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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR JANUARY 1975

BRIDGE

| <u>5th January - 2nd Sunday after Christmas</u> | | |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 11 a.m. Matins | 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 9.30 a.m. Sung Communion |
| 11.45 Holy Comm | | |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | |

| <u>12th January - 1st Sunday after Epiphany</u> | | |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 9 a.m. Holy Comm Series III | 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon | 8 a.m. Holy Communion |
| 6.30 pm. Evensong | | |

| <u>19th January - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany</u> | | |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 9 a.m. Sung Communion | 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | |

| <u>26th January - Septuagesima Sunday</u> | | |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 9 a.m. Holy Communion | 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | 11.45 Holy Comm. |

| <u>2nd February - Sexagesima Sunday - Candlemas</u> | | |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 11 a.m. Matins | 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 9.30 a.m. Sung Communion |
| 11.45 Holy Comm | | |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | |

CONCERT AT PATRIBOURNE CHURCH

On 3rd December 1974 the Kent University Madrigal Society under Mr. P. Cheung, gave a most successful Concert in Patribourne Church. £20.50 was raised for the church Fabric Fund. We are most grateful to Mrs. G. Simmonds who arranged the Concert and to Mrs. J. Pahl who provided refreshments after the Concert.

C.A.P.

STOP PRESS: We were very sorry to hear just as we went to press of the accident involving Dr. W.G.S. Russell at the notorious blackspot of Barham Crossroads; and hope our village doctor was not too shaken by the experience. We all owe him a debt of gratitude for his hard work and compassion on our behalf during the past years.

Holy Communion is celebrated at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7.30 a.m. on Fridays during the week, in Bridge Church. Evensong is at 5 p.m. at the Close every Sunday except the first Sunday in the month when there is a celebration of Holy Communion.

Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patribourne and Bekesbourne,

Confirmation classes will begin on Thursday 9th January at 6.30pm. at the Vicarage. It would give me much pleasure to welcome at this class those who would like to be prepared for Confirmation. At Confirmation, according to the Anglican rites, the Candidates renew the promises of their Baptism. This provision has a threefold value. It links, over the passage of time, the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. It serves to remind the Candidates of the attitudes essential to the Christian life; it provides for a solemn and public affirmation of these promises by those who have never before, or only at some remote period, made them in person. These promises, however desirable and important (and they are both) are not in themselves necessary to Confirmation, for the 'heart' of Confirmation lies in the bestowal of the Holy Spirit, and this is an act of God Himself brought about through a Sacramental Ordinance performed by the bishop.

Whether we regard Confirmation as the moment of spiritual re-birth or as the strengthening of the life of the spirit already given in Baptism is not of vital importance, as long as we recognise that it is the acceptance of the gift of the Holy Spirit of God, and the beginning of our responsible life as His children. I would be glad to prepare any older candidates, and we could arrange mutually convenient times for instruction. Do please let me know.

I was very delighted at the Commissioning of Miss Marion Hawkins into the Church Army. We wish her every blessing and happiness in this important sphere of the Church's work in the world.

Sunday January 19th begins Unity Week when we shall pray for the unity of all Christian peoples. I would welcome in love at our Services (11 am. Matins at Bekesbourne Church and 6.30 pm. Evensong at Bridge) members of other Christian denominations.

A most successful Christmas Market was held on Saturday November 30th. I would like to thank all who worked so valiantly for its success. The result was outstanding; and the friendship and goodwill expressed in this gathering was quite wonderful.

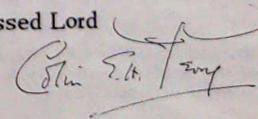
This is a very important month for the Anglican Communion of our Diocese. The Most Reverend Donald Coggan will be enthroned as the 101st Archbishop of Canterbury in the Cathedral at 2.30pm on Friday January 24th. Please remember him in your prayers on that day.

May I thank those who so beautifully decorated the Churches for Christmas tide and those who gave gifts of flowers and foliage. My wife and I would like to thank you for the messages and greetings for Christmas and the New Year which so many sent us. It is a great spiritual encouragement to us both to know that we have your prayerful goodwill and concern.

Finally I would like to wish you and your families a Happy New Year, and by 'happy' I mean that you will receive his good gifts and use them in trust to his honour and glory. May I commend to you a prayer which uses the word 'happiness' in the true sense of its meaning. It is a prayer for Grace:-

"O Lord we beseech Thee, look mercifully upon Thy people, and bestow upon us the abundance of Thy heavenly Grace, that assisted by Thy comfort here, we may ever strive more earnestly after everlasting happiness, through Jesus Christ our Lord".

Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord



CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 1975

January

- 1st Wednesday Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord
 5th Sunday 2nd Sunday after Christmas
 6th Monday EPIPHANY DAY. Holy Comm. 9.30 a.m. Bridge
 8th Wednesday Y.W. Group meeting at 7.30 p.m. Bridge
 9th Thursday Confirmation Class, the Vicarage, 6.30 p.m.
 11th Saturday Barn Dance at 8 p.m. in Bridge Village Hall.
 12th Sunday 1st Sunday after Epiphany
 16th Thursday Confirmation Class, the Vicarage at 6.30 p.m.
 19th Sunday 2nd Sunday after Epiphany 'Unity' Sunday
 21st Tuesday W.I. meeting 7 p.m. in Bridge Village Hall
 22nd Wednesday Y.W. Group meeting at 7.30 p.m. Bridge
 23rd Thursday Confirmation Class, the Vicarage, 6.30 p.m.
 24th Friday Enthronement of New Archbishop at Canterbury.
 25th Saturday The Conversion of St. Paul. H.C. Bridge 9.30
 26th Sunday Septuagesima Sunday
 29th Wednesday Bridge/Patrixbourne PCC meeting 7.30 p.m.
 30th Thursday Confirmation Class the Vicarage at 6.30 p.m.

February

- 2nd Sunday Sexagesima Sunday. Purification of St. Mary V.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

Church of Our Lady & St. Etheldreda
Newmarket, Suffolk

- 21st December 1974 Jonathan Charles Perry
 Mary Yardley Boss

Holy Baptism

St. Peter's Church Bridge

- 1st December 1974 Karen Frances Holmes
 Wayne Robert Holmes

St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne

- 8th December 1974 Elizabeth Alice Ash

May They Rest in Peace

At Barham Crematorium

- 6th December 1974 Florence Martin
 9th December 1974 Kenneth George Aers
 12th December 1974 Vera Mary Evans
 3rd January 1974 Dorothy Hilda Colyer

Mr. and Mrs. Fleming Shepherd wish to take this opportunity of thanking the many members of the Bridge community for their great kindness and hard work in helping Mr. and Mrs. Aers in their difficult years.

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS AT BRIDGE

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was celebrated at Bridge Church on Sunday 29th December in place of Evensong. We were happy to have with us as guest organist Mr. Leonard Atherton, a friend of Peter Giles, who is the Conductor of the St. Catherine's Symphony Orchestra of Ontario, Canada. The lessons were read by members of the Choir and congregation.



CONGRATULATIONS

Six of the younger members of St. Peter's Choir led by Christopher Cooper decided to sing carols around the Village of Bekesbourne in aid of the Magpie Appeal for handicapped children.

I am so very pleased to tell you that after two nights effort they raised £15.40 which has now been sent to this appeal. Well done Choir Members, it was a most worthy effort.

S.G.

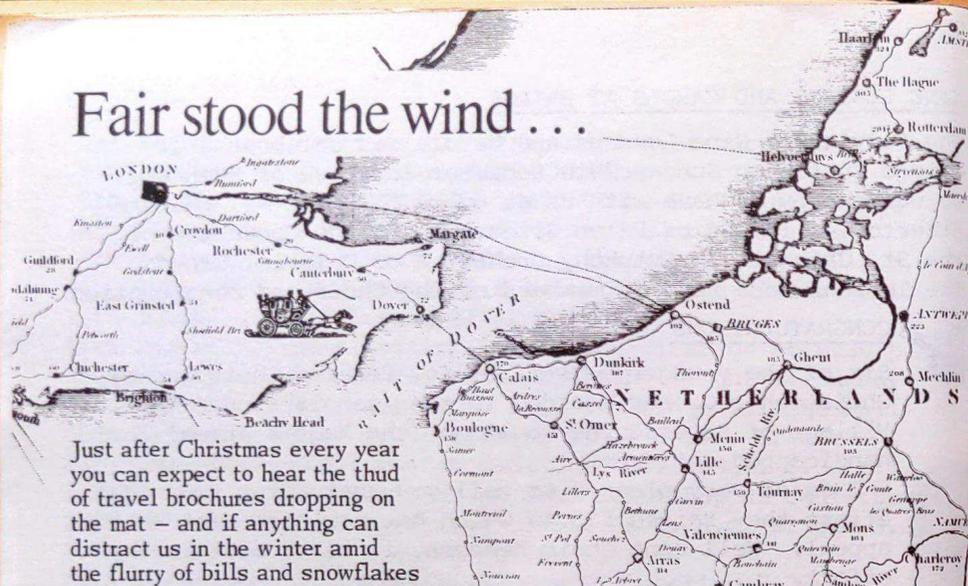
CHRISTMAS MARKET 30th November 1974

| <u>1973</u> | | <u>1974</u> |
|-------------|---|-------------|
| 20 | Young Wives Gifts/Toys | 28.33 |
| 24 | Cakes/Teas (Mrs.Potter, Mrs.Hunter) | 22.54 |
| 12 | M.U. Groceries (Mrs.Meigh, Mrs.Berry) | 17.27 |
| 7 | Produce (Mrs. Mummery) | 16.21 |
| | Less costs | 3.60 |
| - | Xmas Decorations (Mrs.Collingwood Mrs. Munns, Mrs. Barley) | 12.43 |
| 6 | White Elephant Stall (Mrs.Turpin Mrs. Hulyer) | 8.25 |
| 2 | Xmas Tree (Guides) | 84 |
| 9 | Xmas Cards (Mrs. Knight) | 16.65 |
| | Less Folders/Envelopes | 6.00 |
| 27 | Raffle(Mr. Rose) | 49.17 |
| | Less Premium Bond & Tickets | 11.10 |
| 44 | Sundries | 38.07 |
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| 151 | | 150.99 |
| 7 | Less Hire of Reading Room | 1.51 |
| 144 | Surplus | 149.48 |
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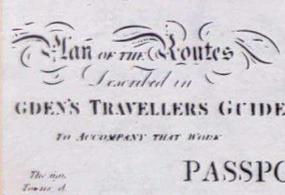
This was a very good result. Our thanks are due not only to the Stall Holders, but also to the public for their excellent support.

C.A.P.

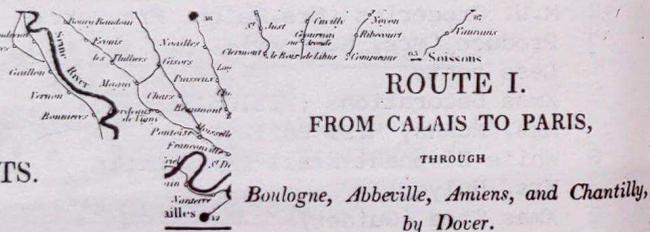
Fair stood the wind . . .



Just after Christmas every year you can expect to hear the thud of travel brochures dropping on the mat – and if anything can distract us in the winter amid the flurry of bills and snowflakes it is the thought of next summer's holiday trip. With this in mind study our travel brochure! It was published in 1817 by John Sugden of 22 George Street, Adelphi, as *The Traveller's Guide*, containing not only twelve routes to Paris but Custom House duties, a money conversion table and the advice on tipping postillions. Imagine yourself crossing the Channel – we here print an extract from the book.



THE first step that is necessary to take, before you proceed on a journey to the Continent, is to procure a Passport. To this end, if you are going to the Netherlands, or Holland, application must be made at the Dutch Ambassador's Office, Buckingham Street, Strand, accompanied by a letter, directed to *His Excellency Baron Fagel*, signed by a respectable householder, stating that you are known to the writer, and that you are recommended by him for obtaining a Passport.—If you are going to France, you must apply at the French Ambassador's, 10, New Cavendish-Street, Portland-Place.



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The Dover Mail goes from the Angel Inn, St. Clement's, every evening at seven; Sunday, a quarter before seven.

The Dover Union Coach goes from the Bolt in Tun, Fleet-Street, every morning at seven; noon, at twelve; and evening at six.

This coach goes on to Deal, Margate, and Ramsgate.

Dover coaches also go from the Cross Keys, Wood-Street, Cheapside, and Golden Cross, Charing-Cross, morning and evening.

On your arrival at Dover, you will not be long detained for a packet, as there are several, both French and English, besides the mail packets, constantly going.

It is to be remarked, that no two maps or persons agree about the distances across the channel; we have, however, carefully avoided the extremes, and, by consulting the best authorities, have endeavoured to give them as correctly as possible.

The distance, however, from the north turret of the keep of Dover Castle, to the spire of Notre Dame Church, at Calais, is found by trigonometrical admeasurement to be 137,452 feet, or 26 miles 57 yards. The passage is seldom of more than seven or eight hours duration, but is much more frequently performed in four, and sometimes in two hours with a very fair wind. A few trifling refreshments, therefore, is all that will be necessary.

Calais has a good port, and is well fortified; its citadel is one of the largest in the kingdom. The different appearance of this town from any in England, although at so short a distance, strikes the English traveller forcibly on his landing: the houses are spacious and lofty, and built with a grey-coloured stone; the streets are tolerably wide, but there are no flag stones for the accommodation of pedestrians; there are few showy shops, and the town altogether has a monotonous appearance.

The Public Buildings are few: they are the Hôtel de Ville, or Town Hall; the Tour du Guêt, or Watch-Tower, where a man is constantly watching for the protection of the town; two dilapidated churches; foot and

horse barracks, and the public cisterns, wherein, for want of springs and wells, the inhabitants collect rain-water, the only water they use.

There is a market held in the Grande Place every Saturday, where silversmiths, and Exchange brokers, attend, who change gold, silver, and bank notes, according to the rate of exchange.

When the packet arrives, the custom-house officers take your luggage to the custom-house to examine it; they demand eighteen sous for each trunk, portmanteau, or parcel, large or small; and when the search is made, they carry them to your inn or residence, and make another demand of ten sous each for portrage.

The post office is in the Rue de la Harpe: the mail sets off for Paris every day at one o'clock, P. M. and arrives from Paris every morning between five and six. The letters are dispatched for England every Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: you must pay sixpence with each letter.

About a mile from Calais, there is a beautiful avenue of the finest walnut and chesnut trees. The surrounding country much resembles the vicinity of Dover, but the vegetation is stronger and finer, and the trees grow nearer to the cliffs.

The inhabitants have good herring and mackarel fisheries; their commerce is chiefly in grain, wine, brandy, and cattle. Population about 8000 inhabitants.

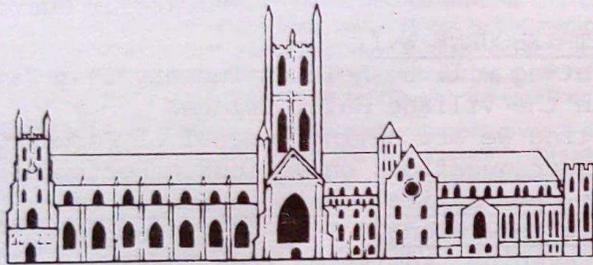
Inns.—The Hotel de Quillaque, formerly kept by Desseins, is now kept by Quillaque and Duplesis, and is a spacious, agreeable, and commodious inn: it contains within itself a theatre, garden, public walks, coffee-room, &c. &c.

The Hotel Meurice, Rue de la Prison, kept by F. Messe Meurice, from whence the Paris Diligence sets off, is an excellent house.

BEKESBOURNE CHOIR FUNDS

The Coffee Morning held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Page on Saturday 14th December in aid of choir funds was a very happy event and produced the sum of £14.20. We thank Mrs. Page for her kindness and hospitality.

S.G.



PATRIXBOURNE WITH BRIDGE AND BEKESBOURNE

The clergy and people of
this parish are prayed for in
Canterbury Cathedral
at the Holy Communion Service
at 8 a.m. and at Evensong on

Monday January 13th 1975

Pray likewise for the work and
Witness of the Mother Church
of the Anglican Communion
on this day

In the Diocese of Canterbury prayers are offered daily for the work of the Church both at home and overseas, and on Monday 13th of this month prayers will be said for our Parish, the Vicar—Canon C.E.H. Perry, and the Reader—Mr. D.A. Johnson. Overseas we will be thinking of Antananarivo in Madagascar, and Antigua, West Indies, and the Bishop, Orland Lindsay.

CHURCH ARMY COMMISSIONING SERVICE

Marion Hawkins of Bridge was one of ten young men and three young women Commissioned into the Church Army on Tuesday December 10th. They had studied for three years at the Wilson Carlisle College at Blackheath in London, the course including preaching at Speakers' Corner, Marble Arch, and taking part in Missions all over England and Wales.

The Commissioning Service was held in the Chapel Army H.Q. in Marylebone Road, London; and conducted by the Chief Secretary, Prebendary Donald Lynch, M.A., M.B.E. During the impressive service the candidates were blessed one by one at the altar, and this was followed by Holy Communion for Candidates, relatives and friends.

In the moving address by the Chief Secretary the new officers were instructed to "Fight the good fight" (the motto of the Church Army) and reminded of Christ's words to his disciples "You did not choose Me, I chose you".

Following a buffet lunch, the Bishop of London, at a ceremony at Southwark Cathedral, admitted a Church Army Officer to the office of Evangelist. His Grace took the opportunity to bless the new officers, urging them to think of themselves as Ambassadors of the Church.

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During tea at a nearby Hall we were so pleased to meet the Rev. Geoffrey Church, who was Vicar here from 1952-1957. He sends his good wishes to all who remember him. We in our turn must wish him well as he is getting married again very soon.

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Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patricxbourne & Bekesbourne, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday- being early this year- on February 12th. I trust that many of you will endeavour to be present at Holy Communion on that day There are two celebrations at Bridge Church, at 7.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m.

Lent is the season in which all right thinking Christians will make a self-examination concerning their religious duties. I am sure it would be a good thing if during Lent some might wish to make it a matter of special discipline to come to Evening Services at Bridge Church as well as the Holy Communion or Mattins on Sunday and to apply their minds particularly on the subject of Christian renewal in order that we may go forward with sincerity and conviction in our purpose of extending Christ's Kingdom. It is our hope that many will be making a real reappraisal as they think of shaping a Lenten rule.

I wish to thank a very kindly and generous person who wishes to remain anonymous for paying for the cost of the repair of the lovely Silver Flagon which we use at St. Peter's Church on the Greater Festivals of the Church.

We extend a very warm welcome to the Most Rev. Donald Coggan as Lord Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of All England. The Service of his Enthronement at Canterbury Cathedral on the 24th January was a very wonderful and spiritual occasion.

I have often been asked why do some Churches announce Holy Communion and others Sung Eucharist? The answer is: The Service of Holy Communion has many titles, and these reflect its many different aspects. It is a 'Communion' which means 'union with' because it is the Service at which Christians enter into Communion with Christ and with one another through a common event. It is a 'Eucharist' which means 'Thanksgiving' because it is at this service above all others that we give thanks to God for all his blessings and this is one of its earliest titles.

Parishioners are reminded that in order to qualify for a vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and election of Church Wardens, (formerly known as the Easter Vestry and Annual General Meeting) they must be on the Electoral Roll of their Church. Electoral Roll Application forms may be obtained from me or from all the churches.

Yours affectionately in our Lord,

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 1975

February

- 2nd Sunday Sexagesima: The Purification of St. Mary,
(Candlemas)
- 4th Tuesday Bridge Parish Hall Committee Meeting at 8 pm
- 5th Wednesday M.U. Corporate Communion, Bridge at 9.30 am
- 6th Thursday Confirmation Class at the Vicarage, 7.30 pm
Annual Meeting Bridge Cricket Club, 8 pm
at the Red Lion, Bridge.
- 9th Sunday Quinquagesima
- 11th Tuesday East Bridge Deanery Synod Meeting at 7.30 pm
at St. Augustine's College
- 12th Wednesday ASH WEDNESDAY. Holy Communion 7.30 & 9.30 am
at Bridge Church
- 13th Thursday Confirmation Class at the Vicarage, 7.30 pm
- 15th Sunday 1st Sunday in Lent
- 18th Tuesday Bekesbourne P.C.C. at 7.30 p.m., at Mulberry
Cottage, Patrisbourne
Bridge & Patrisbourne W.I. meeting at 7 pm
- 19th Wednesday Bridge Y.W. Group meeting, 7.30 pm, Bridge
- 20th Thursday Confirmation Class at the Vicarage, 7.30 pm
- 23rd Sunday 2nd Sunday in Lent
- 24th Monday St. Matthias Day. Holy Comm. at Bridge, 9.30
- 27th Thursday Confirmation Class at the Vicarage, 7.30 pm
- March
- 2nd Sunday 3rd Sunday in Lent

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne

11th January 1975 Phillip Ian Roberts
Valerie Ann Walpole

May They Rest in Peace

At Barham Crematorium

3rd January 1975 Dorothy (Doris) Hilda Collyer

MOTHERS UNION

Corporate Communion with Intercessions at 9.30 a.m. in
Bridge Church on February 5th.
There will be no Branch Meeting this month.



**REALISM AND FAITH
THE 101st ARCHBISHOP**

Photograph by courtesy
of The Kentish Gazette

Dr. Frederick Donald Coggan was enthroned the 101st Archbishop of Canterbury on Friday January 24th – the new leader of 65 million Anglicans. Although of an age that dictates his retirement in about five years, Dr. Coggan should not be dismissed as a caretaker in charge of the Church.

In his first sermon as Archbishop, Dr. Coggan made it abundantly plain that we must come to grips with the world as it is, not as we would wish it to be. Quoting St. John 16,23, he said that life was just as violent and unpalatable in the first century as it was today.

'Let the Church face the fact' he warned, 'and face it unblinkered, that it is in for a time of tribulation. If we are fools enough for Christ's sake, to follow Him, then we must face tribulation and even crucifixion – and no whining when that comes, no complaining when the winds are contrary. No crying to the world, for the sake of popularity, "peace, peace" when there is no peace! No healing of the wounds of My people lightly. Our radical sickness calls for a radical cure – and that can only come by way of the Cross. Did that secretary write more wisely than she knew when, by an error of typing, she referred to my enthronment instead of my enthronement?'

Dr. Coggan spoke of the need for more clergy, and an increase in the ministry of the laity – not a paradox. Then widening his address to all who acknowledged Christ the Archbishop quoted General Booth of the Salvation Army:—

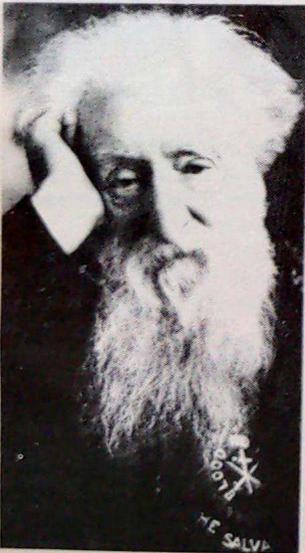
'We must grow till our arms get right round the world'.

'When you put your arms round somebody, you tell him that you love him. It is a sacramental act. The world desperately needs loving, and it will have to be done sacramentally by outward and visible signs of the inward grace of God's love. 'Such an embrace will be costly. It will involve the abandonment of much that we have hitherto taken for granted. Our divisions will have to go... Our selfishness will have to go, for much of the global village in which we live is deprived of those necessities without which no human being can fully live – food, literacy, education, freedom, knowledge of the Christian way. Round such deprived millions our arms must go, and for that we must grow. Our most powerful arms will be the arms of prayer'.

Recapitulating, the Primate ended by reminding his listeners of the realism of Jesus' saying 'In the world you shall have tribulation'. Matched against this was Jesus' confidence 'I have overcome the world'.

Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

With the close association between our Parish of St. Peter's, Bekesbourne, and the Archbishops of Canterbury, we extend our congratulations to Dr. Coggan on his enthronement, our wishes that he succeeds in the awesome work ahead and our prayers to sustain him and all for whom he works in his Primacy.



GENERAL BOOTH

Arms of love round the World...

There will be a concert at St. Peter's Church, Bridge, on Saturday February 8th, featuring the Canterbury Salvation Army Young People's Band, directed by David Elliott.

Those from Bekesbourne will recall the Christmas carol-singing just over a year ago when the same Band accompanied the Choir and introduced some of their own songs as well.

The Salvation Army is worth examining. It was born of one man's despair that the established church could not reach those who most needed the help of religious belief in God and in themselves. William Booth, born in 1829, was apprenticed to a

pawnbroker in Nottingham. He saw only too clearly the misery of the poor at the time, and looking at the work of Wesley who had sought out the drunks to preach 'You are the sons of God, the heirs of eternal life', William Booth began to preach in the Methodist circuits. He was so outspoken that eventually the Methodists refused him his *ticket* and he was forced to soldier on by himself. He had married Catherine Mumford, an ardent feminist, before leaving the Methodists – and it was in his early married life, having toured Mile End Road in East London and seen the degradation there, when he began his life work for the rejected. The style he adopted, theatrical if you will, humble in his prayers, slowly attracted a small nucleus of equally dedicated helpers, and from preaching in an old tent set up in a disused graveyard he was able to inch forward in setting citadels for worship, cheap lodgings for workers, food kitchens and an onslaught on the gin-palaces which snared so many desperate men and women in the mid-19th century. The military connotations came later, as did the brass bands. All recruits to the Salvation Army needed stamina as well as will-power in those days. Armed with a Bible, Orders and Regulations and some doctrinal notes they were thrust out into real life for the training that only experience could teach. If the training failed to make the point General Booth would clinch it with his remark to the passing-out parade, 'I sentence you all to hard labour for the rest of your natural lives'.

Among the helpers in the early days was Dr. Thomas Barnado, a medical student from London Hospital. He hired a house off Bull Lane, Stepney, to house homeless boys. General Booth said to him when he left to found the Barnado Homes, 'You look after the children and I'll look after the adults. Then, together, we'll convert the world'.

The world was slow to conversion. It was a painful uphill struggle for the early Salvationists, since once they were clearly established they met continuous harassment from authority. It was feared by some in Parliament that the Salvationists were preaching some sort of overthrow of Victorian Society. The vested interests in the brothels and gin-palaces made strenuous efforts to defeat those who were cutting their profits.

But recognition of the part the Salvation Army could play was being noted by others, and there were problems that only they seemed capable of beating. The Army grew, not only in Britain, but overseas, with the iron zeal of William Booth to lead it. Today the leadership of the Salvation Army is democratically arrived at by a High Council operating under an Act of Parliament; but the first General was autocratic. Probably he needed to be to set up an organisation which has never faltered in its work. At all events he inspired love in many that knew him; on his death, at a vast memorial service at Olympia the congregation included Queen Mary.

What do Salvationists believe? 'It is a very simple thing' said General Booth, 'It just means loving God with all your heart, and your neighbour as yourself'. Other fundamentals in their Credo are: Divine inspiration of the Bible, belief in the Trinity, immortality of the soul, resurrection of the body, judgement, and the salvation of all believers by faith through grace. Salvationists strive continually to turn men and women to seek God. They do not seek to turn true believers from their existing faith.

The Salvation Army in Canterbury provides something that other churches cannot; it certainly flies the flag and sounds the trumpet for Christianity in a way that General Booth would approve. The address is in White Horse Lane, just off the High Street. It is hoped you enjoy their Young People's Band; it is first-class!

J. P.

BRIDGE and PATRIBOURNE P. C. C.
Summary of Accounts for the year to 31st December 1974

REVENUE ACCOUNT

| 1973 RECEIPTS | | 1973 PAYMENTS | |
|-------------------------------------|------|---------------------------------------|------|
| 639 Church Collections | 630 | 288 Salaries and Wages | 365 |
| FREE WILL OFFERING SCHEME | | 279 Light heat and water | 248 |
| 115 Envelopes | 101 | 180 Insurance | 182 |
| 971 Covenantants (Inc. Tax refunds) | 862 | 32 Repairs, Maint. (Inc. Organs) | 169 |
| 13 Donations to Missions | 20 | 80 Church Yards | 77 |
| 103 Donations to Church Funds | 179 | 120 Church Services (Including Choir) | 84 |
| 31 Church Collection Boxes | 25 | 368 Diocesan Quota | 545 |
| 103 Investment Income (Var. Trusts) | 105 | 391 Grant for Vicar's Work. Expenses | 415 |
| 64 Other Income | 71 | 70 Easter Offering | 58 |
| — Parish Magazine (net profit) | 34 | 13 Donations to Missions | 20 |
| | | 50 Donations to General Charities | 50 |
| FETES, etc | | 51 Sundry Expenses | 51 |
| 204 Summer Fete* | 177 | 48 Loss on Parish Magazine | — |
| 158 Christmas Market | 149 | 431 Balance c/f to Capital A/c | 90 |
| | 2354 | | 2354 |

CAPITAL (OR NON-RECURRING ITEMS)

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|------|---------------------------------------|------|
| Opening Balance (1.1.1974) | 392 | EXPENDED ON CHURCHES | |
| Balance b/f from Revenue A/c | 90 | Bridge | 111 |
| Diocesan Board of Finance | | Patribourne | 778 |
| Grant for Repairs to churches | 400 | Deposits in S.E. Trustee Savings Bank | 286 |
| Special Efforts | | Closing Balance | 90 |
| Flower Festival (Bal. of profit) | 343 | | |
| Bridge Concert | 20 | | |
| Patribourne Concert | 20 | | |
| | 1265 | | 1265 |

NOTES: 1. FLOWER FESTIVAL. Where a 'Special Effort' is made by a parish the Diocesan Board has ruled that it is only necessary to include as 'Revenue' a sum equal to the average profits on the Summer Fete (or other appropriate function) for the three previous years. The calculations in the case of the Bridge Flower Festival are:— Profit on Flower Festival £519.95
Summer Fetes 1972/1973 177.00
Proportion to be treated as Capital 342.95

The advantage to the Parish is that the capital contribution is not taken into account when the Quota is calculated.

2. The above figures have been extracted from the Cash Book. Owing to apportionment and other adjustments they may not correspond with the final audited Accounts which will be presented to the Annual Meeting of the P. C. C.

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT ON PARISH ACCOUNTS FOR 1974

Dealing first with the Revenue Account. The fall in Covenant Income of £109 was chiefly due to a reduction in the amount of tax recovered during 1974, this will be made up in the current year. Total receipts of £2341 were slightly down on the previous year but total payments of £2264 showed an increase of £295 over 1973.

Turning to the Capital Account. We spent £890 on the two churches and transferred £285 to Reserves. We were able to do this thanks to a generous grant of £400 by the Diocesan Board of Finance towards church repairs, the profit of £520 on the Flower Festival, and running down our Bank balances from £392 at the commencement of 1974 to £90 at the end of the year. The Bank balance is now too low and it will soon be necessary to transfer some money back from Reserves which are standing at a total of £1383, an increase of £362 compared with the end of 1973.

Looking to the future: our Quota for 1975 has been set at £622 (a rise of 13%). With the increase in the price of petrol the Vicar's working expenses are bound to rise. The cost of producing the Magazine will also increase. All being well we shall not have to spend a lot on the churches.

The disturbing feature in 1974 was that the increase in ordinary expenditure of nearly £300 was not matched by any increase in normal income. Had it not been for the unusually large balance brought forward from 1973 and the exceptionally large surplus resulting from the Flower Festival the position would have looked very different. Faced with ever rising inflation it is essential that we should increase our normal income during 1975.

C.A.P.

BRIDGE CRICKET CLUB

Bridge Cricket will hold its Annual General Meeting at 8 p.m. at The Red Lion, Bridge on Thursday 6th February. All are welcome.

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES GROUP

February 5th. A Beauty Demonstration (No. 7 Products) by Mrs. W.E. Jones, in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm
19th. 'My Experiences in the Mission Field', a talk by the Rev. R. Harris, in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be in the Village Hall on February 18th at 7 p.m. Police Sergeant C. Dunster will be giving a talk on 'Police Work in the Village', which should prove most interesting. This month's Competition - A Bowl of Bulbs.

BEKESBOURNE SOCIAL CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held at Bekesbourne Village Hall on Monday February 24th at 7.30 p.m. Would you please note that a Dance in aid of the funds of the Social Club will be held on Saturday February 15th starting at 8 p.m. Tickets at 50p

D.F.

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| | | | |
|----------|------|-------|---------------|
| February | 1st | | Mrs. Smith |
| | 8th | | Mrs. Farbrace |
| | 15th | | Mrs. Hogben |
| | 22nd | | Mrs. Watson |
| March | 1st | | Mrs. Grey |

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2nd March - 3rd Sunday in Lent
 11 a.m. Matins
 11.45 Holy Comm.
 6.30 p.m. Evensong

PATRIXBOURNE

8 a.m. Holy Communion

BEKESBOURNE

9.30 a.m. Sung Communion

9th March - 4th Sunday in Lent

Mothering Sunday

9 a.m. Holy Comm. Series III
 6.30 p.m. Evensong

11 a.m. Matins and Sermon

8 a.m. Holy Communion

16th March - PASSION SUNDAY

9 a.m. Parish Eucharist (Choral)
 6.30 p.m. Evensong (Congregational)

8 a.m. Holy Communion

11 a.m. Matins and Sermon

23rd March - PALM SUNDAY

8 a.m. Holy Communion
 6.30 p.m. Evensong

9 a.m. Holy Communion

11 a.m. Matins and Sermon
 11.45 Holy Comm.

30th March - EASTER SUNDAY

8 a.m. Holy Comm.
 11 a.m. Matins
 Preacher:
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Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patribourne & Bekesbourne, This month once again the Christian Year brings to us the message of Good Friday and Easter. The central thought throughout Good Friday is the meaning of the Cross. Our Lord in our age and in our individual lives. Our Lord 'Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified'. It was a terrible apartness, but it was for us. He was serving us, dying for us, in the apartness, in the utter awareness of evil in all its horrors, in the victory over evil, in his nearness to the Father. It may renew us in our gratitude and our faith to think of how our Lord underwent all this for us. It may renew us as a Church if we knew that what our Lord did for us, must be in a measure reproduced in us.

Easter is the source of joy for us as Christians, in the very midst of an uncertain and sometimes despairing world. What does Easter mean? What is it to feel utterly convinced of the truth of the resurrection?

Something of literally life and death importance had happened in mortal history. Read again in the Gospels and the Epistle of St. Paul the actual words of people who had seen Christ after his Resurrection. See again men and women deeply changed by His living power. Paul's letter was written over quite a period of years, but there is not the slightest discernible diminution of faith. I have heard professing Christians of our day speak as though the historicity of the Gospels does not matter - all that matters is the contemporary Spirit of Christ. I contend that historicity does matter, and I do not see why we, who live nearly two thousand years later should call in question an event for which there were many eye-witnesses still living at the time when most of the New Testament was written.

It was no 'cunningly devised fable', but an historic irruption of God into human history which gave birth to a young Church so sturdy that the Pagan and Roman world could not stifle nor destroy it.

Christ lives in the personality of the man who believes in Him, and brings with Him the hope of 'Glory to come'. The God in whom Christians believe is in a special way the God of Resurrection.

You will find elsewhere in this magazine full details of the Church Services during Holy Week and for Easter Day.

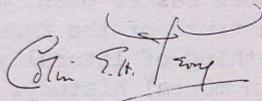
I commend to your prayers those who are being confirmed at Wickhambreaux Church at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 11th March and we extend a loving welcome to them in their full communicant life.

It is important that those who worship in our churches should express their care and concern for all that goes on by being present at the Annual Parochial Church Meetings. The dates are:-

- April 1st Tuesday, Bridge/Patrixbourne Annual Parochial Church Meeting & Election of Churchwardens at 7.30 in the Village Hall
- April 7th Monday, Bekesbourne Annual Parochial Church Meeting & Election of Churchwardens at 7.30 pm at Bekesbourne Village Hall

I wish you a prayerful and sacred week and an Easter Day of great spiritual joy.

Yours sincerely in our blessed Lord,



Rural Dean and Vicar

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 1975

March

- 2nd Sunday Third Sunday in Lent
- 5th Wednesday M.U. Corporate Communion, Bridge at 9.30 am
Bridge Y.W. Group, Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 6th Thursday Confirmation Class, 6.30 pm. NB. Bridge Church
- 7th Friday Women's World Day of Prayer (See elsewhere)
- 9th Sunday Fourth Sunday in Lent
- 10th Monday M.U. Branch Meeting at 2.45 pm 37 Union Rd.
- 11th Tuesday Confirmation at Wickhambreaux Church at 7.30 pm
- 13th Thursday Annual Assembly of Bridge Parish Meeting (Parish Council), Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 16th Sunday PASSION SUNDAY. Rev. Blaxland preaching at Matins at Bekesbourne Church at 11 pm
- 17th Monday Bridge & Patrixbourne Churches Summer Fete meeting at 8 pm at Bridge Vicarage
- 19th Wednesday East Bridge Deanery Meeting for M.U. Overseas, at 3 pm at Bridge Village Hall
Bridge Y.W. Group, Village Hall at 7.30 pm
- 23rd Sunday PALM SUNDAY. Distribution of Palms at all services.
- 24th - 31st March HOLY WEEK
- 24th Monday Holy Communion at Bridge Church at 9.30 am

- 25th Tuesday Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Communion at Bridge Church at 9.30 am
- 26th Wednesday Holy Communion at Bridge Church at 9.30 am
- 27th Thursday MAUNDY THURSDAY, Holy Communion at Bridge at 7.30 am and 9.30 am
- 28th Friday GOOD FRIDAY. Ante-Communion & Litany at Bridge Church at 8 a.m.
Bekesbourne Church, Matins at 11 a.m.
Bridge Church, Devotional Hour from 2-3 p.m.
Conducted by Rev. C.W. Harrington
- 30th Sunday EASTER SUNDAY.

EASTER DAY SERVICES, Sunday March 30th

- St. Peter's Church Bridge 8 a.m. Holy Communion
11 a.m. Matins and Family Service.
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion
6.30 p.m. Festal Evensong

- St. Mary's Church Patrixbourne
8 a.m. Holy Communion
11 a.m. Matins and Sermon

- St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne
8 a.m. Holy Communion
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MOTHERS' UNION

- March 5th Corporate Communion at 9.30 a.m. in Bridge Church
- March 10th Branch Meeting at 37 Union Road, at 2.45 p.m.
Speaker: Rev. C. Harrington
- March 19th East Bridge M.U. Deanery Overseas Festival in the Village Hall at 3 p.m. Bring & Buy Stall
Speaker: Miss G. Shaw from India.
- March 7th Women's World Day of Prayer. Please see page 10

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

May They Rest in Peace

St. Peter's Church Bridge

10th February 1975 Charles Nobbs

BISHOP BLESSES MARIAN



Miss Marian Hawkins being blessed by the Bishop of London, the Right Reverend Gerald Ellison, at Southwark Cathedral on December 10th 1974 - following her Commissioning as a Church Army Officer. Readers will recall that an article on the Commissioning Service appeared in the January issue (p13).

We would be very happy to print photographs of parochial interest in future issues of the Magazine. Couples due to be married in our Churches might care to let us borrow a photograph of the happy occasion. Similarly there may well be pictures showing the villages in times gone by. Would you please hand any such photographs (or drawings) to the Vicar or to John Purchase. They will be returned in a day or so after copying.

J.P.

BRIDGE CRICKET CLUB

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The Annual General Meeting of the Bridge Cricket Club took place at the Red Lion, Bridge on Thursday 6th February at 8 p.m.

It was reported with regret that the Club's President, Mr. Harry Hawkins, 20 Windmill Close, Bridge, was retiring,

Mr. Hawkins having been President of the Bridge Cricket Club since its reformation three years ago and had, prior to that, been President of the Bourne Paddock Cricket Club for many years. Mr. T.E.G. Hoare, of Cedars, Bridge Hill was nominated to take the place of the President and he kindly accepted the position.

The Secretary, Mr. B. Cole, reported that the past year had been a very good one for the Club, not only on the field but socially, many events having been successful and a good many friends having been made during the course of the season.

On the fields, 37 games had been played, 19 won, 9 lost, 6 drawn and three abandoned. Allan Durman was top with the batting averages, Chris Jarvis top of the bowling and Barrie Cole top of catches.

There were notable performances during the season; that of Brian Cox, Allan Durman and T. Pilbeam for batting, C. Jarvis, D. Dolfe, D. Castle and S. Richards for bowling.

The Secretary reported that there had been a general improvement in performances which was probably a reflection of the excellent wicket and outfield which was largely due to the work of C. Jarvis.

The Secretary emphasised that the following year should be one of extensive co-operation and organisation and that although the past year had been a good one the future year should be even better - there being 45 fixtures arranged, 25 being at home and 8 away. It was also hoped that youngsters would join the Club.

There then followed the election of officers - C. Harding Chairman, D. Dolfe Fixtures Secretary, B. Cole Secretary, Allan Durman Treasurer, G. Bourn Saturday Captain, C. Jarvis Sunday Captain, T. Pay Saturday Vice Captain, G. Bourn Sunday Vice Captain, G. Larter Evening League Captain, K. Pay Evening League Vice Captain. The various Committees were then confirmed after some great debate and various other matters were left to the main Committee to make final decisions.

During the meeting the Treasurer reported that the Club was in a very healthy financial position but that a great deal of money was needed during the following year not only for equipment but for the general improvement of facilities.

B. Cole,
Hon. Secretary

BRIDGE CHURCH YOUNG WIVES GROUP

March 5th "The History of Cadbury", talk by Mr. W. Hayes,
In the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.
March 19th "How to Make a Scripture Cake", by Mrs. Johnson,
In the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

MISSIONARY BOXES

Would you please return all these on Palm Sunday.

C.P.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will meet on the following Sundays:-
March 9th, 16th, & 23rd.

NOTICE BOARD

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

The ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF PARISH MEETING, (Bridge Council) will be held in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on March 13th 1975

PATRIXBOURNE PARISH MEETING

The Annual Assembly will be held at "The Barton", Patribourne on Tuesday March 18th at 7.30 p.m.

P. Greenwood,
Acting Clerk

BEKESBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at Bekesbourne Village Hall on Tuesday, March 25th 1975 at 8.00 p.m.

▶ Please make a point of supporting your local Parish bodies by attending. C.E.H.P.

BEKESBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

Please note that the Village Hall will be closed for one week, 28th March to 7th April for decoration.

WASTE PAPER COLLECTION

Due to the saturation of the paper market and our limited storage space we have had to suspend our paper collections until further notice. We take this opportunity to thank you sincerely for your support in this project.

Bridge Parent Teacher Association.

DECORATING THE CHURCHES FOR EASTER

St. Peter's Church Bridge

This will take place on Saturday, 29th March at 10 a.m. Any offers of help or gifts of flowers will be most welcome. The cost of lilies are about 40p each. Donations for purchase of lilies to Mrs. Roger Hunter or Mrs. Elsie Apps will be much appreciated.

St. Mary's Church Patribourne

This will take place on Saturday the 29th March from 10 a.m. onwards. Any offers of help or gifts of flowers or donations to purchase Easter lilies will be greatly appreciated.

St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne

The decoration of the Church for Easter Day will commence at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 29th March. Mrs. D. Sandall, The School House, Bekesbourne, will welcome helpers, gifts of flowers and donations for the purchase of flowers.

EASTER OFFERING

The Churchwardens of Bridge, Patribourne and Bekesbourne wish to remind parishioners that following the current custom of the Church, the collections throughout Easter Day will be given to the Vicar as a personal gift. Anyone who will be away at Easter might care to send his or her offering to the Churchwardens to be included in the collection.

• Since Easter Sunday falls on March 30th the April edition of the Magazine will be published one week early so that copies are in your hands before Easter weekend.

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BEKESBOURNE

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EASTER 1975



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Bridge Church
Easter services
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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR APRIL 1975

| <u>BRIDGE</u> | <u>PATRIXBOURNE</u> | <u>BEKESBOURNE</u> |
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| <u>30th March - EASTER SUNDAY</u> | | |
| 8 a.m. Holy Comm. | 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 8 a.m. Holy Comm. |
| 11 a.m. Matins | | 11 a.m. Matins |
| Preacher: | | Preacher: |
| Rev. L. Geddes | | Canon Perry |
| 11.45 Holy Comm. | | 11.45 Holy Comm. |
| <u>6th April - 1st Sunday after Easter, Low Sunday</u> | | |
| 11 a.m. Matins | 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 9.30 a.m. Sung Communion |
| 11.45 Holy Comm | | |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | |
| <u>13th April - 2nd Sunday after Easter</u> | | |
| 9 a.m. Holy Comm. Series III | 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon | 8 a.m. Holy Communion |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | |
| <u>20th April - 3rd Sunday after Easter</u> | | |
| 9 a.m. Parish Eucharist (Choral) | 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong (Congregational) | | |
| <u>27th April - 4th Sunday after Easter</u> | | |
| 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 9 a.m. Holy Communion | 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | 11.45 Holy Comm. |
| <u>4th May - 5th Sunday after Easter</u> | | |
| 11 a.m. Matins | 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 9.30 a.m. Sung Communion |
| 11.45 Holy Comm. | | |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | |

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Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patricxbourne & Bekesbourne, "The third day he rose again". Easter Day is the central point of the annual round of Christian Commemoration. It was the instinctive sense of the importance of the Resurrection that caused the substitution by the early Church of Sundays for Saturdays as the weekly Christian Holy Day, "the Easter Day in every week" The chief function of the twelve Apostles was felt to be "witness to his resurrection". Every book of the New Testament is written by men who believed, and for readers who already believed that Jesus who had been crucified was now alive and present with them at all times and in all places. Christians all through the ages have had the experience of converse with the living Jesus. But it is not only that the risen Christ is felt to be present with his individual followers. The belief was that a new and cleansing power had entered the world. Christ had won the victory over the worst that evil could do, and now offered to all a share in that victory by faith and incorporation through the Sacraments into his body, which is the Church.

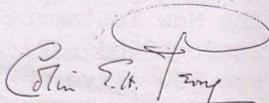
There can be no dispute that the Christian Church depends for its existence on the Resurrection of Christ. The Resurrection must be grasped with faith, for here time and eternity meet. It is not only a fact, but an experience which Christians on earth can share, as St. Paul shows in the Easter Day epistle "if ye then be risen with Christ".

We welcome those who were recently Confirmed from our parishes. Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion are not merely interesting religious ceremonies, but are the great Sacraments entrusted by our Lord to his Church through his Apostles. This unity of purpose is to be seen in the fact that all the rites of Christian Baptism and initiation are in the name of God, the Blessed Trinity. At Confirmation, the promises of their Baptism are renewed. It links over the passage of time the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. The heart of Confirmation lies in the bestowal of the Holy Spirit, and this is an act of God himself. We look back to our own Confirmation. Whether we regard Confirmation as the moment of re-birth or as the strengthening of the life of the Spirit already given on Baptism is not of vital importance, as long as we recognize that it is the acceptance of the gift of the Holy Spirit of God for our responsible life as a practising Christian. In the prayer of Confirmation there are these words said over us, "that he (or she) may continue thine for ever; and daily increase in the Holy Spirit more and more. The emphasis is on a beginning and an increase or growth. To increase in the Holy Spirit mean

means to grow or to grow up in the new life which he communicates to us.

I commend to you the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which I hope you will come to. Here we give an account of our stewardship and elect officers and the Parochial Church Council, and Sidesmen for the next twelve months. You will find details of this meeting in the Calendar for April.

Yours sincerely in our Lord,



Rural Dean and Vicar

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 1975

March

30th Sunday EASTER DAY. See page 13 for Services.

April

1st Tuesday Bridge/Patrixbourne Churches Annual Parochial Church Meeting & Election of Churchwardens at 7.30 p.m., in Bridge Village Hall

2nd Wednesday M.U. Corporate Communion, Bridge Church, 9.30am

6th Sunday Low Sunday. First Sunday after Easter

7th Monday Bekesbourne Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting & Election of Churchwardens at 7.30 pm in Bekesbourne Village Hall.

11th Friday Annual General Meeting of the Bridge Group of the League of Friends of Canterbury Hospitals at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.

13th Sunday Second Sunday after Easter

14th Monday M.U. Branch Meeting, 2.45 pm at Mrs. Meighs, 37 Union Road.
Summer Fete (helpers) Meeting at 8pm at the Vicarage, Bridge.

15th Tuesday Birthday Meeting of W.I., 7.30 pm Bridge V.H.

16th Wednesday Bridge Y.W. Group. 7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall

19th Saturday Diocesan Synod at Canterbury

20th Sunday Third Sunday after Easter.

23rd Wednesday Bridge Y.W. Group, 7.30 pm, Bridge Village Hall

25th Friday St. Mark's Day. Holy Comm. 7.30 a.m. Bridge

27th Sunday Fourth Sunday after Easter. The preacher at 6.30 pm Evensong at Bridge- The Right Rev. Bishop Kenneth Cragg, former Assistant Bishop of Jerusalem and Warden of St. Augustine's College, Canterbury.

May

1st Thursday St. Philip & St. James Day. H.C. 9.30 at Bridge

4th Sunday Rogation Sunday

EASTER



THE ENTOMBMENT - Albrecht Durer, c 1510

AH, holy Jesu, how hast thou offended,
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesu, hath undone thee:
'Twas I, Lord Jesu, I it was denied thee:
I crucified thee.

Lo, the good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth,
God intercedeth.

Seed-time and harvest



With Eastertime Spring should soon be upon us, and it is a moment to think of gardens and fields and the crops that will be growing round the villages during the summer.

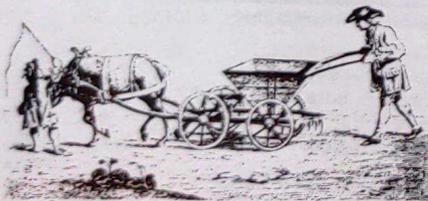
Although mechanised today sowing was first carried out by hand, the seed being broadcast by the sower as he walked up and down the field. The method was described in 1534 by Master Fitzherbert:-

"Put thy peas into thy hopper and take a broad thong of leather or girth-webbing of an ell long (just over a yard), and fasten it to both ends of the hopper and put it over thy head like a leash and stand in the midst of the land, where the sack lies, the which is most convenient for the filling of thy hopper, and set thy left foot before and take a handful of peas; and when thou takest up thy right foot then cast the peas from thee all abroad; and when thy left foot riseth take another handful, and when thy right foot riseth cast them from thee."

You can see from the illustration at the head how this was done. The picture is from the 14th century Bohun Psalter.

To continue Fitzherbert's description: "So at every two paces thou shalt sow a handful of peas and so see that the foot and the hand agree and then ye shall sow even. And in your casting ye must open well your fingers as your hand, and the higher and father that you cast your corn the better shall it spread, except it be a great wind. And if the land be very good and will break small in the ploughing, it is better to sow after the plough than tarry any longer."

The hopper that held the seed weighed anything from sixty to a hundred pounds, so it is no surprise to learn that many people were *happered* or malformed from many years of carrying such an awkward load. This also explains the rather miserable look on the face of the sower in the illustration.



By the 18th century when Enclosure took place, driving many old methods out with the redistribution of land, pioneers of scientific farming designed early machinery for most agricultural activities and sowing was not ignored. The picture here is of a four wheel drill-plough, the hopper being for seed. The seed drill invented by Jethro Tull would, he said, "make the channels, sow the seeds into them, and cover them at the same time, with great exactitude and precision". It is worth commenting here that it was Lord Townshend ("Turnip" Townshend) who at this time developed rotation of crops, turnips the first year, barley or oats the second, clover the third year, and wheat the fourth. This rotation provided winter feed for cattle and meant the end to salted meat during the cold months.

The grinding of corn was first done locally with water mills, such as the one mentioned in Domesday at Bekesbourne; but later skills made windmills a proposition, and several of these stood round the villages. Bridge windmill was at the head of the hill beyond Daddie Fagg's Farm, now Western Avenue estate, the site now in use as a fuel depot.

The mill between Bekesbourne and Adisham had also been active for many years, the miller having his house nearby with a field for him to grow his own cereals at the side. This was burned down in the 1930's in a grass fire, but was again a smock mill.

The villages were self-contained in those days; the grain from the miller going to the baker in the High Street as flour for bread-making, in part. Maybe this continuity of process; sowing, reaping, threshing, grinding and baking all within the space of a mile or two led people to realise a little easier the meaning and significance of "give us this day ...".

BEKESBOURNE WINDMILL DESTROYED

SET ON FIRE BY SURROUNDING GRASS

A well-known landmark, in the form of a picturesque old windmill on the Downs at Bekesbourne, was completely burned out on Tuesday.

It was surrounded by rough grass belonging to Mr. G. F. Tyler, and when this caught fire at about 10.30 a.m., desperate attempts were made by the owner and others to beat out the flames. Fanned by the breeze, the fire rapidly spread towards the mill, and in a short while the building was in flames.

The calling of a fire brigade was useless as there was no water available in the vicinity.

By mid-day nothing but a heap of burning wreckage was visible. About ten acres of grass dried by the sun was burnt also.

The mill was the property of Mr. E. W. Baker, of Parsonage Farm, Bekesbourne. It was, at the time of the fire, a wreck of its former self. The weather-boarding and shutters were gone, and its renovation had been under consideration. It was one of the oldest "smock" mills in the country, being built before 1800.



THE OLD MILL

'Kentish Gazette' - Sep. 1933

Photograph by courtesy of Mr. Harry Hawkins.



Bridge Mill.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Peter's Church Bridge

9th March 1975 Fleur Louise Creed

St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne

16th March 1975 Martyn Robert Wraight

23rd March 1975 Alister James Grey

CONFIRMATION AT WICKHAMBREAUX CHURCH

St. Peter's Church Bridge

11th March 1975 Ruth Hodgson
Helen Ann Foster
Lynne Davies
Clare Ruth Mummery
Shirley James
Gary Pearson

St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne

11th March 1975 Tracy Maria Arman
Yvonne Jane Files
Georgina Ann Phillips
Leslie Brian Phillips
Keith Jordan
Stephen Pearce
Andrew Pearce

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES GROUP

Wednesday April 16th at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall,
A Bird's Eye Demonstration, 'Home Freezing' (Open night)

Wednesday April 23rd. Visit to Lucas Lobster Farm Reculver.
Members pick up coach at Western Avenue at 7.15 p.m.

MOTHERS' UNION

Wednesday April 2nd at 9.30 a.m. Corporate Communion with
Intercessions at Bridge Church.

Monday April 14th at 2.45 p.m. Branch Meeting at 37 Union
Road. Mrs. Dove will speak on the North
Island, New Zealand.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will meet on April 13th, 20th & 27th at 11 p.m.

THE COST OF VANDALISM

On or about 7th March one of the stained glass windows on the South side (i.e. away from the road) of the Chancel of Bridge Church was damaged by stones which had been thrown from outside the Church. Although the damage did not seem to be extensive the cost of repairing it will be £104.00

On Sunday 9th March (Mothering Sunday) flowers which had been placed on several graves in Bridge Churchyard were removed and scattered about the Churchyard.

On the morning of 10th March one of the fire extinguishers at the West end of Bridge Church was wantonly set off. Fortunately it was a water-filled extinguisher so little damage was done.

The Police are of the opinion that children were responsible for these acts of vandalism and it would be a great help to the Police if anyone seeing suspicious activities in any of the Churchyards would report it immediately to them.

BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE W.I.

Our BIRTHDAY MEETING will be on Tuesday April 15th in the Village Hall. Mr. Max Hodgson of Southern Television will give a talk, "Southern Television Programmes". The competition will be 'The best flower from the Garden'

ST. PETER'S CHURCH BEKESBOURNE

On Sunday 16th February at 11 a.m. Matins the following were admitted to the Choir: Georgina Ann Phillipa and Leslie Brian Phillips. We wish them both well and hope they will be happy with us all.

The following were Confirmed at Wickhambreaux Church on March the 11th: Leslie Phillips, Keith Jordan, Georgina Phillips, Yvonne Files and Tracy Arman. They are all members of this Choir.

S.H.G.

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

April 5th Mrs. Hogben
12th Mrs. Watson
19th Mrs. Grey
26th Mrs. Sandall
May 3rd Mrs. Allan

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

March 30th All helpers welcomed!
April 6th Mrs. Grey
13th Mrs. Noble
20th Mrs. Sandall
27th Miss Hogben

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting is on Tuesday April 8th at 7.15 p.m.
in the Village Hall.

Demonstration: 'Glove Puppets' by Mrs. J. High

Competition: Cheese Straws

Hostesses: Mrs. Castle, Mrs. Newington & Mrs. Watson Taylor.

DECORATING THE CHURCHES FOR EASTER

St. Peter's Church Bridge

This will take place on Saturday, 29th March at 10 a.m. Any offers of help or gifts of flowers will be most welcome. The cost of lilies are about 40p each. Donations for purchase of lilies to Mrs. Roger Hunter or Mrs. Elsie Apps will be much appreciated.

St. Mary's Church Patricxbourne

This will take place on Saturday the 29th March from 10 a.m. onwards. Any offers of help or gifts of flowers or donations to purchase Easter lilies will be greatly appreciated.

St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne

The decoration of the Church for Easter Day will commence at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 29th March. Mrs. D. Sandall, The School House, Bekesbourne, will welcome helpers, gifts of flowers and donations for the purchase of flowers.



NAILBOURNE PROTECTION SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was recently held, and it appeared to be a good moment to remind everyone living in the area that the Society was still actively helping fight encroachment on the environment. Should you want to join the Society or learn more of its work please contact Mr. Geoffrey Elliott, the Hon. Sec., at The Paddock, Bishopsbourne; or Committee Members such as Mr. G. Tyler or J. Purchase of Bekesbourne.

EASTER DAY SERVICES, Sunday March 30th

St. Peter's Church Bridge 8 a.m. Holy Communion
11 a.m. Matins and Family Service.
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion
6.30 p.m. Festal Evensong

St. Mary's Church Patricxbourne

8 a.m. Holy Communion

St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne

8 a.m. Holy Communion
11 a.m. Matins and Sermon
11.45 a.m. Holy Communion

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY HOSPITALS

Bridge Group

The A.G.M. of the Bridge Group will be held on Friday, 11th April, in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. There will be a Bring and-Buy Stall, a Raffle, and refreshments of Cheese and Wine. It is hoped that a well known Doctor from Kent & Canterbury will be our guest and give us a short talk.

Please come and support us and help our Hospital. We never know when we might need its help.

Frances E. Apps
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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR JUNE 1975

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

1st June First Sunday after Trinity

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 11 a.m. Matins | 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 9.30 a.m. Sung Communion |
| 11.45 Holy Comm. | | |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | |

8th June Second Sunday after Trinity

| | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 9 a.m. Holy Comm. Series III | 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon | 8 a.m. Holy Communion |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | |

15th June - Third Sunday after Trinity

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 9 a.m. Parish Eucharist (Choral) | 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong (Congregational) | | |

22nd June Fourth Sunday after Trinity

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 9 a.m. Holy Communion | 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | 11.45 Holy Comm. |

29th June Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Patronal Festival of Bridge and Bekesbourne Churches

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|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 9 a.m. Holy Comm | 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon | 8 a.m. Holy Communion |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | |

MOTHER'S UNION

Wednesday June 4th Corporate Communion with Intercessions at 9.30 a.m. at Bridge Church.

No Branch meeting.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will meet on June 1st at 10 a.m., and at 11 a.m. on June 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.

Holy Communion is celebrated at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7.30 a.m. on Fridays during the week, in Bridge Church. Evensong is at 5 p.m. at the Close every Sunday except the first Sunday in the month when there is a celebration of Holy Communion.

Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patribourne & Bekesbourne,

On June 5th for the first time in English history a Referendum is being taken to discover the 'Vox Populi' concerning the continuing membership of the European Economic Community. Now that the Referendum is upon us, it is important that Christians should face up to the real implications of Britain continuing membership of the E.E.C. There are two specific ways in which we can as Christians play our part. The chief of these is that you pray both for the future of the Community and for a right decision in the Referendum. I would like to feel that the following suggested prayer may be used by you in your private prayers --

"We pray thee Father, that as our nation comes to make its great decision at the Referendum, that the minds of all may be enlightened to choose what will be best for Britain, for Europe, and for all mankind".

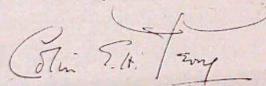
In a world increasingly given to judging on purely materialistic and economic grounds, it is important that ethical, spiritual, cultural and religious values should assume their due place. A Europe that can rediscover its historic vision is the best guarantee that this will happen. A larger Europe in which each partner brings its own specific insights, will be better able to defend those cultural and spiritual values, which, in the past, have been an inspiration to mankind and which can still influence men to realise that they do not live by bread alone. A Europe striving to forget its past quarrels, overcoming its age-old hostilities which in the past, led to destructive wars, uniting to meet the threats that face it today, will also help to re-unite the separated Churches and restore the Christendom which broke apart in the sixteenth Century as much because of political and social factors as because of purely theological considerations.

I commend to your loyal and generous support Bridge and Patribourne Churches Summer Fete at Bridge School Grounds on June 21st. I am sure it will be a happy and successful occasion. Elsewhere in the magazine you will find a list of the stalls and stallholders who will most gratefully receive your gifts. In the Archbishop of Canterbury's address to the Diocesan Synod he emphasised the fact that 'Tithing of Stewardship must become an essential part of our life not an optional choice'. So our Summer Fete and the coming Flower Festival at Bekesbourne Church on the 18th-20th July are part of our stewardship to maintain the 'Church in our midst', during these devastating days of inflation.

It is appropriate that this year St. Peter's Day falls on a Sunday. It is indeed the Patronal Festival of both Bridge and Bekesbourne Churches. I hope that many of you, indeed it should be a day of obligation to all members of the P.C.C. and Sidesmen to be present at Holy Communion on this day to pray for our churches. If we believe, as we must believe quite passionately, that in the Christian ordering of life is the only basis of security, of happiness, and of power, we must not only come to receive this gift for ourselves, but we are compelled to carry it out to the world. So, as we thank God for the outward building of our Churches, as in the privacy of our prayers we thank Him for the gift of God Incarnate, and all that it means to our personal life, let us pray that the world may thank Him for the living stone, for the spiritual house, for the temple compacted of consecrated men and women who carry light into the world which is still in darkness. In the evolution of social life there will always be needed those who see very clearly what is right and who are prepared to make a fearless, strong and perhaps costly stand to achieve it.

I pay tribute to the life and witness to the Christian Faith of Frederick Carey, in which he lived and died, on whose soul and all Christian Souls may Sweet Jesus have mercy.

Yours sincerely in our Lord,


Rural Dean and Vicar

CALENDAR FOR JUNE 1975

June

| | |
|----------------|---|
| 1st Sunday | First Sunday after Trinity |
| 4th Wednesday | M.U. Corporate Communion, Bridge at 9.30 am Holy Communion at Churchill House at 10.15 am Y.W. Group visit to Wye College at 8 pm |
| 5th Thursday | E.E.C. REFERENDUM voting 7 am - 10 pm at Bridge & Bekesbourne Village Halls. |
| 8th Sunday | Second Sunday after Trinity |
| 9th Monday | Barbecue at the Close at 7.30 pm |
| 11th Wednesday | St. Barnabus the Apostle. H.C. Bridge at 9.30 |
| 14th Saturday | Bring & Buy Coffee Morning at Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Grey, Mill Cottage, Bekesbourne, in aid of Bekesbourne Church Fabric Fund. |
| 15th Sunday | Third Sunday after Trinity. Preacher at 6.30 Evensong, Bridge, Miss Marion Hawkins, Church Army. |

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| 17th Tuesday | Bridge & Patricxbourne W.I. Bridge at 7.30 pm |
| 18th Wednesday | Y.W. Group meeting, Bridge at 7.30 pm |
| 19th Thursday | East Bridge Deanery M.U. Corp. Comm at 7.30 pm at Chillenden Church |
| 21st Saturday | Bridge & Patricxbourne Churches Summer Fete at Bridge School at 2.00 pm |
| 22nd Sunday | Fourth Sunday after Trinity |
| 24th Tuesday | St. John the Baptist Day, Holy Comm at 9.30 am at Bridge Church |
| 29th Sunday | St. Peter's Day. Fifth Sunday after Trinity. * PATRONAL FESTIVAL OF ST. PETER'S BRIDGE AND BEKESBOURNE |
| July | |
| 12th Saturday | East Bridge Deanery Missionary Festival Bring and Buy Stall at Wingham Parish Hall at 4 pm |

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

May They Rest in Peace

St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne

9th May 1975 Frederick John Carey

At Barham Crematorium

12th May 1975 Claude Berkeley John Sims

THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

This year's BRING AND BUY Sale and COFFEE MORNING at the Barton, Patricxbourne, will be held on Thursday, 28th August 1975, from 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon.

We have decided on a date before the Schools go back, and we hope you will keep the morning free for us.

Perhaps never before has there been such a call for help towards children in distress. The S.C.F. helps children both in this country and throughout the world, as disaster strikes.

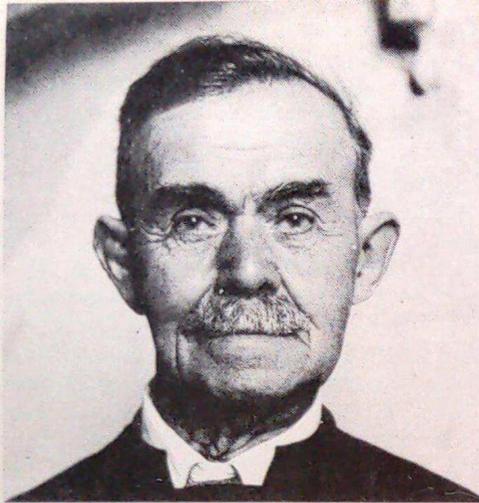
We invite you to come and to give us your support. We shall have many stalls with attractive goods which we have made in advance, and we shall be most grateful for your contributions in cash and in kind.

Please come with your friends, and bring the children. Remember - THURSDAY, 28th August, 10.30 a.m.

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Obituary—FREDERICK JOHN CAREY

Most parishioners will have heard of the death of Mr. Carey, and all will have heard with regret. For Fred Carey was a man much loved in the district. It was a measure of his character that St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne (the church he had served for so many years) was full for his funeral service, with past Vicars assisting Canon Perry in the service.

During his years with St. Peter's Mr. Carey had sung in the Choir, been Captain of the Bells, Verger and member of the PCC. The photograph here was taken at the church some years ago.



The Church in the Garden

July 18, 19, 20

Please note the correct dates above for the Flower Festival at Bekesbourne! Due to a gremlin in the works the wrong dates were printed last month — so would you please amend the entry in your diary to Friday July 18th, Saturday July 19th and Sunday July 20th.

The church will be decorated with flowers and the gardens of Cobham Court will be open by kind permission of Mrs. Whigham. Next month we will list the organ recitals that will be given during the festival, the produce that will be available on the stalls, other attractions, and the service of Evensong which will close the festival on the Sunday evening.

One item we will tell you in advance; there will be a display of herbs in the church — beauty combined with utility!

► Gifts of flowers or produce would be most welcome. Would you please contact Mrs. Doris Sandall (Tel: 830256) or Mr. Stanley Grey (Tel: 830522). Thank you.



BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE CHURCHES' SUMMER FETE

on Saturday 21st June 1975 at 2 p.m.

TEAS — HOME-MADE CAKES — STALLS — RAFFLES — SIDE SHOWS and GRAND SUMMER DRAW, with special attraction of a SHEEP DOG DEMONSTRATION. Music by CANTERBURY CITY BAND. May we remind you that Cakes, Buns and Sweets will be required for sale with the TEAS and on the HOME-MADE CAKE STALL; Bottles (full of course) are needed for the BOTTLE STALL, being run by the Choir; prizes for the GRAND DRAW; groceries for the MOTHERS UNION STALL; and all sorts of anything for the WHITE ELEPHANT STALL, to be presided over by Mesdames Turpin and Hulyer, and so on. Whatever you can spare, please bring it along, and your CASH of course — there will be plenty of opportunity for spending!

Put a note in your diary SUMMER FETE, Saturday afternoon June 21st, in the School Playing Field.

In the meanwhile any bright ideas, offers of poster painting, willing hands on the day etc. will be gratefully received. Please contact the Vicar or the Churchwardens (telephone numbers on the back of this magazine.

The Fete needs your support, your handywork, your talent, some of your time, lots of enthusiasm, and everybody's CASH!!



We are aiming to make this a very successful Fete, but cannot possibly do so without the support of Bridge Villagers. With special regard to any possible gifts of cakes etc. we should greatly appreciate advance notification to enable collection, if required, to be made on or before the day of the Fete. We look forward to seeing you and to an enjoyable occasion.

TEAM MEMBERS:—

W. C. Rose ♦ W. Johnson ♦ D. Hill
Tel: 830560 ♦ Tel: 830450 ♦ 830426

EAST BRIDGE DEANERY MISSIONARY FESTIVAL 1975

The Deanery Missionary Festival is to be held at Wingham on Saturday July 12th 1975 commencing at 4 p.m.

Suggested programme: 4.00 p.m. Bring and Buy Stall
Tea

5.15 p.m. Talk by G.M. Hibbert U.S.P.G.
followed by questions until

6.30 p.m. Compline

BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be held on June 17th at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

We have a Musical 'Any Questions' with Mr. Armitage and Boys from Milner Court Choir.

The Competition will be : 'A Specimen Rose'

BRIDGE CHURCH YOUNG WIVES GROUP

Wednesday June 4th.... Visit to Wye College Farm at 8.00 p.m.

18th.... Talk 'The Work of the Red Cross' in
the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

W.R.V.S. CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY SCHEME

Will you have a child to stay with your family? If you would like to become a holiday hostess/your local W.R.V.S. officer Mrs. Sinnock, phone 830691 - would be pleased to give you further details.

BRIDGE CRICKET CLUB

During the last few weeks, five young boys in the village have shown a very keen interest in the Club and during the course of the season, they will play in matches which have been arranged between the Club and other villages.

If there are other young boys who would be interested in joining the Club will endeavour to form a Colts XI and games between other Colts XI could take place during the season.

Any boys interested should contact Mr. B.R.J. Cole, Hon. Sec. 11 The Green, Blean.

THE CHURCH IN THE GARDEN

The history of Bekesbourne Church has now been published by the PCC; using the script of the successful Son-et-Lumiere. The cover of the 20 page booklet has full colour reproduction of a watercolour of the church by Kitty Wass, and inside line drawings by Pleasance Kirk of the scenes you heard. There are also photographs of the church and reproductions from the old church records. The price is 20p.

ST. PETER'S DAY, 29th June. PATRONAL FESTIVAL

I have long felt that we should make more fuss of our Patronal Festival, and so this year, my last chance, I am preparing special music and arrangements for a Festal Evensong for St. Peter. May I ask as many of you to support it as possible as it will be my last big service before I hand over to the new man - whoever he may be. The choir has been asked to attend 100% genuine family holidays away permitting, and it should be a stirring occasion.

As it is also Bekesbourne's Patronal Festival it would be good to see members of that congregation joining us for this festival occasion.

P.G.

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be on June 10th at 7.15 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Talk: 'Pottery' by Mr. Metcalfe

Competition: One Rosebud

Social time: Exhibition of Plates

Hostesses: Mrs. Scales, Mrs. Russell & Mrs. Grey

BEKESBOURNE CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

June 7th Mrs. Grey
14th Mrs. Sandall
21st Mrs. Allen
28th Mrs. Smith
July 5th Mrs. Farbrace

COFFEE MORNING

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Grey are holding a Coffee Morning and Bring-and-buy in their garden at Mill Cottage, Bekesbourne (indoors if wet!) on Saturday June 14th from 10.30-12 noon. This is in aid of Bekesbourne Church Fabric Fund, towards the cost of essential repairs. Please come along and support this; and enjoy a morning in a lovely peaceful spot!

FLOWER ROTA

June 1st Mrs. Watson
8th Mrs. Whigham
15th Mrs. Sandall
22nd Mrs. Coombes
29th Mrs. Farbrace
July 6th Mrs. Sandall

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!

We need volunteers again to clean the walls of the Sanctuary in Bekesbourne Church, ready for the Flower Festival. Any helpers gladly welcomed, on Monday afternoon, June 9th. Please bring your own buckets!

ST. PETER'S CHURCH BRIDGE

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CHOIRMASTER'S REPORT

As some will know already I have resigned from being Organist and Choirmaster at Bridge with effect from 31st July. I have directed the music here since 1970 and have enjoyed doing so, but my problem has always been that my daily duties in the Cathedral Choir plus teaching and my other creative work have made running parish church music exhausting at times!

My United States/Canadian singing and lecturing tours are well established now and as I have been invited back in December and after Easter next year, I feel it is the right time to hand over the music here to somebody who can give it the time and attention it deserves, not least on the social side! This year's music report is therefore early to coincide with this resignation announcement.

I have been well pleased in general with the progress and support of the Choir. It has on occasion produced musical standards of worship far above average for a parish church and visitors are always impressed with the weekly singing I am pleased to say.

During this last year we have had the inevitable choir changes. John Shirley, one of the senior boys found it necessary to leave after Christmas, but we have welcomed Tessa Williamson, Mrs. Barbara Tomlin and Mr. Len Morris into the choir.

The Parish Communion has improved greatly with the attendance of the full choir.

Choir attendance has been generally good over the year, but I am sorry to report a deterioration over the last two months. This has naturally affected the music. There is also a growing reluctance on the part of some to give me any notice of absence beforehand. I am most concerned to hand over a good choir to the new choirmaster. Indeed in my opinion a good man will not be attracted unless the choir remains good until July. Rightly or wrongly it seems to me that the choir keeps things alive in a church like Bridge, and I resigned at the end of April to give the P.C.C. three months to advertise for

a good replacement.

Our Bridge Recital Series and other concerts have been a success in lots of ways, attracting good audiences from the district. There is a chance that a last recital organised by me could take place in July using two pipe organs and a tenor!

I had hoped that the presence of a good choir and lively weekly music would attract more Bridge people actively to encourage their children to take advantage of the free musical training and experience plus pay which, after all, we offer; but though reasonable, the number of boys and girls is not overwhelming. It is very noticeable however that our thirteen youngsters have gained tremendously in sheer musicianship! Perhaps we would have more takers if we charged admission to join the choir! Seriously!

Over the last five years we have performed good church music dating from the 16th Century Tudor composers up to the 20th Century in the person of Vaughan-Williams. I would like to have included some good contemporary works, but somehow we didn't get round to them.

I want to say a large thankyou to the loyal choir members, to Selwyn Lewis, the assistant organist, to our official deputy organist and choirmaster Ralph Townsend who has to leave in July to go north, and to the Vicar for his unfailing support.

May I appeal to choir parents? Please do your part to keep Bridge Church music alive during the changeover. I don't have to tell you what part you play!

P.G.

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6th July - Sixth Sunday after Trinity

11 a.m. Matins
11.45 Holy Comm.
6.30 p.m. Evensong
Preacher:
Rev. J. Pratt

8 a.m. Holy Comm
Communion

9.30 a.m. Sung
Communion

13th July - Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9 a.m. Holy
Comm. Series III
6.30 p.m. Evensong

11 a.m. Matins
and Sermon

8 a.m. Holy
Communion
11 a.m. Matins
Preacher:
Dr. Nigel Allan

20th July - Eighth Sunday after Trinity

9 a.m. Parish
Eucharist (Choral)
6.30 p.m. Evensong
(Congregational)

8 a.m. Holy
Communion

6.30 p.m. Festal
Evensong
Preacher
Rev. Canon E. Wade

27th July - Ninth Sunday after Trinity

8 a.m. Holy
Communion

9 a.m. Holy
Communion

11 a.m. Matins
and Sermon
11.45 Holy Comm.

3rd August - Tenth Sunday after Trinity

11 a.m. Matins
11.45 Holy Comm
6.30 p.m. Evensong

8 a.m. Holy
Communion

9.30 a.m. Sung
Communion

MOTHER'S UNION

Wednesday July 9th, Corporate Communion at Bridge at 9.30 a.m.
Monday July 14th, Branch meeting at 2.45 p.m.
Speaker: Mrs. Dove, on South Island, New Zealand. The meeting will be held by kind invitation at the house of Mrs. Dove in Patricxbourne Road.

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Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patricxbourne & Bekesbourne,

We had a very wonderful day at our Summer Fete. The weather was kind to us and it was both a financial success and a happy family event. I must thank all of you who worked so hard to make the day so enjoyable and such a success; the result was £245. I am deeply grateful to all who gave gifts for the stalls and for the Raffle prizes. I am also appreciative of the kindness and help throughout the day of the Headmistress of Bridge School, Miss Wendy Tomlin.

Now we look forward to the Bekesbourne Flower Festival from Friday July 18th to end with Festal Evensong at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday July 20th. The Preacher will be Canon Eustace Wade. During the early years of the war he was Chaplain of the Embassy Church in Paris. He was Vicar from 1951-1960 at St. Paul's Church Durban, a church well known to those of us who did the 'Round the Cape' convoy trek to the Middle East during the early years of the war. He was also Archdeacon of Durban City. Incidentally his daughter is the well known tennis player Miss Virginia Wade. We look forward to your loyal and always wonderful support of this ambitious venture of Bekesbourne Church. Further details are to be found elsewhere in this magazine.

Sadly this month we shall be losing Mr. Peter Giles as our Organist at Bridge Church. It will indeed be a great loss. His work has been an inspiration to us, as also has been his friendship and great devotion to the Church through his music, his teaching of the choir and his singing. The use of his highly professional talents have always been to the Glory of God. I am personally deeply grateful to him.

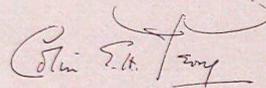
On Sunday at the 6.30 Evensong at Bridge we welcome as our preacher the Rev. Joseph Pratt of the Diocese of Madras and of the Church of South India. He is the brother of Dr. David Pratt of Patricxbourne and is at present at home on furlough after many years work in India.

His Grace the Archbishop has appointed me as Rural Dean of East Bridge for a further period of three years. I have now been in the Office since 1963 and it has been an important part of my ministry. The Office of Rural Dean is a very important one in our system of Synodial Government and I ask your prayers for the work of all Rural Deans in our Diocese.

As one writes the monthly letter one is suddenly conscious that as one surveys the past few weeks and plans for the near future; records the Births and Baptisms, the Marriages, the Deaths, always in Christ, that this is how the Church

lives and continues on love from age to age. The most frequent characteristics of St Paul's metaphors is that which represents the Church as the Body of Christ, i.e. it is His outward and visible manifestation: the organ of His self expression the instrument whereby He works. Moreover it is an essential part of Himself. Without it He would be incomplete, not of course in His perfect Destiny, but as the Incarnate Saviour of Mankind. This is the force of the daring assumption where St. Paul calls the Church "the fulness of Him who all in all is being fulfilled" i.e. which gives completeness to him. As the Church grows in completeness St. Paul conceives of Christ Himself being progressively fulfilled thereby.

Yours Sincerely in our blessed Lord



Rural Dean and Vicar

CALENDAR FOR JULY 1975

July

- 2nd Wednesday M.u. Corporate Communion 9.30 am, Bridge Young Wives Group A.G.M., 7.30 pm, Bridge.
- 5th Saturday Bridge School Sports day, 2 pm onwards
- 6th Sunday Preacher at Evensong at Bridge Church, Revd. J. Pratt of the Diocese of Madras, Subject: Some Glimpses of the Church of South India today.
- 9th Wednesday Bridge School Open Evening 6-8p.m
- 10th Thursday Open Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30 pm at Bridge Village Hall
- 12th Saturday Canterbury Diocesan Synod at Maidstone. East Bridge Deanery Meeting. Bring and Buy Sale, and talk by Mr. Michael Hibbert USPG, at Wingham Parish Hall 4-7 pm
- 13th Sunday Seventh Sunday after Trinity
- 14th Monday M.U. Branch Meeting at Mrs. Dove's, Meadow Rise, Patricxbourne Road
- 15th Tuesday W.I. Meeting at Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm
- 17th Thursday Coffee Morning at Bridge Village Hall in aid of Glass & Window Repair fund at 10-12noon
- 18th - 20th BEKESBOURNE FLOWER FESTIVAL Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- 20th Sunday Preacher at Evensong at Bekesbourne, Revd. Canon Eustace Wade, one time Archdeacon of Durban, South Africa.

- 22nd Tuesday St. Mary Magdalene. H.C. at Bridge, 9.30 am
- 25th Friday St. James the Apostle. H.C. at Bridge, 7.30 am
- 27th Sunday Ninth Sunday after Trinity
- August
- 3rd Sunday Tenth Sunday after Trinity

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

St. Peter's Church Bridge

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| 31 st May 1975 | Brian Dobing Lynn Gorham |
| 14th June 1975 | Neil Stanley Harris Joyce Susan Goldup |
| 23rd June 1975 | Frank Leslie Cremer Amy May Apps |

EAST BRIDGE DEANERY MISSIONARY FESTIVAL

There will be a Missionary Festival on Saturday 12th July from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

There will be teas and a Bring and Buy Sale from 4-5p.m. At 5.15 p.m. we shall have a talk by Mr. Michael Hibbert the Area Secretary of the U.S.P.G. with questions following his talk. At 6.30 p.m. we shall finish with Compline.

Gifts for the Stall may be given to Mrs. Meigh or to myself. Please make an effort to give us your support.

C.E.H. Perry
Rural Dean East Bridge.

BRIDGE & PATRICXBOURNE W.I.

Tuesday July 15th in the Village Hall. There will be a talk on 'The Work of the Church Army', given by a member of the Church Army Mission at Folkestone. The competition will be 'The largest number of items in a Matchbox'.

BRIDGE CHURCH YOUNG WIVES GROUP

Wednesday July 2nd at 7.30 p.m. The Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall, followed by Cheese and Wine. A Must for Every Member.

Wednesday July 16th the Annual Outing to the Winter Gardens, followed by a meal at Le Cresidor Restaurant. 7.15 p.m. at Western Avenue for coach.



THE CHURCH IN THE GARDEN

St. Peter's

BEKESBOURNE

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

in the church, and the
GARDENS OF COBHAM COURT open

By kind permission of Mrs. L. Whigham

JULY 18, 19, 20 10-8pm.

IN AID OF THE FABRIC FUND

● STALLS

● MUSIC

● TEAS (Sat. only)

ORGAN RECITALS

July 18 Mrs. D. Ratcliff 3-5 p.m.
July 19 Richard Kelsey 10-12 noon
Basil Milner 3-5 p.m.
July 20 Stanley Grey 10-12 noon

● FESTAL EVENSONG

Sunday 20 at 6.30pm.

Doors open at 6 pm.

PREACHER:

REV. CANON EUSTACE WADE

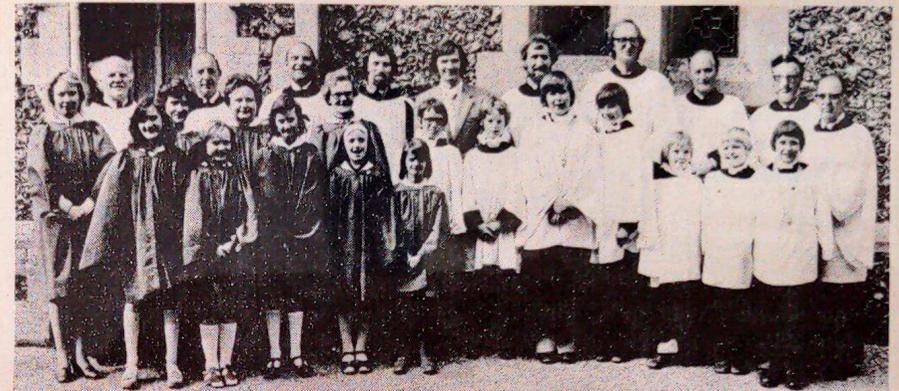
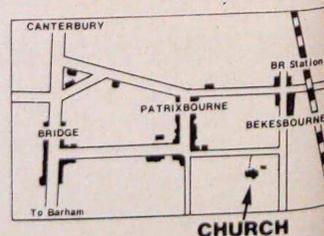
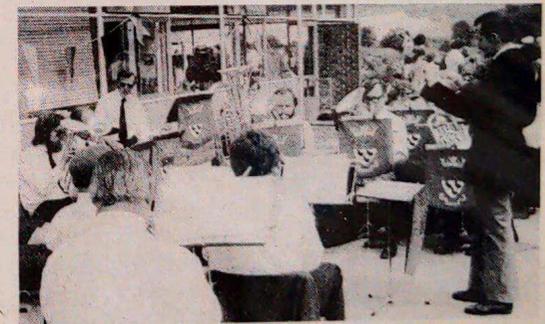
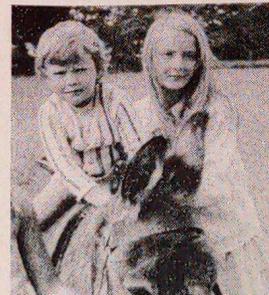


PHOTO-CALL AT BRIDGE

Just for the record, you might say. Above is the impressive line-up of the Choir of St. Peter's, Bridge. Copies of this photo both in black and white and colour, are available.

To the right can be seen Bill Rose with a tempting offer of tickets for the Bottle Stall. Lower right, the City of Canterbury Band plays at the Bridge Fete. Lower left; a donkey's back can seem to be a long way from the ground if it is your first ride!



RESULTS OF BRIDGE-PATRICXBORNE SUMMER FETE 21st. June 1975

| 1973 | | 1975 |
|------|---|------|
| £25 | Teas and cakes (MRS. WILLIAMSON) | £38 |
| 20 | Groceries (MOTHERS' UNION) | 19 |
| 26 | Garden Produce (MRS. MUMMERY) | 10 |
| 4 | White Elephant Stall (MRS. TURPIN, MRS. HULYER) | 6 |
| | Toys and Books (BRIDGE SCHOOL) | £60 |
| | Raffle (MR. DOWN, MR. DOVE, MR. LAWRENCE) | 15 |
| 40 | Less Tickets and £5 Premium Bond | 45 |

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|------|--|----|----|----|----|------|
| 49 | Bottle Stall (MR. ROSE, MR. JOHNSON, MR. HILL) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 56 |
| | Ices (MR. BRIAN LEWIS) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4 |
| 5 | Minerals (MR. KINGSNORTH) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4 |
| 68 | SIDE SHOWS - YOUNG WIVES | .. | .. | .. | .. | 18 |
| | Wheel of Fortune (MRS. KNIGHT) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 |
| | Pull-a-Straw (MR. POMROY) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 6 |
| | Roll-a-Penny (MRS. DOVE) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| | Car Park Game (MR. D. PIERCE) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 |
| | Bowling Game (MR. MUIR-LITTLE, MR. PIERCE) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 6 |
| | Football Game (MR. BOOTH) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 |
| | Shell Art (MISS C. BUCKMASTER) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 |
| | Handkerchief Girl (MISS A. BUCKMASTER) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4 |
| | Jelly Baby Competition (MRS. COLLINGWOOD) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| | Cake Competition (MRS. MALLINDER) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 6 |
| | Donkey Rides (MR. LOVELOCK) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 |
| | | | | | | 54 |
| 1 | Donation | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 238 | Total Receipts | .. | .. | .. | .. | 275 |
| 35 | Less Canterbury City Band | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 |
| | Hire of School | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5 |
| £203 | PROFIT | .. | .. | .. | .. | £245 |

This is an excellent result. We are most grateful to those who took part in running the Fete, but above all to the people of Bridge and Patricbourne and surrounding villages who turned up in such numbers and contributed to a very successful function. C.A.P.

DEANERY MISSIONARY FESTIVAL

The Festival is to be held on July 12th, Saturday, at 3.30 p.m. in Wingham. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall.

SILVER FOIL COLLECTION

Miss Douglas of Patricbourne will no longer be able to accept silver foil for mission-work after August 1st next; she is very grateful to all the numerous people, known and unknown, who have helped so much.

Mrs. Young, Beech Cottage, Bridge, (Tel:830457) has very kindly consented to take over reception of foil in future.

BRIDGE CHOIR OUTING

This year's Choir outing (hopefully an annual event) took place after Sung Communion on June 15th.

The party of twelve boys and girls with accompanying adults, made the journey to Hythe by car, and from there to Dungeness by the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway, breaking the journey at New Romney to view the exhibition of models (many working) in the grounds of New Romney Station.

The party lunched on the beach at Dungeness and were able to watch the launching of the lifeboat, called to search the channel for a missing aircraft. Some boisterous games and a climb to the top of the old lighthouse completed the first part of the trip. Then a drive to Folkestone, where the usual sea side attractions were enjoyed - swimming, crazy golf etc., followed by a tea of orange squash and hot dogs, which were

produced in a steady stream by Mr. & Mrs. Selwyn Lewis and Mrs. Elizabeth Giles. Soon after this the party returned to Bridge, arriving about 7.30 p.m.

Especial thanks are due to Mr. Bill Johnson who arranged the railway trip and the visit to the exhibition, and to Mr. Selwyn Lewis for his excellent catering arrangements.

WALSINGHAM 1975

Thanks to the generosity of St. Andrew's Buckland, in whose coach we travelled, a small party of us from St. Peter's Bridge made the Annual National Pilgrimage to Walsingham on the Spring Bank Holiday.

Despite the early start (6.45 a.m.), the journey was accomplished fairly comfortably, with the weather improving during the morning. We arrived shortly before midday, which gave time to stretch our legs and refresh ourselves before the Sung Eucharist at 1 p.m.

For the last few years the service has been held in the old Abbey grounds, now part of the garden of the local 'big house'. All that remains of the Abbey is the tower-ing West Front, and a few walls which have been incorporated into the house itself. The ruins lie in a superb grassy amphitheatre ringed with mature trees - an ideal spot for the occasion, with around 8000 pilgrims gathered there.

The service began with the procession from the Holy House (the site of the Shrine) in the village. The celebrants were headed this year by the Bishop of Llandaff, who preached during the service. The Sung Eucharist was set to the same music that we use in Bridge. It finished with the procession of all the communicants back to the Holy House for the Benediction.

We spent the rest of the afternoon in eating a quiet picnic lunch, and strolling around the village, with a visit to the Shrine itself. And finally the long trip home. Why did we go? Probably for the same reason that mediaeval man went on Pilgrimage - a personal visit to a holy place, a look at history, all rolled into one.

If there is sufficient interest, it should be possible to hire our own coach next year. Don't be put off by what you've heard of Walsingham. The village is less commercialized than Canterbury Cathedral, and it is no more High Church than you like to make it. As a final encouragement, the Bull is open all day!

David Mallinder.

BEKESBOURNE CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

July 5th Mrs. Farbrace
12th Mrs. Hogben
19th Mrs. Watson
26th Mrs. Grey
Aug 2nd Mrs. Sandall

FLOWER ROTA

July 6th Mrs. Farbrace
13th Mrs. Sandall
20th FLOWER FESTIVAL
27th Mrs. Hogben
Aug 4th Mrs. Russell

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday July 8th at 7.15 p.m., in the Village Hall.

Demonstration: 'Flower Arranging' by Mrs. de Valon
Competition: Flower Arrangement in an unusual container
Hostesses: Mrs. Whigham, Mrs. Coombes, Mrs. Baker

FLOWER FESTIVAL

We the P.C.C. of St. Peter's Bekesbourne would be most grateful for gifts of flowers to assist us with the decoration of our church.

We would also welcome gifts of all kinds to sell on the stalls, in fact anything that would help us to make this Festival a great success.

We are selling teas at Cobham Court by kind permission of Mrs. Whigham and would be grateful for gifts of cakes and biscuits etc.

S.G.

COFFEE MORNING

We would like to thank all our friends who came and gave us their support and help at the Coffee Morning, held in the garden at Mill Cottage, Bekesbourne, on Saturday 14th June. The sum raised was £31.05 towards the fabric fund.

S.H.G.

BEKESBOURNE WAR MEMORIAL

The cleaning of the War Memorial and the digging and planting of a garden around it, was very well done by the ladies of Bekesbourne W.I.

I tender you all my grateful thanks.

C.E.H.P.

TOP-LINE SUPPORT FOR ST. PETER'S, BEKESBOURNE

To aid the Fabric Fund the choir boys and girls are holding two sponsored events. The Walk will be on Saturday July 12th round the Recreation Field - limit four hours. The sponsored Ride will be later. Sponsors and supporters are asked to contact Christopher Cooper of 9 Bifrons Road. Get signed up!

VILLAGE APPRAISALS

An open meeting is being held prior to the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 10th July 1975 in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The Countryside Offices of the Kent County Council of Social Service will be in attendance. Representatives of village institutions and parishioners are cordially invited to attend as the Parish Council desire the cooperation of villagers generally in this very important appraisal of our community life in Bridge.

ST. GABRIEL'S RETREAT HOUSE

There is to be a WINE AND CHEESE PARTY on the 18th July, at 7.30 p.m. at St. Gabriel's Retreat House, Elm Grove, Westgate-on-Sea, Tel. Thanet 32033.

Tickets at 75p each are available from the Warden and the proceeds will be used to provide greatly needed furniture in some of the bedrooms. A filled Green Shield Stamp Book would be a welcomed gift towards some of the smaller items required. Please come and bring some friends.

St. PETER'S CHURCH WINDOW FUND

A COFFEE MORNING in aid of the Glass Window Repair Fund, on Thursday July 17th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at Bridge Village Hall. There will be a BRING AND BUY stall and Cakes, Produce and Neddlework. Any gifts gratefully received by Mrs. A.R. Clark, 3 Brewery Lane or Miss M. Wraight, 5 Lynton Place. Do come and meet your friends to help this fund.

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BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

3rd August - Tenth Sunday after Trinity

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 11 a.m. Matins | 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 9.30 a.m. Sung Communion |
| 11.45 Holy Comm. | | |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | |

10th August - Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

| | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 9 a.m. Holy Comm. Series III | 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon | 8 a.m. Holy Communion |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | |

17th August - Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 9 a.m. Parish Eucharist (Choral) | 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong (Congregational) | | |

24th August - Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 9 a.m. Holy Communion | 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | 11.45 Holy Comm. |

31st August - Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

| | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 9 a.m. Holy Comm. | 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon | 8 a.m. Holy Communion |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | |

MOTHER'S UNION

There will be no branch meeting during August. Corporate Communion will be on Wednesday August 6th at 9.30 a.m. at Bridge.

JUNIOR CHURCH

There will be no meeting during August. Meetings will start again in September, on the 14th, 21st, & 28th at 11 a.m.

Holy Communion is celebrated at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7.30 a.m. on Fridays during the week, in Bridge Church. Evensong is at 5 p.m. at the Close every Sunday except the first Sunday in the month when there is a celebration of Holy Communion.

Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patricxbourne & Bekesbourne,

July was quite an exciting month. We had our Flower Festival at Bekesbourne which was a wonderful success. The Church looked really beautiful and was decorated with grace and taste by delightful and kindly people to whom I am so grateful. It would be invidious of me to mention particular particular names except to express the gratitude of all of us who love Bekesbourne Church to Mrs. L. Whigham for the kindness of her help in the use of her garden and the arrangements of flowers; to Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Grey for the tremendous work they did in its preparation and again to Mr. Grey and the members of the Choir in the work to present such a moving Festal Evensong; to Mr. David Farbrace for the hard work in the cutting of the grass and saplings in the churchyard; to Miss Kitty Wass for the delightful picture she donated for sale by auction and the many others behind the scenes.

Of course before the actual days of a festival of flowers there is a great deal of preparation. The church walls and windows were cleaned, the vestry prepared, and the churchyard cut, gifts for the stalls were given and made. The labour and love of many people are the foundation of its success and to all of you who contributed in any way I am deeply appreciative.

A Coffee Morning with stalls, was also held during the month for the particular purpose of the repair of the stained glass windows at Bridge Church. The effort was initiated by Mrs. Gretchen Clark and our wonderful Miss M. Wraight who made gifts for the stalls including her delightfully tasting jams and marmalades.

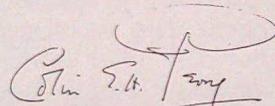
August is usually the month of holidays and to all of you who will be going away and to those not so fortunate I wish every blessing.

August is associated in our country with the use of leisure. It is a fascinating word both in its pronunciation and meaning. It has the interesting continental French grapheme, the double vowel or diphthong "ei" pronounced in one sound, which survives in English in such a French loanword, and such words as reign and feint, widely used in Anglo-Norman (not Parisian French). The old French word is loisir and the modern French is loisir. Its meaning is "time at one's own disposal, without haste, slowness, opportunity afforded by free time". It is thus by definition a person's own time and we should perhaps only advance into such areas with a caution. There is the

constant temptation to tell other people what they should do with their leisure. One important and primary fact is that we need leisure to worship God: Time to pause and wonder: Time to realise that God is at work in the world which is the true paradox of 'leisure'.

Wednesday, August 6th is the feast of the Transfiguration. This wonderful Festival which was really brought back into celebration by the Church of England through the revised Prayer Book of 1928 comes most fittingly in the midst of holidays. The sense that just behind and beyond the outward forms of our lives the glory is waiting to be discovered is very much the message of this Festival, for in the midst of his busy life Christ takes his disciples apart after the act of faith of St. Peter confessing that he is the Messiah, and the glory of the divine nature shines through the outward and familiar form of His Person, and in some mystical way this glory is associated with the Crucifixion.

Yours sincerely in our blessed Lord



Rural Dean and Vicar

CALENDAR

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 1975

August

| | |
|---------------|---|
| 3rd Sunday | 10th Sunday after Trinity |
| 6th Wednesday | The Transfiguration of our Lord M.U. Corp. Comm. at Bridge, 9.30 a.m. Holy Comm. at Churchill House, 10.15 a.m. |
| 10th Sunday | 11th Sunday after Trinity |
| 17th Sunday | 12th Sunday after Trinity |
| 19th Tuesday | W.I. meeting at 7.30 p.m. at Bridge V.H. |
| 23rd Saturday | Coffee Morning at Churchill House, 10.30-12 |
| 24th | |
| 24th Sunday | St. Bartholemew the Apostle 13th Sunday after Trinity |
| 28th Thursday | Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy at the Barton, Patricxbourne, at 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon In aid of 'Save the Children Fund' |
| 31st Sunday | 14th Sunday after Trinity |

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St. Peter's Church Bridge

20th July 1975

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Jennifer Margaret Durtnall

Holy Baptism

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6th July 1975

Kelly Louise Moores

May They Rest in Peace

27th June 1975

Phyllis Mary Baker

1st July 1975

Lily Louise Fillery

11th July 1975

George Frederick Morris

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A BRING and BUY SALE AND COFFEE MORNING at THE BARTON, PATRIBOURNE, on Thursday, 28th August 1975 from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Many stalls and attractions. If you have not received a leaflet, please accept an open invitation to come and to bring your friends, in order to make this effort a very big success.

E. Greenwood

OPEN DAY AND FETE AT THE CLOSE, BRIDGE

The Close will be open from 10.30 a.m. and people are invited to have a look round the building. Coffee will be served. The FETE will start at 2.30 p.m. There will be a wide variety of stalls. Donations of any gifts suitable for raffles or stalls will be greatly appreciated and can be collected if Matron is advised, telephone Bridge 830265

There will be a meeting of Stallholders on Thursday 28th August, 1975. Please come along if you feel that you will be able to help us in any way.

COFFEE MORNING AT CHURCHILL HOUSE

There will be a Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy at Churchill House, Bridge on Saturday August 23rd, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon. There will also be a Raffle.

Mrs. Chance, Warden

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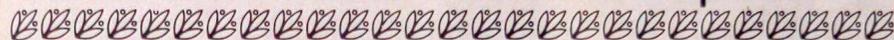
ARCHBISHOP THOMAS CRANMER

Archbishop Cranmer was put to death 420 years ago next March, and it is proposed to hold a special service, together with a small exhibition, at St. Peter's, Bekesbourne. Cranmer wrote the first English Book of Common Prayer, and was responsible for the Bible being translated into English by those who followed him. We owe a great debt to the man, and his close connection with Bekesbourne make this a fitting place. More details nearer the time.



Thomas Cranmer, c.1548

FLOWER FESTIVAL - Report



It is difficult to find adequate words to describe the sheer beauty of this lovely old church, so lovingly adorned with some fifty different arrangements of flowers in shades of white, yellow, pink, red, apricot and green.

First impressions are said to count and the first impression one had of this magnificent spectacle was upon arrival at the West door. A more beautiful sight would be hard to find.

Time seemed to lose all meaning as one slowly progressed through the belfry between two splendid arrangements of gladioli, carnations and alstroemeria in apricot with grey foliage, past the choir vestries where the common hogweed held its own with its more cultured sisters, white lilies and gladioli; through the Nave where the screen on either side was adorned with lovely fans of red and white gladioli and carnations. The five stained glass windows were shown to perfection with very skillful arrangements in various shades of green, and alternate pew ends had small posies of flowers and foliage ranging from dark red at the end to white.

The South wall was graced with an absolutely beautiful arrangement of carnations, roses and gladioli in various shades of pink next to the organ, and a pedestal arrangement of white lilies and carnations and pink gladioli between the two windows.

Two displays of gladioli, carnations and chrysanthemums in shades of yellow stood to the left of the North door and to the right the Font, which looked absolutely fantastic bedecked in carnations, stocks and sweet williams in many shades of pink with variegated periwinkle foliage. It gave the impression of a very peaceful waterfall and came in for much praise.

Two pedestal arrangements, one to the right of the pulpit and the other beneath the War Memorial, were in shades of white and yellow with a hint of orange, consisting of lilies, gladioli and carnations with a few red hot pokers.

The lectern upon which was fastened the lovely watercolour of the Church painted by Miss Kitty Wass was also adorned with white and orange lilies.

One then arrived at the Chancel which contained six very beautiful arrangements in shades of yellow and white gladioli, chrysanthemums and carnations with magnificent foliage.

Beyond the Altar Rails the light shone down upon the collection of almost priceless silver beautifully arranged on two small tables and this was complimented by the stark beauty of the exquisite arrangement of white lilies upon the altar itself, and the magnificent display of Alstroemaria in shades of pink and red to the left.

Even the Vicar's Vestry was taken over for the occasion and was filled with sweet smelling herbs which aroused much interest.

It required great effort to leave such beauty behind and on taking a final look from the West door one could only repeat the words of a departing lady visitor- "Thank you for giving us so much pleasure".

P.F.



The results of the Festival as follows:-

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| Gift Stall | £30.10 |
| Cake Stall | 15.56 |
| Produce Stall | 24.02 |
| Raffle & Books | 56.32 |
| Teas and Garden | 56.00 |
| 100 feet of Pennies | 12.50 |
| 3 days offertory | 72.57 |
| Sunday Evensong | 20.20 |
| Picture of Church | 30.00 |
| Donations | 16.00 |
| Late Sales | 1.14 |
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| Refund to P.C.C. | 25.00 |
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The sealed bids for the watercolour painting of St. Peter's, kindly donated by the artist Miss Kitty Wass, were opened to reveal a draw at top place. Following negotiations the top bid came to £30 by Mr. Michael Grey who presented the painting to his father, Mr. Stanley Grey. Our sincere thanks. J.P.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

The Church in the Garden

As you will all see from the accounts of our affairs relating to the Flower Festival, it was a great success for our small but very lovely old church.

First let me say how very grateful I am to Mrs. L. Whigham for her help and advice, and for the use of her garden and grounds for all those visitors who cared to make use of them.

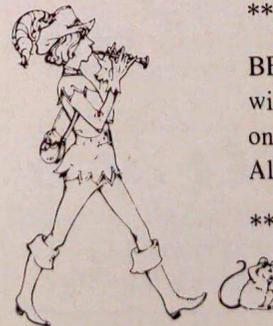
Also to my very good friend Miss Kitty Wass of Bridge who presented her water colour painting of St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne for exhibition in the church, and for sale by sealed bids to the highest bidder. Cash resulting from this sale to be donated to the Fabric Fund.

Our very grateful thanks to Kitty Wass, and
 -to all the ladies who decorated the church so very beautifully,
 -to the gentlemen who gave of their time as stewards,
 -to Mr. Ash who ferried tables and chairs from the village hall to Cobham Court,
 -to Mr. David Farbrace our grateful thanks for his care of the churchyard and all his help.
 -to all the ladies in charge of stalls and refreshments,
 -to Mr. John Purchase who had charge of our advertising and his great help in so many other directions,
 - to all the ladies who also did a great job in the cleaning of the church;

And last but not least our thanks to all who gave us gifts, produce, cakes and prizes for the raffle and gifts of flowers

The Vicar, the Revd. Canon Perry joins me in thanking you all.

S.H. Grey



BEKESBOURNE SUMMER FETE
 will be held on the Recreation Ground
 on Saturday August 9th, 1975 at 2 p.m.
 All welcome!

Follow the fun with Bekesbourne Social Club!

ST. PETER'S CHURCH Bekesbourne CHOIR

We now have vacancies in the Choir for boys and girls, and also for any ladies and gentlemen who are interested in singing as we wish to strengthen the Choir.

Please contact the Organist & Choirmaster, S.H. Grey, Mill Cottage, Bekesbourne. Telephone 830522

FLOWER ROTA

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| August | 3rd | | Mrs. Russell |
| | 10th | | Mrs. Allan |
| | 17th | | Mrs. Sandall |
| | 24th | | Mrs. Noble |
| Sept. | 1st | | Mrs. Mowll |

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

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| August | 2nd | | Mrs. Sandall |
| | 9th | | Mrs. Allan |
| | 16th | | Mrs. Smith |
| | 23rd | | Mrs. Farbrace |
| | 30th | | Mrs. Hogben |
| Sept. | 6th | | Mrs. Watson |

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

There will be a social gathering in Mrs. Dawson's garden on August 12th at 2 p.m.

BRIDGE

NOTICE-BOARD AT BRIDGE

We would like to thank very sincerely Mr. Tom Heaps who has mended and restored the notice-board at St. Peter's Church. It is now very stoutly fastened in position. C.E.H.P.

BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday August 19th. There will be a talk by Miss Dora Larkan on 'Saving Work in the Garden'. The Competition is 'A Collection of Wild Flowers'.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW REPAIRS

A Coffee Morning was held on July 17th when £40.50 was made towards the repair of the Stained Glass Window in St. Peter's Church Bridge.

We should like to thank very much the many friends who sent gifts and those who came to the Hall and helped to make it a very successful morning.

Our thanks also to our kind helpers -- Messrs. Baker, Cassell, Clements, Dove, Ennis Prescott, Wimpory; also to Miss Wraight's great effort in making so many gifts and the marmalade.

(Mrs.) Gretchen Clark, (Miss)M. Wraight. C.E.H. Perry.

PETER GILES, CHOIRMASTER & ORGANIST

As we all know Peter Giles our Choirmaster and Organist for the past five years is leaving us owing to pressure of his other works. His effort in all aspects of Church Music has been of the highest order. In addition he has organised a number of successful concerts, the proceeds from these efforts has helped towards the renovation of the Church Organ.

His work has been appreciated by members of the congregation and visitors alike.

For all he has done we wish to thank him and to this end a testimonial fund has been opened. Contributions will be gratefully received by: T.E.G. Hoare, 'Cedars', Bridge Hill; W. Johnson, 42 Bridge Down, or W.C. Rose, 'Church Cottage', Bridge. We wish him well in his future activities.

T.E.G.H. W.J. W.C.R.

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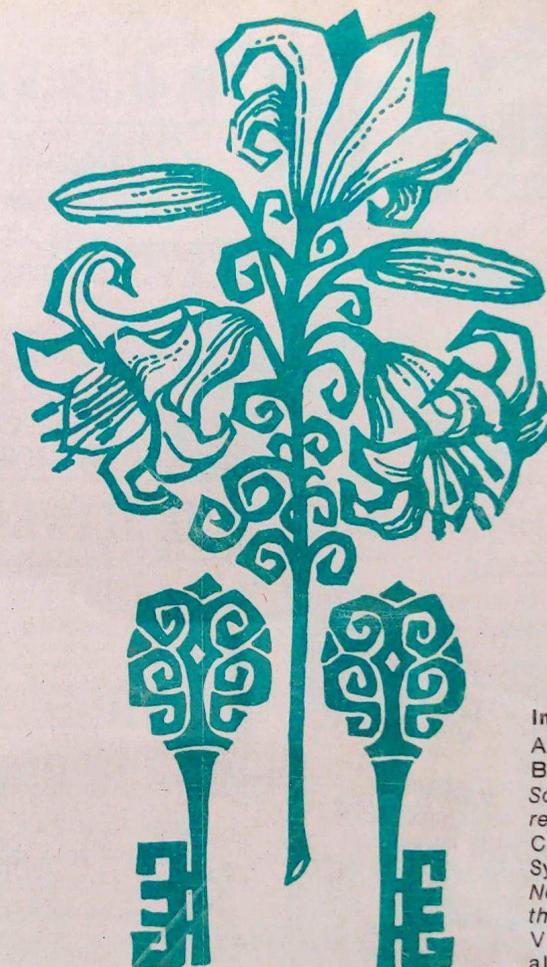
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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 1975

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

7th September - Fifteenth after Trinity

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| 11 a.m. Matins | 8 a.m. Holy | 9.30 a.m. Sung |
| 11.45 Holy Comm. | Communion | Communion |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | |

14th September - Sixteenth after Trinity

| | | |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------|
| 9 a.m. Holy | 11 a.m. Matins | 8 a.m. Holy |
| Comm. Series III | and Sermon | Communion |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | |

21st September - Seventeenth after Trinity

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| 9 a.m. Parish | 8 a.m. Holy | 11 a.m. Matins |
| Eucharist (Choral) | Communion | and Sermon |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | (Battle of Britain Sunday) | |
| Harvest Festival | | |

28th September - Eighteenth after Trinity

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| 8 a.m. Holy | 11 a.m. Harvest | 6.30 p.m. Harvest |
| Communion | Thanksgiving | Thanksgiving. |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | Service | Preacher: |
| | | Rev. L. Geddes |

5th October - Nineteenth after Trinity

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| 11 a.m. Matins | 8 a.m. Holy | 9.30 a.m. Sung |
| 11.45 Holy Comm. | Communion | Communion |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | |

BRIDGE MOTHER'S UNION

Corporate Communion on Wednesday 3rd September at 9.30 a.m.
Branch Meeting, Monday September 3rd at 2.45 p.m. at
37 Union Road.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will meet on the following Sundays: September
14th, 21st, & 28th.

We would welcome more boys and girls in Junior Church.

*Holy Communion is celebrated at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and
7.30 a.m. on Fridays during the week, in Bridge Church.
Evensong is at 5 p.m. at the Close every Sunday except the first
Sunday in the month when there is a celebration of Holy Communion.*

Dear People of Bridge, Patribourne & Bekesbourne,

The month of September is a particularly lovely month in our County of Kent, associated as it is with the final gathering in of the harvest, the apples from the orchards, and then the stripping of the hops. It also brings the return of the children and young people to school, college and university after the long summer holiday. New generations beginning school life. new schools changing scenes and environment, school leavers going out into the world beginning their working life. What opportunities for prayer and recollection and thanksgiving, yet how few of us share this simple discipline of gracious prayer and what a different world it would be for them if we did.

And what of the festivals and special services during September?

On Sunday the 21st we keep the Battle of Britain Sunday. It is now thirty five years since that event when our freedom was preserved. Its remembrance brings with it the thought that a faithful few can change the course of history and way of life of one's country. It gives us much to think about. What do we mean by freedom and how do we use it. The collection at the end of 11 o'clock Matins at Bekesbourne Church will be donated to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

We shall be keeping the Harvest Thanksgiving Festival at Bridge Church on this Sunday. To say 'thank you' is an instinctive human reaction and our Harvest Thanksgiving provides an opportunity to thank God for all his goodness. Incidentally this Sunday is also St. Matthew's Day when we commemorate Matthew the tax-collector who became St. Matthew the Disciple of our Lord and an Apostle.

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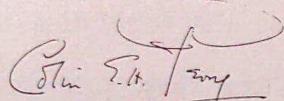
September is also the month of Michaelmas, September 29th being the feast of St. Michael and All Angels. The collect of this day is a particularly beautiful one and I commend it to you for your day by day prayer during September:

"O Everlasting God, who has ordained and constituted the Service of Angels and men in a wonderful Order; Mercifully grant that, as thy holy Angels always do thee service in Heaven so by thy appointment they may succour and defend us in Earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord."

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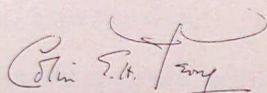
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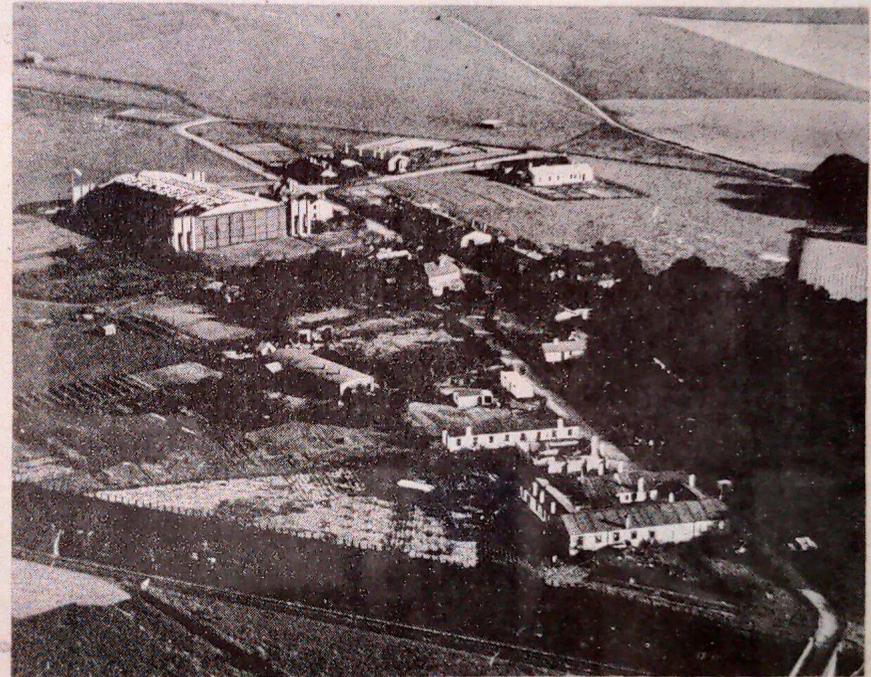
The Parochial Church Council of St. Peter's, Bekesbourne, are to repeat their very successful Son-et-Lumiere on the above dates, starting each evening at 7.30 p.m. Last year was fully booked, and we know many people will want to see and hear the programme again. It also gives an opportunity to those who missed the first showing to catch up with the colourful history of the church.

Tickets will be available at the door, or – safer to ensure your seat – from Mr. P. Jordan's shop in Bridge, and John Purchase in Bekesbourne. These will be on hand from mid-September. The Church of St. Mary's, Wingham, is mounting their own Son-et-Lumiere a fortnight later; October 16th, 17th and 18th. We hope you visit this as well! More details in the October magazine.



The end of the first year's work on Bridge by-pass is a good time to look at the peaceful scene to the left! Mr. Harry Hawkins who kindly lent us the photograph could not put an exact date to the picture, but it looks as though it was taken just after the 1914-18 War. Note the trees at the side of the road, which were removed on the shop side as a part of road widening some years ago.

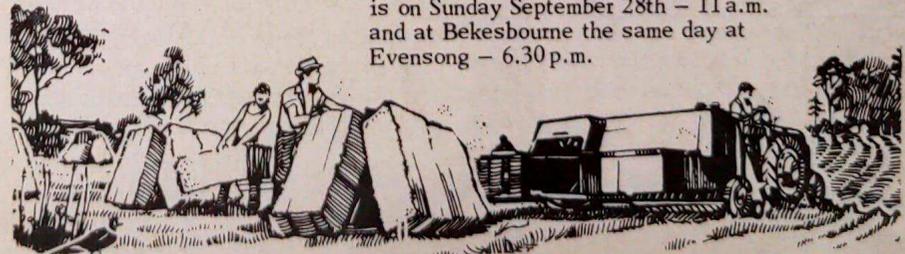
Continuing our nostalgic look into the period immediately after the 1914-18 War, here is a photograph showing the aerodrome at Bekesbourne. 50 Squadron was disbanded in 1919, but the aerodrome was owned by Mr. Robert Ramsay of Howletts and he ran a flying school there up to 1939. When he died, under the Agricultural Act, the old landing field was ploughed up and returned to farming, first being under the control of Cobham Court and later obtained by Mr. Spencer.



HARVEST FESTIVAL REMINDER

Harvest Thanksgiving at Bridge is on Sunday 21st September, Evensong 6.30.

Harvest Thanksgiving at Patrixbourne is on Sunday September 28th – 11 a.m. and at Bekesbourne the same day at Evensong – 6.30 p.m.



PRESENTATION TO MR. P. GILES

The Vicar will make the presentation to Mr. P. Giles at evensong on Sunday, September 14th in Bridge Church. It is hoped that all those who have contributed so generously will be able to attend.

T.E.G.H. W.J. W.R.

BRIDGE CHURCH CHOIR

The choir will resume after the summer holidays on Sunday September 7th. Choir practice will be at 5.15 p.m. as usual and the full choir will be in attendance at evensong.

The Vicar would welcome the support of any choir member who is able to be present at Matins on that day. W.J.

TALKING POINT

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Resolution of the Diocesan Synod Meeting

Services of Thanksgiving and Blessing:

That Deanery Synods should be asked to consider the following motions:-

(1) "That this Deanery Synod considers it to be desirable that a form of Service of Thanksgiving for the birth of a Child should be provided for general use throughout the Church of England both where the child is subsequently to be baptised and also where the child is not to be baptised, provided that in such a service both the desirability of, and the distinction from, Holy Baptism are made clear."

(2) "That this Deanery Synod would welcome the provision of a Service of the Blessing of a Child for use in the in cases where a child is not to be brought for Baptism, provided that in such a service both the desirability and the distinction from, Holy Baptism are made clear."

Re Ordering of Baptismal Practice:

(3) "That this Deanery Synod, accepting that full sacramental participation within the Church may precede a mature profession of faith, supports the proposition that alternative provision should be made for the ordering of initiation practice within the Church of England, provided that any revised order is set within a continuing framework of training for the Christian life."

(4) "That this Deanery Synod would support the admission of

baptised persons to the Holy Communion at the discretion of the parish priest in consultation with the bishop, followed at a later stage by Confirmation at the hands of the bishop.

(5) "That this Deanery Synod would support a re-ordering of initiation practice in the Church of England so that Baptism, accompanied by the laying on of hands and/or anointing with oil, might be followed, after due preparation by admission to the Holy Communion at the discretion of the parish priest, with provision, where appropriate, for an opportunity at a later stage, for a solemn affirmation of baptismal promises accompanied by a further laying on of hands."

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

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| | 20th | | Mrs. Sandall |
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| October | 5th | | Mrs. Tyler |

COMING EVENTS

The Bishop of Dover will be preaching at a special Service at 6.30 p.m. Evensong on October 26th at Bekesbourne Church.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Bekesbourne Church's Christmas Fayre will be held on November 8th 1975.

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

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Talk "Christmas without Cracking up!" by Mrs. Boucher

Competition: 'Vegetable Animal'

Hostesses: Mrs. Kingsford, Mrs. Davenport, Mrs. Deebank

COFFEE EVENING

There will be a Coffee Evening at Mrs. Sandall's on September 16th, 6.30 - 8.0p.m.

VILLAGE HALL REPAIRS

A COFFEE MORNING and BRING AND BUY STALL will be held on Thursday 4th September from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon at Meadow Rise, Patricxbourne (Village Hall if wet) in aid of repairs to cloakroom floors at the Bridge Village Hall.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL APPEAL LITTLEBOURNE CONCERT

An Evening with Allan Wicks, Organist - Canterbury Cathedral, and Antony Bussell (Baritone) will be held in St. Vincent's Church on Tuesday 9th September at 7.45 p.m.
Admission 50p Programme, in aid of the Cathedral Appeal.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

A Coffee Morning and Bring-and Buy in aid of the above was held on Thursday July 31st and realised £14.10

Thank you everyone for your very generous gifts and also Mrs. Lawrence and Miss Wraight for prizes presented.

Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Hill and Mrs Mallinder were good enough to help and their assistance was much appreciated as was also that of Erica and Alison who carried round trays of coffee and collected the money, and Wendy who distributed biscuits.

I am also grateful to several people who, unable to be present gave me a donation.

The results of this effort go to Canterbury branch to swell the funds there, though our boxes are sent direct to London.

FROM THE DIOCESAN PRESIDENT OF THE MOTHER'S UNION

As you probably know, the Mother's Union has recently been granted a new Charter embodying the aim and objects of the Society.

Over the past few years a great deal of prayer, self-searching, thought and discussion have gone on at all levels of the Mother's Union. After extensive study of the Report "New Dimensions" and the gathering of opinions from all quarters of the world, Central Council agreed by a large majority to petition for a new Charter in which the following Aim and Objects were set out:-

Aim " The advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life".

Objects (1) to uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to present its wider understanding.

(2) to encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church.

(3) to maintain a world-wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service.

(4) to promote conditions in Society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children.

(5) to help those whose family life has met with adversity.

Membership is now open to all women who have been baptised and who agree with the above Aim and Objects.

You will realise that these are not new Objects but a re-statement, in clear and positive terms, of what the core of our work in the Mother's Union has always been - the support of family life as a whole in joy and adversity. We hope that the image of the Society as little more than an anti-divorce organisation will now disappear.

Surely more than ever today a group is needed within the Church to witness through prayer and service its support and encouragement of family life.

We are glad that His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury has consented to be Patron of the Mother's Union in this Diocese. May we ask for your prayers and support as we enter our next phase of work?

Mary Elgar, Diocesan President

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 1975

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

5th October - 19th Sunday after Trinity

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| 11 a.m. Matins | 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 9.30 a.m. Sung Communion |
| 11.45 Holy Comm. | | |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | Festal Evensong |

12th October - 20th Sunday after Trinity

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| 9 a.m. Holy Communion S.III | 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon | 8 a.m. Holy Communion |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | Rev. L. Geddes | |
| Rev. C. Harrington, Preacher | Preacher | |

19th October - 21st Sunday after Trinity

Education Sunday

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| 9 a.m. Parish Eucharist (Choral) | 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 11 a.m. Matins |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | |

26th October - 22nd Sunday after Trinity

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| 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 9 a.m. Holy Communion | 6.30 p.m. Festal Evensong, Preacher |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | The Bishop of Dover |

2nd November - 23rd Sunday after Trinity

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| 11 a.m. Matins | 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 9.30 a.m. Sung Communion |
| 11.45 Holy Comm. | | |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | |

BIBLE CLASS

A Bible Class for 10 year old boys and girls who do not go to Sunday School has now begun.

It is held on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays in the month at 33 High Street, Bridge, at 11a.m. and will last about one hour. On the 1st Sunday the class will go to Matins in Church.

Any boy or girl who is or will be 10 years old this year is most welcome to join.

Holy Communion is celebrated at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7.30 a.m. on Fridays during the week, in Bridge Church. Evensong is at 5 p.m. at the Close every Sunday except the first Sunday in the month when there is a celebration of Holy Communion.

Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patribourne & Bekesbourne,

I commend to your loyal support and encouragement the Son et Lumiere on Thursday October 2nd, Friday October 3rd and Saturday October 4th, at 7.30 p.m. at Bekesbourne Church. We know that many people will want to see and hear the programme again, with the theme of the continuing church and the village life and the inhabitants around it during the passing years.

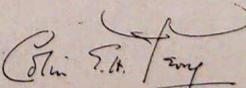
On Saturday the 18th October we keep St. Luke's Day when we remember with thanksgiving and gratitude in our prayers the work of doctors and nurses and those who work in the hospitals. We shall remember all in our parishes who serve in this way. Also we shall be remembering the Matron & Staff at The Close and those who are at Highland Court Home. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. on this day at Bridge Church with the intention for all engaged in the medical services.

This year the week of Prayer for World Peace will be held from 19th - 26th October, and on the 24th October it will be United Nations Day.

I write to you too about the observance of Education Sunday on October 19th. Those who are bearing a Christian Witness in all our schools and colleges and in the home need the support of our prayers at all times, but it is right that every year a Sunday should be set aside when the Church focuses its attention and its prayer on Education. This year we ask you particularly to remember the Church Colleges of Education as they confront a major re-organisation on higher education. We shall remember the Headmistress, Miss Wendy Tomlin and the Staff of Bridge School and all in our villages who are engaged in the full time task of teaching in the contemporary, complex and exacting situation of our time. I hope that all who have children at school, university or college will come to Church on this day to remember them in your prayers. I shall be preaching on this subject at Evensong at 6.30p.m. on this day, October 19th.

Although I shall not be beginning Confirmation Classes until the new year I would be most glad at this early stage to have the names of any young person or adult who would like to join these classes when they begin.

Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord,


Rural Dean and Vicar

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 1975

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St. Augustine's College

October

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Young Wives Group meeting, Bridge, 7.30 p.m.

2nd Thursday

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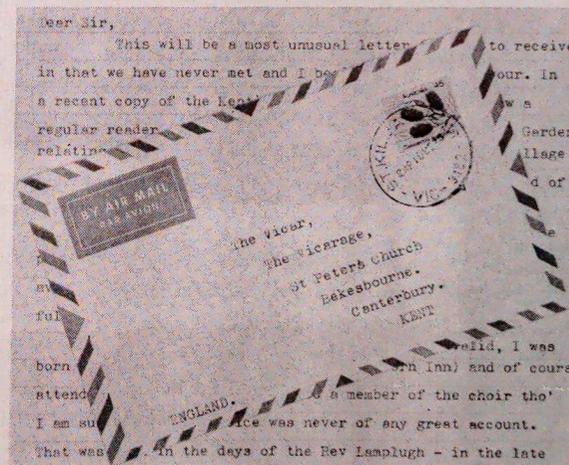
'John Chambers, a stranger, slain by the fall of a wall as he was pulling down the chapel belonging to the Palace, was buried the first day of February 1658' Nicholas Batteley's note 50 years later, and one small item in the history of St. Peter's Church as told in the Son-et-Lumiere programme.



Birthday congratulations to Mrs. Alice Shorey of Bekesbourne who is 97 this weekend. Mr. Shorey, seen here with his wife, has been Churchwarden of Saint Peter's Church for more than 28 years. We send them both our congratulations and best wishes.

**Letter from
Australia**

The Vicar recently received the letter here reproduced, and thought it would be of interest to our older readers who may remember Mr. Goodwin. We might add that he will certainly receive a copy of 'The Church in the Garden' with our compliments!



9 September 1975

16 Eden Street,
Cheltenham,
Victoria 3192,
Australia

Dear Sir,

This will be a most unusual letter for you to receive in that we have never met and I begin by asking a favour. In a recent copy of the Kentish Gazette, of which I am now a regular reader, there is an article

'The Church in the Garden' relating to the history of St. Peter's Church and the village of Bekesbourne. I would dearly love to be able to get hold of a copy of this book if such a thing is possible, and if so perhaps you would be kind enough to put me in touch with the publisher or some such person from whom a copy may be available. I will of course be pleased to pay all costs in full.

My connections with Bekesbourne are quite valid, I was born at The Hill (two doors from the Unicorn Inn) and of course attended school there. I was also a member of the choir though I am sure my singing voice was never of any great account. That was back in the days of the Rev. Lamplugh - in the late 20's, which makes me a bit long in the tooth. Although I went in the Navy in 1933 and eventually to New Zealand where I have settled I still have fond memories of my old home even though I am told there have been many changes since my last visit in 1954.

I am at present on a temporary appointment in Melbourne and should be returning to New Zealand early in 1977 so if my request promises to be a little difficult there is no immediate hurry, if it is not possible to obtain a copy then I can only thank you for trying and let it rest there.

I have one brother still living in Bekesbourne, others live in such diverse places as Ickham and Sittingbourne; it is probable that many of my old friends have now left the district but I am sure one or two are still around.

Well Sir, I hope you will not feel this too much of an imposition; you seemed to be the likely person from whom I could make such an enquiry and would be eternally grateful if you can help me in this matter. Kindest regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely

HAROLD GEORGE GOODWIN

BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

The Coffee morning held on September 4th, in aid of repairs to the Village Hall realised £25.

I would like to thank Mrs. G. Dove who lent us her attractive garden and helped organised the event, and the other helpers, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Wimpory, Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Harris. Sincere thanks also to those ladies who gave such generous gifts and donations, and all those who supported the cause.

Olive Knight.

BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE W.I.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday October 21st. Our demonstration will be S.E.G.A.S.: 'Cookery for Xmas', the competition: Six Mince Pies.

J.C.

CHURCHILL HOUSE BAZAAR

A Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 1st at 2 p.m., at Churchill House, Bridge. There will be Raffles and a Cake Stall etc.

Mrs. Chance

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES

The next meeting will be on Wednesday October 1st at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Rev. R. Harris will give a talk: 'My experiences in the Mission Field'

October 10th, Friday, A COFFEE EVENING and BRING & BUY sale in the Village Hall 7 - 9 p.m., in aid of CRIPPLECRAFT FUND. Eve Every one Welcome.

October 15th, Wednesday, at 7.30 p.m. in Bridge Village Hall, a talk by Mr. P. Mieklehohn: 'Norman Age Buildings', with colour slides

October 29th, Wednesday, Mrs. E. White will demonstrate 'How to make a smocked cushion'

LETTER FROM PETER GILES

May I thank all those who contributed to the magnificent carriage clock which I was given as a leaving present from my job as Organist and Choirmaster at Bridge? It was really a superb gift and quite unexpected in as much as it must have cost a great deal.

It will serve to mark five years of interesting and happy work in Bridge Church, and will be a perpetual reminder of the excellent musical experiences we have shared together.

May I finish by adding this: if the parish wishes the work to go on developing please support Roger Smith as well as most of you supported me! It is not easy to take over a choir, and he will need your loyalty.

He brings to this job different approaches and qualities to mine and I look forward to hearing of great things happening under his direction.

P.G.

THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

The Bring and Buy Sale and Coffee Morning at The Barton, on Thursday, 28th August, raised the marvellous sum of £430.00

Those of us who worked together for nearly two years in preparation for this day, wish to thank the very many friends who contributed so much by their generosity and support, and helped in so many different ways towards that happy and successful morning.

The valuable work of The Save the Children Fund was emphasised a few days later, by the despatch from Headquarters of £5000 for immediate help to children in the area of Turkey which was stricken by the appalling earthquake.

We thought of this at the meeting of the Canterbury Branch of the S.C.F. and the committee, delighted with our splendid contribution to this year's fund-raising programme, join us in thanking you all for so much help and kindness.

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Cleaning Rota for October

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| Oct. 4th | Mrs. Smith |
| 11th | Mrs. Farbrace |
| 18th | Mrs. Hogben |
| 25th | Mrs. Watson |
| Nov. 1st | Mrs. Grey |

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

Next meeting will be on October 14th at 7.15 p.m.

Nominations for 1976 Committee. Mrs. Watson will give a talk with slides on 'National Trust Gardens'.

Hostesses: Mrs. Farbrace and Mrs. Cornwall.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH BEKESBOURNE

Following the Son et Lumiere, on Sunday October 5th, Evensong will be sung commencing at 6.30 p.m. The preacher will be Dr. Nigel Allan M.A. PhD.

On Saturday October 26th Evensong will commence at 6.30 p.m., the occasion being the visit to our church of the Bishop of Dover, Dr. Anthony Tremlett. The service will be conducted by the Vicar, Canon C.E.H. Perry. The preacher will be the Lord Bishop.

A warm welcome is extended to all at both of these services.

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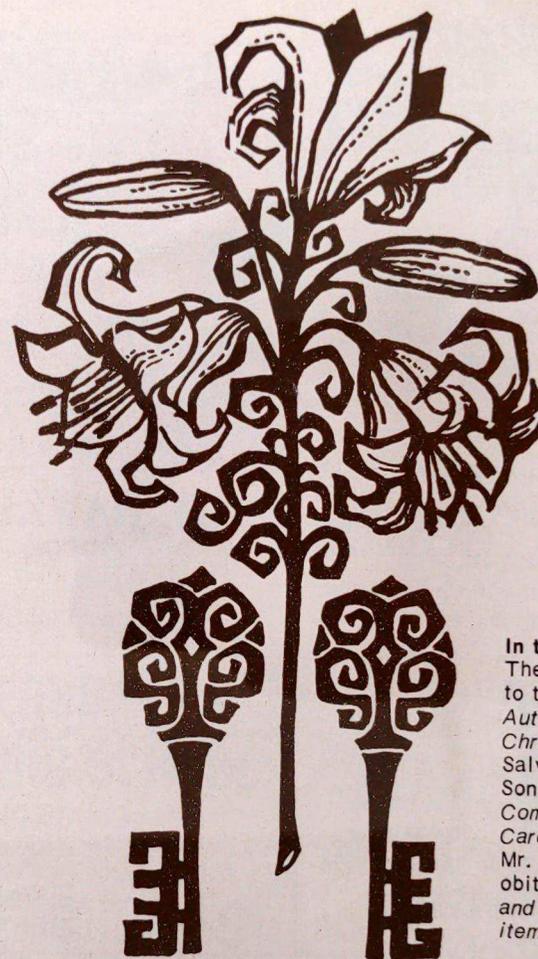
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| 11 a.m. Matins | 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 9.30 a.m. Sung Communion |
| 11.45 Holy Comm. | | |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | |

9th November - 24th Sunday after Trinity

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

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| 9 a.m. Holy Comm. Series III | 10.55 a.m. Matins | 8 a.m. Holy Communion |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | |

16th November - 25th Sunday after Trinity

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| 9 a.m. Parish Eucharist (Choral) | 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | |

23rd November - 26th Sunday after Trinity

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| 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 9 a.m. Holy Communion | 11 a.m. Matins 11.45 Holy Comm. |
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30th November - Advent - St. Andrew's Day.

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| 9 a.m. Holy Communion | 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon | 8 a.m. Holy Communion |
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MOTHER'S UNION

November 5th Corporate Communion at 9.30 a.m.
10th Branch Meeting at 37 Union Road, at 2.45 p.m.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Will meet on November 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th at 11 a.m.

◆ *The photographs on pages 7 and 8 courtesy of the Kentish Gazette. The article on pages 8 and 10 reprinted from The Guardian.*

Holy Communion is celebrated at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7.30 a.m. on Fridays during the week, in Bridge Church. Evensong is at 5 p.m. at the Close every Sunday except the first Sunday in the month when there is a celebration of Holy Communion.

Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patribourne & Bekesbourne,

November starts with the refreshing festival of All Saints, and a reminder on all Souls Day, November 4th, that we should remember in our prayers the faithful departed, especially our own loved ones.

It is a good time for everyone to go to the graveside of their kinsfolk if within travelling distance to make sure the graves are tidy and in good repair. I would specially recall people who have relatives buried in our churchyards to their duty in this matter, praising those who take care of their relatives graves and seeking to arouse a new interest on the part of those who have not accepted this responsibility.

Plans are well ahead for the Bekesbourne Christmas Fayre on Saturday November 8th at Bekesbourne Village Hall, and Bridge Christmas Market on Saturday 29th November at Bridge Village Hall. A full list of stallholders etc. will be seen elsewhere in this magazine. I always appeal for mutual support from Bridge and Patribourne to Bekesbourne, and from Bekesbourne to Bridge and Patribourne, but sadly often without tangible result. It would show a wonderful spirit if we helped each other a little more. Articles for sale will be gratefully received by the respective stall holders. It is hoped that all our friends will book these dates and join us on these days and ensure a successful financial and social occasion!

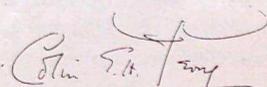
Remembrance Day Service will be held at Patribourne Church on the 9th November. On Remembrance Day we are forcibly reminded of our tradition and our heritage as citizens of Great Britain. A tradition is something that has come down to us from the past and a heritage is a possession that we have received from those who were before us, not of our doing, often at great cost even to life itself. We need to take stock again of both our tradition and our heritage, to have faith once more in our Country. We do well for faith is a gift of God but like other gifts, to be effective it needs our Co-operation. How shall we do our part in the recovery of this faith?

St. Andrews Day falls on Sunday 30th November. St. Andrews Day was first observed as a day of prayer for Missions at the end of the last century when it ushered in the full organ of this Missionary Expansion of the church as countless missionaries went out from these islands in the wake of the British Empire Expansion. Indeed St. Augustine's College, Canterbury was totally dedicated to the training of Missionaries. Now all this has changed with a changing world and most of those countries to which the missionaries went have their own indigenous priesthood and indepen-

dent Church Government. On St. Andrews Day we can concentrate our thoughts upon the world-wide nature of the Church and its mission to the world. St Andrews Day will be observed as a day when we pray for the mission of the Church.

The month ends with the solemn warning of Advent and the preparation for Christs Coming. The message of Advent is a stern one and in these days it is good for us to pay heed to it. It is a message of judgement on the quality of our lives.

Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord,



Rural Dean and Vicar

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 1975

November

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| 1st Saturday | All Saints Day. Holy Comm. 9.30 a.m. Bridge. |
| 2nd Sunday | 23rd Sunday after Trinity |
| 4th Tuesday | All Souls Day. Holy Comm (Requiem) 9.30 a.m.** |
| 5th Wednesday | M.U. Corp. Comm. at Bridge 9.30 a.m. |
| 8th Saturday | BEKESBOURNE CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE at 2.30 p.m. at Bekesbourne Village Hall. |
| 9th Sunday | 24th Sunday after Trinity. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. |
| 10th Monday | M.U. Branch Meeting, 37 Union Rd. at 2.45 p.m. |
| 12th Wednesday | Y.W.G. Meeting. Bridge Village Hall, 7.30 p.m. |
| 15th Saturday | Diocesan Synod. Concert at Bekesbourne 7.30 p.m. |
| 16th Sunday | 25th Sunday after Trinity |
| 18th Tuesday | Bridge & Patricxbourne W.I. Annual Meeting, 7.30 p.m. |
| 19th Wednesday | Bridge Church Christmas Market helpers meeting at 8 p.m. at the Vicarage. |
| 23rd Sunday | 26th Sunday after Trinity |
| 26th Wednesday | Bridge Y.W.G. at Mayflower Restaurant, C'bury. |
| 29th Saturday | BRIDGE CHURCH CHRISTMAS MARKET at 2.30 p.m. at Bridge Village Hall. |
| 30th Sunday | ADVENT SUNDAY - St. Andrews Day. |

** Would anyone who wishes a departed soul to be remembered please give their name to the Vicar.

CATHEDRAL EVENT

November

- 1st Saturday at 5.30 p.m. Royal School of Church Music Diocesan Festival following Evening Prayer at 4.30 p.m.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne

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| 28th September 1975 | Benjamin William Brice Mark James Brice Karen Louise Clark |
| 5th October 1975 | Sonia Marie Friend |
| 26th October 1975 | Shane Robert Clark |

Holy Matrimony

St. Peter's Church Bridge

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| 27th September 1975 | Paul John Agar Elizabeth Mary Ann Carey |
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St. Mary's Church Patricxbourne

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| 27th September 1975 | Ronald George Howard Christine Mary Stacey |
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May They Rest in Peace

At Barham Crematorium

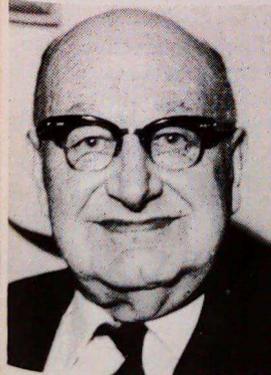
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| 29th September 1975 | Aubrey Lester Ladd |
| 17th October 1975 | Ivy Ann Smith |

St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne

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| 13th October 1975 | Robert Morphet |
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St. Peter's Church Bridge

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| 22nd October 1975 | Stanley Hookway |
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We regret to announce the death of Mr. Herbert Price, who was a well-known figure in Bridge. His father was Mr. Henry Price the village grocer, and he came to live here when he was eight. Between the wars he drove the fire engine for the Volunteer Fire Service. He served as a member of Bridge Parish Council for 30 years, and was its chairman for a time. On his retirement from British Road Services he gave up time to public work as a member of the Bridge-Blean R.D.C. We would like to note his valuable work for the village community, and offer our condolences to daughter, sons and grandchildren.



FACE TO FAITH

Dr. Donald Coggan, Archbishop of Canterbury

From the angle at which I view things in Britain today I see signs of hope. I mention one in particular. It is a growing sense that materialism is not the answer to our nation's problems. Of course it is in the material sphere very largely that we experience the sharp points of our troubles—shortages, rising costs, declining production and so on. We cannot neglect the material. We need money, new industrial techniques, export drives, more and more houses, and job opportunities for all. But we shall not begin to find the right answers to these problems unless we raise our sights to a higher level. We need to concern ourselves with the spirit of the people. I think there is a growing awareness of this, and this is a hopeful sign.

I see it as hopeful because it connects two questions which everyone ought to be asking: "What sort of society do we want?" and "What sort of people do we need to be in order to obtain it?". Separate these two questions and they sound almost childishly naive; put them side by side and they make an implication which is being overlooked, and this is part of our trouble.

In the last resort it is the kind of people we are that is responsible for the kind of society we get. In other words, we cannot neglect the moral element and be successful in the deepest sense at the end of the day. I see another hopeful sign. From the letters I receive and the contacts I make I am conscious of a great mass in the nation whom I can only describe as "good people". We hear much of the violent, the permissive, the irresponsible, and those who can only be described as traitors to the wellbeing of the community. But there are others, tens of thousands of them, people whose voices are not heard, people who possess no agitator but who long for the best for their country and are willing to make sacrifices to achieve it. They are the people I want to encourage, to draw together, and to stimulate into constructive thinking and action.

There are many areas of our national life which call for fresh examination—unemployment and the dignity of work, law and order and how it can be reconciled with freedom, the whole concept of power and power-sharing, ambition and whether it can be freed from selfishness, not least integrity in business, politics and individual life.

Much hard thinking is required here. But we shall not come up with answers that are finally workable unless they are based on the conviction that there is a distinction between right and wrong, that the kind of people we are is a first priority, and that the spirit that is abroad in the nation is the decisive factor.

It is in order to try to lift the national debate on to this level, not to try to provide pat or easy answers, that I have been addressing the nation in the last few days. And in order to weld together those who are seriously concerned about this aspect

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A PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOPS

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York hope that you will regard this letter as a personal one from themselves to you. They are asking that it be read in all Churches today because they believe that there is a great body of seriously-minded men and women who are deeply concerned, not only about the economy of our nation, but about its spiritual condition.

During the last few days you will probably have shared through the media something of what we have been trying to say at this critical time. We have posed such questions as these — "What sort of society are we looking for?" and "What kind of people are needed for the creation of this society?".

We Christians believe that God reigns and that he cares about the nations.

We believe that he has demonstrated his concern in the life, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We believe that his Spirit is operative today doing his recreative work in individuals and groups.

If however a responsible society is to come into being everyone must realise that he counts and that his contribution matters.

The time has therefore come when we feel it is our duty to call all Christian people

- (i) to pray steadily, persistently and intelligently for our nation.
- (ii) to think seriously about our society in the light of what we believe, asking such questions as "What sort of society do we want?" and "What sort of people do we need to be in order to achieve it?".
- (iii) to co-operate with Christians of every allegiance, and with any others who are willing to be associated with us, so as to influence society in a positive and helpful way.
- (iv) to live out the faith we profess, that God reigns and that God cares.

We therefore invite you as members of your local congregation to take seriously God's call to God's people in God's world, and to go on and work out in further detail in the next few months, what this will mean for yourself, your home, your parish and the community where you live and work.

Donald Cantuar:

Stuart Ebor:

of our national life, I have suggested that they write to me and I will see that they get a reply.

This wedding process is important. We are in danger of falling apart, but it need not be if only we draw together the thousands upon thousands who are deeply concerned about our present state. Many of them will be praying people. This obvious from the numbers that have been asking for a National Day of Prayer.

I have drawn up a simple prayer for the nation. Those who write to me (with a stamped addressed envelope) will receive a copy. Who knows what might not result if some tens of thousands of people used it regularly? "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

DONALD CANTUAR

ARCHBISHOP'S CALL TO THE NATION

Dr. Coggan has been calling us to new thinking and responsibility for our society. If you want to add your support to his efforts, cut out this box and send it to him with a stamped self-addressed envelope.

To: Dr. Donald Coggan, Box 11,
Lambeth Palace, SE1 7JU.

I believe in God and will pray for our country.

NAME

ADDRESS

(I enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope, ordinary letter size.)

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PLEASE BRING your items for the Market to the Village Hall on the Saturday morning, or at any time to the Vicarage, The Churchwardens, or to members of the Parochial Church Council, the Choir, the Mothers' Union, the Young Wives' Group or the Junior Church. Alternatively, if it is more convenient, may we suggest you 'phone one of the appropriate officers listed on the back cover of this magazine and arrange for the collection of your donation.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY AND THEN COME ALONG TO SUPPORT THE CHRISTMAS MARKET - THE SALE OF THE YEAR!

C.A.P. H.P.M.L

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CHRISTMAS FAYRE

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D. Sandall



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November 26th Members Annual Evening Meal, at the Mayflower Restaurant Canterbury.

BRIDGE & PATRIXBOURNE W.I.

- November 18th Annual Meeting, Visit of V.C.O.
Competition: A Home-made Xmas Card.

CAROL CONCERT

The Choirs of St. Saviour's Folkestone, and St. Peter's Bridge are combining with the Dover Orchestral Society to present a Carol Concert in Bridge Church on Saturday December 13th 1975 at 7.30 p.m.

About 60 performers will take part and this occasion will provide an opportunity for everyone to sing well-known carols. If you have a favourite please inform Mr. W. Johnson, 42 Bridge Down, Tel. Bridge 830450, and we will try to include it in the programme.

Proceeds will be added to the Christmas funds. Please note the date in your diary.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL APPEAL

The Cheese and Wine Evening held at 6 Bridgeford Way on October 16th raised £18.50 towards the Cathedral Appeal. Many thanks to everyone for their support.

G. Harvey

FROM THE CLOSE, BRIDGE to Canon Perry -

'I would be most grateful if you would convey my sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make the September Fayre such a success.

A grand total of £230.00 was made and this will go a long way towards the colour television and greenhouse which I hope to get for the residents. A big thank you to all,'

D.M. Upton (Matron)

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

November 11th Annual Meeting, followed by:-
Demonstration 'Christmas Decorations'
Competition: Victoria Sponge
Social Time: Bring & Buy
Hostesses: Mrs. Talbot and Mrs. Dawson

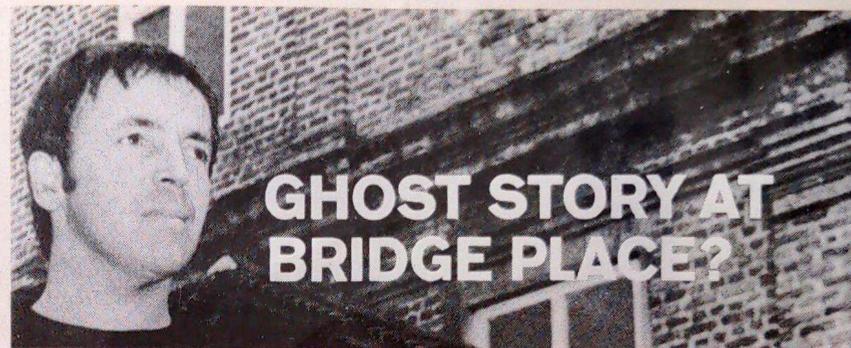
ST. PETER'S BEKESBOURNE

Church Cleaning Rota

November 1st Mrs. Grey
8th Mrs. Sandall
15th Mrs. Allan
22nd Mrs. Smith
29th Mrs. Farbrace

Flower Rota

9th Mrs. Farbrace
16th ... Mrs. Coombes
23rd ... Mrs. Russell



Although All Souls' Day is recognised by celebrations of Requiem Communion, as well it should, there is the more light-hearted Hallowe'en for the telling of ghost stories round the fire. We possess our own ghost story in Bridge for there have been odd sightings at Bridge Place over the years.

Peter Malkin bought the premises in 1967, just 300 years after the manor house had been built, and was astounded one night after this to see the figure of a chambermaid carrying a basket cross his bedroom. Others had heard unusual footsteps, and the cries of a child had been heard in a downstairs room. Although there was a thorough investigation no normal explanation could be given for the sounds.

However, it was discovered that about 1780 the then owner of Bridge Place, a man called Taylor, had had an affair with a chambermaid. Taylor's wife was at this time in Scotland recovering from an illness; and when her husband learned she was due to return to Bridge he was believed to have killed his lady friend and her child.

A cavalier figure was also seen by a young Frenchman staying at Bridge Place; but these sightings can only evoke the question 'Are there any ghosts in the house or not?'

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and all the usual
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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 1975

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

7th December - 2nd Sunday in Advent

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| 11 a.m. Matins | 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 9.30 a.m. Sung Communion |
| 11.45 Holy Comm. | | |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | |

14th December - 3rd Sunday in Advent

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| 9 a.m. Holy Comm. Series III | 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon | 8 a.m. Holy Communion |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | |

21st December - 4th Sunday in Advent

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| 9 a.m. Parish Eucharist (Choral) | 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | |

25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY

Details of all services on page 14

28th December - 1st Sunday after Christmas

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| 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 9 a.m. Holy Communion | 11 a.m. Matins 11.45 Holy Comm. |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | |

4th January - 2nd Sunday after Christmas

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| 11 a.m. Matins | 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 9.30 a.m. Sung Communion |
| 11.45 Holy Comm. | | |
| 6.30 p.m. Evensong | | |

Junior Church will meet on December 14th, 21st, 28th.
January 11th, 18th, 25th.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

The Vicar would be glad to know of any who, because of sickness or infirmity, desire the administration of Holy Communion in their homes this Christmas-tide.

N.B. The time for Evensong at The Close has been changed from 5.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Holy Communion is celebrated at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7.30 a.m. on Fridays during the week, in Bridge Church. Evensong is at 5 p.m. at the Close every Sunday except the first Sunday in the month when there is a celebration of Holy Communion.

Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patricxbourne & Bekesbourne, This month brings the joys of the Feast of the Incarnation of our Blessed Lord. Christmas is the happy time when we all become as little children, and we have an inner vision of what our Lord meant when he said: "Except ye become as little children ye cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven". There is a tendency to localise Christmas at a certain point in time. It is still in many peoples' minds a Dickensian feast with visions of feasting, many caped stagecoach drivers and carol singers holding horn lanterns on the ends of poles. It has moved on from mediaeval yule logs and boars heads to Victorian coal fires and Prince Albert Christmas trees. It is now shifting into this scientific and space travel age, and many of the toys you will be giving your children will have this overtone.

It is the spirit that counts and not the trappings. The Spirit of Christmas is simply this: God from eternity deemed it right to descend to our level, to live and love and die here in our little life's world. It is this act of God that is Christmas. It is this act of God which should be the motif, the inward and spiritual meaning of every card and decoration and present. It is this act of God that alone gives meaning to the whole of our worship and this keeping of Christmas.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem

How still we see thee lie",

Many of us will be singing this, among other carols, at Christmas-

"How silently, how silently

The wondrous gift is given",

Notice the words which begin two of these lines: 'How still' and 'How silently'. First let us be still and then we shall know what good cause we have to be merry.

May I too say that Family worship in Church on the great festival of the 'Family' must be a first priority. There is one comment which I make about the Midnight Eucharist. Many feel that the Christian 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 children- (and we are all little children on Christmas Day) is lost.

At Easter we are conscious of the need for preparation with the help of the better known season of Lent, but at Christmas with its constant anticipation before the event we forget to keep the Advent Season of preparation and repentance. Could we not make a greater effort this Advent to make our Christmas Communion more worthy?

You will find elsewhere in this magazine full details of the Christmas Services and our Christmas social events.

A Happy and Blessed Christmas to you all,

Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord,

Rural Dean and Vicar

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 1975

November

29th Saturday Bridge & Patricxbourne CHRISTMAS MARKET in Bridge Village Hall from 2.30 p.m.

30th Sunday ADVENT SUNDAY. St. Andrew's Day

DECEMBER

3rd Wednesday M.U. Corporate Communion, Bridge, 9.30 a.m.

5th Friday CHRISTMAS BAZAAR at The Close from 10.00 a.m.

7th Sunday 2nd Sunday in Advent. Preacher at Evensong at Bridge: Rev. J.H. Walker

8th Monday Senior Citizens' Party at Bridge Primary School at 2 p.m. All Senior Citizens of Bridge, Patricxbourne & Bekesbourne invited by Miss Tomkin, staff & pupils.

X 10th Wednesday Y.W. Group Carol Singing, open evening, 7.30 X

12th Friday East Bridge Deanery Synod Extraordinary Meeting, St. Augustine's College at 7.30 p.m.

13th Saturday Carol Concert at Bridge Church at 7.30 p.m. (Full details elsewhere in magazine)

14th Sunday 3rd Sunday in Advent

15th Monday M.U. Christmas meeting, 11 Union Rd. at 2.45 pm

16th Tuesday W.I. Christmas meeting

17th Wednesday Bekesbourne Church Carol Service at 7.15 p.m.

18th Thursday E. Bridge Deanery: Archdeacon & Bishop of Dover Visitation at Wingham Parish Hall.

21st Sunday 4th Sunday in Advent. St. Thomas the Apostle

24th Wednesday CHRISTMAS EVE. Midnight Eucharist services: (Full details elsewhere in magazine)

25th Thursday CHRISTMAS DAY

26th Friday St. Stephen's Day. Holy Comm at Bridge, 9.30am

27th Saturday St. John the Evangelist Day H.C. 9.30 a.m.

28th Sunday 1st Sunday after Christmas

January

4th Sunday 2nd Sunday after Christmas

6th Tuesday Epiphany Day. H.C. at 9.30 a.m. at Bridge Patricxbourne Church Epiphany Entertainment at

11th Sunday 6.30 p.m. (Full details elsewhere in magazine)
1st Sunday after Epiphany. Carol Service at Bridge Church at 6.30 p.m.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Peter's Church Bridge

9th November 1975 Kevin John Lawrence

May They Rest in Peace

At Barham Crematorium

13th November 1975 Florence Annie Pierce

St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne

(and Barham Crematorium)

22nd November 1975 Joan Iduna Chandler

THE BIBLE CLASS

This will meet on Sundays December 7th, 14th, and 21st, at 11 a.m. at 33 High Street and will then reassemble on January 11th. New members aged at least 10 who do not attend Sunday School are welcome.

We have remade a number of Christmas cards which we hope to send to patients in hospitals in Nigeria and Kenya.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT THE CLOSE

Gifts suitable for Christmas Presents, Christmas cards, wrapping paper, crackers and Advent Calenders will be gratefully received, with any other items for sale at A CHRISTMAS BAZAAR to be held at the Close on December 5th at 10 a.m.

POPPY DAY

The collection amounted to £96.50. Many thanks to everyone who gave so generously, and to the helpers who made this sum possible.

BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 16th December.

Entertainment: 'Carols by Candlelight'

Competition: 'A Page for a Scrapbook' (Radio Times size)

MOTHER'S UNION

December 3rd: Mother's Union Corporate Communion with Intercessions at 9.30 a.m.

December 15th: M.U. Branch Meeting (Christmas) at 11 Union Road by kind permission of Mrs. Berry.

Speaker: Rev. L. Blaxland.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH BRIDGE CAROL CONCERT

This Concert will take place on Saturday December 13th at 7.30 p.m. The choirs of St. Saviour's Folkestone and St. Peter's Bridge, with the Dover Orchestral Society are combining in a Carol Concert. The programme will include 'Once in Royal David's City', 'O Little Town of Bethlehem', 'The First Nowell', 'While Shepherds Watched', 'Hark the Herald Angels', and 'O Come all ye Faithfull'.

Two items will be presented by the Dover Orchestral Society and other carols will be sung by the two choirs.

Admission will be by programme at 30p each and carol sheets will be available at 5p each. There will be no interval. Coffee and biscuits will be served afterwards in the Village Hall at 10p.

Do please come and support this venture which promises to be a most entertaining evening.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING

Christmas decorating at Bridge Church will take place on Wednesday December 24th at 10 a.m. onwards. All offers of help will be much appreciated. Donations for purchase of flowers will be gratefully received by Mrs. Hunter.

Patribourne Church decorating will be from 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon Dec. 23rd. Gifts of flowers, holly etc. very welcome also helpers.

Bekesbourne Church decorating will be from 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday the 23rd. Gifts of flowers, foliage and donations will be gratefully received by Mrs. D. Sandall at School House Bekesbourne.

"The Flight into Egypt"

Albrecht Durer - 1511



Durer was a famous German wood-cut designer and engraver - and his "Life of the Virgin"

from which this is taken, was the third of a triumphant set of woodcuts.

We are again indebted to Miss W. M. Tomlin, Head Mistress of Bridge and Patrixbourne Church of England Primary School, for permission to print work by her pupils on the subject of Christmas. I am sure you will agree that the standard of imaginative writing is excellent:
C.E.H.P.



THE LAMB'S STORY – Helen Bodger J3

I knew there was something special about that night. I could feel it in my bones. Most of the other sheep thought so too, they were padding restlessly round the field. From the top of our hill I could see weary travellers walking down the dusty tracks to Bethlehem. There was a stillness in the field.

Suddenly a strange light lit up the starry sky. The shepherds blinded by its brilliance hid their faces, fearful and surprised. Then an echoing voice filled the heavens. At this the shepherds slowly lifted their faces, they were amazed to see what was happening. A circle of angels filled the sky, splendid and shining, then the voice came again.

“Do not be afraid, but listen. The Lord Jesus has been born in a stable in Bethlehem. All the world shall worship Him”. Then the other angels sang and they slowly vanished into the night sky.

The boldest shepherd stood up and looked round at the flock; he moved towards me, picked me up and tucked me inside his coarse woven cloak. “You are the one” he whispered in my ear. The other shepherds joined us. My shepherd held me tight and we hurried and stumbled over the bumpy ground.

We were on our way – quite where I did not know, quite why I did not understand, but it was special, of that I am sure.



CHRISTMAS MORNING DAWNS – Lesley Owens J3

As the pale yellow morning sun rose above the tree tops trying to clear the thick, dense fog, the birds began to sing a happy, cheerful melody. The frosty sky changed from white to grey and from grey to blue until it shone like a bright summer's day. The grey mist cleared so quickly that one could soon see the playing fields, the meadows and the houses. Gradually even the little green bridge over the river was revealed. At last there were only patches of glittering frost in the fresh green grass, shimmering in the now warm, blinding sun.

THE EXCITEMENT OF IT ALL – Gillian Ash J3

Excitement, gaiety, happy faces as the day draws near.
Glitter and paper and presents ready for wrapping.
The atmosphere of winter and Christmas are in the air.
Packed towns busy with shoppers rushing to buy.
A thick curtain of snow lays on the ground ready for the
trampling feet of laughing children.
Grown-ups look at it in a different way –
Stuff the turkey, post the cards, bake the pies.
It's hard work getting Christmas ready,
but it's worth it.
Christmas is a time for celebration, a time to enjoy,
a time to remember the birth of a baby,
a special baby, our Lord Jesus Christ.



You may be surprised to learn that some years ago a Chief Constable pointed out that carol-singing was illegal under legislation of the time of George II – and, in his view morally and physically injurious to boot! G. K. Chesterton replied:–

THE PURITAN G.K.C. 1874–1936.

God rest you merry gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay;
The Herald Angels cannot sing,
The cops arrest them on the wing,
And warn them of the docketing
Of anything they say.

God rest you merry gentlemen,
May nothing you dismay;
On your reposeful cities lie
Deep silence, broken only by
The motor horn's melodious cry,
The hooter's happy bray.

So, when the song of children ceased
And Herod was obeyed,
In his high hall Corinthian
With purple and with peacock fan,
Rested that merry gentleman;
And nothing him dismayed.

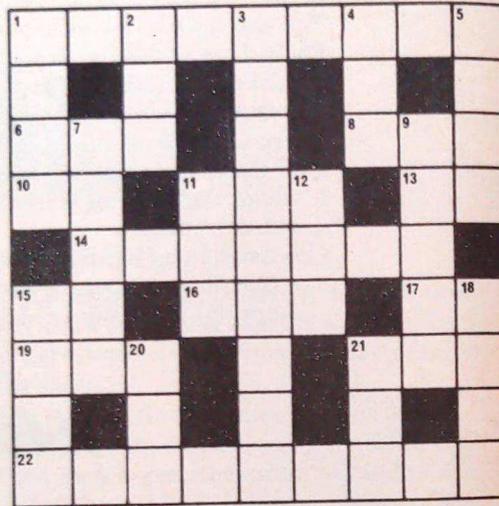
ACROSS

- 1.6. Seasonable clip round the ear? (9,3.)
7. Master position in any game. (2,3.)
8. A man of Kent, this tiler. (3.)
9. Half measure for printers. (2.)
10. Adam's mate. (3.)
13. Initial direction. (2.)
14. Nurses presumably approach this way. (7.)
15. Ascot loses scene, becomes superlative. (2.)
16. Estimated time of arrival briefly mentioned. (3.)
17. Emma orphaned for another pair of 10! (2.)
19. London Philharmonic in a popular rendering. (3.)
21. Medusa loses a sea and gains a country. (3.)
22. Willingly played on the organ? (9.)

DOWN

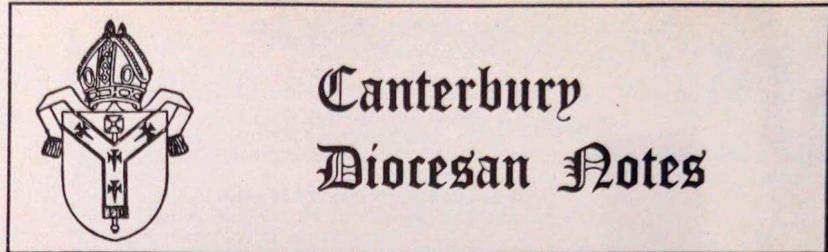
1. Sugar shape? (4.)
2. Roman king. (3.)
3. This army loves to fight sin. (9.)
4. One went went to first. (3.)
5. Fill with teas. (4.)
9. They provided Cleopatra's bath. (5.)
11. The sheep went both ways? (3.)
12. Vera lost five this time. (3.)
15. Slave lost direction, but stayed easterly nevertheless. (4.)
18. Shinwell lost direction and became a lot of people. (4.)
20. Troubled water cooler. (3.)
21. Tuna fish decapitated, here's a stubby girl! (3.)

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD



ANSWERS. Try again before you crib!

ACROSS: 1.6. Christmas box; 7. On top; 8. Wait; 9. En; 10. Eve; 13. SE; 14. Towards; 15. So; 16. ETA; 17. Em; 19. L.P.O.; 21. U.S.A.; 22. Voluntary.
 DOWN: 1. Cube; 2. Rex; 3. Salvation; 4. Mow; 5. Sate; 9. Asses; 11. Ewe; 12. Era; 15. Slav; 18. Many; 20. Oil; 21. Una.



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LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

I am anxious that the address which I gave at the Diocesan Synod in Canterbury on November 15th should be read as widely as possible, and its contents taken up in parishes and Deanery Synods. Here is the main body of what I said:

"I speak to you today about stewardship. This is not an appeal for money. It is an appeal for something far deeper than that. It is an appeal for a radically new approach to giving as part of our commitment to Christ. After all, what we give, the proportion of our income which we regularly set aside for Christ's work, is not a bad indication of what He means to us.

At a meeting of the Archbishop's Council held last month, the members received this motion which had been passed by the Board of Finance the previous month. It ran:

'That the Canterbury Diocesan Board of Finance, having received with thanks the Archbishop's call to realism and confidence, wishes to answer that call:

(a) by being realistic in recognising the low average level of giving by members of the Church and being realistic in recognising the greater demands made on them because of the increased Quota (three-quarters of which is for the Ministry),

and

(b) by being confident that a higher sustained level of Christian giving is possible and confident that the Quota will be paid in full as it has been in the past.'

Let us look at that phrase 'the low level of giving'. The truth is that we in Britain have for centuries been financially cushioned by the gifts of our forebears. We are living on dead men's money.

If what I have just said is basically right, what does it mean so far as our diocese is concerned? I answer the question thus: It means that we must banish old prejudices about stewardship, take a new look at it, and make a fresh start.

We advise against 'do-it-yourself' efforts, as often the true challenge of stewardship is avoided and the administration and organisation is inadequate. This danger can be avoided now that the Diocesan Synod has been able to appoint a Diocesan Stewardship Director, Mr. Darrell Wadsworth, who has been working in the diocese for nearly a year.

I strongly commend the clergy Day Conferences and conferences for Parish Stewardship Committees in the three Archdeaconries which are being planned for next year.

We hope to see an Annual Stewardship Sunday for every parish in the diocese when the principles of stewardship can be reiterated and developed as a natural part of the parochial teaching programme.

To sum up: A big task, calling for prayer, hard thought, a long and carefully planned scheme of education in the parishes is called for. The Archbishop's Council will be working on this at their residential Conference in January. The Synod will have some heavy work ahead of it. I ask for your prayers."

I am sure that clergy and laity in the Diocese will readily understand that the cost of printing and postage is now such that the pleasant custom of sending Christmas cards to all and sundry cannot be continued this year.

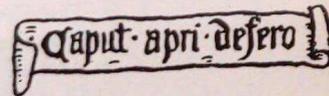
My wife and I hope that you will accept this note as a suitable way of sending all readers our warmest good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. It comes with the sincere prayer that God will bless, keep, and use you all in His service.

DONALD CANTUAR:

The Archbishop's letter is a timely reminder that the finances of the Church can no longer rest on the money donated by past generations – and that stewardship of our churches is not just a financial matter, prayerful regeneration is needed.



THE BOAR'S HEAD, like Roast Swan, has not been on the menu for some years – but it does not stop you looking and imagining! The reproduction is from 'A Book of Christian Verse' compiled by H. C. Beeching in 1895.



Caput apri defero,
 Reddens laudes Domino.
 The boar's head in hand bring I,
 With garlands gay and rosemary;
 I pray you all sing merrily,
 Qui estis in convivio.

The boar's head, I understand,
 Is the chief service in this land;
 Look, wherever it be fand,
 Servite cum cantico.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES



ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BRIDGE

Christmas Eve 11.30 pm. Midnight Eucharist
 Christmas Day 9.00 am. Holy Communion
 11.00 am. Matins and
 Christmas Day
 Family Service
 Rev. C. Harrington
 11.45 am. Holy Communion

*There will be a Carol Concert at 7.30 pm. on Saturday December 13th. See page 8.
 The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be at 6.30 pm. on January 11th.*

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PATRIBOURNE

Christmas Day 8.00 am. Holy Communion
There will be Carols and Readings on Epiphany Day, January 6th. See page 17.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE

Christmas Eve 11.30 pm. Midnight Eucharist
 Christmas Day 11.00 am. Family Carol
 Service.
 11.45 am. Holy Communion

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be at 7.15 pm. on Wednesday December 17th.



For details of Decorating the Churches see page 8.

CATHEDRAL EVENTS THIS DECEMBER



2. 6.15 p.m. Prayer Group in All Saints' Chapel.
 6. 9.00 a.m. The customary sponsored pilgrimage "Crisis for Christmas" leaves the Cathedral.
 7.30 p.m. Canterbury Choral Society with the Cathedral Choristers perform Handel's *Israel in Egypt*.
 7. 6.30 p.m. Advent Carol Service.
- Christmas Carol Services will be held by the following bodies on the date and at the time stated:—
- University of Kent at Canterbury, 8 p.m. on 9th.
 - S.E. Thames Regional Health Board, 6.30 p.m. on 10th.
 - Kent College, 7 p.m. on 12th.
 - Cub Scouts of the District, 4.15 p.m. on 13th.
 - Geoffrey Chaucer School, 7.30 p.m. on 16th.
 - Barton Court School, 2.30 p.m. on 17th.
 - Simon Langton Boys' Grammar School, 2.15 p.m. on 18th.
 - The Insurance Institute of Canterbury and East Kent, 6.30 p.m. on 18th.
24. *Christmas Eve.*
 3.15 p.m. The Blessing of the Crib with carols.
 4.00 p.m. Evensong, with carols.
 25. **CHRISTMAS DAY.**
 7 & 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
 10.30 a.m. Matins. *Preacher:* The Archbishop.
 11.45 a.m. Sung Eucharist.
 3.15 p.m. Evensong, with carols.
 26. *St. Stephen's Day.*
 3.15 p.m. Evensong (sung).
 28. *Holy Innocents.*
 Usual Sunday services.
 6.30 p.m. The service will be a Congregational Carol Service.
 29. *St. Thomas of Canterbury.*
 10.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist.
 5.30 p.m. Evensong with Procession to the Martyrdom.
 30. 3.00 p.m. Christingle Service.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH BEKESBOURNE

The Christmas Carol Service will take place on Wednesday December 17th commencing at 7.15 p.m.

We invite you to attend and join in the singing; there will be plenty of carols for you to sing and enjoy. You will all be most welcome.

THE MIDNIGHT SERVICE will begin at 11.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The Rev. C. Harrington will be the Celebrant.

CHRISTMAS DAY CAROL SERVICE, commencing at 11 a.m. We like to treat this as a family service of Lessons and Carols so we invite you to attend and bring the young people and children with you.
 S.G.

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES GROUP

CAROL SINGING in the Village Hall from 7.30 p.m. - 9 p.m. on Wednesday December 10th, accompanied by the Salvation Army Junior Group band. Open Night - everyone is welcomed. Light refreshments will be served.

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

December 6th Mrs. Hogben
13th Mrs. Watson
20th Mrs. Grey
27th Mrs. Sandall
January 3rd Mrs. Allan

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be on December 9th in the Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

Demonstration: 'Cookery'
Competition: 'Christmas Table Decoration'
Social time: 'Candlelit Supper with Carols'

BEKESBOURNE CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE

I would like to express to all of you who worked so hard to make the Fayre such a splendid success my grateful thanks. We are so very fortunate in having this spirit and such an utterly splendid and united band of workers. C.E.H.P.

THANKS FROM BEKESBOURNE

Everyone who helped at the Christmas Fayre is sincerely thanked for their efforts - and indeed all those who came to buy and helped to raise nearly £100.00. All Stall holders are particularly thanked for their hard work on behalf of St. Peter's.

Again, those who braved the wet and windy weather on Saturday November 15th were able to enjoy the excellent concert by the Canterbury Temple Songsters of the Salvation Army. We are most grateful to Captain Howarth, Songster Leader G. Neeve and all the Songsters - all of whom showed that worship can be serious, light hearted, and musical at all times. As a result of their efforts quite a sum was raised towards the Fabric Fund.

PARISH MAGAZINE

The financial year of this Parish Magazine ends on December 31st. It will be a great help if all the distributors will do their best to collect all subscriptions due.

Copy for the January issue should be with the editor not later than December 14th.

EPIPHANY COMMEMORATION AT PATRIBOURNE

Another Christmas! Another surge of that especial festive feeling that only Christmas can bring. Another desperate endeavour to squeeze in all the seasonal activities that inevitably snowball into overwhelming proportion before the 25th. Lovely, isn't it - but exhausting! And what then, when every last gift has been exchanged and the ultimate tranquillity of Christmas Day and its aftermath has been enjoyed and appreciated - don't you wish there were more?

This time you may say it with anticipation. Come to St. Mary's Church Patribourne on January 6th, where the villagers - parents and children - will be commemorating Epiphany, the time when we celebrate the coming of the Magi with their gifts and the showing of Christ to the Gentiles. A friendly, varied programme of music and readings, both religious and secular will be provided for your entertainment, and you, the congregation may join to your heart's content in singing many carols, all the old favourites. Finally, we hope to send you out into the cold night glowing inwardly both from the warmth of our entertainment and that of our mulled wine and mince-pies! Do come, all are welcome. Bring your own (little) mug. Tickets will not be sold, but a collection will be made and the proceeds donated to the Church Restoration Fund. If you live in Patribourne and would like to participate, please telephone Bridge 830575.

◆ St. Mary's Church, Patribourne.
Tuesday, January 6th at 6.30 p.m.

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