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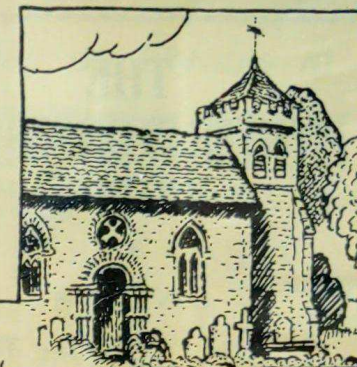
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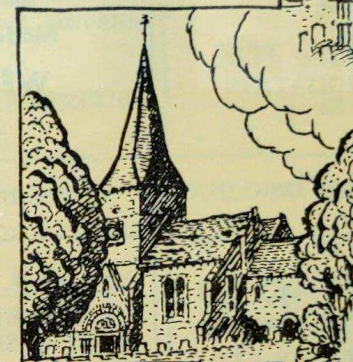
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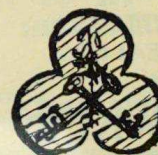
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SUNDAY SERVICES - JANUARY 1967

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BEKESBOURNE

1st January - 1st Sunday after Christmas

11 a.m. Matt. & Ser. 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
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8th January - 1st Sunday after the Epiphany

9 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	11 a.m. Matt. and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Comm. 3 p.m. Family Service
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15th January - 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

9 a.m. Sung Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Mr Holden</i>	11 a.m. Mattins and Sermon → 2
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22nd January - 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

8 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	9 a.m. Holy Communion <i>Septuagesima</i>	11 a.m. Mattins and Sermon 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion
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29th January - 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

9 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	11 a.m. Matt. and Sermon <i>Septuagesima</i>	8 a.m. Holy Communion
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My dear people,

I think our Christmas Market at Bridge was a great success. The result was utterly splendid. But besides the material aspect it was a happy family gathering. It was particularly nice to see the Brownies present and faithfully helping. I would like to thank everyone who helped to make it such a wonderful success. The feeling of real friendship that existed, the generosity with which people brought gifts for the stalls and gave of their time was tremendously encouraging. I send to you all my every kind wish and blessing for the New Year, the year of our Lord 1967, and may God's blessing and this wish extend to all your loved ones.

As we go forward into the New Year the dominant theme, as always as we face the future, will be hope, hope for the Church, for the world, hope for our country and Commonwealth, hope for our families and lastly, hope for ourselves simply to do God's will within the context of His good gift of life and time to us His children. But first, before entering the New Year, let us say a prayer of thanksgiving for all the blessings which we have received in the years that have passed.

The feast of the Epiphany is a very lovely season. "We have seen the star in the East and are come to worship him". Is this lovely story history or poetry? But the essential truth of the great Christian stories is what Christian experience has found in them. What is given in the Gospels is Christ as the first Christian generation knew him. What is important is not so much to speculate how the tradition reached its present form as to ask what it has to say to the world to-day. The manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles - represented and personified in the Magi, the three Wise Men - has been conceived as the dawning of the true light to the peoples of the world. "Natures shall come to the light and Kings to the brightness of thy rising". Such is the Christian hope I spoke of earlier in this letter, based on the sure foundation of Christ himself as the Lord of all life, the revealer both of man's meaning for God and God's meaning for man.

That is the true God and eternal life: this is what life itself really means.

I am beginning Confirmation classes on Thursday, the 12th January at 6.15 p.m. at Bekesbourne School and on Friday, the 13th January at 7.30 at the Vicarage. I should be most happy to arrange classes for adults at suitable times for them, if they would kindly let me know.

With every blessing,

Yours most sincerely,

COLIN E.H. PERRY

Vicar and Rural Dean.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

May they rest in peace

St. Peter's, Bridge

7th December 1966 Arthur John Jefferys
13th December 1966 Mabel Alice Wraight

Mrs. WRAIGHT

It was with great sadness that we all heard of the sudden death of Mrs. Wraight on 7th December. She will always be remembered as one who was ready to help everything and anyone in the village in any way she could. Being a founder member of Bridge W.I., she was an example to us all, in how to give of one's best and help in all the activities of the Institute, and her fellow members will miss her for many a monthly meeting to come.

V.C.D.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 1967

January

- 1st First Sunday after Christmas. Feast of the Circumcision.
4th Wednesday Mothers' Union and Young Wives Corporate Communion with Intercessions at Bridge Church 9.30 a.m.
6th Friday Feast of the Epiphany. Holy Communion at Bridge Church 7.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m.
8th First Sunday after Epiphany.
12th Thursday Confirmation Classes begin. 6.15 p.m. at Bekesbourne School.
13th Friday Confirmation Classes begin. 7.30 p.m. at the Vicarage.
15th Second Sunday after Epiphany.
17th Tuesday Women's Institute meeting at 7 p.m. at Bridge Village Hall.
18th Wednesday Meeting of P.C.C. at Bridge Primary School 7.30 p.m. Young Wives Meeting at Bridge Primary School 7.30 p.m.
22nd Third Sunday after Epiphany.
25th Wednesday Conversion of St. Paul. Holy Communion at Bridge Church 9.30 a.m.
25th Wednesday U.S.P.G. Missionary Film Evening and Bring and Buy Sale at Bridge Village Hall 7.30 p.m.
29th Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.

February

- 1st Wednesday Mothers' Union and Young Wives Corporate Communion with Intercessions at Bridge Church 9.30 a.m. Young Wives Meeting at Bridge Primary School 7.30 p.m.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will meet on Sunday, 1st January 1967 in Bridge Church at 9.30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS MARKET - 10th December 1966

Gifts and Stationery	£15.	7.	3.
Sweets	9.	16.	5.
Cakes	8.	16.	4.
Bottle Stall	9.	12.	4.
Jumble and White Elephant	3.	17.	1.
Handkerchiefs and Household Goods	6.	3.	10.
Christmas Decorations	6.	3.	7.
Christmas Tree	1.	10.	0.
Teas	7.	5.	0.
Raffle	7.	9.	3.
Weight of Chicken competition	1.	18.	2.
Name the doll competition	2.	0.	0.
Donation	1.	0.	0.
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Nett proceeds	£78.	1.	9.

This is an excellent result. As a matter of interest the proceeds from the Christmas Market in 1965 amounted to £67. 15. 3d.

U.S.P.G.

The annual Film Evening and Bring and Buy Sale will be held in the Reading Room Bridge on Wednesday, 25th January 1967 at 7.30 p.m. There will be a collection and proceeds will be given to the United Societies for the Propagation of the Gospel. Mrs. Meigh or Miss Wass will be pleased to receive gifts for the stall.

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THANK YOU

1. To all who helped with gifts and service towards the decoration of the Churches for Christmas.
2. To all who helped with the linen and cleaning of the Church for Christmas.
3. To the Organists, Miss Imogen Wiltshire, Mr. David Riceman, the Choir Master, Mr. Stanley Grey and members of the Choir for all they did to make the Carol Services so joyful and inspiring.

C.E.H.P.

YOUNG WIVES GROUP

Wednesday 4th January.

Mothers' Union and Young Wives Corporate Communion in Bridge Church at 9.30 a.m. Please bring your young children with you.

Wednesday 18th January.

At 7.30 p.m. in Bridge Primary School. A tape recording on sex instruction titled "Frankly Speaking". Mrs. Penn has kindly offered to come and help us with the discussion.

About 40 mothers and children will be going to the pantomime at St. Thomas Hall on Saturday, January 21st at 2.30 p.m. As the Hall is near the bus station, members are to find their own way there.

Wednesday February 1st

At 7.30 p.m. in Bridge Primary School, Mr. Fanow will talk about his work at the Cosmetics Factory at Willesborough.

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MOTHERS' UNION

Bridge

Wednesday 4th January. Corporate Communion at 9.30 a.m. in Bridge Church. "Wave of Prayer" intercessions will follow the Service. Please bring your copy of "Home and Family".

No Branch meetings will be held in January and February.

Bekesbourne

Tuesday, 17th January. Meeting of Bekesbourne M.U. at Bekesbourne Village Hall at 2.30 p.m.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Monthly Meeting will be held in Bridge Village Hall on Tuesday, 17th January 1967 at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Carless will give a talk on "My Experiences as a Policewoman".

Competition: A bowl of bulbs.

TINFOIL and ZULULAND

We were very happy to welcome quite a number of friends at Gordon House on 17th November, and we want to thank them for the interest they showed in this effort to link up their gifts of tinfoil and the work of the Church in that land.

Mr. Milton was untiring in showing the slides we had got from U.S.P.G. to illustrate this, and Dr. Morton, who had worked in Africa brought first-hand knowledge of medical work there and was able to interpolate some of this into the script of "Spotlight on Zululand" in a

TINFOIL and ZULULAND (Cont'd.)

delightful and informal manner, as she read it to us. She donated some lovely bits of handwork from a Home in South Africa, which were sold, and so with such gifts and the silver collection we were able to send £7.15.0. to U.S.P.G. The Society and the Zululand Diocesan Association had sent us books and Christmas cards on sale or return, of which we sold a very good number.

We felt we had to some extent achieved our object of connecting Tinfoil and its collection with the Church in Zululand, and we thank all those who helped in various ways to do this.

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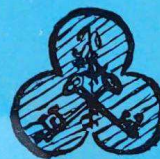
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SUNDAY SERVICES - FEBRUARY 1967

<u>BRIDGE</u>	<u>PATRIXBOURNE</u>	<u>BEKESBOURNE</u>
<u>5th February - Quinquagesima Sunday</u>		
11 a.m. Matt.& Ser. 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
<u>12th February - First Sunday in Lent</u>		
9 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon (Preacher Rev. Christopher Donaldson)	11 a.m. Matt. and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion 3 p.m. Family Service
<u>19th February - Second Sunday in Lent</u>		
9 a.m. Sung Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Mattins and Sermon
<u>26th February - Third Sunday in Lent</u>		
8 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	9 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Mattins and Sermon 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion
<u>5th March - Fourth Sunday in Lent</u>		
11 a.m. Matt.& Ser. 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm. * 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon (see below)	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion

* Preacher at 6.30 p.m. on 5th March at Bridge:
Revd. Alan Richardson, Rector of Barham.
Subject: Growth in the Life of the Spirit.

My dear people,

Ash Wednesday falls on the 8th February. Lent brings its challenge to us to take our religion seriously and faithfully. It brings the deep joys of peace, but it also should bring its steady discipline on which the security of our faith so much depends. Thus we learn to perceive the enabling power of Christ, learning to trust Christ and so to know the essential element of personal encounter with Him. Each one of us, each one of you who reads this letter has a trust committed to you personally by our Lord. Our Christian duty is to find and know that trust, and knowing it, fulfil this trust through God's power working in you.

The 12th February is the First Sunday in Lent. I am particularly asking all whom I have prepared for Confirmation during the time I have been with you to come to Holy Communion on this day and make there an act of re-dedication to God's will, making the resolve to be most faithful at the Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion, where there is always the personal encounter with our Lord. Note the times of Holy Communion on that day - 8 a.m. at Bekesbourne Church and 9 a.m. at Bridge Church. The Revd. Christopher Donaldson, Rector of St. Martin's with St. Paul's, Canterbury, will be preaching at Evensong at 6.30 p.m. at Bridge Church on the subject of Confirmation and the power of God the Holy Spirit, which is given to us personally at our Confirmation. Make a real effort to come to this service.

Lenten purses are available in our Churches. The money placed in them will be given to Missions for the Church Overseas, and they provide an opportunity for your Lenten self-denial to be expressed in the active extension of God's Kingdom in the world. I hope you will all make very good use of them. Unfortunately, and sadly, as you will notice in the Church Accounts for 1966, our missionary giving decreased considerably. Let us all make a determined effort to remedy this omission to fulfil our Lord's direct command "Go ye out into all the world".

With every blessing,

Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord,
COLIN E.H. PERRY, Vicar and Rural Dean.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

February

1st Wednesday Mothers' Union and Young Wives Corporate Communion at Bridge Church at 9.30 a.m.

1st " Young Wives meeting at Bridge School at 7.30 p.m.

2nd Thursday Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Communion at Bridge Church at 9.0 a.m.

5th Quinquagesima Sunday.

7th Shrove Tuesday.

7th Tuesday Save the Children Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale at St. Thomas' Hall, Canterbury Lane, 10.30 - 12 noon.

8th Ash Wednesday. First day of Lent. Holy Communion at Bridge Church at 9.30 a.m.

12th First Sunday in Lent. Preacher at Bridge Church at 6.30 p.m. The Revd. Christopher Donaldson, Rector of St. Martin's and St. Paul's, Canterbury.

15th Wednesday Young Wives meeting at 7.30 p.m. at Bridge School. Ember Day.

19th Second Sunday in Lent.

21st Tuesday Bekesbourne Mothers' Union 2.30 p.m. at Bekesbourne Village Hall. Women's Institute meeting in Bridge Village Hall at 7 p.m.

24th Friday St. Matthias A. & M. Holy Communion at Bridge Church at 7.30 a.m.

26th Third Sunday in Lent.

28th Tuesday Save the Children Fund Whist Drive in County Hotel, Canterbury, 6.45 for 7 p.m.

March

1st Wednesday M.U. and Y.W. Corporate Communion in Bridge Church 9.30 a.m.

1st " Young Wives meeting at Bridge School at 7.30 p.m.

5th Fourth Sunday in Lent. Preacher at 6.30 p.m. Bridge Church the Revd. Alan Richardson, Rector of Barham.

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15th January 1967

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Frances Violet Pierce

22nd January 1967

Martin Russell Arnison

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Sunday, 5th February 9.30 a.m.

" 12th February } 11 a.m.

" 19th February } 11 a.m.

" 26th February }

MOTHERS' UNION

Bridge

Wednesday, 1st February Corporate Communion with Intercessions, 9.30 a.m. in Bridge Church.

Bekesbourne

Tuesday, 21st February Speaker: Revd. John Gore, Vicar of Aylesham. 2.30 p.m. at Bekesbourne Village Hall.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, 21st February, at 7 p.m. in Bridge Village Hall, when Mrs. Graves will give a Travel Talk on "Thailand".

Competition: A jar of Marmalade.

BRIDGE and PATRIBOURNE SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

for the Year to December 1966

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	£. s. d.	£. s.
Church collections		506. 1.1
<u>F.W.O. Scheme</u>		
Envelopes	125. 17. 6.	
Covenants	<u>373. 12. 7.</u>	499. 10.
<u>Donations</u>		
Collections for Missions		44. 1.
Church collection boxes		40. 10.
Donations (including The Close)		86. 15.
<u>Church Yards</u>		
Trust income	50. 9. 1.	
Bridge P.C. Grant	20. 0. 0.	
Sundry income	<u>18. 0. 0.</u>	
	88. 9. 1.	
Less Cost of Maintenance	<u>70. 2. 2.</u>	18. 6.1
<u>Other Income (Trusts etc.)</u>		60. 17.1
<u>Special Efforts</u>		
Summer Fete	118. 10. 6.	
Christmas Market	78. 10. 9.	
Bridge Kneeler Fund	4. 1. 6.	
" Church Chancel Fund	<u>81. 6. 0.</u>	282. 8.
Non-Recurring items - see overleaf		<u>£1,538. 12.</u>

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PAYMENTS

	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Wages - Salaries		186. 0. 8.
Light, Heat, Water		265. 19. 4.
Insurance		78. 13. 7.
Repairs - Maintenance		297. 10. 4.
Church Services		32. 6. 9.
<u>Diocesan Expenses</u>		
Quots	239. 10. 0.	
Scheme 'K'	25. 0. 0.	
Vicarage dilapidations	37. 1. 9.	
" Rates	40. 10. 4.	
Fees	<u>1. 1. 0.</u>	343. 3. 1.
Sundry Subscriptions		5. 2. 0.
Sundry Expenses		35. 3. 4.
<u>Donations</u>		
Home Missions	1. 0. 0.	
Overseas Missions	46. 17. 10.	
General Charities	17. 12. 6.	
Easter Offering	<u>52. 13. 9.</u>	118. 4. 1.
Patribourne Guide Book. Net cost of printing		7. 15. 8.
<u>Church Magazine</u>		
Cost of Production	196. 0. 0.	
Less Subscriptions and Advertisements	<u>135. 8. 4.</u>	60. 11. 8.
Balance C/F		<u>108. 1. 9.</u>
		<u>£1,538. 12. 3.</u>

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NON-RECURRING ITEMS

RECEIPTS

	£.	s.	d.
Balance Brought Forward	108.	1.	9.
S.E. Trustee Savings Bank Net withdrawals	100.	0.	0.
Ecclesiastical Insurance Group. Compensation for damage to Bridge Wall	85.	0.	0.
Opening Balance	449.	10.	10.

£742. 12. 7.

NOTE: All the above figures have been extracted from the Cash Book. They may not correspond with the amounts shown in the final accounts, owing to apportionment of various items and other adjustments.

THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

Canterbury Branch

There will be a Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale in aid of the Society's Sponsored Child, on Tuesday, 7th February, in St. Thomas' Hall, Canterbury Lane, 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon, with Cake Stall, Fancy Goods and Raffle.

Also, on Tuesday, 28th February, a Whist Drive will be held in the County Hotel, Canterbury, at 6.45 p.m. for 7 p.m. Tickets will be obtainable at the door.

Your support for these efforts will be greatly appreciated.

E.G.

NON-RECURRING ITEMS

PAYMENTS

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
<u>Bridge Church</u>						
Cost of work carried out in 1965	579.	7.	4.			
<u>Less</u> Contribution from Anderson Trust	443.	6.	3.	136.	1.	1.
<u>Bridge Church</u>						
Repairs to Churchyard Wall				85.	0.	0.
Installing additional Heating				67.	13.	9.
Removing Grave footstones				37.	10.	0.
<u>Closing Balance</u>						
Held for Bridge Chancel Fund	81.	6.	0.			
Held for Bridge Kneeler Fund	21.	3.	0.			
Applicable to P.C.C.	313.	18.	9.	416.	7.	9.

£742. 12. 7.

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THE CLOSE

Evensong is sung at 5 p.m. at The Close every Sunday (except the first Sunday in the month when Holy Communion is celebrated). An invitation is extended to any parishioner or friend of The Close to attend these Services, especially to those of you who live at Churchill House.

We are urgently in need of anyone who can play the harmonium or the small electric organ at these services. If there is anyone who is willing will they kindly let the Matron or the Vicar know.

P.C.C. - Hon. Treasurer's Report

The financial results in 1966 were not as favourable as they were in 1965.

For convenience the accounts have been divided into two parts - normal items and non-recurring items.

Dealing with normal items first: when allowance is made for the contributions to the Bridge Chancel Fund, £81.6.0, and the Bridge Kneelers Fund, £4.1.6, there was a surplus of only £22.14.3, compared with over £250 last year. The reasons for this are that during 1966 we had to spend nearly £300 on repairs to the two churches, an increase of £214 over 1965. We also made a loss of more than £60 on the Church Magazine (compared with a profit of £4 in 1965) due to a considerable increase in the cost of production, combined with a fall in both subscriptions and revenue from advertisements. We cannot afford a loss of this nature and it was as a result of this that the P.C.C. decided to increase the price of the magazine to 6d. as from 1st January last.

Turning to the non-recurring items: the amount realised from the Anderson Trust was insufficient to pay for the work carried out to Bridge Church in 1965 and £136 had to be found from our own resources. In addition to this, £68 was spent in an attempt to improve the heating in Bridge Church and £38 on removing the foot-stones from the graves in Bridge Churchyard, to facilitate cutting the grass. To cover this expenditure we had to withdraw £100 from our reserves in the S.E. Trustee Savings Bank (which now stand at £504) and reduce our share of the Bank Balance by £136.

The fall in receipts from the Free Will Offering scheme by £23 and the reduction of magazine subscriptions by £10 compared with 1965 is disappointing. Costs are bound to rise and we are faced with costly repairs to both churches in the near future. It is therefore vitally important that we should make every effort to build up our reserves.

C.A. Potter.

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LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF THE HOSPITALS

Bridge Group

The above Group will hold their Annual General Meeting at The Close, Union Road, on Wednesday, 1st March at 7.30 p.m. All old members are urged to come and all new ones welcomed. It is interesting and it is worthwhile. Come and See.

Frances E. Apps,
Hon. Secretary, Bridge
Group L.O.F.

May I thank the following collectors in the Bridge Group for their untiring efforts in making their annual collection of subscriptions amongst our members in Bridge, Patricbourne, Bekesbourne and Bishopsbourne: Mesdames Apps, Clarke, Harris, Lawrence, Milton, Pratt, Rood, Shorter, Webb and West, Miss Douglas and Messrs. Pratt and Milton. Between them they have called on 317 members. New members would be welcomed to this very worthy cause at a subscription rate of 2/6d. per year. Our collectors will shortly be making their calls for 1967 and will be pleased to explain the objects of the League to any interested person. It is with regret the committee has accepted the resignation of Miss Douglas as collector for Bekesbourne and district after many years of good work for the Group. However, it is with pleasure I announce that Mr. and Mrs. Warnes of Bekesbourne have taken her place and will be calling on new and old members in the future.

M. Milton,
Hon. Treasurer.

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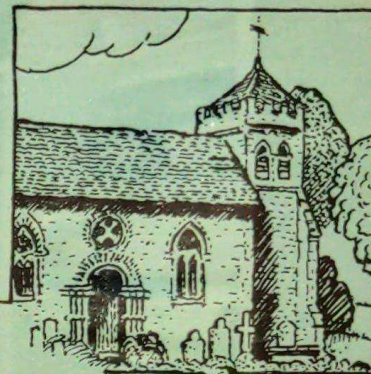
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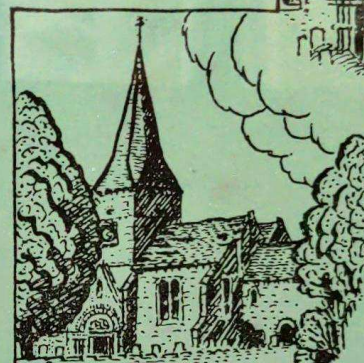
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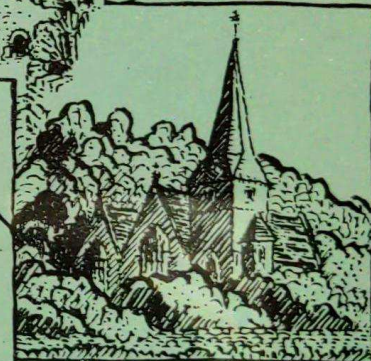
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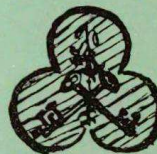
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SUNDAY SERVICES - MARCH 1967

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

5th March - Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)

11 a.m. Matt. & Ser.* 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon (Preacher: Rev. Alan Richardson)	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
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* Mothering Sunday Service:
Presentation of Mothering Sunday Cards

12th March - Fifth Sunday in Lent (Passion Sunday)

9 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	11 a.m. Matt. and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Comm. 3 p.m. Family Service
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19th March - Palm Sunday

9 a.m. Sung Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. The Choir will sing "The Cross of Christ"	8 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. The Choir will sing "The Cross of Christ"
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Distribution of Palms at all Services

26th March - EASTER DAY

See elsewhere for details of Holy Week and
Easter Day Services.

2nd April - 1st Sunday after Easter (Low Sunday)

11 a.m. Matt. & Ser. 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
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My dear People,

During this month there are really three events which provide an opportunity for both Church people and those not so closely identified with our parish churches to become practising members of His family. First we have Palm Sunday, followed by Holy Week, which enables us to enter into and penetrate spiritually with the meaning of the dramatic events of Palm Sunday and Our Lord's Passion, leading up to the Crucifixion of Our Lord on the Cross of Calvary.

Secondly, we have Easter Day, which is the central festival in the life of God's continuing Church. Easter Day comes to us quite clearly as a call to renewal. Easter teaches us that the personality of Jesus survived death and made itself manifest to His disciples in living power. What we have to understand clearly is that there sprang from Jesus the Christian Church, a society which is His body - in the sense that it is an extension of His life and spirit, upholding by worship and deed His standards of how human society as a whole should reorganize itself in unselfishness and love. The divine life is at work within it and therefore "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Thus there flows from Jesus a movement which has significance for history; which shows that God is working His purposes out in the world of time. We in our time are within the content of God's purposes.

Thirdly there will take place at Bridge Church on the 30th March the event of another Confirmation in the history of our Church.

Confirmation is meant to confirm you in the Faith. We must all be evangelists, even aggressive evangelists in days when it is common to hear the Christian Faith attacked both in school and at work. Confirmation means too becoming a full member of the Church, asking for a resolution of loyal membership and attendance at church at least once each Sunday. It is an act whereby we make a definite dedication of our lives to God, which dedication is met by His blessing.

But most of all we are quickened by the gift of the Holy Spirit. By our prayer and imposition of the hand of the Bishop they, the candidates, obtain the Holy Spirit and are perfected by the seal of the Lord. To fix a seal to a document gives to the document an added security, impressing upon it the mark of its true character. So too at Confirmation, a seal is put to what has already been done in Baptism, when the child becomes a member of Christ.

There is a matter of great importance to which I would like to draw your attention. During the last month we have had to have by law the quinquennial survey of the Churches of St. Peter's, Bekesbourne and St. Mary's, Patricxbourne. It will of necessity involve us in much expense, the cost of which is yet to be estimated, but which is likely to be quite considerable. The maintenance, for example, of Bekesbourne Church falls on a comparatively few faithful people, who feel quite humanly a little despair that it has reached the point where it is beyond their resources. Yet the Churches, with the administration of the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Christian burial exist for all. We have to ask ourselves how poor a place it would be if the Church were not set in the midst of us. If any of you would like to help to maintain our churches, which indeed is our bounden duty as Christians, free will envelopes will gladly be sent to you, if you would let me know or the Hon. Treasurers, Mr. Stanley Grey, Mill Cottage, Bekesbourne for Bekesbourne Church or Mr. C.A. Potter, Field House, Bridge for Patricxbourne and Bridge Churches. Do give this matter your careful and prayerful thought.

With every blessing,

Yours affectionately in our Blessed Lord,

COLIN E.H. PERRY

Vicar and Rural Dean.

HOLY WEEK

	<u>Bridge</u>	<u>Patricxbourne</u>	<u>Bekesbourne</u>
Monday, 20th March	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion		
Tuesday, 21st March		8 a.m. Holy Communion	
Wednesday, 22nd March	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion		
Maundy Thursday, 23rd March	7.30 a.m. Holy Communion		9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Good Friday, 24th March	8 a.m. Ante- Communion 2 - 3 p.m. Devotional Service		11 a.m. Mattins and Sermon

EASTER DAY SERVICES - 26th March

<u>St. Peter's, Bridge</u>	8 a.m. Holy Communion 11 a.m. Mattins and Sermon (Easter Family Service) 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Festal Evensong
<u>St. Mary's, Patricxbourne</u>	8 a.m. Holy Communion
<u>St. Peter's, Bekesbourne</u>	8 a.m. Holy Communion 11 a.m. Mattins and Sermon (Easter Family Service) 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion 3 p.m. Holy Baptism and Short Family Service

EASTER DECORATIONS

Bridge Church

Decoration of the Church will begin at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday, 25th March. Helpers and gifts of flowers will be welcome. If anyone wishes to give a lily "in remembrance" will they please give 2/6d. to Mrs. Ledger before Holy Week.

Patricxbourne Church

Decoration of the Church will begin at 3.30 p.m. on the afternoon of Good Friday, 24th March. Helpers and gifts of flowers will be welcome.

Bekesbourne Church

Decoration of the Church will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 25th March. Helpers are required. Floral gifts to the Church or money to buy Easter Lilies and flowers please send to Mrs. Sandal, School House, Bekesbourne.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Peter's, Bridge

January 29th

Christopher James Hudson

Emma Jane Patten

February 5th

Adrian Roger Vaughan

JUNIOR CHURCH, Bridge

5th March

No morning meeting.

Prize giving and films at 3 p.m. in the Village Hall. All parents are invited.

12th, 19th, 26th March

11 a.m.

2nd April

9.30 a.m.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 1967

- 1st Wednesday Mothers' Union and Young Wives Corporate Communion at Bridge Church 9.30 a.m. Young Wives Meeting at Bridge School 7 p.m.
- 2nd Thursday Bekesbourne School Whist Drive at Bekesbourne Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.
- 5th Fourth Sunday in Lent. Junior Church Prize Giving and Films in Bridge Village Hall at 3 p.m. Preacher at Bridge Church at 6.30 p.m. the Revd. Alan Richardson, Rector of Barham.
- 8th Wednesday Bekesbourne P.C.C. meeting at Bekesbourne School at 7.30 p.m.
- 12th Fifth Sunday in Lent.
- 15th Wednesday Young Wives Meeting at 7.30 p.m. at Bridge Village School.
- 16th Thursday Bridge Parish Council Annual Meeting at Bridge Village Hall 7.30 p.m.
- 19th Palm Sunday.
- 20th Monday Mothers' Union meeting at 37, Haywards Cottages, Union Road at 2.45 p.m.
- 20th Monday Bekesbourne Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meeting at Bekesbourne School at 7.30 p.m.
- 21st Tuesday Women's Institute meeting at Bridge Village Hall 7 p.m.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 1967 (Cont'd.)

24th Good Friday.
26th EASTER DAY.
29th Wednesday Bridge and Patricxbourne Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meeting in Bridge Village Hall 7.30 p.m.
30th Thursday Confirmation at Bridge Church 7.30 p.m. by the Bishop of Dover.

April

2nd First Sunday after Easter.
4th Tuesday Annunciation of the B.V.M. Holy Communion at Bridge Church at 9.30 a.m. (Transferred from March 25th)

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

Bekesbourne The Easter Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Monday, 20th March, at 7.30 p.m. in Bekesbourne School Room.

Bridge and Patricxbourne The Easter Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 29th March, at 7.30 p.m. in Bridge Village Hall.

These are important meetings and it is hoped that as many people as possible will attend to elect their Churchwardens and members of the P.C.C., and to hear reports of what has been done and is being done for their Churches.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Patricxbourne The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in Bridge Village School on Tuesday, 21st March, at 7.30 p.m.

O.M.

Bridge The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday, 16th March, at 7.30 p.m. and the agenda will have been exhibited by the time this magazine is issued.

Among the items for discussion are "Main Drainage", "By-Pass" and "Car Park", which have been included because of the concern expressed in many directions. Incidentally, these matters are outside the scope of the Parish Council, but that body has made active representations and it is intended, if possible, to arrange for a representative from a higher authority to be present to tell us what the future prospects are.

This particular meeting will be of considerable importance to the village and the subjects under review will deserve a better representation than in former years, when perhaps 25 people attended. With an electorate of more than 950 this is not good enough and it is hoped there will be a large gathering.

A. Stickels,
Chairman of the Parish Council.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 21st March, at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Lecture Recital "What's in Music" by Peter Blunt.
Competition: Decorated Easter Egg.

The Group Meeting is on Monday, 13th March, at Denton.

MOTHERS' UNION

Bridge

- 1st March M.U. Corporate Communion with Intercessions in Bridge Church 9.30 a.m.
- 20th March M.U. Branch Meeting in 37, Hayward's Cottages Union Road at 2.45 p.m.
Business meeting. Letter from Ethiopia.

BEKESBOURNE NOTES

Bekesbourne School Whist Drives are held on the first Thursdays of the month at 7.15 p.m. in Bekesbourne Village Hall.

Bekesbourne Village Hall Whist Drives are held on the third Thursday of the month.

The Church Maye Fayre will take place on the afternoon of the first Saturday in May, 6th May, at Bekesbourne School room.

YOUNG WIVES GROUP

1st March, Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

Mr. D. Cole-Jones, Headmaster of Holy Cross C.P. School will talk on "Going to School". He will give members plenty of time to ask questions and will answer your problems.

15th March, Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

Mr. Farrow will talk on his work at the Cosmetics factory at Willesbrough.

29th March, Wednesday.

A visit has been arranged to Messrs. Nicholas Kingsman Bakery in Sturry Road. A coach has been booked and further details will be given at the meeting on 15th March.

BRIDGE CHURCH FETE

Please keep Saturday, 20th May, free. The Summer Fete will be held on that day at the Village School and it is hoped that it will have your full and enthusiastic support this year. A list of stalls and stall-holders will appear in next month's magazine.

PATRIXBOURNE CHURCH RESTORATION

The P.C.C. commissioned the architect, Mr. J.C. Clague, to carry out an inspection of Patrixbourne Church in accordance with the Diocesan instructions. Thanks to the work which has been undertaken in the past the church is in a reasonably good state of repair, but the following items require urgent attention:

1. Re-pointing of external flint walls.
2. Repairs to the stone work of various windows.
3. It is also possible that the roof and internal wood-work may require treatment against rot and insect damage.

Mr. Clague estimates that the cost of re-pointing the walls will be about £500, and repairing the worst of the windows a further £200. The P.C.C. has instructed him to obtain tenders for this work, and also to have the roof inspected by a specialist firm.

Our existing reserves, amounting to some £500 between the two churches, are quite inadequate to cover expenditure of this size and the P.C.C. will approach various bodies which are prepared to assist with the restoration of ancient churches; but in order to succeed it is essential that we should be seen to have raised a reasonable sum of money from within our own resources.

It has therefore been decided to make a special appeal for donations towards the cost of restorations to Patrixbourne Church. Contributions will be gratefully received by the Vicar or the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. C.A. Potter, Field House, Bridge, Canterbury.

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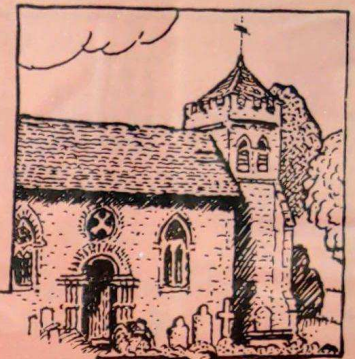
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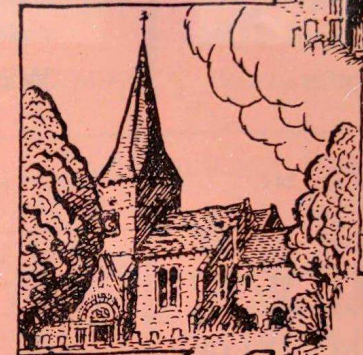
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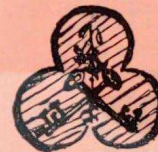
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BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

2nd April - First Sunday after Easter

11 a.m. Matt. & Ser.
11.45 a.m. Holy Comm.
6.30 p.m. Evensong
and Sermon

8 a.m. Holy
Communion

9.30 a.m. Sung
Holy Communion

9th April - Second Sunday after Easter

9 a.m. Holy Comm.
6.30 p.m. Evensong
and Sermon

11 a.m. Matt.
and Sermon

8 a.m. Holy
Communion
3 p.m. Family
Service

16th April - Third Sunday after Easter

9 a.m. Sung Holy
Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong
and Sermon

8 a.m. Holy
Communion

11 a.m. Matt.
and Sermon

23rd April - Fourth Sunday after Easter

8 a.m. Holy Comm.
6.30 p.m. Evensong
and Sermon

9 a.m. Holy
Communion

11 a.m. Matt.
and Sermon
11.45 a.m. Holy
Communion

30th April - Fifth Sunday after Easter

9 a.m. Holy Comm.
6.30 p.m. Evensong
and Sermon

11 a.m. Matt.
and Sermon

8 a.m. Holy
Communion

(1)

My dear People,

First I would like to welcome into the family of the Church all who, by the time this letter reaches you, will have been confirmed. One always prays that those whom one had prepared for confirmation will make a life-long witness to the faith of Christ and so faithful by prayer and sacrament in the life of the Church. I hope we shall all remember them in our prayers and welcome them in our midst. The Church is the blessed company of all faithful people. Each human soul that is united to him by faith and sacrament is a part of the living whole. We all have the responsibility to share to the full in the life of the Church. In Confirmation we see the wonder of the continuity of the Church throughout all ages.

Please make a note of certain important dates. First, on May 6th we are holding our Bekebourne Church Maye Fayre. We rely considerably on this Fete for the every day expenses of maintaining this Church. Bekebourne Church is also facing the problem of raising enough money to make a start on certain essential repairs to the fabric of the church. I am inviting members of Bridge and Patrixbourne churches to come to support Bekebourne with their presence on this day or with gifts or donations.

On Saturday, May 13th, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Mr. and Mrs. John Mount of Woolton Farm, Bekebourne, are opening their lovely gardens, which should then be at their best, for the benefit of Bekebourne Church.

Then, on Saturday, 20th May, Bridge and Patrixbourne Churches are holding their Summer Fete. May I remind helpers and stallholders for this Fete that there will be a meeting at the Vicarage at 8 p.m. on Monday, 17th April.

During this month we have the opportunity of listening to the Epistles and Gospels of five Sundays after Easter. I commend them to your reading and meditation.

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There is one word throughout which attracts and rivets our attention; so brief and yet so pregnant with meaning. It is the Saviour's greeting to his disciples, "Peace" - "Peace be unto you". To them came this greeting, conveying to them the assurance of their Master's presence among them, a Presence unchanged by His sojourn in the grave, a Presence with the changeless attributes of power and love. It was "the same Jesus". This message comes to us with the same beauty and the same force. A message old, but ever new. Human hearts are the same and the world in its attitude to Christ and His Church is the same. He stands among us as of old, and still He speaks in the closed chambers of our hearts "Peace be unto you".

Yours very sincerely,

COLIN E.H. PERRY

Vicar and Rural Dean.

THANKS

May I express grateful thanks to Mrs. Cherry and Mrs. Apps for the gift of a silver wafer box for St. Peter's Church, Bridge, in memory of William Apps - Requiescat in pace.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

St. Peter's, Bridge
Holy Baptism

26th February 1967

26th February 1967

17th March 1967

Shaun Michael Eley

Margaret Hamilton-Brown

Amanda Jane Buckmaster

St. Mary's, Patricxbourne
Holy Matrimony

5th March 1967

Alan Hatswell Monica Davies

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

St. Peter's, Bekesbourne
Holy Baptism

12th March 1967

Alison Melita Cotter

Holy Matrimony

4th March 1967

William Miller Joy Elizabeth Wood

ST. PETER'S, BRIDGE JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church had their prize-giving event in the Village Hall on Sunday, 5th March at 3 p.m. The Vicar opened with prayer. The Area Secretary of U.S.P.G. showed an interesting film of work in Borneo. He then presented prizes to the children. The senior boys presented the Secretary with £5 from their Sunshine Guild, which will go to help the sick in Kwamagwaza, South Africa, where Bishop Savage was nursed when he was very ill and later died there.

Miss Wass kindly lent her stuffed birds, given by an uncle who had been in Borneo and the children showed great interest in them.

This made a very happy afternoon.

Junior Church will meet in Bridge Church at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday 2nd April, and at 11 a.m. on April 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.

MOTHERS' UNION

Bridge Corporate Communion in Bridge Church at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 5th April, with Intercessions. Branch meeting will be held in Bekesbourne on Tuesday, 18th April at 2.30 p.m.

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CALENDAR FOR APRIL 1967

- March
30th Thursday Confirmation at Bridge Church at 7.30 pm.
April
2nd First Sunday after Easter.
4th Tuesday Annunciation of the B.V.M. Holy Communion at Bridge Church at 9.30 a.m.
Meeting of League of Friends of Hospitals 7.30 p.m. at The Close.
5th Wednesday M.U. and Young Wives Corporate Communion 9.30 a.m. at Bridge Church.
9th Second Sunday after Easter.
11th Tuesday Young Wives to Wingham.
16th Third Sunday after Easter.
17th Monday Social Committee and helpers of Summer Fete meeting at the Vicarage 8 p.m.
18th Tuesday Mothers' Union Branch meeting at Bekesbourne 2.30 p.m.
" Womens' Institute meeting at Village Hall at 7 p.m.
22nd Saturday Bridge Village Exhibition at Bridge Village Hall 2.30 p.m.
23rd Fourth Sunday after Easter.
25th Tuesday St. Mark E. & M. Holy Communion at Bridge Church 9.30 a.m.
26th Wednesday Young Wives meeting at Bridge School 7.30 p.m.
27th Thursday Archdeacon's Visitation 7.30 p.m.
29th Saturday League of Friends of Hospitals Jumble Sale 2.30 p.m. at Bridge Village Hall.
30th Fifth Sunday after Easter.
May
1st Monday SS. Philip and James, A.A.M.M. Holy Communion 9.30 a.m. at Bridge Church.
4th Ascension Day. Holy Communion at Bridge Church 9.30 a.m. Evensong and Sermon at Bridge Church 7 p.m.
6th Saturday Bekesbourne Maye Fayre 2.30 - 5 p.m. at Bekesbourne School.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU
GETTING TO KNOW YOUR VILLAGE

This is the title of an EXHIBITION OF VILLAGE ACTIVITIES to be held in Bridge Village Hall on Saturday, 22nd April, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Societies taking part extend a very cordial welcome to all residents of Bridge and Patricbourne to come along and see for themselves the life of the community. There will be an opportunity of finding out more about your village and of meeting others interested in forming other clubs.

Please come along and do what you can to make life in our village interesting, friendly and worthwhile. Even if you are not a newcomer, please come - you will, we feel sure, find much to interest you.

Admission is, of course, free, entertainment will, we hope, be provided at intervals by some of the groups, and refreshments will be on sale.

This event is being sponsored by the Parish Council, the Chairman for the exhibition is Mr. A. Stickels, Lloret Cottage, Beech Hill, and the Secretary is Mrs. J.D. Smith, 4, The Terrace, High Street, Bridge.

YOUNG WIVES GROUP

On Tuesday, 11th April, Wingham Young Wives and Mothers' Union have invited our group to a cheese and wine party, followed by a Brains Trust, to be held at Wingham Village Hall. Please note this is a Tuesday evening and not a Wednesday. A coach has been booked and will pick up members at Highland Court entrance at 7 p.m. or at the bus stop in the High Street at 7.5 p.m. Husbands are welcome to come.

On Wednesday, 26th April at 7.30 p.m. in Bridge Primary School, Mrs. Elvey will talk on the work of the St. John's Ambulance.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Tuesday, 18th April at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall.
48th Birthday meeting - "Members' Night".

The Annual Council meeting of the E.K.F.W.I. will
be held on the same day at the Marlowe Theatre.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF THE HOSPITALS

Bridge Group

A Jumble Sale will be held in the Village Hall on
Saturday, 29th April at 2.30 p.m. in aid of the funds of
the Bridge Group. Articles may be left at "The Close"
or with Mrs. Milton, Dover Cottage, High Street, Bridge,
or arrangements for collections can be made. Please
support this worthy cause, remembering that somebody
could utilise what you discard.

M. Milton, Hon. Treasurer.

WANTED:

Hop trainers required at Parsonage farm, Bekesbourne
1st week in May. Apply Messrs. T. Ash & Sons, at the
above address. Transport provided.

ANNUAL CHURCH FETE

As stated last month the Summer Fete will be held
at the Village School on Saturday, 20th May. Please do
everything you can to supply the stallholders with
plenty to sell and with plenty of purchasers to ensure
that they sell all they have! The Churches of both
Bridge and Patricbourne are in urgent need of financial
support this year and this is a way in which all can
help.

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ANNUAL CHURCH FETE (Continued)

The following is a list of stalls and stallholders:-

Garden Produce	Captain and Mrs. Farish- Sandbach Mrs. Baker
Groceries and Cosmetics	Mrs. Irvine and Mrs. Turpin
Stationery and Fancy Goods	Mr. and Mrs. J. Kelsey
Cakes	Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Meigh, Miss C. Barker and Mrs. Ledger
White Elephant	Mrs. Dove
Bottle Stall	Mr. Hoare
Raffle	Mr. Pentin and Mr. Johnson
Side Shows	Young Wives and Brownies
Teas	Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Greenwood

Children of the School will give a display of
dancing during the afternoon.

There will be a Children's Fancy Dress Competition.

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There will be a Coffee Morning with Bring and Buy Sale held in "Garth", Meadow Close, Bridge, by kind permission of Mrs. Kelsey on Thursday April 27th, 10.30 a.m. until 12 noon, in aid of the Churches' Social Work in the Canterbury Diocese.

Extract from 'Thanet and the Cinque Ports', Vol. 2, by E.W. Brayley, published by Sherwood, Neely & Jones 1818.

Pages 114, 115.

Bekesbourne

The parish of Bekesbourne, or Beakesbourne, as it is not unfrequently spelt, is a member of the Cinque Port of Hastings, in Sussex; although fifty miles from that town, and within a short distance from Canterbury. Its name is derived from the family of Beke, who were anciently its owners; and from its situation on the Lesser Stour, or Bourne. In the reign of Henry the Third, William de Beke held this manor in grand serjeantry by the service of 'finding one ship for the King, whenever he passed the seas, and presenting to him three marks'. In the reign of Henry the Sixth, it was alienated to Archbishop Chicheley, and certain trustees, who conveyed it to the Priory of Christ Church, Canterbury; to which it belonged at the period of the Dissolution. It was then granted to Thomas Colepepper, Esq. the Elder, of Bedgbury; who, about three years afterwards, exchanged it for the manor of Bishops-bourne and other premises, with Archbishop Cranmer; and it now belongs to the See of Canterbury.

The Priors of Christ Church had a pleasant House and Chapel here, which were enlarged and converted into a Palace by Archbishop Cranmer. During the Civil Wars, this Palace was pillaged, and almost dilapidated, by the Parliamentary fanatics; but after the Restoration, the remaining offices were fitted up as a dwelling.

Extract from 'Thanet and the Cinque Ports' (continued).
Vol. 2, by E.W. Brayley.

Great alterations have since been made; and the Gateway, which had on it the arms of Cranmer, and the date 1552, has been pulled down. The Church, dedicated to St. Peter, is a long and narrow building, now much dilapidated, particularly the West end. Among the monuments is one in the chancel, with the figure of a Knight in armour, in memory of Sir Henry Palmer, who died in 1611. This village consists of a few houses only.

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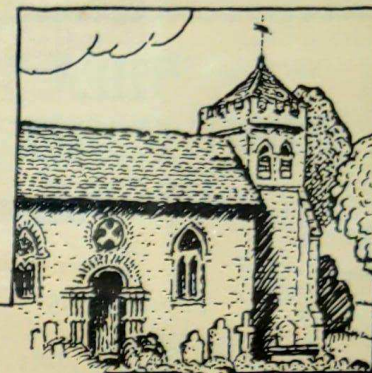
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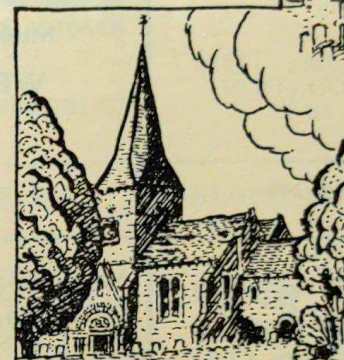
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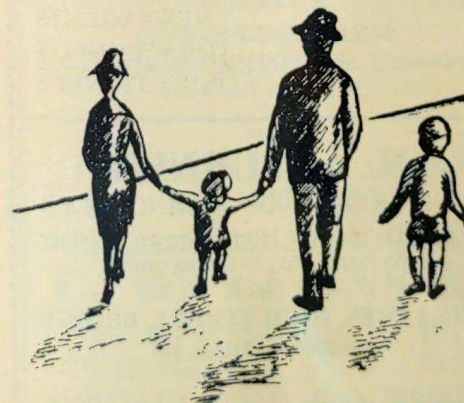
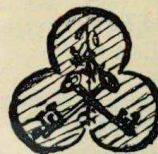
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SUNDAY SERVICES - May 1967

Bridge Patrixbourne Bekesbourne

7th May - Sunday after Ascension

11 a.m. Matt. & Ser. 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
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14th May - Whit Sunday

9 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	11 a.m. Matt. and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Comm. 3 p.m. Family Service
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21st May - Trinity Sunday

9 a.m. Sung Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Mattins and Sermon
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28th May - First Sunday after Trinity

8 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	9 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Mattins and Sermon 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion
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4th June - Second Sunday after Trinity

11 a.m. Matt. & Ser. 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
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Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patrixbourne and
Bekesbourne,

During this month we keep the great church festivals of the Ascension of our Lord, the birthday of the Church, Whit Sunday, and the great doctrinal feast of the Holy Trinity.

The Ascension of our Lord tells us of the ultimate dignity of man, that "where He is, thither we might also ascend and reign with Him in glory". Ascension Day too reminds us that Jesus has taken out humanity into the Eternal Presence in Heaven, where He ever liveth to make intercession for the same, this our humanity. In this age, when we are preoccupied and seem to be in the grip of material things and forces, it is well to be reminded of the Lordship of Christ, that all things have been committed into His hands of things in heaven and things in earth.

Whit Sunday reminds us of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. We, in our generation, still live in this Dispensation of the Spirit, and His gifts are no less available to us on Whit Sunday 1967 than on the first Pentecost. Each believer receives this self-same gift and with the help of this Holy Spirit we continue in our generation and age the life of the Church.

Trinity Sunday is a day when we affirm our faith in the majestic words of the Athanasian Creed. Trinity Sunday directs attention to the doctrine of God as summarizing what Christians learnt in the events between Advent and Whit Sunday. The truth of God as manifested in creation, in history and in present experience could not be told if God were conceived as just one person like a single human person. Yet the Father's majesty must consist with the Son's sufferings and victory, and with the Spirit's striving as he "helpeth our infirmities" while "forming himself" in us. Only as man maintains a living trust in God as creator, redeemer and sanctifier is he freed from moral despair and assured of ultimate victory.

In the final words of the Athanasian Creed "He therefore that wishes to be saved (i.e. to be secure) must thus think of the Trinity" - "acknowledge the glory of the Eternal Trinity" and "worship the Unity".

This month also brings two important annual events viz. Bekesbourne Church Maye Fayre on Saturday afternoon, 6th May, at Bekesbourne School grounds and Bridge and Patrixbourne Churches Summer Fete on Saturday afternoon, 20th May, at Bridge School grounds. These are always happy events. I do hope that Bridge and Patrixbourne will support Bekesbourne and Bekesbourne support Bridge. This year, with repairs to both Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne Churches, we shall need all the help and support we can muster.

I would also like to mention again that on Saturday, 13th May, from 2 - 6 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. John Mount of Woolton Farm, Bekesbourne are opening their garden for the benefit of Bekesbourne Church.

Yours sincerely,

COLIN E.H. PERRY

Rural Dean and Vicar

The Vicar wishes to thank you for your most kind offerings at Easter. It was indeed thoughtful of you.

COLIN E.H. PERRY.

The Vicar is grateful to all who have contributed to the Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne Church Fabric Appeals.

DIOCESAN MOTHERS' UNION FESTIVAL

The Cathedral

Wednesday, 10th May, at 3 p.m.

Preacher - The Rt. Rev. Bishop S.W. Betts,

Dean of Rochester

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Peter's, Bekesbourne

26th March 1967	...	Ian White
26th March 1967	...	Gillian Gay Ash
16th April 1967	...	Helen Catherine Churchward

Holy Matrimony

St. Peter's, Bridge

25th March 1967	...	Peter Charles Tapley
		Doreen Prickett

ASCENSION DAY SERVICES - 4th May 1967

7.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at Bridge Church.
9.30 a.m.	Joint Children's Service with Bridge and Bekesbourne Schools at Patrixbourne Church. Parents are invited.
7.00 p.m.	Choral Evensong will be sung in St. Peter's, Bridge. It is hoped that parishioners from all three parishes will attend and support the joint choir in their effort to raise money to help meet the very heavy bills which will have to be met with regard to the fabric repairs so urgently required by Bekesbourne and Patrixbourne churches.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICES - 4th May 1967 (Cont'd.)

The choir are trying hard to make this service as beautiful as they can. You, on your part, can encourage them very much by your attendance.

S.H.G.

JUNIOR CHURCH, BRIDGE

Junior Church will meet in Bridge Church at 9.30 a.m. on 7th May, and at 11 a.m. on May 14th, 21st and 28th.

CALENDAR for MAY 1967

MAY

- 1st Monday SS Philip and James, AA., MM. Holy Communion at Bridge Church 9.30 a.m.
- 3rd Wednesday Rogation Day. M.U. and Y.W. Corporate Communion at Bridge Church 9.30 a.m.
- 3rd " Bridge Group, Friends of Hospitals Committee meeting at The Close 7.30 p.m.
- 4th Ascension Day - see notice of Services.
- 6th Saturday Bekesbourne Church Maye Fayre at Bekesbourne School 2.30 - 5.30 p.m.
- 7th Sunday after Ascension.
- 13th Saturday Garden at Woolton Farm, Bekesbourne open 2 - 6 p.m. Proceeds for Bekesbourne Church.
- 14th Whit Sunday.
- 14th " " 2 p.m. Visit of Horticultural Society to Olantigh, Wye.
- 15th Monday M.U. Service at Bridge Church 2.30 p.m. Preacher, Revd. John Gore, Vicar of Aylesham.
- 16th Tuesday Women's Institute meeting in Bridge Village Hall 7 p.m.
- 17th Wednesday East Bridge Deanery Missionary Festival at Adisham Church, 7 p.m.
- 20th Saturday Bridge and Patricxbourne Church Fete at Bridge School grounds, 2.30 - 5.30 p.m.

CALENDAR FOR MAY 1967 (Cont'd.)

- 21st Trinity Sunday.
- 24th Wednesday Rural Decanal Conference at St. Augustine's College 7 p.m.
- 28th First Sunday after Trinity.

JUNE

- 4th Second Sunday after Trinity.

EAST BRIDGE RURAL DEANERY EVENTS - MAY

Deanery Missionary Festival

Wednesday, 17th May, at 7 p.m.

at

Holy Innocents, Adisham

Preacher - The Revd. Canon Cragg,

Warden of St. Augustine's College

Refreshments and Bring and Buy Stall at Village Hall, Adisham

Please support with your presence

RURI-DECANAL CONFERENCE

St. Augustine's College

Wednesday, 24th May, at 7 p.m.

Speaker - D.M. Carey Esq., Diocesan Registrar,

Subject - "Government by Synod".

BEKESBOURNE NEWS

Maye Fayre - 6th May 1967.

We would welcome gifts for any of the following stalls:-

Gift Stall

- Cakes
- Produce
- Bottles
- Plants
- Jumble

Promises to Mrs. Sandall of gifts to be brought on the morning of the Fete.

We should be most happy to welcome all lovers of Bekesbourne Church and ask the support of Bridge and Patrixbourne residents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mount are opening their gardens at Woolton Farm, Bekesbourne, to visitors from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, 13th May. Admission 2/6d. The proceeds will be given to Bekesbourne Church.

Bekesbourne Church.

More cleaners are urgently wanted. To have your name put on the rota would only entail one visit to the church in every six weeks, and those of us who are carrying on would be most grateful for your help. Names please to Mrs. S.H. Grey, Mill Cottage, Bekesbourne (Telephone Bridge 522).

MOTHERS' UNION

May 3rd. Corporate Communion with Intercessions - 9.30 a.m. in Bridge Church.

May 15th. Branch meeting in Bridge Church at 2.30 p.m. The preacher will be the Revd. John Gore, Priest-in-Charge at Aylesham. Members from St. Paul with St. Martin will join in the service. All Young Wives are welcome. There will be tea after the service in the Village Hall.

YOUNG WIVES GROUP

May 10th Meeting at Bridge School 7.30 p.m. Speaker Revd. J. Gore. Experience as a Padre in the Far East.

May 17th 7.30 p.m. Preparation for Summer Fete.

The Annual General Meeting will be at 7.30 p.m. at Bridge School on Wednesday, 14th June and not on May 31st.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY HOSPITALS

Bridge Group

A Committee meeting will be held at The Close on Wednesday, 3rd May, at 7.30 p.m.

F.E. Apps,
Hon. Secretary.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, 16th May, in the Village Hall at 7 p.m.

Discussion of Resolutions for the National Federation Annual Meeting.

Play reading.

Competition - Spring Flower arrangement.

BRIDGE and DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Whit Sunday, 14th May 1967

The garden of "OLANTIGH", Wye will be open to the public by kind permission of F.E. Loudon Esq. Entry fee 1/6d. per head in aid of the Friends of Kent Churches. Teas are not available.

It is proposed to get up a party to visit this garden. Will those who have seats available in their car and those requiring transport please inform the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. McKeever (Phone No.: Bridge 227) not later than the evening of Friday, 12th May.

Transport will assemble at the White Horse yard at 2 p.m. on Sunday, 14th May.

C.A. Potter,
Chairman.

PATRIXBOURNE with BRIDGE CHURCH FETE

will be held at

BRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUNDS

on

Saturday, 20th May 1967

2.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

Please come and bring your family and friends.

All are welcome.

STALLS

Garden Produce

Captain and Mrs. Farish-Sandbach

Mr. and Mrs. O. Middleton

Mrs. Berry

Mrs. Baker, 11 Riverside Close

Groceries and Cosmetics

Mrs. Irvine and Mrs. Turpin

Stationery & Fancy Goods

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kelsey

Cakes, Sweets & Minerals

Mothers' Union

Bran Tub

Miss C. Barker

Mrs. Muir-Little

Mrs. Hunter

White Elephant

Mrs. Dove

Mrs. Harrison, 8 Bridgeford Way

Bottle Stall

Mr. Hoare, Mr. Rose and

Mr. Johnson

Raffle

Mr. D. Pentin

Side Shows

Young Wives and Brownies

Teas

Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Greenwood

Children's Fancy Dress Competition

Children of the School will give a display of dancing.

There will also be displays by members of the Red Cross.

Reminder:- Stallholders would be grateful to receive gifts appertaining to their respective stalls.

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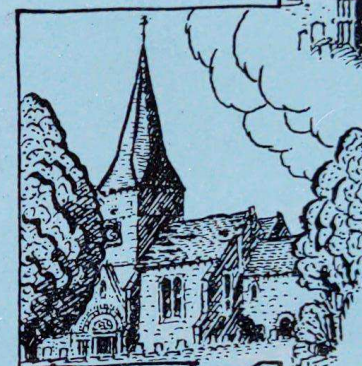
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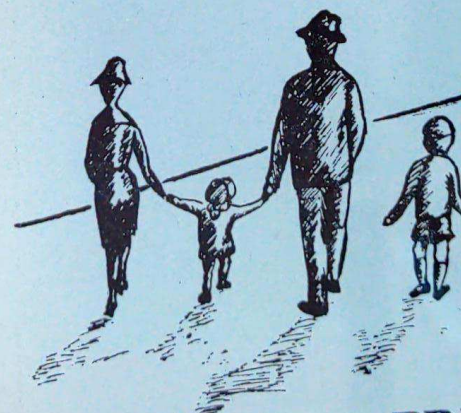
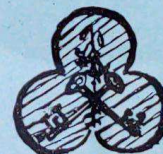
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SUNDAY SERVICES - June 1967

Bridge

Patricxbourne

Bekesbourne

4th June - 2nd Sunday after Trinity

11 a.m. Matt. & Ser.
11.45 a.m. Holy Comm.
6.30 p.m. Evensong
and Sermon

8 a.m. Holy
Communion

9.30 a.m. Sung
Holy Communion

11th June - 3rd Sunday after Trinity -
St. Barnabas A.M.

9 a.m. Holy Comm.
6.30 p.m. Evensong
and Sermon

11 a.m. Matt.
and Sermon

8 a.m. Holy
Communion
3 p.m. Family
Service

18th June - 4th Sunday after Trinity

9 a.m. Sung
Holy Comm.
6.30 p.m. Evensong
and Sermon

8 a.m. Holy
Communion

11 a.m. Matt.
and Sermon

25th June - 5th Sunday after Trinity

8 a.m. Holy Comm.
6.30 p.m. Evensong
and Sermon

9 a.m. Holy
Communion

11 a.m. Matt.
and Sermon
11.45 a.m.
Holy Communion

2nd July - 6th Sunday after Trinity

11 a.m. Matt.
and Sermon
11.45 a.m. Holy
Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong
and Sermon

8 a.m. Holy
Communion

9.30 a.m. Sung
Holy Communion

Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patricxbourne and
Bekesbourne,

We are now entering the long series of Sundays after Trinity. I consider this time an opportunity for Bible Study. We need to discover afresh the wonder and beauty of God's Word, where there is revealed the gradual disclosing of God's purpose. I wonder if you have ever considered studying one of the books of the Bible and really getting to grips with the book of your choice. Visit the S.P.C.K. Bookshop in the Precincts, Canterbury, after having first prayed for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. After all, many of you visit regularly a library for fictional or biographical reading, but how many of us ever think of choosing a book which will help us in the understanding of our faith and worship? Regular reading of this kind should be a part of every Christian's life. I want you seriously to consider this, asking yourself when you last read a book upon the Christian faith.

I would like to say how deeply I appreciate the way many of you have responded to the appeal for Bekesbourne and Patricxbourne Fabric Fund, showing thereby an understanding of this need. At the same time, I must make it clear that we have still a long way to go, especially for Bekesbourne Church.

I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to all those who contributed in so many ways to the success of Bridge and Patricxbourne Church Fete, when the sum of £127.1.6d. was realised. Details of stall results will be found elsewhere in the magazine.

I have received a gift of a rather lovely watercolour of Patricxbourne Church for sale for the Patricxbourne Fabric Fund from the Revd. G.B. Mountford, of Canterbury. If anyone is interested and would like to see it, will they kindly let me know.

Yours sincerely,

COLIN E.H. PERRY,

Vicar and Rural Dean.

CALENDAR FOR JUNE 1967

JUNE

- 3rd Saturday Canterbury Diocesan Conference.
- 4th Second Sunday after Trinity.
- 7th Wednesday Mothers' Union and Young Wives Corporate Communion 9.30 a.m. Young Wives Deanery Festival 8 p.m. at Elmstone Church.
- 11th St. Barnabas A.M. Third Sunday after Trinity.
- 14th Wednesday Young Wives Annual General Meeting 7.30 p.m. at Bridge School.
- 15th Thursday Bridge & Patricxbourne P.C.C. meeting at Bridge School 7.30 p.m.
- 17th Saturday Open Day at The Close.
- 18th Fourth Sunday after Trinity.
- 20th Tuesday Women's Institute meeting at Bridge Village Hall 7 p.m.
- 21st Wednesday Young Wives outing to Godington Place.
- 22nd Thursday Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy at Lynton House in aid of Bridge Church Chancel Fund.
- 25th Fifth Sunday after Trinity.
- 26th Monday Mothers' Union meeting at 37, Haywards Cottages.
- 29th Thursday St. Peter A. & M. Holy Communion at Bridge Church 9.30 a.m.

JULY

- 2nd Sixth Sunday after Trinity.

BRIDGE JUNIOR CHURCH

- June 4th - 9.30 a.m.
- June 11th and 18th - No meeting.
- June 25th - Junior Church at 11 a.m.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Peter's, Bridge

- 22nd April Nicholas David Millyard
- 14th May Matthew Richard Hill

May they Rest in Peace

St. Peter's Bridge

- 8th May 1967 Flora Sutton 92 years.

MOTHERS' UNION

- June 7th - Mothers' Union Corporate Communion in Bridge Church at 9.30 a.m. with Intercessions.
- June 26th (Monday) - Branch meeting in 37, Haywards Cottages at 2.45 p.m.

Our grateful thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey for kindly lending us their house for our Coffee morning and to all who helped by their presence and gave subscriptions. The final results came to £15 for the Church's Social work in this Diocese.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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

- Speaker - Mr. Abbott of Abbots Dairy.
- Competition - A specimen rose.

PATRIXBOURNE CHURCH RESTORATION

The Vicar and Churchwardens wish to express their most sincere thanks to the following people who have kindly subscribed a total of £367. 2. Od. to this appeal:

Mrs. Berry	Mr. & Mrs. D. McEwan
Miss J. Bright	Mrs. A. McKeever
Mr. and Mrs. N. Christopherson	Mr. & Mrs. H. Partridge
Mrs. J.E. Cook	The Revd. Colin and Mrs. Perry
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Mr. G. Goulden	Mrs. D.E. Ryder
Mr. & Mrs. P. Greenwood	Captain and Mrs. A.E.W. Sandbach
Mr. & Mrs. D.A. Lewis	Mrs. P. Whigham
Mr. J. Mount and Mr. D. Mount	Two Anonymous Donations.

The tender of the Canterbury Stone and Marble Co. (Messrs. Wiltshire) has been accepted and work will be commenced at an early date.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

In the near future the judges will make their first inspection of Bridge.

Please keep everything tidy and do all you can to improve the general appearance. There are already signs of a growing awareness of this competition and the village is looking more attractive, but a sustained effort is needed.

A.S.

THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY HOSPITALS

Bridge Group

A Fete in conjunction with The Close Open Day will be held on Saturday, 17th June, at 2.30 p.m.

Side Shows, Gift Stalls, Raffles, Teas and Soft Drinks.

The Buffs Band will be in attendance.

Please come and support us and see The Close.

F.E. Apps,
Hon. Secretary,
L.O.F. Bridge Group.

YOUNG WIVES GROUP

Wednesday, 7th June East Bridge Deanery Festival Service at Elmstone Church at 8 p.m. Coach arranged.

Wednesday, 14th June Annual General Meeting at Bridge School at 7 p.m. Please make a special effort to attend.

Wednesday, 21st June Outing to Godington Place, leaving Bridge by coach at 6.30 p.m. Would any Mothers' Union member who would like to come please contact Mrs. Kolhoff.

BRIDGE CHURCH CHANCEL FUND

A Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale in aid of the above fund will be held on Thursday, 22nd June from 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon at Lynton House by the kind invitation of Mrs. Ledger. Please come and help to make up the balance needed before work can start on the much-needed redecoration of the chancel in St. Peter's, Bridge.

BEKESBOURNE MAY FAYRE, 6th May

Proceeds from the various stalls were as follows:-

Gift Stall (Mrs. Sandall & Mrs. Watson-Taylor)	£14.	4.	2
Produce (Miss Douglas)	2.	6.	5
Jumble (Mrs. Wood & Mrs. Castle)	4.	9.	0
Raffles (Mrs. Tylor & Mrs. Kingsford)	6.	15.	0
Teas (Mrs. Baker & Mrs. Watson)	1.	15.	4
Cakes (Mrs. Severn & Mrs. Mowll)	5.	12.	0
Bran Tub	1.	0.	9
Toffee (Mr. Shorey)	1.	7.	6
Bottle Stall	1.	18.	0
Cake (Mrs. Grey)	1.	7.	3
Smarties (Miss Fox & Miss Patterson)		15.	2
Plants (Mr. Watson-Taylor)	10.	2.	0
Donation		10.	0
	£52.	2.	8

Deep appreciation is expressed to all who so kindly helped and gave gifts which enabled the May Fayre to be such a great success and happy event.

BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE CHURCH FETE, 20th May 1967

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
Draw 32.14.0.	Hire of School 1. 0. 0.
Teas { 12.0.	" " Crockery 5. 0.
{ 9.11.2.	Fancy Dress Prizes 1. 13. 0.
Cakes, Sweets and Minerals 11. 0.0.*	Third Party Insurance 2. 0. 0.
White Elephant 10. 7.0.	
Garden Produce 14. 2.5.	
Stationery 6.17.0.	
Groceries 6. 3.6.	
C/Fwd. £91. 7.1.	C/Fwd. £4. 18. 0.

* Approximate sum.

BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE CHURCH FETE, 20th May 1967
(continued)

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
B/Fwd. 91. 7. 1.	B/Fwd. 4.18.0.
Bottle Stall 20.17. 6.	
Bran Tub 5. 0. 0.	
Jack Pot 3. 8. 6.	
Young Wives Side Shows 9. 6. 3.	
Brownies Side Shows 1.10. 2.	
Donations 2. 0. 0.	Surplus 128.11.6.
£133. 9. 6.	£133. 9.6.

The above surplus of £128.11.6d. compares with that of £118.10.6d. last year and can therefore be considered very satisfactory.

BEKESBOURNE

Bekesbourne was once, surprisingly, connected with the ancient Cinque Ports as a "limb" of Hastings. For, of course, the village is many miles inland. As such it was compelled to contribute men or money to the Cinque Ports fleet, and in the 13th century it provided one ship. For the same reason, Bekesbourne was outside the police jurisdiction of Kent. Malefactors had to stand their trial at Hastings. And because no other than the Hastings authorities dared arrest them, fugitives from justice would often fly to Bekesbourne as a sort of sanctuary!.

BEKESBOURNE (Cont'd.)

At last the Mayor of Hastings hit on a happy item. He appointed a leading inhabitant of Bekesbourne as his deputy, who was empowered to try prisoners at the village court house, now known as Cobham Court.

Administrative difficulties again arose when in 1597 the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports held the Court of Shepway at Bekesbourne. It caused much ill-feeling in the Kent ports.

Although not generally known, the modern world owes much to past inhabitants of Bekesbourne. In 1677 Stephen Hales, second only to Harvey in the founding of the science of physiology, was born here. He invented ventilating machine and processes for distilling sea water. Because he warned against the dangers of alcohol, he can be thought of as the first popular temperance man.

Yet another worthy was Dr. Charles Tilstone Beek-Beke (surely an appropriate name!), who spent many years of his life (1800-74) in Abyssinia, mapping 70,000 square miles, fixing the latitude of scores of nations, and putting on record a dozen native languages. Dr. Beek-Beke crossed the eastern edge of the high tableland of East Africa at points 400 miles apart, and found the watershed of the Nile and the rivers of the Indian Ocean. He was the first, in fact, to make known the physical formation of Abyssinia and East Africa. The headstone of Dr. Beek-Beke's states that his forefathers lived at nearby "Bekesbourne Palace".

The palace was, in fact, the old residence of the Archbishops of Canterbury, but to-day not a lot of the building survives. Cranmer, the Protestant martyr, here spent some of the critical last months of his life when, on the accession of Mary I, he had ceased to hold his high office in the Church. This Archbishop Cranmer may be claimed as one of Bekesbourne's great figures of the past.

BEKESBOURNE (Cont'd.)

Roman remains are common in Kent, particularly in the Canterbury area, and some were discovered at Bekesbourne a number of years ago. When the railway was being laid, a shaft of oak timbers, packed with flints, was found 13 ft. below the ground. In the shaft were seven urns full of human ashes. They were probably the remains of some important Roman family, who lived here sixteen or seventeen centuries ago.

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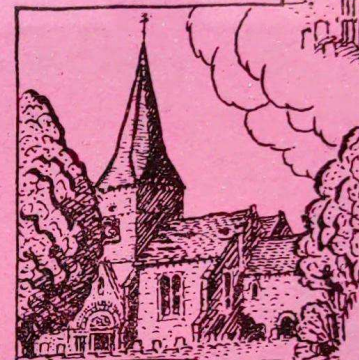
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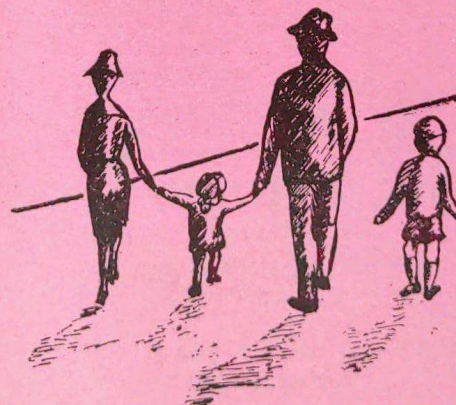
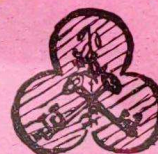
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HAVE YOU GOT A TALENT?

How about putting your talent to work to help your Church?

This year our parishes have to raise a great deal of money to pay for the repairs and maintenance work called for, among other heavy expenses, by the Quinquennial Valuation of St. Mary's, Patrixbourne.

Many of us are not able to make donations, but all of us have some talent which can be used to make a contribution towards these expenses. A few suggested ways of using your talents are:

FRUIT BOTTLING, JAM MAKING, BABY SITTING, CAKE and SWEET MAKING, CAR LIFTS, KNITTING, GARDEN PRODUCE, HEDGE TRIMMING, LAWN MOWING, HANDY MAN REPAIRS etc. etc.

If you are willing to join this effort, the P.C.C. is willing to lend you money in units of 5/-, if you require to buy materials to start you off. Then, by your own industry and ingenuity you try to double or treble the original value of the unit, which we should like to receive back, plus the amount your talents have made for you, at the Christmas Market in November.

Please fill in the following slip and return it as soon as possible to Miss C. Barker, Caldy, Patrixbourne Road, Bridge.

I/We would like to take part in the Talent Scheme.

I/We require (number) of units.

I/We propose to use my/our talents to

Name

Address

SUNDAY SERVICES - JULY 1967

<u>BRIDGE</u>	<u>PATRIXBOURNE</u>	<u>BEKESBOURNE</u>
<u>2nd July - 6th Sunday after Trinity</u>		
11 a.m. Matt. & Ser. 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
<u>9th July - 7th Sunday after Trinity</u>		
9 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	11 a.m. Matt. and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion 3 p.m. Family Service
<u>16th July - 8th Sunday after Trinity</u>		
9 a.m. Sung Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Matt. and Sermon
<u>23rd July - 9th Sunday after Trinity</u>		
8 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	9 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Matt. and Sermon 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm.
<u>30th July - Tenth Sunday after Trinity</u>		
9.0 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	11 a.m. Matt. and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion

My dear parishioners of Bridge, Patribourne and Bekesbourne,

{ 13 Aug
20 Aug
27 Aug

I have sometimes been asked why we have the first hymn before the Magnificat at Evensong at Bridge Church. There is no fixed rule regarding the position of hymns during Evensong. In many churches, including our own church at Bridge, a hymn is sung before the Magnificat because this was the position of the office hymn at Vespers in the mediaeval Service Books. The structure of Evensong is however rather different from that of Vespers. There are some who say that it is inappropriate to sing a hymn and then to sing the Versicle "O Lord open thou our lips", but such an objection is probably pushing logic too far.

This is a time of refreshment of body and mind and many of you will be going away on your holidays during the next few months. I 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 the greetings of our parishes. It is a good thing sometimes to get away from our parochial boundaries and realise afresh our one-ness in the world-wide Anglican Communion.

I have had a rather desperate letter appealing for help from the Canterbury Diocesan Association for the Deaf. They are anxious to form an organisation to be known as the "Friends of the Deaf", to meet from time to time at St. Margaret's Church in Canterbury. The needs of the deaf continue from day to day. If there is anyone in our parishes who might be interested in this work and would be willing to help, will they let me know and I will put them in touch with the Chaplain and Welfare Officer for the Deaf.

Yours sincerely,

COLIN E.H. PERRY,

Vicar and Rural Dean.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Peter's, Bekesbourne

11th June 1967 James Barton Griggs
Matthew Ian Stephen Griggs

St. Mary's, Patricxbourne

11th June 1967 Mark Elliott

St. Peter's, Bridge

14th May 1967 Matthew Richard Hill
10th June 1967 Nicholas Saviours Shirley
18th June 1967 Lorraine Clark
Tracy Clark
Lorna Loelia Caroline Colvin
Narjleen Nancy Kesby

May they Rest in Peace

St. Peter's, Bridge

26th May 1967 Ethel Jane Foster aged 88 years

Diamond Wedding

at Christ Church, Forest Hill on 8th June 1907:-

Harry Stewart Shorey

Alice Mary Capps

CALENDAR FOR JULY 1967

JULY

2nd Sixth Sunday after Trinity. Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
5th Wednesday Mothers Union Corporate Communion and Intercessions in Bridge Church 9.30 a.m. Young Wives Meeting in Bridge School 7.30 p.m.
9th Seventh Sunday after Trinity.
15th Saturday East Bridge Deanery Choir Festival at Holy Cross Church, Goodnestone 6 p.m. (Practice 3 p.m.)
16th Eighth Sunday after Trinity. Young Wives Corporate Communion in Bridge Church 9 a.m.
18th Tuesday Women's Institute Garden Meeting at The Cottage, Bridge Hill, 2 p.m.
19th Wednesday Young Wives Meeting at Bridge Church 7.30 p.m.
23rd Ninth Sunday after Trinity.
24th Monday Mothers' Union Branch Meeting, 2.45 p.m. at Haywards Cottages.
25th Tuesday St. James A. & M. Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. in Bridge Church.
30th Tenth Sunday after Trinity.

AUGUST

5th Saturday Bridge Village Fete and Flower Show.
6th Eleventh Sunday after Trinity. Transfiguration of Our Lord.

JUNIOR CHURCH

July 2nd Sunday Junior Church meets 9.30 a.m. in Church.

July 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th at 11 a.m.

THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY HOSPITALS

Bridge Group

We, the Committee of the above Group, would like to thank our many friends and patrons, who so generously gave, and then came, to support us at our Fete, which we ran in conjunction with The Close 'Open Day' on Saturday, 17th June. In spite of the very cold day, we were lucky enough to raise just over £200 gross takings, a really worth-while effort, we feel. And we all hope that your support in the future will be as generous as it has been in the past. Again, our thanks to you all.

FRANCIS E. APPS,
Hon. Secretary,
Bridge Group L.O.F.

TALENTS SCHEME

You will find a loose leaf in the magazine explaining the idea behind this scheme. Already firm offers of co-operation have been received, the following among them:-

Mrs. Ledger	Meringues, Pâte, Rich birthday and Christmas cakes.
Mrs. Greenwood	Cakes, especially Sponges
Miss Syson	Knitting
Mrs. Knight	Holiday coaching (2 hours per week)
Miss C. Barker	Jam, Fruit, Flowers and Plants in season.

I hope in the August magazine to be able to publish a further list of talents available. I am only waiting to hear from you all, so please do not delay in sending in your forms.

C.M.B.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

Canterbury Branch

A Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale will be held at The Barton, Patricxbourne, on Tuesday 11th July, from 10.30 - 12 noon. Please come and bring your friends to support this very deserving cause.

E. Greenwood.

BRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mr. J.B. Williams, assistant Master at Bridge Primary School for fourteen years, is retiring at the end of this term. A presentation will be made to him on 18th July. Past scholars and parents who would like to take part in this presentation are asked to give their donation to Mrs. O. Knight, Headmistress, before 12th July.

Parents of children entering the school on 12th September are asked to contact the Headmistress before the end of this term, if they have not already done so. Places will be found for children who are five before December 1967.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The July meeting will be held on 18th July in the Garden of "The Cottage", Bridge Hill, by kind invitation of our President, Mrs. Dawson.

Talk "Wild Flowers" by Miss D. Long at 2 pm.
Competition: My favourite piece of China.

YOUNG WIVES GROUP

The Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, 14th June, with the Vicar in the Chair. The Secretary and Treasurer gave their reports and Mr. Perry thanked the Group for their continued support in the parish. He said he was disappointed at the lack of attendance at the Corporate Communion on the first Wednesday in the month. Several members said they found mid-week services inconvenient and it was proposed and agreed that the Corporate Communion be celebrated on the third Sunday. Will members therefore please make a special effort to attend with their families on Sunday, 16th July at 9 a.m. Those members who are not confirmed can still join in the service, though of course cannot receive the Sacraments.

The election of officers and committee resulted in the following being elected for the coming year:-

Group leader	Mrs. Kolhoff
Hon. Secretary	Mrs. Pierce
Hon. Treasurer	Mrs. E. Barley

Committee	Mesdames E. Johnson, P. Hulyer, J. Harvey, M. Jarvis, L. Linkins and D. Stacey.
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July meetings are as follows and then we close for the month of August:-

5th July at 7.30 p.m. in Bridge Primary School.

Mrs. Carless will talk on her experiences as a policewoman.

19th July at 7.30 p.m. Meet in Bridge Church. The Vicar will give a conducted tour of the church and show us the vestments, closing with a short service.

16th July, Sunday at 9 a.m. Holy Communion with hymns and address, prams can be taken into the church.

MOTHERS' UNION

July 5th Mothers' Union Corporate Communion with Intercessions.

July 24th Monday M.U. Branch meeting 2.45 p.m. in Hayward's Cottages. Miss Griggs will speak on her work in China and Malaya.

No branch meeting during August.

VIOLET GERTRUDE BILLINGTON R.I.P.

Mrs. Violet Gertrude BILLINGTON was first admitted to The Close Hospital Wards on the 11th April, 1946, though previous to this she had been incapacitated for some twenty years. While in Honney Ward she was always of a cheerful personality and undertook her illness in a courageous way, and in all ways continued to lead a full life in her own way and looked forward to all the festivities such as Christmas etc. It was also quite obvious she looked forward to the visits of The Close Chaplain for religious administration. She was indeed a saintly soul. We shall all miss her happy smile and welcome.

She was cremated at Wickford, Essex and her ashes laid to rest with her husband.

W. Clarke and C.E.H.P.

BRIDGE CHURCH CHANCEL FUND

The Coffee Morning held at Lynton House on Thursday, 22nd June, raised the sum of £32 for this fund. Grateful thanks to those who were unable to attend and gave, as well as those who came.

E.L.

May I express my deep appreciation to Mrs. Ledger for her efforts towards this Fund.

C.E.H.P.

THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kelsey wish to thank all who kindly sent gifts for their stall at the Church Summer Fete.

The Vicar wishes to thank a donor who wishes to remain anonymous for the gift of a St. George's Flag for the Flag Staff at the entrance to St. Peter's Church, Bridge.

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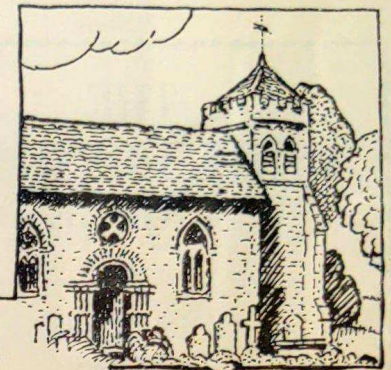
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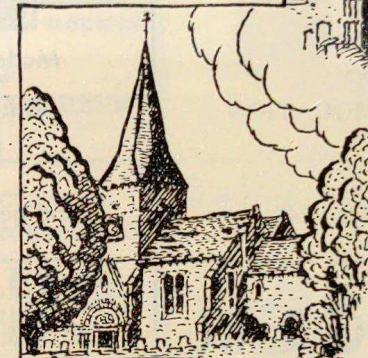
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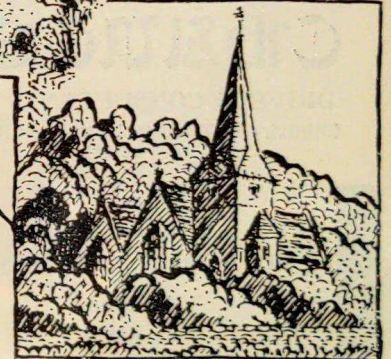
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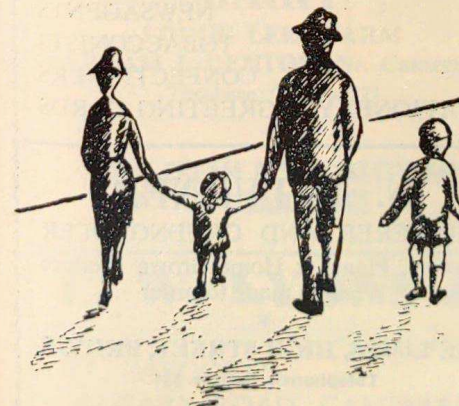
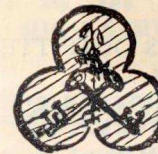
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SUNDAY SERVICES - AUGUST 1967

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6th August - 11th Sunday after Trinity
Transfiguration of Our Lord

11 a.m. Matt. & Ser. 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
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13th August - 12th Sunday after Trinity

9 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	11 a.m. Matt. and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion 3 p.m. Family Service
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20th August - 13th Sunday after Trinity

9 a.m. Sung Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Matt. and Sermon
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27th August - 14th Sunday after Trinity

8 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	9 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Matt. and Sermon 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm.
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3rd September - 15th Sunday after Trinity

11 a.m. Matt. & Ser. 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
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Dear parishioners of Bridge, Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne,

The art of taking a holiday, it is well said, is the art of knowing how to rid oneself of all but the unavoidable burdens of responsibility, and in consequence to feel secure and at ease. Then one can get the best out of relaxation: and of course, everyone in the holiday party must help to make the holiday a relaxation for everyone else, at least by not making any special demands for himself or herself.

WHO TELLS THE VICAR?

I wonder if it is realized that I am almost entirely dependent on being TOLD that such and such a person is ill or housebound or recently come to live in one of our villages? The clergy do miss people, but we do not call a register. Regular churchgoers can be missing for several weeks without being discovered unless the missing person, his relatives or neighbours are good enough to telephone, write or come round to the Vicarage.

A MESSAGE TO THE CHILDREN

I do wish all the children in our schools a very happy holiday. The word "holiday" means Holy Day. The first holidays were always Saints Days or commemorated special days in our Lord's life, when work was stopped so as to enable all to go to church and praise and thank God. God does not forget us and is loving and caring for us wherever we are. So we must not forget Him for the lovely holidays He gives us, and the best way is to worship in His church on Sunday and so make your holiday a true Holy Day.

On Sunday, the 6th August, at Evensong at Bridge Church we welcome back Mr. John Sinclair as our Organist. It will be a great delight to have him with us again and assure him of a warm welcome. Our joint choir is making great strides forward and this past month we have had the pleasure of welcoming several new members.

I would like to thank Miss Imogen Wiltshire and Mr. David Riceman for their great help as organist during the inter-regnum period. We extend to Miss Imogen Wiltshire our warm good wishes and prayers for her happiness on her forthcoming marriage at Patricxbourne Church on the 19th August.

I am grateful for the many kind messages and personal expressions of good wishes and kindly thoughts on my appointment by His Grace, the Archbishop, to be an Honorary Canon at Canterbury Cathedral.

Yours sincerely,

COLIN E.H. PERRY

Vicar.

THE TALENTS SCHEME

Although I know that quite a number of people are already doing something to help this scheme, it appears that there is a good deal of shyness about filling in the slips enclosed with the July magazine and saying in what ways talents are being used. It is, however, only by letting others know in what ways you are prepared to help that they can apply to you for this particular help, so I do hope that even if you are unwilling to publish your activities in the magazine you are all doing your best to let your friends know in what ways you are using your talents and what you are charging for them, so as to avoid misunderstandings! Anyway, good luck to you all and I hope we shall see a wonderful return for our efforts at the Christmas market in November.

By the way, the money raised is to be used for the general Fabrics Fund for both Bridge and Patricxbourne Churches and not for the Patricxbourne repairs alone.

C.M. Barker.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 1967

AUGUST

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| 2nd | Wednesday | M.U. Corporate Communion and Intercessions 9.30 a.m. at Bridge Church. |
| 5th | Saturday | Bridge Village Fete and Flower Show at Bridge Primary School. |
| 6th | 11th Sunday | After Trinity.
Transfiguration of Our Lord. |
| 13th | 12th Sunday | after Trinity. |
| 15th | Tuesday | Women's Institute Monthly Meeting at 7 p.m. at Bridge Village Hall 7 p.m. |
| 20th | 13th Sunday | after Trinity. |
| 24th | Thursday | St. Bartholomew A. & M. Holy Communion at Bridge Church 9.30 a.m. |
| 27th | 14th Sunday | after Trinity. |

SEPTEMBER

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| 3rd | 15th Sunday | after Trinity. |
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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

St. Peter's, Bridge Holy Baptism

25th June 1967	David Philip Marsh
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Holy Matrimony

1st July 1967	Dennis Peter Lemar and Anthea Mary Davis
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May They Rest in Peace

18th July 1967	Arthur James Fenn
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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

St. Peter's, Bekesbourne

Holy Baptism

9th July 1967 Heide Olga Figg

R.I.P. ARTHUR JAMES FENN

We very much regret the passing away in Bridge of Mr. Arthur James Fenn. He has lived here from early school days and been a member of the Church choir and of Junior Church. For many years he has been a sidesman and a most faithful member of Bridge Church. He and Mrs. Fenn kept the church clean and fresh over a long period of their active life in the parish. Mr. Fenn was a keen games man in his early days and was interested in football and cricket. We shall miss seeing him in Bridge. Our sincere sympathies go to Mrs. Fenn and their son and families in their loss.

MOTHERS' UNION

Wednesday, 2nd August.

M.U. Corporate Communion with Intercessions
in Bridge Church at 9.30 a.m.

No Branch Meeting in August.

THE VICAR

The P.C.C. and Churchwardens congratulate the Vicar on his appointment as Honorary Canon of Canterbury Cathedral.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will not meet during the month of August, but will meet at Bridge Church on Sunday, 3rd September at 9.30 a.m.

YOUNG WIVES GROUP

There will be no meetings during the month of August. We will re-open on Wednesday, 13th September. Please note that Corporate Communion will be on Sunday, 20th August at 9 a.m. at Bridge Church. Please do make an effort to join in worship and bring your children.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Monthly Meeting will be held in Bridge Village Hall on Tuesday, 15th August at 7 p.m.

Cookery Demonstration by Seeboard.

Competition - 6 Jam Tarts.

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The Coffee Morning held at The Barton on 11th July produced the wonderful result of £47, which has now been handed to the Treasurer.

I wish to thank most sincerely the many good friends who helped in every way to make this effort such a success. The Chairman and the Committee have expressed their gratitude and praise for our splendid contribution to the Fund.

E. Greenwood.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY/VILLAGE HALL FETE

This year it is intended to have a joint Fete and Flower Show at the school and grounds. The reasons for this are:-

There has been some criticism that there are too many fetes in the village.

To save the Horticultural Society the considerable expense of hiring tentage.

And to share out the work involved in organizing, as in previous years it has usually been the same people who have helped with both Fetes.

The Flower Show will be held in the school and stalls sideshows etc. in the grounds.

Your support and presence is welcomed on the 5th August and it is hoped that everyone will have an enjoyable afternoon. (7)

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The nett result of the Open Day and Fete at "The Close" on 17th June after all expenses were paid amounted to £179, a very gratifying result, as we are meeting several requests from "The Close" and "Highland Court" for various articles of equipment which are not supplied under the National Health Service. These include several adjustable stools for disabled patients, costing £7 each and a convector heater etc. We also pay the rental for four T.V. sets for the wards, amounting to £90 annually.

Our sincere thanks to all who helped to organise and those who gave their gifts and time to make this fete the success it was.

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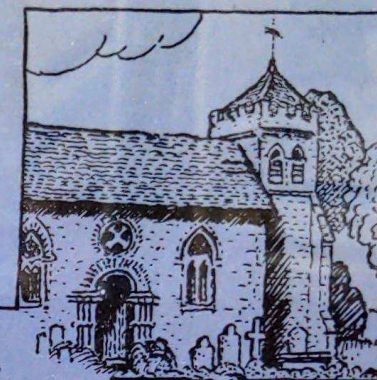
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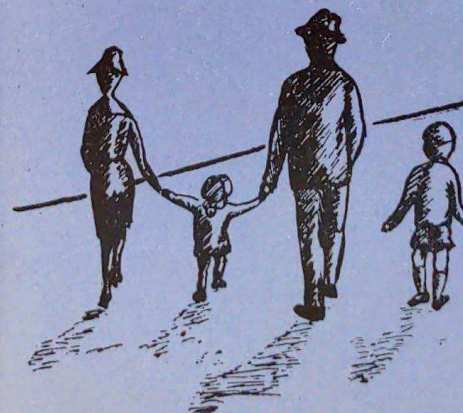
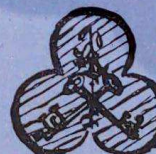
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SUNDAY SERVICES - SEPTEMBER 1967

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PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

3rd September - 15th Sunday after Trinity

11 a.m. Matt. & Ser. 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon (Preacher: Rev. Canon N.K. Nye)	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
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10th September - 16th Sunday after Trinity

9 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon (Preacher: The Rev. P. Holden)	11 a.m. Matt. and Sermon Preacher: The Revd. F. Cartman, M.C.	8 a.m. Holy Communion 3 p.m. Family Service
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17th September - 17th Sunday after Trinity

9 a.m. Sung Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon Preacher: The Revd. P. Holden	8 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Matt. and Sermon Preacher: The Revd. E. Allen
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24th September - 18th Sunday after Trinity

8 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE, Preacher Revd. D. Maple	9 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Matt. and Sermon HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE
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1st October - 19th Sunday after Trinity

11 a.m. Matt. & Ser. 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
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Dear parishioners of Bridge, Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne,

There is always a special beauty in this country of the early autumn and all that goes to compose the harvest. The harvest always calls for thanksgiving and accordingly we shall offer our thanks in Church in the usual way and about the usual time. We shall be welcoming as our guest preacher at Bridge the Revd. David Maple, who was our organist and choir master before his ordination, and later, at the Patricxbourne Harvest Festivals on the 8th October, the Rt. Revd. Bishop Alfred Rose.

Throughout the ages harvest had a very special place in the hearts of Christians and gives a seasonal and vivid reminder of God's providence and care. Harvest Festival should also bring home to our conscience how great is the contrast between our own prosperity and plenty and the terrible hunger to be seen in some other parts of the world. We who are Christians are called to be the world's intercessors.

Sunday, 17th September, is a day when we commemorate the Battle of Britain. We remember those who preserved our country at a time of great peril and danger.

September is also the month of St. Michael and All Angels - Michaelmas. Nothing is more obvious in human history than the perceiving of the conflict between good and evil. Where is this conflict? First and foremost, it is in each individual soul, between the lower and the higher instincts, between better and worse motives, between self and pleasing God - indeed, between good and evil, between Christ and anti-Christ. Every human soul is a battle-ground.

Secondly, this conflict, which is inherent in every man, is externalized in the world, the economic struggle, the political struggle arising from it, the ideological struggle which sanctions it and gives it the power of a coherent and victorious idea.

Thirdly, the same conflict invades the Church in our state of probation. We would not have it so; we would have the Church perfect. But in fact it is a battleground of crucial significance. A conflict in each soul, in the world, in the Church - we begin from what we know. But the New Testament bids us enlarge our consciousness of the conflict yet more.

Who are our helpers in the conflict? First, our fellow Christians in the Church Militant. Next, for we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, the saints of all ages and times in the heavenly places; and then shall we add those pure created spirits, the holy angels, who, as the Michaelmas collect says so wonderfully and comfortingly, always do God service in heaven and by his appointment succour and defend us on earth? And thus defended, shall we not with them (as indeed we say at every Holy Communion Service) the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, render homage and worship to the Lord most high? For the angels are symbols of succour, symbols of adoring worship, symbols of swift and instantaneous obedience. So as St. Michael we fight the battle, succoured by the Holy Angels, helped by the Saints, encouraged by our fellow Christians in the Church on earth. But supremely we are helped by our Lord himself, whose battle it is, and who fought the battle on our behalf, who in the great conflict became the victim on the Cross, but as a victor won the day. Such I believe is the teaching of this mystical and little understood festival of St. Michael and All Angels.

I shall be away for the two Sundays of 10th and 17th September.

Yours sincerely,

COLIN E.H. PERRY,

Vicar and Rural Dean.

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CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 1967

SEPTEMBER

- 3rd 15th Sunday after Trinity. Preacher at 6.30 p.m. at Bridge - Rev. Canon N.K. Nye, Tate Missioner.
- 6th Wednesday M.U. Corporate Communion and Intercession Bridge Church 9.30 a.m.
- 7th Thursday Bridge and Patricxbourne P.C.C. Meeting at Bridge School.
- 8th Friday Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- 9th Saturday Junior Church party at 16, Union Road.
- 10th 16th Sunday after Trinity. Preachers - see Sunday Services.
- 13th Wednesday Young Wives meeting at Bridge School 7.30 p.m.
- 17th 17th Sunday after Trinity. Preachers - see Sunday Services.
- 19th Women's Institute Harvest Supper 7 p.m. at Village Hall.
- 21st Thursday, St. Matthew A.E.M. Holy Communion at Bridge Church 9.30 a.m.
- 24th 18th Sunday after Trinity. Harvest Festivals at Bekesbourne Church 11 a.m. and Bridge Church 6.30 p.m.
- 25th Monday Mothers' Union Opening Service 7.30 p.m. Bridge Church. Preacher - M.U. Deanery Chaplain, Revd. R. Lawrence.
- 27th Wednesday Young Wives meeting 7.30 p.m. at Bridge School.
- 29th Friday St. Michael and All Angels. Holy Communion Bridge Church 7.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m.

OCTOBER

- 1st 19th Sunday after Trinity.
- 3rd Mothers' Union Corporate Communion and Intercession 9.30 a.m. at Bridge Church.
- 6th Friday Bridge Group L.O.F. Jumble Sale at Bridge Village Hall 6.30 p.m.
- 8th Patricxbourne Church Harvest Festival 11 a.m. Preacher - The Rt. Rev. Bishop Alfred Rose.

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

St. Peter's, Bridge

Holy Baptism

30th July Denise Angela Bevan
30th July Tracy Scott
20th August Richard James Stokes

Holy Matrimony

1st July 1967 Dennis Peter Lemar
and
Anthea Mary Davis

29th July 1967 Peter Brian Page
and
Jean Evelyn Crampton

May they Rest in Peace

2nd August 1967 Ralph Castle

St. Mary's, Patricbourne

Holy Matrimony

19th August 1967 Peter William Sayer
and
Imogen Miranda Fraser Wiltshire

ST. PETER'S, BRIDGE JUNIOR CHURCH

All members of the Junior Church are invited to the Party to be held at 16, Union Road, Bridge, on Saturday, 9th September, at 4 p.m. Please let Miss Wass know if you would like to come, if you have not already done so.

Junior Church will meet at Bridge Church on Sunday, 3rd September, at 9.30 a.m.

ST. MARY'S, PATRICBOURNE

Sincere thanks are due to Mrs. Dowling and Mrs. Padwick for their gift of flowers for Patricbourne Church.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES

Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held at our three churches on the following dates:-

St. Peter's, Bekesbourne 11 a.m. Sunday 24th September.
St. Peter's, Bridge 6.30 p.m. Sunday 24th September.
St. Mary's, Patricbourne 11 a.m. Sunday 8th October.

Any gifts for these services will be gratefully received at the respective churches on the morning of the Saturday preceding the Harvest Thanksgiving.

The Close Harvest Thanksgiving will be at 5 p.m. on 8th October. All are welcome.

YOUNG WIVES GROUP

Group Leader: Mrs. Kollhoff 4, Filmer Road
Secretary: Mrs. Pierce 7, Windmill Close
Treasurer: Mrs. Barley 49, Bridge Down
Committee: Mrs. Johnson 42, Bridge Down
Mrs. Hulyer 8, Bridge Down
Mrs. Harvey Newlyn, Union Road
Mrs. Jarvis 1; Pippins Avenue
Mrs. Linkins 6; Albert Terrace
Mrs. Stacey 8, Bourne View.

We re-open for the autumn session on Wednesday, 13th September at 7.30 p.m. in Bridge Primary School. The first meeting is a cheese and cider party and a warm welcome is extended to all young wives in Bridge.

YOUNG WIVES GROUP (Cont'd.)

Do come along, you will find the Young Wives a very friendly group. If you are shy at coming alone, get in touch with your nearest committee member, who will be very willing to call for you. Programmes giving details of meetings for the whole year will be available at this meeting.

On Wednesday, 27th September, at 7.30 p.m. we are very fortunate to have Mrs. Ledger for our speaker and she will talk about some Historical Men.

Corporate Communion for the Young Wives Group is on Sunday, 17th September at 9 a.m. We hope more members will attend with their families.

WOMENS' INSTITUTE

The annual HARVEST SUPPER will be held in the Village Hall, Bridge, on Tuesday, 19th September at 7 p.m.

Competition: Harvest Supper Table Arrangement.

MOTHERS' UNION

Wednesday, 6th September Corporate Communion at 9.30 a.m. in Bridge Church to be followed by intercessions.

Monday, 25th September Mothers' Union members invite all Young Wives to their opening service in Church at 7.30 p.m. Tea after the service in the Village Hall.
Preacher - M.U. Deanery Chaplain, the Revd. R. Lawrence.

HELP THE AGED

A national appeal organised by Voluntary and Christian Services, Maidstone and District, appeal for clothing urgently needed for aged refugees in many areas of the world. Clothing in good condition will be received at The Close by kind permission of the Matron. Parcels should be clearly marked for the "National Appeal" and will be collected on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 12th and 13th of September. Gifts are now distributed free in more than 100 areas of the world.

TINFOIL FOR MEDICAL MISSIONS

I have much pleasure in acknowledging a lovely consignment of tinfoil from the Bekesbourne Mothers' Union. It is most encouraging to receive these bags of foil, large or small, from time to time and believe me it helps the work of medical missions considerably.

Emily P. Cutcliffe.

TALENTS SCHEME

The following offer has been received:-

Miss Marion Hawkins, Car Lifts and Baby Sitting.
Riverdale House,
Bridge.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY HOSPITALS

Bridge Group

We are holding our autumn Jumble Sale on Friday, 6th October at 6.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Coffee will be served during the evening, which we trust will make it a happy friendly gathering, and we hope to see all our old friends and many new ones.

Gifts of jumble, bric-a-brac or anything saleable will be gratefully accepted at The Close, or by any Committee member. Please help us in any way you can to make this a successful evening, even if only by coming along. The needs of the hospitals get greater each year and we all feel, as "Friends of the Hospitals", that we must do all we can to prove this name to be true.

Frances E. Apps,
Hon. Secretary,
Bridge Group L.O.F.

GRATEFUL THANKS

- To: Mr. and Mrs. S. Shorey for the gift of two beautiful alms bags for Bekesbourne Church, as an act of thanksgiving for their Diamond Wedding.
- To: Mrs. Sandal for her gift of Altar coverings for Bekesbourne Church.
- To: Mr. Tyler for his splendid work in clearing and raking the pathway to Bekesbourne Church.

THE CLOSE

An invitation is extended to any parishioner to attend the regular 5 o'clock Sunday evening service.

Holy Communion is always celebrated at this time on the first Sunday in the month.

VILLAGE FETE/HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SHOW

The combined Fete and Flower Show was held on Saturday, 5th August at Bridge Primary School. Luckily the weather was fine and there was a good attendance. When all outstanding commitments are settled it is hoped the nett total will be around £100.

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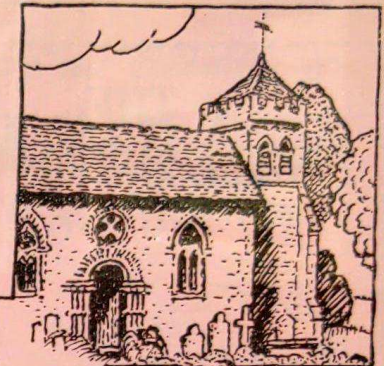
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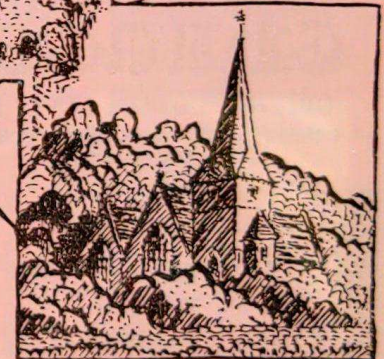
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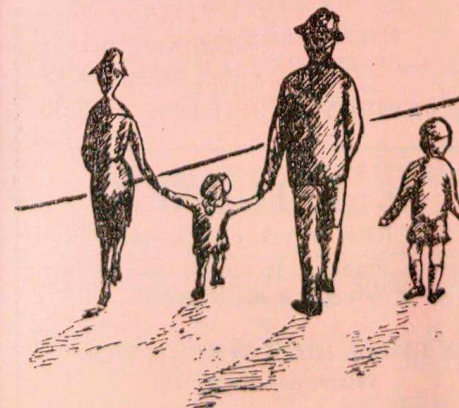
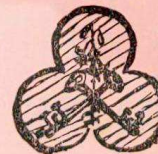
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SUNDAY SERVICES - OCTOBER 1967

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

1st October - 19th Sunday after Trinity

11 a.m. Matt. & Ser. 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
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8th October - 20th Sunday after Trinity

9 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	11 a.m. Mattins and Sermon HARVEST THANKS- GIVING Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Bishop Alfred Rose	8 a.m. Holy Communion 3 p.m. Family Service
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15th October - 21st Sunday after Trinity

9 a.m. Sung Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Matt. and Sermon
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22nd October - 22nd Sunday after Trinity

8 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	9 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Matt. and Sermon
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29th October - 23rd Sunday after Trinity

9 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	11 a.m. Matt. and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion
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Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patribourne and
Bekebourne,

First I would like to draw your attention to the series of four Lectures at Canterbury Cathedral, beginning on Wednesday, 18th October. These will continue weekly on the Wednesday evenings until 8th November. It is indicative of the progressive loving dialogue that is taking place among Christians of different thought that the second lecture on 25th October will be given by the Rt. Rev. B.C. Butler, Roman Catholic Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, and the last of the series on 8th November by the Rev. Kenneth Slack, Minister of the City Temple. I do hope that many of you will make a real effort to attend these ecumenical lectures. I am sure that they will bring inspiration to those people from the parishes who will be able to be present.

October the 18th is St. Luke's Day. At St. Luketide we pray especially for the sick and for those who tend and care for them and the work of the doctors and nurses. We shall remember with love the two hospitals in our parish, namely The Close and Highland Court Annexe, of which I am Chaplain and I ask too your prayers for my ministry there. It was Paul who called Luke the Beloved Physician, and that with reason: for Luke with him bore the burden and heat of the day. An atmosphere of love and regard surrounds the beloved physician. Trusted by his companions and respected and revered in tradition from the earliest times, his is a personality which continues to draw affection and regard as the ages pass. Essentially he is a civilized man in a rough and violent world, continuing through thick and thin to maintain his integrity in those things in which he believed, and first and foremost in the Christ.

October is for Christians a heavenly month, set as it is between Michaelmas 29th September and All Saints Day 1st November.

"O God, who hast brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of just men made perfect, grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may be strengthened by their fellowship, and in our heavenly country become partakers of their joy". So we pray; but possessing their fellowship we already belong to the heavenly country. We are indeed on its frontier whenever we lift our souls to God in prayer, whenever we reflect His love in our actions, deeds and words and thought. It is as those who already belong to the heavenly country that we are alert in our present duties, sensitive to the world's troubles and anguish and yet severe in the way we meet them. This month which began with the angels and ends with the saints has so much to teach us how to live, that in the midst of things temporal we lost not our intimacy with the things that are eternal.

Yours affectionately,

COLIN E.H. PERRY

Vicar.

THE LATE MR. J.D. SMITH

"J.D." came from Waltham to live in Bridge about twenty years ago and among his many local interests and activities were:-

Sub-Controller of the Bridge-Blean Civil Defence area during and after World War II.

Road Safety Officer and Home Safety Officer to Bridge-Blean R.D.C. In this capacity he arranged Safety First lectures in all the schools in the area and also organised an annual Quiz in Road Safety at the schools.

Superintendent of the Junior Church at Bridge for many years.

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THE LATE MR. J.D. SMITH (Cont'd.)

Lay Reader.

Honorary Librarian for Bridge at the branch County library.

Returning Officer for the parish of the Electoral Roll.

A truly remarkable record, which leaves a gap in the village which will be difficult to fill.

AN APPRECIATION OF THE LATE MR. "J.D." SMITH

As I was unable to attend the funeral of the late Mr. "J.D." Smith, I am most grateful to your Vicar for his invitation to contribute a few words to the magazine.

"J.D." was the first friend that I made in Bridge when I came as Vicar in April 1958, and we remained the closest of friends to the very end.

I do not need to give you details of "J.D.'s" long association with the village and his many claims to the respect and affection of the wide district that he served in many ways. I wish only to record my personal appreciation of this warm-hearted, loving, wise and faithful Christian man who gave me so much encouragement and help during my five years as your Vicar.

The love which all children, not least my own, felt for "J.D." was just a reflection of that great love which he had for them. All his life he served the church and the community, but best of all he served the children. Whether it was Road Safety Campaigns, Library, or teaching in the Sunday School, his great understanding of children and his enjoyment of their company was always apparent.

When as a Lay Reader he ministered the Word of God no one could fail to be helped by his simplicity and sincerity, in Bible Reading, Prayer or Preaching.

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AN APPRECIATION OF THE LATE MR. "J.D." SMITH (Cont'd.)

Last, but by no means least, one must recall with gratitude his example in the home, as a father, grandfather and husband.

I and my wife and all members of my family for many long years will continue to treasure our memories of "J.D."

"... thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ".

ROBERT PENNEY.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Peter's, Bridge

27th August 1967 Paul Christian Bishop
24th September 1967 Jason Oliver Clark

Holy Matrimony

2nd September 1967 Martin Derek Aynsley
and
Suzanne Vera Harris

St. Peter's, Bekesbourne

26th August 1967 David Frederick Longley
and
Susan Ann Twining

May They Rest in Peace

St. Peter's, Bridge

9th September 1967 Margaret Ann Brown aged 74
12th September 1967 Celia Annie Johnson aged 93
16th September 1967 James Denson Smith aged 83

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CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 1967

October

- 1st Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.
3rd Wednesday Mothers' Union Corporate Communion at Bridge Church 9.30 a.m.
8th Twentieth Sunday after Trinity. Patricxbourne Church Harvest Festival - 11 a.m.
11th Wednesday Young Wives meeting at Bridge School 7.30 p.m.
14th Saturday Rural Decanal Conference Quiet Afternoon at St. Paul's Church, Canterbury 2.30 - 5.30 p.m.
15th Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity. Young Wives Corporate Communion at Bridge Church 9 a.m.
16th Monday Mothers' Union meeting at 37, Hayward's Cottages 2.45 p.m.
16th Monday Women's Institute Group Meeting at Bridge Village Hall 2.30 p.m.
17th Tuesday Bekesbourne Mothers' Union service at Bekesbourne Church 2.30 p.m.
17th Tuesday Women's Institute Monthly meeting at Bridge Village Hall 7 p.m.
18th Wednesday St. Luke's Day. Holy Communion at Bridge Church 9.30 a.m.
22nd Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.
25th Wednesday Young Wives meeting at Bridge School 7.30 p.m.
28th Saturday SS. Simon and Jude.
29th Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.

NOVEMBER

- 1st Wednesday All Saints Day. Holy Communion at Bridge Church 9.30 a.m.
5th Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.

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YOUNG WIVES GROUP

11th October at 7.30 p.m. at Bridge School.

The Rev. B. Ash, Area Secretary for the Church Missionary Society in the Canterbury and Rochester Dioceses, will show a film on the work of the above Society, called "Three Men, Three Ways".

25th October at 7.30 p.m. at Bridge School.
Handicrafts.

Suggestions and practical demonstrations of handicraft ideas for the Christmas Market. Several members are bringing work to show but more ideas are still welcome.

Young Wives Corporate Communion will be held in Bridge Church on Sunday, 15th October at 9 a.m. It was rewarding to see so many members with their children in September at this service.

St. PETER'S, BRIDGE - JUNIOR CHURCH

Sunday, 1st October - Junior Church meets at 9.30 a.m. in Bridge Church.

Sunday, 8th)
15th) October - Junior Church meets at
22nd) - 11 a.m. in Bridge Church.
29th)

BRIDGE MOTHERS' UNION

Tuesday, 3rd October - Mothers' Union Corporate Communion with Intercessions at 9.30 a.m. in Bridge Church.

Monday, 16th October - M.U. Branch Meeting at 37, Haywards Cottages at 2.45 p.m.
Speaker - Mrs. Meigh -
The Arctic Circle.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Please keep Saturday, 2nd December, free, as our annual Christmas Market will be held on that day and we want everyone to come and support us. Details of stalls will be in the November magazine, but please make a note of the date NOW.

BEKESBOURNE MOTHERS' UNION

The winter session will open with a service at Bekesbourne Church on the 17th October at 2.30 p.m. The Vicar will be the speaker.

WOMENS INSTITUTE

Monday, 16th October

Bridge and Patricxbourne W.I. are hostesses for the Group Meeting, which will be held in Bridge Village Hall at 2.30 p.m. on 16th October. The speaker will be Miss Skinner.

Tuesday, 17th October

The Monthly Meeting will be held in Bridge Village Hall at 7 p.m.

Miss Hebditch will talk on "Make Up".

Competition - A decorated handkerchief.

Advertisement for W. & S. HARVEY, BRIDGE STORES, GENERAL HARDWARE, TOYS, SCISSORS, CYCLES, GARDENING EQUIPMENT, and AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS. The advertisement is mirrored on the right page.

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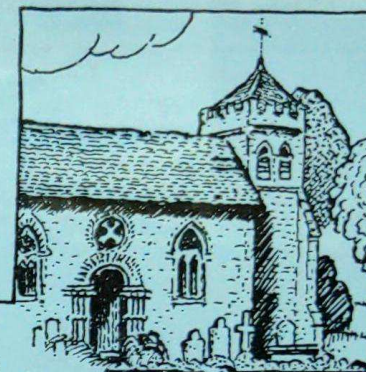
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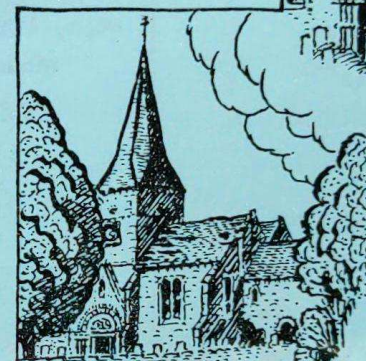
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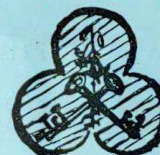
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SUNDAY SERVICES - NOVEMBER 1967

<u>BRIDGE</u>	<u>PATRIXBOURNE</u>	<u>BEKESBOURNE</u>
<u>5th November - 24th Sunday after Trinity</u>		
11 a.m. Matt.& Ser. 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
<u>12th November - 25th Sunday after Trinity</u> <u>Remembrance Day</u>		
9 a.m. Holy Comm. 10.55 a.m. Remembrance Day Service 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	10.55 a.m. Remembrance Day Service Preacher: The Rev. Frank Cartman M.C.	8 a.m. Holy Communion 3 p.m. Family Service
<u>19th November - 26th Sunday after Trinity</u>		
9 a.m. Sung Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Matt. and Sermon
<u>26th November - Sunday next before Advent</u>		
8 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	9 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Matt. and Sermon 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion
<u>3rd December - 1st Sunday in Advent</u>		
11 a.m. Matt.& Ser. 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion

Dear parishioners of Bridge, Patrixbourne and
Bekesbourne,

All Saints Day which falls on the first day of this month, makes its own appeal to Christian worshippers. Though thankful remembrances of the great cloud of witnesses throughout the Christian era remains the dominant note in the festival, it is also an occasion when Christians are challenged to follow Christ's blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living. It is therefore fitting to ask at this time the question what makes a good saint? Saint is short for "sanctified" and sanctified means set apart, made holy. The special quality of saints, then, is that of being clearly and noticeably dedicated to the service of God in Christ, in such a way that character and achievement alike bear witness to His transforming grace.

In this month the Church fittingly commemorates the innumerable company of Christians "departed this life in faith and fear of God", reaffirming that eternal hope which redeems human experience from futility and its confidence that the labour is not in vain. All Saints is followed to-day by All Souls. Though the English reformers cut out All Souls Day, ineradicable instinct has retained it in the Kalendar of the human hearts.

November also brings Remembrance Sunday, which is now really linked closely to All Souls Day. This year we are holding a Remembrance Sunday Service at St. Peter's Church, Bridge, as well as at Patrixbourne Church. These services will begin at 10.55 a.m. keeping a silence first at the War Memorials outside the Churches. The two silent minutes on Remembrance Sunday invites to communion with unseen realities. They are eloquent of a spiritual order to which man belongs, by which he is encompassed and in which alone he can find fulfilment. They are, as it were, the interruption of the all-devouring sequence of time, thereby to reveal the dimension of eternity. Against that background man's little day can be seen in its grandeur and responsibility.

Man cannot live in the memories of the past. But young and old may be at one together in the solemn annual commemoration of the price that has been paid for their freedom, and of those countless men and women, known and unknown, through whose faith and courage the legacy has under God been preserved. It is the things for which men are prepared to die which invest life with dignity and significance. So I hope the people of our villages will make their act of worship and remembrance on this day at one of these services of remembrance.

St. Andrew's Day, Thursday, 30th November, will be observed as a day of prayer for the Mission of the Church. It is much to be hoped that we shall be able to maintain a continual day of intercession for the work of the Church throughout the world.

Please keep free Saturday, 2nd December, when we shall be holding our Christmas Market in Bridge Village Hall. See special notice for details. Stallholders and their assistants will be very glad of gifts for their stalls, which may be left at the Hall on the day of the sale or will be collected, if stallholders are notified.

All our three churches and the chapel at The Close were beautifully decorated for the Harvest Thanksgiving Services and we are very grateful to all those who helped by giving or arranging the flowers, fruit and vegetables. We also thank the organist and the choirmaster and choir for providing the excellent music at these services.

Yours sincerely,

COLIN E.H. PERRY,

Vicar.

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Peter's, Bekesbourne

8th October 1967 Kevin Ratcliff

St. Peter's, Bridge

15th October 1967 Catherine Smith
15th October 1967 Julie Ann Sidaway
22nd October 1967 Adrian Phillip Punchard

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

OCTOBER

29th Preacher at 6.30 p.m. Evensong at Bridge Church - Bishop Clarke.

NOVEMBER

1st Wednesday All Saints Day. Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. Bridge Church. - Mothers' Union Communion and Intercessions.
2nd Thursday All Souls Day. Holy Communion Requiem 7.30 a.m.
4th Saturday Diocesan Conference. Women's Institute Annual Sale of Work, Bridge Village Hall 2.30 p.m.
5th Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.
8th Wednesday Young Wives Group meeting 7.30 p.m. Bridge School.
12th Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity. Remembrance Day (see Services).
15th Wednesday Bridge & Patricxbourne P.C.C. meeting at Bridge School 7.30 p.m.
19th Twenty-sixth Sunday after Trinity.
20th Monday Mothers' Union Branch Meeting at 37, Haywards Cottages.
21st Tuesday Bekesbourne Mothers' Union Meeting 2.30 p.m. at Bekesbourne Village Hall.

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CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER (Cont'd.)

21st Tuesday A.G.M. of Women's Institute at Bridge
Village Hall 7 p.m.
21st " Young Wives invited to Preston - 7
p.m. start.
26th Sunday next before Advent.
30th Thursday St. Andrew's Day. Holy Communion at
Bridge Church 9.30 a.m. See elsewhere
for Day of Prayer for Working Mission
of the Church.
Evensong at Bridge Church 5.30 p.m.

MOTHERS' UNION

Wednesday, 1st November.

Corporate Communion with Intercessions at Bridge
Church 9.30 a.m.

Monday, 20th November.

Branch Meeting at 37, Haywards Cottages,
Union Road, at 2.45 p.m.
Speaker Miss Griggs on "Borneo".

Tuesday, 21st November.

Bekesbourne Mothers' Union at 2.30 p.m. at
Bekesbourne Village Hall.
Speaker Mrs. Appleton, subject "Learning
from Living".

ST. PETER'S, BRIDGE - JUNIOR CHURCH

Sunday, 5th November Junior Church at 9.30 a.m. at
Bridge Church.
Sunday, 12th, 19th Junior Church at 11.0 a.m. at
26th November Bridge Church.

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BRIDGE - DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Godmersham Horticultural Society has kindly
invited members of the Bridge Society to attend a lecture
by Admiral FIRS, the well-known botanist, to be held at
the Godmersham Village Hall on the evening of Monday,
4th December.

Members who were fortunate enough to attend Admiral
Firs' lecture at Wye a couple of years ago will remember
what an excellent speaker he is. This is an opportunity
not to be missed. Detailed arrangements will be
announced nearer the time.

C.A.P.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday,
21st November, at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall. It is
hoped that all members will do their best to attend this
meeting, when voting for a new Committee, President and
Officers takes place. Please try to come a little before
7 if possible, so that the votes for the new Committee may
be put in the ballot box before the meeting starts.

Competition - A Home-made Christmas Card.

Saturday, 4th November. The annual Sale of Work to
raise funds to finance the Institute through next year
will be held on 4th November at Bridge Village Hall.
Please come and support this.

ST. PETER'S, BRIDGE - FLOWER ROTA

The Flower Rota for 1968 will be made up during
December. Please, before then, let me have the names
of anyone who would like either to join the rota next
year or wishes to be withdrawn from it.

E. Ledger

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YOUNG WIVES GROUP

Wednesday, 8th November at 7.30 p.m.

Preparation for the Christmas Market. The Whist Drive had to be brought forward to October, so please note the new date for the preparation for the Church Christmas Market. Several members are bringing materials for gifts. Pretty wallpaper pieces are wanted and empty egg shells for this meeting.

Tuesday, 21st November.

We have been invited by Preston and Elmstone Young Wives Group to a Bamix Food Mixer demonstration at the Congregational Hall at Preston. We will have to leave by 7 p.m. We are not hiring a coach, but hope to manage with car lifts, so come to the meeting on 8th November and arrangements can be made to accommodate members. Note this is on a Tuesday. There will not be a meeting on Wednesday, 22nd November.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY HOSPITALS

Bridge Group

A successful Jumble Sale was held at the Village Hall, Bridge, on Friday, 6th October, realising approximately £30. Our grateful thanks to all those who helped and contributed the various articles for the sale. The money so raised is a welcome help to the provision of hand-rails for patients' toilets and two armchairs for "The Close", at a cost of approximately £45.

A Whist Drive has been arranged for Wednesday, 13th December, at "The Close", Bridge, at 7.15 p.m.

We welcome your support.

Ann Milton.

MILK BOTTLE TOPS

The U.S.P.G. tell me that the firm in Wales to whom they dispose of the bottle tops is unable to accept any more for the next six months or so. Therefore, will all kind collectors please not bring their bottle tops to me for forwarding until the U.S.P.G. let me know that they are wanted once more. Very many thanks to you all for your support, which I hope will be renewed at a later date. Foil and pie cases are still required, so please continue to let me have these.

E.P. Cutcliffe.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

As announced in the October magazine the Christmas Market will be held on Saturday, 2nd December, in Bridge Village Hall. A lot of hard work goes into the preparation of the various stalls and it is hoped that everyone who is able to do so will come and give generous support to this event. The following stalls are planned:-

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| Fancy Stall | Young Wives Group. |
| Cakes | Mrs. Ledger, Mrs. Hunter,
Mrs. Knight. |
| Pickles and Preserves | Mrs. Young. |
| Kitchen Stall | Mothers Union. |
| Christmas Decorations and
Christmas Tree).. | The Brownies. |
| Books | Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey. |
| Talents Scheme and
"Everything 1/-" | Miss C. Barker. |
| Raffle | The Choir. |
| Teas | Mrs. Potter and
Mrs. Greenwood. |

All the above will welcome contributions for their respective stalls.

TALENTS SCHEME

As originally planned, the Talents Scheme will close on Saturday, 2nd December, the date of the Christmas Market. I will have a special table at the market and shall be grateful if all the kind people who have been co-operating in the scheme will bring the monetary results of their efforts to the market and hand them to me during the afternoon. If anyone is unfortunately unable to come to the market, please let me have your contributions before that date, so that the total amount raised by the scheme can be handed to the Treasurer at the end of the market.

C.M. Barker.

BOOK STALL at CHRISTMAS MARKET

We are organizing a Book Stall for the Christmas Market and will be pleased to receive any new and used saleable books you may have to spare - paper backs particularly. We shall be pleased to collect, if you will let us know when to call.

I. and J. Kelsey.

BRIDGE-BLEAN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Refuse Collection

Bridge-Blean Rural District Council provide a refuse collection service to all of the properties in their area and will remove house refuse free of charge. With improving living conditions many articles that are rejected are too large to be placed in a dustbin or paper sack and unfortunately, in a lot of cases, find their way into woodlands or onto roadside verges etc. The Council wish to draw the attention of their householders to the following arrangements which are FREE of charge.

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Refuse Collection (Cont'd.)

- (a) Bulky articles such as old furniture, electrical appliance, bicycle frames, prams etc. can be collected by arrangement.
- (b) Old motor vehicles cannot be collected, as the necessary equipment is not available, but the Council will accept them at their Littlebourne tip.
- (c) Garden and builders refuse cannot be collected unless there are exceptional circumstances. This refuse, however, can be taken to any of our three tips (Chartham, Littlebourne and Sturry) by arrangement.

Enquiries in connection with the above or on any other aspect of refuse collection should be made to The Senior Public Health Inspector, Bridge-Blean Rural District Council, 41 Old Dover Road, Canterbury. Telephone Canterbury 66411. People residing outside the Bridge-Blean area are advised to contact their own Authority.

Finally, all clean newspapers, magazines, wrapping paper and cardboard, if kept separate from the normal household refuse, can bring in valuable income and assist in keeping down the rates.

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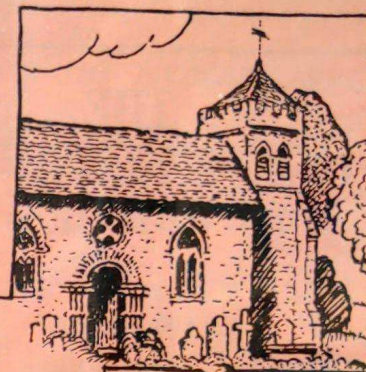
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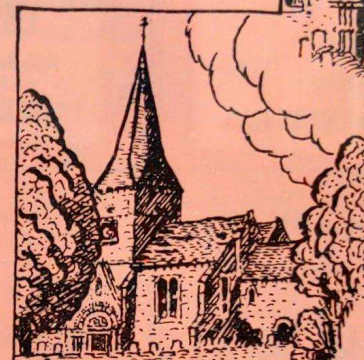
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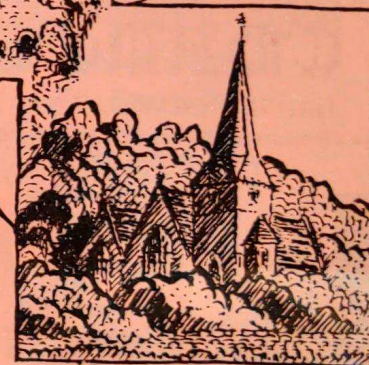
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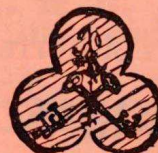
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SUNDAY SERVICES - DECEMBER 1967

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

3rd December - First Sunday in Advent

11 a.m. Matt. & Ser. 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion
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10th December - Second Sunday in Advent

9 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	11 a.m. Matt. and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion 3 p.m. Family Service
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17th December - Third Sunday in Advent

9 a.m. Sung Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Service of Nine Lessons and Carols	8 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
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24th December - Fourth Sunday in Advent

8 a.m. Holy Comm. 11.30 p.m. Midnight Eucharist begins. There will be NO Evensong at 6.30 p.m. as usual	9 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Matt. & Sermon 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion
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For Services on Christmas Day see special
announcements.

31st December - Sunday after Christmas

9 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	11 a.m. Matt. and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion
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My dear People,

First I mention the Christmas Market, which will take place on Saturday, 2nd December at the village hall at Bridge, beginning at 2.30 p.m. I know that the feeling of wanting to help and being together in the friendly atmosphere of these occasions will draw many in to help with their presence, gifts and support. Do make a point of coming and bringing your friends.

By the time you receive this letter we shall be well into our preparations for Christmas, with the Advent Service acting as our spiritual preparation. The particular Sunday of the Second Sunday in Advent, the 10th December, is earmarked as a day of thanksgiving for the Bible and is known as Bible Sunday. This is a day too when we should be making a resolution to read a portion of Scripture every day and with greater devotion. I should be glad to receive the names of any who wish to put this into practice and have the help of the Bible Reading Fellowship Notes, which are issued quarterly.

In the New Year I shall be holding Confirmation Classes and I should be pleased to know the names of any, of all ages, who wish to be prepared for the Sacrament of the Church. Do think seriously about this, if you have not been confirmed. If you are in any doubt I should be happy to come and see you.

With what real pleasure does one look forward to the Christmas festivities. The carol service, the decoration of Church and home, the lovely joyful services, and the celebration of Communion from midnight onwards through Christmas Day, the gathering of families at home and in Church, the giving and receiving of presents, the care of the old and the young, and the many little homely touches which give so much joy all add up to a Holy Festival that is full of happiness and it is that happiness that I wish you all.

I should be grateful for the names of any communicant who, through illness or age are unable to get to church, so that they may receive Christmas Communion in their homes. (2)

You will find elsewhere details of Christmas Services in our churches and at The Close. Gifts of holly, flowers, money for the decoration of the three churches will be much appreciated. But perhaps not everyone realises the great amount of work involved in arranging the decorations, so help will be very welcome at all our churches.

Before closing my letter, I would like to make one comment about the Christmas Midnight Eucharist. Many feel that their Christmas worship ends here. Between this service and a sleep there is no more worship and somehow the joy of Christmas morning and family worship with the young and old is lost. Please think about this on Christmas morning.

My wife and family join me in sending you all good wishes for a happy and joyful Christmas.

Yours very sincerely,

COLIN E.H. PERRY,

Vicar and Rural Dean.

CHRISTMAS SICK COMMUNION

The Vicar would be glad to know of any who, through sickness or age, desires the administration of Holy Communion in their home this Christmastide.

BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE CHURCHES CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Christmas Day falls on Monday this year, which means that we shall not be able to decorate the churches on the 23rd, as is usually done. However, as there will be no Evensong on Sunday the 24th, we shall be able to decorate on the afternoon of that day, from 2 o'clock onwards. Helpers will be very welcome, also gifts of flowers and foliage. As you will see, this applies to both Bridge and Patribourne Churches.

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NOTE PLEASE

There will be NO EVENSONG at 6.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Sunday the 24th December.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AT BEKESBOURNE CHURCH

The Christmas decorations of the Church will commence at 10 a.m. Saturday 23rd December. Helpers urgently wanted. Gifts of flowers and evergreen gratefully received. Donations to Mrs. Sandels to help buy flowers.

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

- December
- 2nd Saturday Christmas Market at 2.30 p.m. in Bridge Village Hall.
 - 3rd ADVENT SUNDAY.
 - 5th Tuesday Overseas Missions Evening - 7 p.m. at Bridge Village Hall.
 - 6th Wednesday M.U. Corporate Communion with Intercessions - 9.30 a.m. at Bridge Church.
 - 6th Wednesday Young Wives meeting in Bridge School at 7.30 p.m.
 - 10th Second Sunday in Advent.
 - 11th Monday M.U. Branch Meeting at 2.45 p.m. in 11, Union Road.
 - 13th Wednesday Bridge & Patribourne School Children's Nativity Play in Bridge Church at 2.30 p.m.
 - 13th Wednesday Friends of The Close. Whist Drive at The Close 7 p.m.
 - 17th Third Sunday in Advent.
 - 18th Monday Carol Service at Bekesbourne Church at 2.30 p.m.
 - 19th Tuesday Women's Institute monthly meeting in Bridge Village Hall at 7 p.m.
 - 20th Wednesday Young Wives Nativity Play in Bridge Church 8 p.m.
 - 21st Thursday St. Thomas Day. Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. at Bridge.

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CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER (Cont'd.)

- 24th Fourth Sunday in Advent.
25th Christmas Day. See elsewhere for times of services.
26th Tuesday St. Stephen's Day. Holy Communion in Bridge Church 9.30 a.m.
27th Wednesday St. John A. & M. Holy Communion at Bridge Church 9.30 a.m.
27th Wednesday Holy Communion at Churchill House 10.15 a.m.
31st Sunday after Christmas.

JANUARY

- 1st Monday Circumcision of Our Lord. Holy Communion at Bridge Church at 9.30 a.m.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

May they Rest in Peace

St. Peter's, Bridge

- 31st October 1967 Edward Alban Williams

St. Peter's, Bekesbourne

- 15th November 1967 Emily Harriet Watson

BRIDGE CHURCH - JUNIOR CHURCH

- Sunday, 3rd December - 9.30 a.m. in Bridge Church
" 10th)
" 17th) December - 11.00 a.m. in Bridge Church
" 24th)

OVERSEAS EVENING

The annual Evening for the Church's work Overseas will be held in Bridge Village Hall at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, 5th December. The speaker will be the Revd. S. Syson, from the Diocese of Zululand and Swaziland, who will illustrate his talk with slides of these countries.

There will be a Bring and Buy stall and a Literature stall, and tea and biscuits will be served.

It is hoped that this Overseas effort will be really well supported this year, so please make a note of the date and come with your friends.

MOTHERS' UNION

Wednesday, 6th December.

Corporate Communion with Intercessions at 9.30 a.m. at Bridge Church.

Monday, 11th December.

Branch Meeting on Monday at 2.45 p.m. at 11, Union Road, by kind permission of Mrs. Berry. Mrs. Greenwood, of Patricxbourne, will speak on a visit to the Holy Land and show transparencies. Members from Bekesbourne will be very welcome.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday, 17th December - Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

11 a.m. at Bekesbourne Church

6.30 p.m. at Bridge Church.

Christmas Eve - 24th December.

11.30 p.m. Midnight Eucharist at Bridge Church.

Christmas Day - Monday, 25th December.

St. Peter's, Bridge

Holy Communion 9 a.m.

" " 11.45 a.m.

Mattins and Family Service 11 a.m.

St. Mary's, Patrixbourne

Holy Communion 8 a.m.

St. Peter's, Bekesbourne.

Holy Communion 8 a.m.

" " 11.45 a.m.

Mattins and Family Service 11 a.m.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Close, Bridge.

Holy Communion 5 p.m.

NATIVITY PLAY

The Young Wives Group, with the co-operation of the Church Choir, are producing a Nativity Play, "The Light of the World", in Bridge Church on Wednesday, 20th December at 8 p.m. Please come and support this. There will be a collection and the proceeds will go to the Church Organ Fund. Light refreshments will be available afterwards in Bridge Primary School.

Deep appreciation is expressed to Mrs. Pope and Mrs. Riceman for their kind efforts for the Bridge Church Organ Fund. As a result a sum of over £40 has been given to this Fund.

C.E.H.P.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The monthly meeting will be held in Bridge Village Hall on Tuesday, 19th December at 7 p.m. when the East Kent Road Car Co. will show some films of "Journey on the Rhine" and "Wales".

Competition:- 6 Mince Pies.
Carols by Candlelight - please bring your candle and candlestick.

YOUNG WIVES GROUP

Wednesday, 6th December.

At 7.30 p.m. in Bridge Primary School. An educational film "I Want to go to School" has been hired for this meeting, at which members of the Mothers' Union will be very welcome.

Wednesday, 20th December.

At 8 p.m. in Bridge Church. Several members, with the help of the Church Choir, are producing a Nativity Play, "The Light of the World". Members who are not in the play please come and help serve refreshments afterwards in the school. See special notice for details.

Sunday, 17th December at 9 a.m.

Corporate Communion in Bridge Church. Please come and bring your children.

POPPY DAY FUND

The sum of £52.10.9d. was collected this year for the above fund. Many thanks to all who gave so generously and to the helpers, who achieved this excellent result.

J. Hunter

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