Sunday after Trinity

October 6th

11 a.m. Mat. & Ser. Family Service & Harvest Thanks- giving	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion		
6.30 p.m. Festal Evensong & Har- vest Thanksgiving		

18th Sunday after Trinity

October 13th

9 a.m. Holy Com. 6.30 p.m. Evensong	11 a.m. Matins & Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Com. 3 p.m. Evensong
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19th Sunday after Trinity

October 20th

9 a.m. Holy Com. with Hymns 6.30 p.m. Evensong	8 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Matins & Sermon
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20th Sunday after Trinity

October 27th

8 a.m. Holy Com. 6.30 p.m. Evensong	9.45 a.m. Sunday School & Family Service. All ages invited	11 a.m. Matins & Sermon 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion
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THE VICAR

The Archbishop has appointed the Vicar, the Rev. Colin E.H. Perry, as Rural Dean of East Bridge.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BRIDGE

To start a Flower Fund for Bridge Church, a Bring and Buy Sale and Coffee Morning will be held at Lynton House, Bridge, on Thursday, 17th October at 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon. The purpose of the fund is to help to provide flowers at those times when flowers are scarce in gardens and expensive in shops, especially at the main festivals of the Church. It is hoped that those who appreciate the work of those on the flower rota will support this effort by coming on the 17th or sending a donation.

C.E.H.P.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

- Oct.
- 2 - Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 9.30 a.m. at Bridge.
 - 6 - 17th Sunday after Trinity.
 - 7 - Monday. Mothers' Union Workers meeting at Margate.
 - 13 - 18th Sunday after Trinity.
 - 15 - Tuesday. Mothers' Union Service at Bekesbourne Church 2.30 p.m. Women's Institute Monthly Meeting 7.00 p.m. Bridge Village Hall.
 - 17 - Thursday. Bring and Buy Coffee Morning at Lynton House, Bridge, 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon.
 - 20 - 19th Sunday after Trinity.
 - 21 - Monday. Women's Institute Group Meeting 2.30 p.m. at Bridge Village Hall. Mothers' Union Deanery Festival for overseas work 7.30 p.m. at Bridge Village Hall.
 - 27 - 20th Sunday after Trinity.
 - 28 - St. Simon and St. Jude. Holy Communion 7.0 a.m. at Bridge Church.

- Nov.
- 1 - Friday. All Saints Day. Holy Communion 7.0 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. at Bridge Church.

VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

I hope to begin Confirmation Classes in November. There will be a Confirmation for our parishes in Feb. 1964. I should be glad to know the names both of adults and young people who desire to be prepared for the sacrament of Confirmation. Each Confirmation brings new life to the Church. It is to them that we must one day entrust the continuance of the Church militant here on Earth. I know that there are some of you who in the past have thought about being confirmed, and I hope that you will come to see me, or I would gladly come to see you at your house to talk the matter over.

I am rather concerned and distressed about the afternoon Evensong at Bekesbourne on the second Sunday of the month. This has not been supported. I would gladly continue it, if I felt that there was a definite need and I had your support.

I make an appeal to parents of our parishes: come as members of a family with your children to Church. Constantly set an example to your children. Try not to fail in this trust. In these days of weakening standards of living the righteous life, each person who has the care of a child has a vital and direct responsibility, which cannot be avoided or delegated. A child's development is influenced by the environment in which he lives and the way he is trained. The parents of a baptised child chose God-parents to promise that he would say No to wrong, believe and practice the Christian faith and serve and obey God. It is a tremendous help to enable these promises to come true for the child if his parents provide a home life and environment where these vital things do happen already.

All Saints' Day (November 1st) falls on a Friday this year, and as many of you may not have received the November magazine by then, I should like to mention it now. November, the great month of Remembrance, opens with this day, on which we think of all the members of our Church, both living and departed,

who together form that great Communion of Saints we mention every time we say the Creed.

I hope that you will make a special effort to attend Holy Communion on that day. Besides the 7 o'clock Communion there will be a 9.30 a.m. celebration.

I am very sorry to know that we shall be losing the devoted services of Mr. David Maple as Organist and Choirmaster. Mr. Maple will be leaving Canterbury in January to commence his training for the ministry at Salisbury Theological College. We are desirous of giving Mr. Maple some token of our appreciation of his services to our Churches and if any would like to help in this matter, will they kindly send a donation to any of the Churchwardens or to myself.

Yours most sincerely in our Lord,

COLIN E. H. PERRY

Vicar.

St. Peter's Church, Bridge - HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Sunday, 6th October

- 11.00 a.m. Matins and Sermon and Family Harvest Thanksgiving Service.
- 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 6.30 p.m. Festal Evensong and Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

Preacher: Rev. Ralph O. Phillips,
Rector of Lower Hardres and
Nackington.

MOTHERS' UNION

- 2nd Oct. - Service in Bridge. Corporate Communion with Mothers' Union Intercessions 7.30 p.m.
- 21st Oct. - There will be a Mothers' Union Deanery Festival for the overseas work in the Village Hall, Bridge, on Monday, 21st Oct. at 7.30 p.m. The film "M.U. Round the World" will be shown, and there will be

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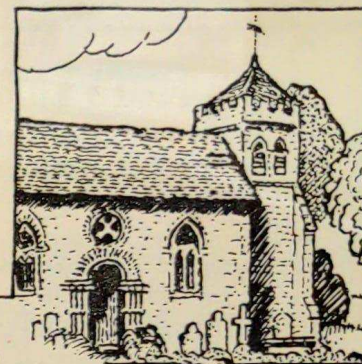
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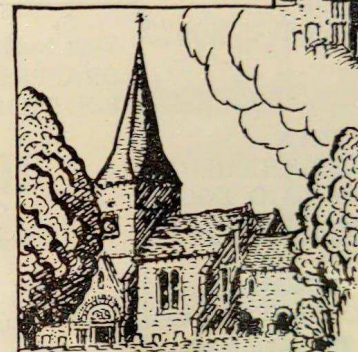
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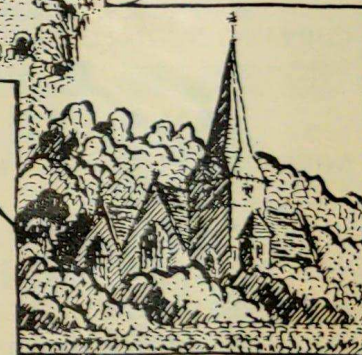
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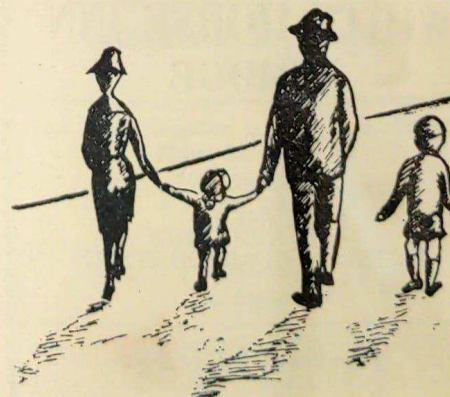
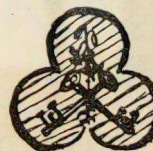
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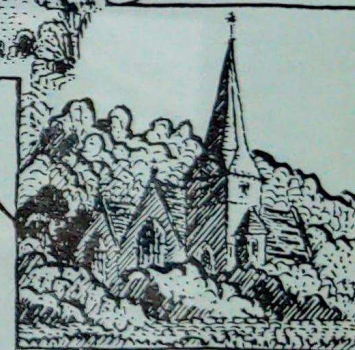
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MOTHERS' UNION (continued)

a Bring and Buy stall for the Overseas Fund. Light refreshments will be served. Will all members make a special effort to attend.

BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

15th Oct. - Monthly meeting on Tuesday, 15th Oct. at 7.0 p.m. in Bridge Village Hall. Talk with slides, "Life in Canada to-day", by Mrs. Bidnell.

21st Oct. - Group Meeting on Monday, 21st Oct. in Bridge Village Hall at 2.30 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Ireland with a period dress collection.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH YOUTH CLUB

The Club is reopening on Friday, September 20th under the supervision of Mr. Todd, who formerly ran the Prince of Wales Club in Canterbury. The Club will be open in future every Friday from 7 - 10 p.m. and will be open only to those who live in the parish. It is hoped that a keen interest will be shown by many people in the parish, especially parents, to see that the club is really worthy of the village. A small management committee has been elected, to which all suggestions and complaints should be addressed. The members of the Committee are:-
The Rev. Colin E.H. Perry, The Vicarage, Bridge.
Mr. Middleton, Beech Hill, Bridge.
Mrs. Knight, The Village School, Bridge.
Mr. Williamson, Beechmount, Bridge.
Mr. Muir Little, Alexandra House, High Street, Bridge.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF THE CANTERBURY HOSPITALS
BRIDGE GROUP

A Rummage Sale will be held in the Reading Room on Wednesday 2nd October at 7 p.m. Would members please support this effort by sending articles of clothing, etc. (or produce) to The Close. W.M.C.

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

St. Peter's, Bridge

September 15th - Debra Anne Westwick
Barry John Freelove

HOLY MATRIMONY

St. Peter's, Bridge.

September 7th - Ian Christopher Smith
and Gillian Mabel Daws.

"REST ETERNAL GRANT UNTO THEM"

St. Peter's, Bridge

September 14th - John Hope

URGENT PROBLEM

THE CLEANING OF BRIDGE CHURCH

Volunteers are needed for this work. If you feel you could spare the time to take an occasional turn at helping with the weekly dusting, perhaps you could come to a meeting to arrange a rota on Friday, 18th October at 8 o'clock at the Vicarage or give your name to me.

Colin E.H. Perry,
Vicar.

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VICAR'S LETTER (Continued)

and at all points we receive a weight of prayer which far outweighs anything we ourselves give. I commend to your thinking the words of the Anglican Congress at Toronto Message, "For God has moved us by His Holy Spirit to think very hard about our vocation as Christians..... Again and again we have realized the fundamental importance of the laity as partners with the clergy in the whole work of the Church..... We are passionately concerned that God shall do what he wants with us all."

Yours sincerely in our Lord,

COLIN E. H. PERRY

- - - Vicar.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 1963.

- Nov. 1 - Friday - All Saints Day.
- 3 - 21st Sunday after Trinity.
- 6 - Wednesday. Patricxbourne and Bridge P.C.C. 7.30 p.m. Village Hall.
- 10 - 22nd Sunday after Trinity. Remembrance Sunday. Special Service - Patricxbourne 10.55 a.m. Collection will be given to the British Legion.
- 14 - Thursday. Bring and Buy Coffee morning at Wych Elm, High Street, 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon. Proceeds for the Missions to Seamen.
- 17 - 23rd Sunday after Trinity.
- 18 - Monday. Confirmation Class begins 6 p.m. at Bekesbourne.
- 19 - Bekesbourne M.U. 2.30 p.m. Bekesbourne Village Hall. Speaker: Mr. Sillars.
- 19 - Women's Institute. Annual General Meeting, Village Hall 7 p.m.
- 20 - Wednesday. Confirmation Class begins 6.30 p.m. at the Vicarage. Adult Confirmation Class 7.30 p.m. at the Vicarage.
- 24 - 24th Sunday after Trinity.
- 27 - Bring and Buy Sale and Coffee Morning at the Vicarage 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon. Proceeds to Church Linen Fund.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 1963 (Continued)

Nov. 28 - Pleasant Hour Club Sale at Village Hall 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Dec. 1 - Advent Sunday.

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At a meeting held on 22nd Oct. the P.C.C. decided to make a charge of 3d. per month for the magazine.

It is regretted that this is necessary, but the net cost of £80 per year for printing can no longer be borne by Church income.

It is hoped that everyone will continue to take the Parish Magazine and to support its publication by paying 3d. per month or 3/- per year to your magazine distributor.

It must also be remembered that the upkeep of our Churches depend entirely on our voluntary giving and the Free Will Offering envelope is enclosed with your magazine in the hope that you will make a regular monthly contribution to Church expenses.

Please do not include your magazine money in the Free Will Offering envelope, but give it separately to your magazine distributor.

C.A. Potter and O. Middleton.

DIOCESAN NOTES

If you would like to continue receiving the Diocesan Notes with your magazine would you please tell the Vicar or your magazine distributor. The cost in future will be a 1/- per year, which can be paid with your magazine money to the distributor.

NOTES AND NEWS

MISSIONS TO SEAMEN

Coffee Morning Bring and Buy on Thursday, 14th Nov. 10.30 - 12.00. Mrs. Vine, "Wych Elm", High Street, Bridge. Gifts for Raffle would be appreciated.

CHURCH LINEN

A Bring and Buy sale and Coffee Morning will be held at the Vicarage from 10.30 a.m. to 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, 27th November to raise funds for Church Linen at the three Churches. We hope that as many people as possible will come.

Audrey Perry.

THE PLEASANT HOUR CLUB (Over 60's)

On November 28th we are holding our annual sale to raise money for our Christmas Party. We do hope you will come to our sale and we thank you for your support in past years. The club has now been running seven years and apart from this annual sale we are completely self-supporting. The club meets every Thursday and members would give a warm welcome to newcomers.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The meeting in the Village Hall at 7.0 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19th, will be the Annual General Meeting:- ballot for new Committee, Annual Report and Financial Statement.

Talk: The Care of Animals, by Mr. N. Fowler.

Competition: Soft toy and/or Dressed Doll (to be given to Children's Homes).

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards for a variety of good causes, U.N.I.C.E.F., OXFAM, SAVE the CHILDREN and HELP for AGED REFUGEES, may be ordered in the Church at Bridge. Please look at the samples on show there and let your greetings help those in need.

J.S. Young.

BRIDGE CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

If there are any parishioners who are not already on the Flower Rota and would like to join, would they give their names to Mrs. Ledger, Lynton House, before the end of November.

BABY SITTERS

The Bridge group of the W.V.S. is willing to compile a list of names of Baby Sitters for the convenience of parents in the village, should this service be welcomed.

"Would-be sitters" are asked to contact the Village Representative, Mrs. J. Kelsey, Garth. Tel: Bridge 309. Names could then be passed on to anybody requiring a sitter.

All arrangements, financial and otherwise, must be made by the people concerned; the W.V.S. ONLY giving names and addresses.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF THE CANTERBURY HOSPITALS, BRIDGE GROUP

The Rummage Sale, held on Wednesday, 2nd October, in aid of the League of Friends of Canterbury Hospitals Bridge Group, realised the amount of £37. The Committee wish to express their sincere thanks to all who contributed to its success.

W.M.C.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS HOLY MATRIMONY

21st September, St. Peter's Church, Bridge.

Arthur Brian Willett and Janet Grace Shand

5th October, St. Mary's Church, Patricxbourne

Raymond Leonard Southgate and
Mavis Heather Natala Brickenden

HOLY BAPTISM

6th October, St. Peter's Church, Bridge

Sarah Louise Barry

13th October, St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

Melanie Clarke

20th October, St. Peter's Church, Bridge

Andrew Peter Barrett

"REST ETERNAL GRANT UNTO THEM"

St. Peter's Church, Bridge

5th October - Thomas Scott

St. Mary's Church, Patricxbourne

30th September - Edith Sarah Ansell

SUNDAY SERVICES: NOVEMBER 1963

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

21st Sunday after Trinity
November 3rd

11 a.m. Mat. & Ser. Family Service 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
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22nd Sunday after Trinity
Remembrance Day Service

9 a.m. Holy Com. 6.30 p.m. Evensong	10.55 a.m. Mat. & Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Com. 3 p.m. Evensong
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23rd Sunday after Trinity
November 17th

9 a.m. Holy Com. with Hymns 6.30 p.m. Evensong	8 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Matins & Sermon
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24th Sunday after Trinity
November 24th

8 a.m. Holy Com. 6.30 p.m. Even- song	9.45 a.m. Sunday School & Family Service. All ages invited	11 a.m. Matins & Sermon 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion
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Advent Sunday
December 1st

11 a.m. Matins & Sermon; Family Service 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Even- song	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patricxbourne and
Bekesbourne.

I welcome Mr. John Sinclair, who has been appointed our organist on Mr. David Maple relinquishing this post to prepare for Ordination.

Confirmation classes will commence on Monday, November 18th at 6 o'clock at Bekesbourne Schoolroom, through the kindness of Mrs. Sandall, and on Wednesday, November 20th at 6.30 p.m. at the Vicarage, Bridge. Please come to whichever venue is the more convenient to you. The adult class will begin at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20th at the Vicarage. Confirmation is a response to a vocation. We all need to think about our own Confirmation. When a person is confirmed, he or she is ordained into the Fourth Order, but to many people who are confirmed this is forgotten or never sufficiently emphasized. It is not an end, but a beginning of something to be continued. We received a spiritual power to persist in the Christian life. I am afraid that we so often never let the candidate for confirmation know what this power is for. It is not only to keep us out of temptation, not only to face the problems of life, but also to enable us to go from place to place with a sense of direction and dynamic power behind. A sense of direction comes with the inner knowledge of the Guidance of God the Holy Spirit to fulfil His Will; and the power behind with the inner assurance of the love of God which seeks to use our lives to show forth to the world His Glory and His Love. We as Christians must go places and do things - in other words "to daily increase in God's Holy Spirit". You know, so many of us are unaware of the Hallowing which we have received. Think then upon your own Confirmation and realize afresh the power that lies in you, and exploit that power to God's ends. We can put the power to work as evangelists, as servants of the Church. We are called to become Christian witnesses just where we are. Each of us has different and unique opportunities. How serious a thing it is to be a Christian, yet it is a way full of adventure and joy,

SUNDAY SERVICES: DECEMBER 1963

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

1st December - Advent Sunday

11 a.m. Mat. & Ser. Family Service	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion		
6.30 p.m. Evensong & Sermon		

8th December - 2nd Sunday in Advent

9 a.m. Holy Com. 6.30 p.m. Evensong & Sermon	11 a.m. Matins & Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Com. 3 p.m. Evensong & Sermon
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15th December - 3rd Sunday in Advent

9 a.m. Holy Com. with Hymns 6.30 p.m. Evensong & Sermon	<u>Ember Week</u> 8 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Matins & Sermon
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22nd December - 4th Sunday in Advent

8 a.m. Holy Com. 6.30 p.m. Evensong & Sermon	9.45 a.m. Sunday School & Family Service. All ages invited	11 a.m. Matins & Sermon 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion
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CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES - See Special list of Services

29th December - 1st Sunday after Christmas

9 a.m. Holy Com. 6.30 p.m. Service of Nine Lessons & Carols	11 a.m. Matins & Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Com. 3 p.m. Service of Nine Lessons & Carols
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PATRIXBOURNE SUNDAY SCHOOL

9.45 a.m. - 2nd, 3rd Sunday.
9.45 a.m. - 4th Sunday: Family Service, to which all
parents and members of the congregation
are invited.

BRIDGE JUNIOR CHURCH

9.30 a.m. - 1st Sunday.
11 a.m. - 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday.

THE CLOSE CHAPEL

5 p.m. - 1st Sunday: Holy Communion with Hymns and
address.
5 p.m. - 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays: Evensong.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesdays, 9.30 a.m. & Fridays 7 a.m.: H. Com. Bridge
Wednesday 4th December, 9.30 a.m. Mothers' Union
Communion & Intercessions, Bridge.

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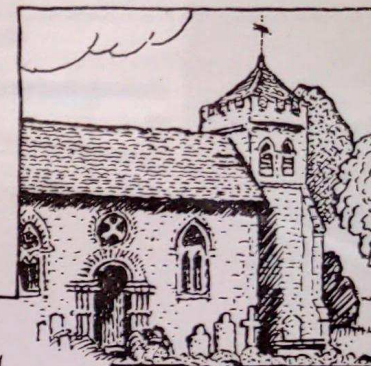
FREE WILL OFFERING SCHEME

Our Parish Churches depend for upkeep entirely upon **our voluntary giving**. No State aid or help from central Church funds is available. The F.W.O. Scheme enables you to pay your share regularly even if you are not able to come to church.

Assess for yourself how much you should give each month, as a Thank-offering to God, place your contribution in the small F.W.O. envelope supplied with your Parish Magazine, and give it to your Magazine distributor or put it in the Collecting Bag or Alms Box at Church.

If you care to pledge a definite amount by a seven-year Covenant (which by Income Tax refund almost doubles the amount you give) please contact the Vicar, or Mr. C. A. Potter.

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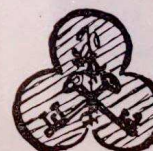
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CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER (Continued)

- Dec.
 17 - Tuesday. Bekesbourne M.U. at Bekesbourne Village Hall, 2.30 p.m. Talk by Miss Grieggs of the British and Foreign Bible Society.
 17 - " Bekesbourne School Carol Service, 2.30 p.m.
 17 - " W.I. Meeting at Bridge Village Hall 7.0 p.m.
 18 - Wednesday. Confirmation Class at the Vicarage 6.30 p.m.
 18 - " Confirmation Class for adults at the Vicarage 7.30 p.m.
 19 - Thursday. Bekesbourne School Party, followed by Whist Drive at Bekesbourne Village Hall 7.15 p.m.
 20 - Friday. Ember Day. Holy Communion at Bridge 7.00 a.m.
 21 - Saturday. Service of Nine Lessons at The Close 6.00 p.m.
 21 - " St. Thomas, Apostle & Martyr. Holy Communion at Bridge Church 7.00 a.m.
 22 - 4th Sunday in Advent.
 25 - Christmas Day.
 26 - St. Stephen, Martyr. Holy Communion 9.30 a.m. at Bridge.
 27 - St. John, Apostle and Evangelist. Holy Communion 7.00 a.m. at Bridge Church.
 29 - 1st Sunday after Christmas.
 Service of Nine Lessons and Carols 3.00 p.m. at Bekesbourne Church.
 Service of Nine Lessons and Carols 6.30 p.m. at Bridge Church.
- Jan.
 1 - Feast of the Circumcision. Holy Communion at Bridge Church, 9.30 a.m.
 5 - 2nd Sunday after Christmas.
 6 - Monday. Feast of the Epiphany.
 Holy Communion at Bridge Church 7.00 a.m. and 9.30 a.m.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

- St. Peter's, Bridge
 20th October - Andrew Peter Barrett
St. Peter's, Bekesbourne
 27th October - David John Collard
 "REST ETERNAL GRANT UNTO THEM"
 3rd November - Edward Leycester Hawkins
St. Peter's, Bekesbourne
 4th November - Arthur Lawrence Ford

NOTES AND NEWS

Bekesbourne Mothers' Union will meet on 17th Dec. when Miss Grieggs, of the Bible Society, will give a Missionary talk.
 The W.I. Monthly Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 17th December at 7 o'clock. Talk with coloured slides on "The National Trust" by Miss R.B. Roy. Competition: Christmas Table decoration.
 On Saturday, 7th December, the W.I. will hold a Sale of Work in the Village Hall at 2.30 p.m.
League of Friends of Canterbury Hospitals - Bridge Group. A Whist Drive will be held at The Close, Bridge, on Wednesday, 11th December, beginning at 7 p.m. Will all members please try and support this effort.

W.M.C.

CHOIR

Dear Parishioners,

As you know, I have taken over as organist and choir master from David Maple. I am very interested in getting new members for the choir, and anyone interested in joining will be very welcome at the practices, which are now held on Sundays at 5.30 p.m. in the Church at Bridge.

J.G. Sinclair.
 Organist and Choirmaster.

VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patrixbourne and
Bekesbourne.

December brings to us once again the message of Christmas with its hope for mankind. The Christmas bells ring out their hymn of peace on earth, good will towards men or, as the other translation says, "peace on earth to men of good will". To all the Christian souls of the world it brings again fresh hope and a new birth of the only way of righteousness. It was to redeem the world - even the world of our generation - that Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary. "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us". So at Christmas, Anno Domini 1963 Faith, illumined by the Holy Ghost, bows in humble adoration before the manger at Bethlehem, in which we behold the Mystery of God made Man.

Christmas, too, is the Great Festival of the Home, and at one of the services on Christmas Day we should all be together in the "Father's" Home, His Church, to set the seal on our love for each other by worshipping together as one family within the "One" Family.

The spirit in which we ought to approach this Christmas Season is:-

- (1) Faith, in the wondrous mystery of the Incarnation.
- (2) Hope, in and for mankind, springing from the consciousness of our adoption into the family of God.
- (3) Love, responsive to the Divine Love which provides for our daily renewal.

You will find details of all Christmas Services on Page 2 of the Magazine.

May I wish you all, your families and your loved ones wherever they are, a Holy and Joyous Christmas.

Yours affectionately in our Lord,

COLIN E.H. PERRY.

Vicar.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATION

Will all those who wish to help decorate St. Peter's, Bridge for Christmas Day come to Church from 9.30 a.m. onwards on Christmas Eve, 24th December. Gifts of flowers or holly will be welcome at all three of our churches - Patrixbourne, Bridge and Bekesbourne.

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CHRISTMAS SICK COMMUNION

The Vicar would be glad to know of any who, because of sickness or old age, desire the administration of Holy Communion at their houses this Christmas-tide.

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CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 1963

Dec.

- 1 - 1st Sunday in Advent.
- 2 - Monday. Confirmation Class at Bekesbourne Schoolroom 6.00 p.m.
- 3 - Tuesday. Meeting of the Social Committee at the Vicarage 7.00 p.m.
- 4 - Wednesday. M.U. Corporate Communion 9.30 a.m.
" Confirmation Class at the Vicarage 6.30 p.m.
" Confirmation Class for adults at the Vicarage 7.30 p.m.
- 7 - Saturday. W.I. Sale of Work at Bridge Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.
- 8 - 2nd Sunday in Advent.
- 9 - Monday. Confirmation Class at Bekesbourne Schoolroom 6.00 p.m.
- 11 - Wednesday. Confirmation Class at the Vicarage 6.30 p.m.
" Confirmation Class for adults at the Vicarage 7.30 p.m.
Whist Drive at The Close 7.00 p.m.
- 15 - 3rd Sunday in Advent.
- 16 - Bridge with Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne M.U. 2.45 p.m. Methodist Church.
- 16 - Monday. Confirmation Class at Bekesbourne Schoolroom 6.00 p.m.