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1976' — special
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BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

4th January - 2nd Sunday after Christmas

11am Matins	8am Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Communion
11.45 Holy Comm.		
6.30pm Evensong		

11th January - 1st Sunday after Epiphany

9am Holy Comm. Series III	11am Matins and Sermon	8am Holy Communion
6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols		

18th January - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

9am Parish Eucharist (Choral)	8am Holy Communion	11am Matins and Sermon
6.30pm Evensong		

25th January - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

8am Holy Communion	<u>Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle</u>	
6.30pm Evensong	9am Holy Communion	11am Matins 11.45 Holy Comm.

1st February - 4th Sunday after Epiphany

11am Matins	8am Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Communion
11.45 Holy Comm.		

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union Corporate Communion will be on Wednesday January 7th at 9.30am, with intercessions. There will be no Branch Meeting.

JUNIOR CHURCH

The Junior Church will meet on January 11th, 18th and 26th. at 11am in Church.

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Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patribourne and Bekesbourne

First I wish you all a very happy New Year, that it will bring forth to you and your families many blessings. It is anticipated that it will be a difficult year for our country economically with many social and political problems yet to be solved. It will call forth resources of character and resolve. Practising Christians have a great part to play and we should all recognise the fact.

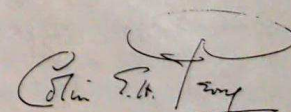
I am commencing Confirmation Classes at 6pm on Thursday 15th January. I hope that many of our young people will come. There was a trust given to the parents and Godparents at an infant baptism, namely "that this child be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him ..." There should never be reluctance to be confirmed since Confirmation is really the gift of God the Holy Spirit to enable one to lead a Christian life. It is as simple as that. I would also be glad to prepare any older people who have some time in the past thought about it, but have not yet brought it to pass. It does of course, need an initial effort of will and faith. Since one receives inward and spiritual grace, nothing but good can come out of it and one's whole character and personality is enriched and one's life is given a direction.

The Christmas Market at Bridge was a great success and we are greatly indebted to all who worked so hard.

My grateful thanks to Mrs. Flynn for her wonderful work over the last twelve years caring for and repairing the linen and communion plate of the altar and her many and constant loving gifts to the church throughout the years.

Please note that there will be Carols and Readings on the Epiphany Day, January 6th, at Patribourne Church at 6.30pm; and that the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at Bridge Church will be rather later in the Epiphany Season, namely at 6.30pm on Sunday January 11th, 1976.

Yours Sincerely in our Blessed Lord


Rural Dean and Vicar

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 1976

January

- 1st Thursday Feast of the Circumcision. H.C. at 9.30am
Bridge Church.
- 4th Sunday 2nd Sunday after Christmas
- 6th Tuesday Epiphany Day. H.C. at 9.30am at Bridge Church
Epiphany Carols at Patricxbourne Church, 6.30pm
(See full details on page)
- 7th Wednesday M.U. Corporate Communion 9.30am at Bridge
Church. Young Wives Group meeting 7.30pm at
Bridge Village Hall.
- 11th Sunday 1st Sunday after Epiphany
Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, 6.30pm at
Bridge Church.
- 15th Thursday Confirmation Class, 6pm at the Vicarage.
- 18th Sunday 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
- 20th Tuesday Bridge PCC meeting, 7.30pm Bridge Village Hall
- 21st Wednesday Young Wives Group Meeting 7.30pm Bridge
Village Hall.
- 22nd Thursday Confirmation Class, 6pm at the Vicarage.
- 25th Sunday 3rd Sunday after Epiphany, Conversion of St.
Paul.
- 29th Thursday Confirmation Class, 6pm at the Vicarage.
- February
- 1st Sunday 4th Sunday after Epiphany
- 4th Wednesday M.U. Corporate Communion 9.30am at Bridge
Church.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY HOSPITALS: BRIDGE GROUP

We are taking this first opportunity to thank all our friends
and supporters for their generosity and support for first,
our Evening Market on November 21st, and then our annual
Christmas Whist Drive on December 11th at Bekesbourne Village
Hall.

It gives us courage to continue our endless struggle to
raise money for our cause when we see the same friendly faces
turning up each time to support us.

Thirdly, our thanks to the Bishopsbourne 'Nucleus Players'
for their entertaining Musical and Verse Evening staged at
Bishopsbourne Village Hall in aid of our Group. Thank you
all Nailbourne Players for a happy evening and generous
support.

To all our friends, a happy 1976 with good health,
Frances E. Apps, Hon. Sec./Treasurer,
Bridge Group League of Friends.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

- St. Mary's Church, Patricxbourne
- 30th November 1975 Caroline Natasha Eastley
- St. Peter's Church, Bridge
- 14th December 1975 Mark Stewart Larkins

Holy Matrimony

- St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne
- 6th December 1975 James William Spencer Mount
Jane Mount

May They Rest In Peace

- At Barham Crematorium
- 28th November 1975 Alfred Care
- 18th December 1975 Herbert Sidney James

THE CLOSE UNION ROAD

Matron, staff and residents of 'The Close' wish to thank
everyone who has helped us at the Christmas Bazaar which was
held on December 5th 1975, and which raised £122.00 for the
amenity Fund. Also our thanks for all the help given to us
during our many fund-raising events in 1975. We have now
purchased a colour television set and a green-house is on
order.

A very happy New Year to everyone, and we trust we can look
forward to your help for a successful 1976.

Yours sincerely, D.M. Upton, Matron."

WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY

*You are cordially invited by the Roman Catholic
villagers of Bridge and district to a united
meeting of prayer and discussion in the Methodist
Chapel, Patricxbourne Road, at 7.30 p.m. on
Thursday January 22nd 1976. Please come.*

A YEAR FOR BRIDGE, 1976

Left: Bridge High Street in 1872.
Below: Bridge High Street in 1973 (Picture courtesy of The Sunday Times)



WHY should there be significance for Bridge in 1976; after all we are in a period of severe inflation and all the news seems gloomy?

We have a grand opportunity in 1976 in Bridge, and it is being brought about by the Contractors, Mears, who are turning all the mud and chalk round the village in a by-pass which will carry away from the centre of the village the noisy dangerous Channel bound traffic in a few months time.

You may have read in the local papers that the Bridge By-pass Bonanza committee are planning celebrations for this occasion and after. We may not see dancing in the streets but there is a good chance of a children's party in the High Street; a grand jamboree on the playing field with stalls, exhibitions and displays.

However, the opportunities go much further than just having a beano at the open air; it means that the two halves of the village will have been bridged and we shall be able to walk and talk and shop and browse in the High Street in the way our grandfathers knew. It means there will be opportunity to rekindle the village activities and societies and again become a community with real identity.

You may remember that when the Flower Festival was held at St. Peter's in 1972 we used the slogan "Bridge is a community - St. Peter's is its church". We hope that the village will again seek to make the church the focal point in its activities as it once was.

We hope very much that the folk in Bridge will want to walk along to church on Sundays once it becomes a pleasure again to go up the High Street. We hope that our brethren at the Methodist Chapel in Patricxbourne Road see a happy increase in worshippers. There is so much a community can achieve once it regains its corporate feel, and this has been denied Bridge for nearly two decades by the constant stream of heavy traffic through its heart.

So we hope you will agree that there is indeed a grand opportunity for Bridge in 1976. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Coggan, has written "How thankful you will be when the Bridge by-pass is opened next summer. I think it is a splendid idea that you are using this event to launch 'A Year for Bridge, 1976' and I am so glad that my call to the nation is acting as something of a stimulus in all that you are seeking to do... May God greatly bless you all".



Many of you will have sent and received cards at Christmas of the water-colour by Kitty Wass of St. Peter's, Bekesbourne. Miss Wass has agreed to allow her pastel of Choristers (detail left) to be printed in full colour for next year. We thank her very much, and wish speedy recovery from her present illness.



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January 31st	Mrs Watson
February 7th	Mrs Grey

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Led by Christopher Cooper, assisted by Martin Cooper, Julian Banks, Stephen Twyning, Alan Frabrace and Andrew Farbrace, the group made a very good effort. Our grateful thanks to you all.

S.H.G.

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June: Mrs. Golveston	December:



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PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

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11 am. Matins	8 am. Holy Communion	9.30 am. Sung Communion
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8th February - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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15th February - Septuagesima

9 am. Parish Eucharist (Choral)	8 am. Holy Communion	11 am. Matins and Sermon
6.30 pm. Evensong		

22nd February - Sexagesima

8 am. Holy Communion	9 am. Holy Communion	11 am. Matins and Sermon
		11.45 Holy Comm.

29th February - Quinquagesima

11 am. Matins	8 am. Holy Communion	9.30 am. Sung Communion
11.45 Holy Comm.		
6.30 pm. Evensong		

Music at St. Peter's Church, Bridge

Sunday February 1 EVENSONG - Practice at 5.15 pm. Psalm 46; Hymns 78, 382, 279. Anthem: A Babe is Born y Wis (Bainton) Setting - simple.

Sunday February 8 EVENSONG - Practice at 5.15 pm. Psalm 97; Hymns 78, 216, 172. Anthem: Lead Me Lord (Wesley). Setting: Stanford in C.

Sunday February 15 SUNG EUCHARIST - Morning Choir EVENSONG Psalm 133. Septuagesima Hymns 83, 163, 255, 374.

Sunday February 22 EVENSONG - Practice at 5.15 pm. Psalm 121 (Walford Davies) Sexagesima Hymns 185, 225 - Omit * verses, 33. Anthem: God so loved the World (Stainer) Setting: Stanford in C, or Anglican Chant.

Long term work starts on Fauré's Requiem.

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The date of the Confirmation service has now been fixed for dnesday April 7th at Bridge Church. There is still time to in the classes held at the Vicarage, at 6pm every Thursday ening. Of course I would be most ready to give instruction any older person at a convenient time. Confirmation in the w Testament is a sign and symbol of strengthening to enable ople to enjoy and experience full membership of the Christian urch. We receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spir- is God in action. He works within us, as well as outside us the world. By opening ourselves to God we allow the release the Spirit within us, to make us whole people, able fully to spond to God.

I wish to increase the numbers on the Church Electoral Roll. you have not already done so, or have come to our villages ring the past year, will you please take an Electoral Roll rm which you will find near the door of the church, and return to me on completion. Parishioners are reminded that in order qualify for a vote at the Annual Parochial Meetings, their mes must be on the Electoral Roll of the Church. If you are er 17 years of age and have resided in Bridge, Patrixbourne Bekesbourne for the past six months, or have attended our urches regularly during that period, please make sure your me is included on your Parish Roll.

You may notice that this year, a leap year, there are five ndays in the month, an occasion that happens once in every 28 ars - the fifth Sunday being on the 29th of February. The rvices for the first Sunday in the month will apply that day. ebruary is a quiet month in the Church's Calendar; the two ys commemorated are

i) The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, commonly called the Purification of St. Mary the Virgin, on February 2nd known as Candlemas. The festival is 40 days after Christ- mas.

i) St. Matthias Day on February 24th.

The original name of Candlemas is the Hypapante of our Lord sus Christ, ie. the meeting of our Lord with Simeon in the mple. The first of our two alternative names most nearly

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<u>22nd February - Sexagesima</u>		
8 am. Holy Communion	9 am. Holy Communion	11 am. Matins and Sermon 11.45 Holy Co
<u>29th February - Quinquagesima</u>		
11 am. Matins 11.45 Holy Comm. 6.30 pm. Evensong	8 am. Holy Communion	9.30 am. Sung Communion

Music at St. Peter's Church, Bridge

Sunday February 1 EVENSONG - Practice at 5.15 pm. Psalm 46; Hymns 78, 382, 279.
Anthem: A Babe is Born y Wis (Bainton) Setting - simple.

Sunday February 8 EVENSONG - Practice at 5.15 pm. Psalm 97; Hymns 78, 216, 172.
Anthem: Lead Me Lord (Wesley). Setting: Stanford in C.

Sunday February 15 SUNG EUCHARIST - Morning Choir EVENSONG Psalm 133.
Septuagesima Hymns 83, 163, 255, 374.

Sunday February 22 EVENSONG - Practice at 5.15 pm. Psalm 121 (Walford Davies)
Sexagesima Hymns 185, 225 - Omit * verses, 33. Anthem: God so loved
the World (Stainer) Setting: Stanford in C, or Anglican Chant.

Long term work starts on Fauré's Requiem.

JUNIOR CHURCH

The Junior Church will meet on February 8th, 15th, 22nd and

N.B. The time for Evensong at The Close has been changed from 5 pm to 4.30 pm

*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.*

ar Parishioners of Bridge, Patribourne and Bekesbourne

First I would like to thank those who helped in any way to
corate our three Churches over Christmas and the Epiphany.
had very wonderful services and I offer my appreciation to
e Organists and Choirs. The Epiphany Day event at Patribourne
Church was most delightful and beautifully presented.

The date of the Confirmation service has now been fixed for
dnesday April 7th at Bridge Church. There is still time to
in the classes held at the Vicarage, at 6pm every Thursday
ening. Of course I would be most ready to give instruction
any older person at a convenient time. Confirmation in the
w Testament is a sign and symbol of strengthening to enable
ople to enjoy and experience full membership of the Christian
urch. We receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit
is God in action. He works within us, as well as outside us
the world. By opening ourselves to God we allow the release
the Spirit within us, to make us whole people, able fully to
spond to God.

I wish to increase the numbers on the Church Electoral Roll.
you have not already done so, or have come to our villages
ring the past year, will you please take an Electoral Roll
orm which you will find near the door of the church, and return
to me on completion. Parishioners are reminded that in order
qualify for a vote at the Annual Parochial Meetings, their
mes must be on the Electoral Roll of the Church. If you are
er 17 years of age and have resided in Bridge, Patribourne
Bekesbourne for the past six months, or have attended our
urches regularly during that period, please make sure your
me is included on your Parish Roll.

You may notice that this year, a leap year, there are five
ndays in the month, an occasion that happens once in every 28
ars - the fifth Sunday being on the 29th of February. The
rvice for the first Sunday in the month will apply that day.
bruary is a quiet month in the Church's Calendar; the two
ys commemorated are

i) The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, commonly called
the Purification of St. Mary the Virgin, on February 2nd
known as Candlemas. The festival is 40 days after Christ-
mas.

i) St. Matthias Day on February 24th.

The original name of Candlemas is the Hypapante of our Lord
sus Christ, ie. the meeting of our Lord with Simeon in the
mple. The first of our two alternative names most nearly

corresponds to this and best describes the teaching of the Collect. The termination of the Purification Collect "By this same, Son Jesus Christ our Lord" is unique. The substitution of through for the usual through may have been intended to mean not that the petition is offered through the mediation of Christ, but that we are presented unto God by Christ Himself.

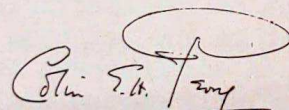
The Collect for St. Matthias Day consists of
i) Commemoration of the choosing of Matthias in the place of Judas.

ii) A prayer that the Church may always be preserved from false apostles and ordered (ruled) and guarded by faithful and true pastors.

The Sarum Collect was "O God, who didst associate blessed Matthias with the Company of Thy Apostles grant, we beseech Thee, that by his intercession we may ever perceive Thy fatherly pity in what concerns us". I might mention since 1976 is a leap year, that formerly the festival was observed in leap year on February 25th; but when in 1661 the intercalary day (ie. day inserted in calendars to harmonize calendar and solar year) was placed at the end of the month, instead of between 23rd and 24th, the 24th was permanently fixed on for the festival.

Looking back to the Christmas Festival, I must thank so many people who were kind enough to send my wife and myself good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours affectionately in our Lord,



Rural Dean and Vicar

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 1976

1st Sunday	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.
2nd Monday	Purification of St. Mary (Candlemas) H. C. at 9.30 am. at Bridge Church.
4th Wednesday	M. U. Corporate Communion 9.30 am. at Bridge Church. Young Wives Group Meeting.
5th Thursday	Confirmation Class, 6 pm. at the Vicarage.
8th Sunday	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany.
10th Tuesday	Bekesbourne PCC Meeting, 7.30 pm. at Mulberry Cottage, Bekesbourne.
12th Thursday	Confirmation Class, 6 pm. at the Vicarage.
15th Sunday	Septuagesima Sunday.
17th Tuesday	W. I. meeting at the Village Hall, 7.30 pm.
19th Thursday	Confirmation Class, 6 pm. at the Vicarage.
22nd Sunday	Sexagesima Sunday.

14th Tuesday	St. Matthias Day H. C. at Bridge Church 9.30 am.
15th Wednesday	East Bridge Deanery Synod, St. Augustine's College at 7.30 pm.
16th Thursday	Confirmation Class, 6 pm at the Vicarage
19th Sunday	Quinquagesima Sunday. (N.B. Five Sundays in the month - see Service List for details).

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Mary's Church, Patricxbourne
16th November 1975 Peter Alexander Iain Jackson

Holy Matrimony

St. Mary's Church, Patricxbourne
21st December 1975 John Regan
Tineke Anne Jackson

May They Rest In Peace

St. Peter's Church, Bridge
14th January 1976 Paula Cynthia Fowler
20th January 1976 Maisie Swift

At Barham Crematorium

18th December 1975 Florence Ellen Blackford
22nd December 1975 Mary Mabel Dew
22nd December 1975 Mildred Elizabeth Leach
3rd January 1976 Edith May Wilson
20th January 1976 Maisie Swift

MEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 5th March at the United Reford Church, St. Andrew's, Watling Street, Canterbury. Lunch time: 12.30 pm.
Afternoon: Speaker Mrs. M. Allen 3 pm.
Evening: Speaker Sister Jill Bowden 7.30 pm.
Head and cheese lunch * * * Creche available during afternoon.

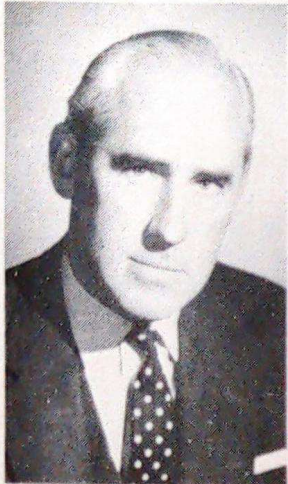
MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union Corporate Communion will be on Wednesday 4th February at 9.30 am. There will be no branch meeting.

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES GROUP

The details of the meetings to be held on February 4th and 5th will be announced later.

A YEAR FOR BRIDGE, 1971 *Looking back...*



DAVID CROUCH, Member of Parliament for Canterbury.

By DAVID CROUCH M.P.

A Member of Parliament, who represents a constituency in East Anglia, came up to me the other day and said he had heard that there were to be great celebrations in Bridge to mark the opening of the by-pass. He said he had been informed of this by a Minister and seemed very impressed that, not only should a Minister take such an interest in the by-pass, but that there should be a special celebration of the event.

I told him that it was just an example of how the Bridge by-pass had become a *cause célèbre* at Westminster. It is very satisfying to me that it is still being talked about and this time because of the imaginative idea of holding a party to mark this important occasion in the history of the village.

It is a wonderful example of what can be achieved by a small community determined to protect its interests. The power of central government, with all the authority of Whitehall, had to take note of what was happening in Bridge and what the people thought.

M.P.'s of all parties, from many parts of the country, were shocked at the revelations of night and day traffic, to and from the Continent, which pass through our ancient village. Helped, of course, by the fact that so many of them had travelled the road themselves when going on holiday. I think that Civil Servants and planners also recognised that something had to be done and that special priority had to be given to the Bridge by-pass.

In recent years I have tried to imagine how villages like Bridge, Boughton, Dunkirk and the Harbledowns will look when they have their by-passes and I have been seeing them in a new light in my mind – free from juggernauts and heavy traffic. It has been rather exciting to think how these villages can be returned to their former peaceful beauty. I have seen them in a new light – free of dirt and noise, with a fresh coat of paint and a chance for flowers to grow again and for people to do their shopping and stop for a chat without fear of being knocked down.

In these days of modern industrial progress, it is also important to regain and restore the artistic heritage of country life and that is something I shall be looking forward to when the Bridge by-pass is finally opened.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has said there is an opportunity for all of us to do something in our society. We don't have to sit back and say "What can we do about it?". The people of Bridge, together with the A2 Group, are an example of how a community proved that they were up to that challenge.

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The road between Dover and Canterbury is pretty much varied. Some miles we travel by the river and villages just now mentioned, then by ways less pleasant, till we come to Barham Down; at the lower side of which on our left hand, are several handsome villages and elegant feats. There are others to the right, but we see only the painted gates and pallisades leading to them, except one which is lately built and called Higham. The old Watling-street we see and distinguish by its being in a direct line for almost the length of the Down; but it has some short hills, which carriages usually avoid by keeping on the upper side of the Down, which is more level, and on which we see the ground posted off for horseracing, with a handsome building near the starting post completed in 1774 for the reception of company, with offices underneath for their refreshment.

After leaving the Down we find at the foot of a hill the village of Bridge, where we cross a river, (over which a bridge has been built by subscription) by some called the Little Stour. It rises from a spring at Bishopsbourn (the next parish) and is sometimes almost dry; at other times (uncertain ones) a flood comes down from springs about Elham with great rapidity; till interrupted by what the neighbours call swallows, where it sinks into the earth till that is saturated, and then rushes on again to the next interruption of the same kind; so that a stranger might be amazed at walking near this river side and down stream till he has lost it, and finds the channel dry. This flood (and some others we have like it) our people call the Nailbourn; its channel is sometimes dry for years together, and sometimes, but rarely it has come down twice in one year.

From

Looking back at the road, as it was in the late 18th century, we reproduce above a page from a book on Canterbury and district, published in 1796. It may take a moment to accustom to the long's letter, but you can always recognise it as the stroke through the letter is only to the left-hand side. Comments on the river will sound familiar!

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

A successful Christmas Sale was achieved by the Canterbury branch of the Society on 20th November last at The Deanery when £547 was raised.

Grateful thanks are due to Mrs. Potter for her contribution and to Miss Wright for the sweets which sold very quickly. Also to Mrs. Carnes for sweets supplied: it was nice to see Bridge ladies there, notably Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Howells and Mrs. Hills.

Boxes will be collected at the end of March and the Annual Meeting of the Canterbury branch will probably be held in April as usual.

There was a very successful Christingle Service in the Cathedral on December 30th when over 250 children presented purses. Next year it is hoped that some Bridge children will be present.

F.V.B. Mason, Parochial Secretary

EPIPHANY AT PATRIBOURNE

To mark the Festival of Epiphany, Patribourne put on an excellent seasonal entertainment which brought in the families of the parish. To begin with the younger children made up a tableaux of the Christmas scene during which there were Carols and readings. The 20th Century viewpoint was put on by the older children with a television style Luke St. John Matthew reporter. Local children played ensemble carols on recorders supported by a group of young musicians from Milner Court. While Christopher West read an original poem by Gloria Simmonds, he was accompanied on a Gremshawn made and played by Philip Edmonds. Secular readings were chosen and read by adults which brought variation and interest.

After the blessing by Canon Perry the evening finished with mulled wine and mincepies made by Mrs. Greenwood. Rosalie Stacey was at the organ, the evening was organised by Gloria Simmonds and raised £35 from a collection. It is hoped to put on other events similar to this one with parishioners participating.

A.J.W.

ST. PETER'S BEKESBOURNE - Rotas for February

<u>Flowers</u>		<u>Cleaning</u>	
1st	Mrs Sandall	(Jan) 30th	Mrs Watson
8th	..	7th	Mrs Grey
15th	Mrs Whigham	14th	Mrs Sandall
22nd	..	21st	Mrs Allan
29th	Mrs Mowll	28th	Mrs Smith
		(Mar) 6th	Mrs Farbrace

BEKESBOURNE W. I.

The meeting for this month will be on February 10th. at the Village Hall at 2 pm. The Talk will be on The Elham Valley Railway, by Mr. Michael Forwood. The Competition: Valentine Card.

WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY - The prayers of the Churches of Bridge

The Methodist Chapel in Patribourne Road, Bridge, was the scene of united and happy prayer on Thursday January 22nd. Those taking part represented the Roman Catholics, Anglicans and the United Reform parishioners of the district.

A Franciscan monk chatted with Methodists, Anglicans discussed theology with members of St. Thomas' Church - and all were there to help cement Christian love between the denominations.

A leaflet issued by the British Council of Churches was to hand. It said:-
It is often difficult to live together with our fellow Christians in our own church, when we approach faith, mission and the common life in such different ways. There is a legitimate diversity which calls for patience, courage and a new spirit of simplicity and friendship. But there is also a danger that groups and individuals may become strangers isolated from one another, since it is always easier to live with those who share our insights. To appreciate other approaches calls for maturity and we sometimes find it hard to accept the plurality this implies.

How true! And how right to sing the hymn that was used that evening:-

- 1 Thy hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written,
Full clear on every page;
Our fathers owned Thy goodness,
And we their deeds record;
And both of this bear witness:
One Church, one faith, one Lord.
2. Through many a day of darkness,
To greatest as to least;
They bade men rise, and hasten
To share the great King's feast;
And this was all their teaching,
In every deed and word,
To all alike proclaiming
One Church, one faith, one Lord.
- 3 Through many a day of darkness,
Through many a scene of strife,
The faithful few fought bravely
To guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
Sin pardoned, man restored,
Was all in this enfolded:
One Church, one faith, one Lord.
4. Thy mercy will not fail us,
Nor leave Thy work undone;
With Thy right hand to help us,
The victory shall be won;
And then by men and angels
Thy name shall be adored,
And this shall be their anthem:
'One Church, one faith, one Lord'.

Edward Hayes Plumpton 1821-91

BRIDGE and PATRIBOURNE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Summary of Accounts for the year to 31st December 1975

REVENUE ACCOUNT			
1974	Receipts	1974	Payments
631	Church Collections	£721	365 Salaries - Wages
104	Free will Offering Scheme—Envs	55	248 Light, heat, water
866	Covenants (inc. Tax refunds)	1099	182 Insurance
20	Donations to Missions	12	196 Repairs, maint. (Inc. Organs)
181	Donations to Church Funds	168	77 Church Yards
25	Church Collection Boxes	45	84 Church Services (Inc. Choir)
113	Investment Income	113	545 Diocesan Quota
71	Sundries	93	415 Grant for Vicar's Working Expenses
39	Parish Magazine net profit		58 Easter Offerings
177	Fetes - Summer Fete	251	20 Donations to Missions
150	Christmas Market	153	50 Donations to General Charities
			51 Sundry expenses
			- Parish Magazine net loss
			86 Balance c/f Capital A/C.
<u>2377</u>		<u>2710</u>	<u>2377</u>

CAPITAL (OR NON-RECURRING ITEMS)			
	Opening Balance (1.1.1975)	92	Expended on Churches
	Balance b/f from Revenue A/c	309	Bridge: Repairs to stained glass
	Bring and Buy Sale, Bridge	41	Patribourne: installation of time-switch for heating
	Bridge Carol Concert	41	S. E. Savings Bank
	Bridge Organ Fund (per Mr. Hoare)	89	General Reserve Account
	Legacy: Mr. A. E. Webb, dec'd	66	Net deposit
	Refund of National Ins. Contrib.	150	
	E. I. O. Repayment of part of cost of repairs to Bridge windows	104	Balance carried forward
	S. E. Savings Bank P/B A/c withdrawn	200	
		<u>1092</u>	

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 PCC.

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE P. C. C. ACCOUNTS FOR 1975

Dealing first with the Revenue Account. Receipts show an increase of £333 compared with 1974. Collections were up by £90 although this was offset to some extent by a fall of £49 in the F.W.O. Envelope Scheme. Covenant income increased by £233, £169 of which was accounted for in the amount of the tax recovered. Payments increased by only £110 largely due to the very small amount which had to be spent on routine maintenance of the churches. As a result we carried forward a balance of £300 compared with £86 in 1974.

Turning to the Capital Account. Major repairs to the churches amounted to only £278 compared with over £800 in the previous year. We recovered £150 of National Health contributions which had been paid in error over a number of years. During 1975 we increased our reserves in the National Savings Bank by over £300.

The financial results for 1975 have been more satisfactory than could have been expected, but there is no cause for complacency - the prospects for 1976 can only be described as gloomy: the Quota will increase by £257 to £879, the Vicar's working expenses which increased by £83 in 1975 are bound to show further increases and the insurance premium will rise by £100 in 1976 owing to the alteration in the basis of assessment.

The satisfactory results in 1975 were due as much to good luck as to good management and it is vitally important that the faithful should give the church more realistic support in 1976.

C. A.

BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE W. I.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th February at 7 pm. in the Village Hall, Bridge. Speaker will be Mrs. Z. Hailton of the Hawkins Clinic on "The care of the skin and make-up". Competition: The best collection of old coins.

THE CHOIR AT ST. PETER'S, BRIDGE

Soon it will be half a year since I started coming over to Bridge, to play on Sunday evenings. I feel that I am now in a position to write about the choir here and make a statement as to aims and aspirations for the future.

It is often a long and uphill job to form and build up the kind of group you want. I have been at St. Saviours, Folkestone, for five years; and we have a choir of 40 boys and men with a reserve choir of 14 ladies. I have been Head of Music at Wyndgate School for six years, and there we have a choir of 130 together with a Brass Group and an Orchestra - what about St. Peter's, Bridge.

This is my third post of musical responsibility; my school has 1600 students; St. Saviours is a vast parish with three Clergy, and St. Peter's is part of a village community, but I believe it easier to develop the music within its church than within the other two areas of responsibility I have.

All WE need (and notice that I use the word 'we') is a sense of Community Responsibility for the music of the church. It is no use expecting a choir to appear as if by magic; that is just like sitting round a fire you have not bothered to light, and wondering why you are cold!

The present choir, which is an excellent and hard-working group, needs to be reinforced and I can assure any new members of a good team welcome for them. I will need help from the community first however, in finding boys, girls and adults who can join our choir; they need to be asked and persuaded and shown the way. Boys and girls, especially, need to be contacted, and the idea discussed with their parents, so that once they join they receive backing from home as well as from us, and understand their responsibilities.

Therefore, we seek help from you all. By helping to develop the music of the choir, we help to involve more people in the Christian Community and give them an extra sense of purpose, so that we can all enjoy music with spirit, joy and understanding.

F. Roger Smith

* Note the enclosed leaflet in connection with this report.

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR APRIL 1976

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

4th April, 5th Sunday in Lent

11am Matins
11.45 Holy Comm.
6.30pm Evensong

8am Holy Comm.

11am Passion-
tide music and
readings

11th April, Palm Sunday

9am Holy Comm.
Series III
6.30pm Evensong

11am Matins and
Sermon

8am Holy Comm.

18th April, Easter Sunday

See separate announcement for Services

25th April, Low Sunday

8am Holy Comm.
6.30pm Evensong

9am Holy Comm.

11am Matins and
Sermon
11.45 Holy Comm.

2nd May, 2nd Sunday after Easter

11am Matins
11.45 Holy Comm.
6.30pm Evensong

8am Holy Comm.

9.30am Sung
Communion

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union Corporate Communion will be on Wednesday April 7th at 9.30am at Bridge Church. The Branch meeting will be on April 12th at 37 Union Road, 2.30pm. Speaker: Mrs Boadley.

JUNIOR CHURCH

The Junior Church will meet on the following dates in April: 11th and 25th, at 11am.

N.B. The time for Evensong at The Close has been changed from 5 pm to 4.30 pm

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,

I write in the knowledge that by the time these words are read we shall be in Lent with Holy Week and Easter imminent. The keeping of this solemn commemoration by professing Christian people makes a difference to the course the world will take in the era of our days. As we realise again the Crucifixion and death of our Lord and His triumphant rising, we cannot but be - perhaps unselfconsciously made different by the realisation - in turn making some difference to the human environment in which we live. So we enter the days of this momentous commemoration with a sense of deep worthwhileness and conviction.

Today we are all called to be both apostle and missionary. The sound and spiritual basis of the world on the one hand and the evolving of particular situations in the world itself, call the Christian to the responsibility of active testimony of his faith. The interior light of the Christian Gospel must ever be rekindled from age to age. The Easter appearance of Christ generates a vocation in the world. The Easter appearance of Christ gives birth to a responsibility. It ought to provoke a dynamism of thought and of life such as to shake the position of passivity of the faithful. Immobilism is no longer justifiable. A zeal that expresses charity, and seeks to institute a search for methods suited to the new form of life and to prepare and maintain a dialogue with the modern world, is an effort to bring the world to Christ, in whom all things are re-established and find their completion.

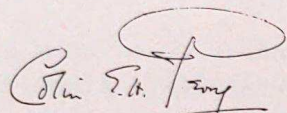
The world shrinks in the light of the eternal, and yet it is transformed. For while that light discloses the vanity of what is vain, it also discloses the value of what has true worth. The earthly form of Christ is the form that died on the Cross. The image of God is the image of Christ crucified. It is to this image that the life of the Christian must be conformed. The divine image is created anew through the power of Christ Crucified. If we are conformed to His image in His incarnation and crucifixion we shall also bear the glory of His resurrection. If we contemplate the image of the glorified Christ, we shall be made like unto it. We shall be drawn into His image, and identified with His form and become a reflection of Him. That reflection of His glory will show forth in us, even in this life; even as we may share His agony and bear His cross. Our life will then

be a progress from knowledge to knowledge, from glory to glory, to an even closer conformity with the image of the Son of God. Such is the teaching of Good Friday and Easter Day.

I commend to your careful and prayerful consideration the letter which some of you may have received from myself and the Churchwardens of Bridge and Patricxbourne Churches.

Will you be so kind as to note in your diaries the Bridge and Patricxbourne Summer Fete on June 6th which is the Saturday before Whit-Sunday.

Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord,



Rural Dean and Vicar

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 1976

April

- 4th Passion Sunday. 5th Sunday in Lent. Preacher at 6.30 Evensong at Bridge Church: Dr Anne Plumtre, Diocesan Reader.
- 5th Monday. Bekesbourne Annual Church Meeting and Election of Churchwardens, Bekesbourne Village Hall at 8pm.
- 7th Wednesday. M.U. Corporate Communion, Bridge Church 9.30 am. Confirmation by the Bishop of Dover, Bridge Church 7.30pm.
- 10th Saturday. Diocesan Synod. NB. At Evensong at 3.15pm at Canterbury Cathedral a thanksgiving will be made for the work of the Very Reverend Ian White-Thomson as Dean of Canterbury Cathedral. The Dean will be retiring from office on Sunday 9th May 1976.
- 11th Palm Sunday. Distribution of Palms at all services.
- 12th Monday. M.U. Branch meeting, 37 Union Road, 2.30pm.
- 12th-17th HOLY WEEK. See elsewhere for details.
- 14th Wednesday. Young Wives Group Meeting, Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm.
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- 20th Tuesday. W.I. meeting at Bridge Village Hall at 7pm.
- 25th Low Sunday. St Mark's Day. Preacher at 11am Matins at Bekesbourne Church and 6.30pm Evensong at Bridge Church the Reverend Charles Harrington.
- 28th Wednesday. Young Wives Coffee Evening and Bring-and-Buy Sale at Bridge Village Hall 7.30-9pm.

May

- 1st Saturday. St Philip and St James Day. Holy Communion Bridge Church at 9.30am.
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- 7th Friday. League of Friends Jumble Sale and Refreshments Bridge Village Hall at 7pm.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Peter's Church, Bridge

7th March 1976 Christopher Dominic Parker

St. Mary's Church, Patricxbourne

20th March 1976 Scot Holliday
Diana Egho

May They Rest in Peace

St. Peter's Church, Bridge

6th March 1976 Cecil Edward Denchfield
29th March 1976 William Charles Sidder
and afterwards at Barham Crematorium.

At Barham Crematorium

10th February James Thomas Wimsett
5th March 1976 Myrtle Crampton
9th March 1976 Gladys Alice Georgina Chapman
22nd March 1976 Annie Maria Laming
26th March 1976 John Harold Smithson-
Birch, after service at
Thanington Church.

EASTER OFFERINGS

The Churchwardens of Bridge, Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne Churches wish to remind parishioners that following the 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 may care to send his or her offering to the Churchwarden for inclusion in the collection.

CHURCH INSURANCE

Most if not all insurance companies include a condition in their fire insurance policies to the effect that if a property insured is not covered for its full value, in the event of a partial loss the company will only pay in the same proportion that the sum insured bears to the total value of the property. That is, where a church is insured for £40,000 and its current replacement value is £80,000, if damage occurs which will cost £5,000 to repair the insurance company is only liable to pay £2,500 (i.e. 50% of the loss, which is the same proportion that the total cover bears to the current value). This is known as the *average clause* and it does not apply to private dwellings.

Bridge and Patrixbourne PCC deals with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office. Up to 1975 this company did not impose the average clause on churches, but as a result of inflation the majority of the churches covered by the EIO have become heavily underinsured and in order to protect itself the company has been compelled to introduce it. The company has however made a valuable concession that where a church is insured for not less than 75% of its full replacement value the average clause will not be enforced, and claims for partial losses will be paid in full up to the total of the sum for which the church is insured.

As a result of this we have had to reconsider the amounts for which our own churches ought to be insured. The following table shows the charges that we have been forced to make for the year 1976/7 compared with the previous year.

	1975/6	1976/7
Bridge Church and contents including the organ, insured for	£96,800	75% of full value £168,750
Patrixbourne Church ditto	£52,250	£107,250
Net premium	£211	£310

It has been possible to hold the increase in the premium for the current year by no longer covering the contents of the churches against accidental damage, (they are still covered against fire, theft and wanton damage) and no longer insuring the silver plate belonging to Patrixbourne Church which is kept at the bank.

It will be necessary to reconsider the values annually as long as inflation continues at its current rate.

C. A. P.

DISABLED LIVING FOUNDATION

The Disabled Living Foundation is currently campaigning in Kent to get more known of its important work with the disabled. It aims at restoring the opportunities for disabled people to earn a living and become independent. Independence for an able-bodied person is very important but for a disabled person it is vital. There will be a talk next month at Littlebourne on the work of the Foundation, and this short 'trailer' is to warn you to mark your diaries when the date and venue are announced.

COVENANTS - The benefits to the Church

The Canterbury Diocesan Board of Finance wants to help every parish to obtain a Covenant from every tax payer who supports his Church.

Some Questions and Answers that may help you to see the value of the scheme.

WHAT IS A COVENANT?

It is a simple written agreement to give regularly a sum of money to your church for seven years.

DOES IT COST ANYTHING TO MAKE A COVENANT?

No; provided you pay tax it is absolutely free and you do not have to pay any extra tax.

WHAT DOES MY PARISH GAIN?

It will gain a tax refund of 54p on every £1 which you give to your Church as the following table shows:-

If you give	Your Parish will receive an annual tax refund of
50p a week	£14.00 a year
£1.00 a week	£28.00 a year
£50.00 a year	£26.93 a year
£100.00 a year	£53.85 a year

and pro rata.

WHAT MONIES CAN I COVENANT?

All the weekly offertory collections made by you, your wife and your children (preferably in a weekly envelope scheme), or monthly, quarterly, or annual subscriptions made by cheque or bankers' order.

WHAT DO I DO TO BECOME A COVENANTOR?

You simply:

- Ask your covenant secretary or treasurer for a covenant form.
- Fill in the details on the form and have your signature witnessed.
- Hand in your form to the covenant secretary, who will in turn send it to Diocesan House for registration.

HOW IS THE INCOME TAX RECOVERED?

In April each year (or on the date of payment in the case of annual subscription) you will be sent a certificate known as Form R.185. This is computer printed and gives details of your name, address, covenant payment and associated tax. All you have to do is sign it, state your place of work (to identify your tax office) and return it to Diocesan House in the envelope which is provided. The certificates are submitted to the Inland Revenue who reimburse the tax claimed. The Diocesan office then sends the money for your parish to your Parochial Church Council treasurer.

IS COVENANTING CONFIDENTIAL?

Yes. No one will know what you earn or how much tax you pay. At no time will such questions be asked. When your covenant is received at the Diocesan Office, it is filed in a confidential cabinet. Your R.185 will be sent to you personally.

SUPPOSE I CANNOT KEEP UP MY CONTRIBUTION - OR MY CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE AND I CEASE TO PAY TAX?

This is sometimes the case, e.g. loss of employment or long illness. In such circumstances contact either your parish organiser or the Accountant at the Diocesan Office and arrangements will be made to release you from your obligation. They will also be able to help you over any difficulties.

WHAT IF I MOVE FROM MY PARISH?

The benefit of your covenant can be transferred to any parish in or outside the diocese. You should give your instructions in writing to your parish covenant Secretary, who will forward the information to the Diocesan Office.

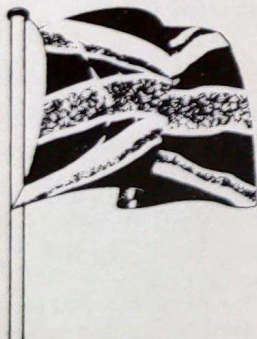
COVENANTING IS COMMONSENSE

THE ENVELOPE SCHEME AT BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE CHURCHES

This scheme exists to assist those people for whom a covenant is inappropriate but who wish to contribute to the Church on a regular basis.

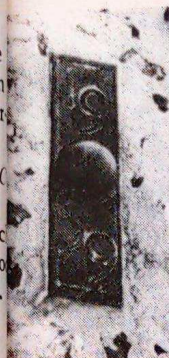
If you will indicate how much you will be prepared to contribute each week you will be allotted a number which will be marked on each envelope of a set which will be issued to you. It will be your responsibility to see that the money you have undertaken to give reaches the Church, no one will come and collect it from you.

The best way of giving the money will be to put the envelope in the collection when you attend a service in church. Otherwise you could leave your envelopes at the Vicarage, with Mrs E. Apps or with the Churchwardens.



HOISTING THE FLAG AT BEKESBOURNE

As part of the celebrations planned for next year's 25th anniversary of the Queen's Accession we now have a magnificent mast erected by St Peter's, ready to receive three flags which have been promised. The flag-pole is the generous gift of Mr Michael Grey, elder son of Mr Stanley Grey, organist and choirmaster at St Peter's. We also have to thank sincerely Mr David Farbrace who dug the necessary hole and cemented the metal frame that supports the flag-pole. A picture and more details to follow!





PICTURE QUIZ

The picture is of a feature inside or outside one of the churches in Bridge Patribourne or Bekesbourne.

Last month's picture was a close-up of the outside of the door at St. Peter's Church, Bridge, which leads to the Vicar's vestry. It can be clearly seen from the road! The correct answer was first given by CHRISTOPHER COOPER, a choir member at Bekesbourne. This month's picture is at a different church, about 10ft up a wall. Telephone or tell John Purchase if you know the answer.

EASTER: CHURCH DECORATION

St. Peter's Church, Bridge

Church decoration will begin at 9.45am on Saturday 17th April. Gifts of flowers and kind helpers will be welcome. If anyone wishes to give a lily in remembrance will they please let Mrs Elsie Apps or Mrs R. Hunter, 24 High Street, Bridge, have 70p before Holy Week.

St. Mary's Church, Patribourne

The Church will be decorated from 3pm onwards on Friday 16th April. Helpers and gifts of flowers or donations will be most welcome.

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

Decorating will start from 10.30am on Saturday 17th April. Please send donations to Mrs Doris Sandall, School House, Bekesbourne. Gifts of flowers and helpers would be most appreciated.

EASTER DAY RUBRIC

The Rubric in the Book of Common Prayer says:-
"Every confirmed member of the Church is to receive Holy Communion three times a year at the least, of which Easter is to be one."

Sick and Private Communion

Anyone wishing to receive Easter Communion at home is asked to let the Vicar know.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Services in Holy Week

St. Peter's, Bridge

Monday 12th April 9.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 14th 9.30am Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday

15th April 8am Holy Communion

Good Friday

16th April 8am Ante-Communion and

Litany

2-3pm Devotional Service

St Mary's, Patricxbourne

Tuesday 13th April 8am Holy Communion

St Peter's, Bekesbourne

Good Friday 11am Matins and Sermon

Easter Day

St Peter's, Bridge

8am Holy Communion

11am Matins and Sermon: Family

Service. Preacher: the Reverend

Henry Voller.

11.45am Holy Communion

6.30pm Solemn Evensong and Sermon

Preacher: The Vicar

St Mary's, Patricxbourne

8am Holy Communion

St Peter's, Bekesbourne

8am Holy Communion

11am Matins and Sermon. Preacher:

The Vicar

11.45am Holy Communion

ST. PETER'S, BEKESBOURNE

Church cleaning rota for April:-

April 3rd Mrs Sandall

April 10th Mrs Allan

April 17th Mrs Smith

April 24th Mrs Farbrace

May 1st Mrs Hogben

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BRIDGE AND PATRICXBOURNE W. I.

The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall, Bridge, on Tuesday 20th April at 7pm. This will be our birthday meeting. Speaker: Mrs Carruthers on "History, cultivation and use of herbs, including those from the hedgerow". Competition: My prettiest plate.

BEKESBOURNE W. I.

The next meeting will be in Bekesbourne Village Hall on Tuesday April 13th at 7.15pm. The demonstration will be: Kake Brand. The competition is for a Decorated Chocolate Egg.

BEKESBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at Bekesbourne Village Hall on Monday April 12th at 8pm.

G.F. Tyler: Chairman

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Mr. H. P. M. Lawrence, Tullymore, 72 Bridge Down, Bridge (Bridge 830472)

Hon. Secretary: Mr. D. R. Hill, Red Deer, Bridge Down, Bridge (Bridge 830426)

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. C. A. Potter

Organist (Bridge): Mr. R. Smith, 74 Surrenden Road, Folkestone
(Folkestone 76466)

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Verger (Bridge): Mr. J. Hopkins, Old Station Cottage, Bishopsbourne

BEKESBOURNE

Churchwardens:

Mr. W. R. Mowll, Mulberry Cottage, Bekesbourne (Bridge 830213)

Mr. H. S. Shorey, Cherry Tree Cottage, Bekesbourne (Bridge 830235)

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Organist: Mr. S. H. Grey, Mill Cottage, Bekesbourne (Bridge 830522)

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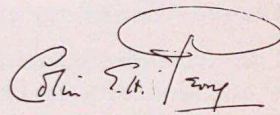
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To the sceptics the answer appears clear; he came to a final end and disappeared in nothingness and unreality. To the believer the answer appears equally clear; he disappeared, indeed from the realm of sight into the unseen, but he passed from time into eternity; from the unreal world of change and decay into Reality. Religion has always held that the unseen is the truly real - "*the things that are seen are temporal, the things that are unseen are eternal*". Those who have endured as seeing Him who is invisible have enriched the Church with their experience. They have told us what we may expect to perceive, and the way to prepare for the intuition of the divine.

We pray in the words of the Collect for Ascension Day that *we may ascend in heart as well as in mind*, the elevation which we must desire is not that of merely mental superiority and it is not to detach us from concern with the needs of a struggling humanity. We are not to leave love behind; rather the effect of our wider intellectual outlook is to extend the scope of our sympathy and the objects of our compassion.

I commend to your support Bekesbourne Church's May Fayre; at Bekesbourne Village Hall on Saturday May 15th. Gifts of items for the stalls will be most appreciated.

Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord;



Rural Dean and Vicar

CALENDAR FOR MAY 1976

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- 10th Monday. Mothers' Union Branch meeting at 2.45pm at 37 Union Road, Bridge.
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- 15th Saturday. Bekesbourne Church May Fayre, Bekesbourne Village Hall 2.30pm.
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- 18th Tuesday. Archdeacon's Visitation 7.30pm at Canterbury Cathedral.
- 23rd Rogation Sunday.
- 25th Tuesday. East Bridge Deanery Synod preceded by Holy Communion, at 7.15pm at St Augustine's College.
- 26th Wednesday. Young Wives Group to visit Maidstone Police Wives Group.
- 27th Thursday. Ascension Day. Holy Communion 8am at Bridge Church.
- 30th Sunday after the Ascension.
- 31st Monday. Spring Holiday.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

May They Rest in Peace

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne
 7th April 1976 Elsie Amy Cressey

Barham Crematorium
 15th April 1976 Louisa Revell

EASTER OFFERING

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who contributed so generously to my Easter offering.

Colin E.H. Perry, Vicar.

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES GROUP

- May 12th Members to visit the Fire Headquarters at Maidstone, 8pm.
- May 26th Members are invited by Maidstone Police Wives Group to a Social Evening, 8pm.

MAY WE PLEASE REMIND YOU THAT ON THURSDAY MAY 6th IT WILL BE POLLING DAY FOR BOTH PARISH AND DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS. PLEASE BE SURE TO VOTE IN THESE IMPORTANT LOCAL ELECTIONS.

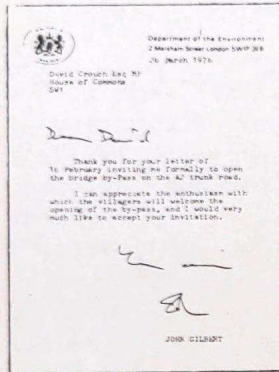
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BY-PASS BONANZA BRIDGE

BRIDGE BY-PASS BONANZA COMMITTEE

celebrating the removal of heavy traffic from Bridge Village, Summer 1976

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Let us remind you that we are only about seven weeks away from the official Opening of the Bridge by-pass by the Minister of Transport! On the left we reproduce in miniature Dr. Gilbert's acceptance of the invitation by our hard-working M.P. Mr. David Crouch.

This takes place on Tuesday June 29th. On the next Saturday afternoon and evening there will be the giant BRIDGE BY-PASS BONANZA. From the start of the festivities at 2.15pm there will be plenty to see and do. We are having the Band of the 5th Battalion, The Queen's Regiment, Morris Dancers, Majorettes, Maypole dancing, a hectic pram race, stalls, exhibitions; the whole main street decorated with bunting, stalls an evening barbecue and teas for children and O.A.P.'s in the afternoon. And lots more – watch for details next month.

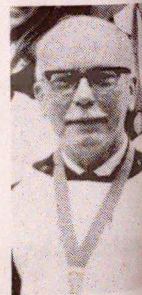
Picture call at Bekesbourne



Looking at their gift to the church are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Grey and their family. Two flags have been given so far, by Mrs. Doris Sandall and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Geering of Woodchurch.



Mr. S. H. Shorey



Mr. Stuart Shorey retired this Easter from the position of People's Warden at Saint Peter's, Bekesbourne, having completed 28 years in that office – surely a record! The new Churchwarden elected in his place was Mr. Stanley Grey photographed here in his cassock and surplice as the Organist and Choirmaster at St Peter's.

On the left you see the promised picture of the new flag-staff at Bekesbourne – with St George's flag being flown on it.

A FRIEND IN NEED...

Although the tourist crowds are flocking to the Cathedral now that the Season has begun – there is a new appeal being made



Over the past 50 years the Friends of Canterbury Cathedral have raised and spent more than £½M on Cathedral restoration including The Christ Church Gateway, Bell Harry Tower and The Great Cloister.

Despite this the Cathedral needed recently to launch an Appeal for £3½M to save its stonework and precious stained glass and to provide endowments for the musical foundations.

It is the object of The Friends to ensure that Appeals on such a scale will never again be needed. Now is the time to join this world-wide fellowship of people dedicated to the preservation of the Cathedral, its life and its work.

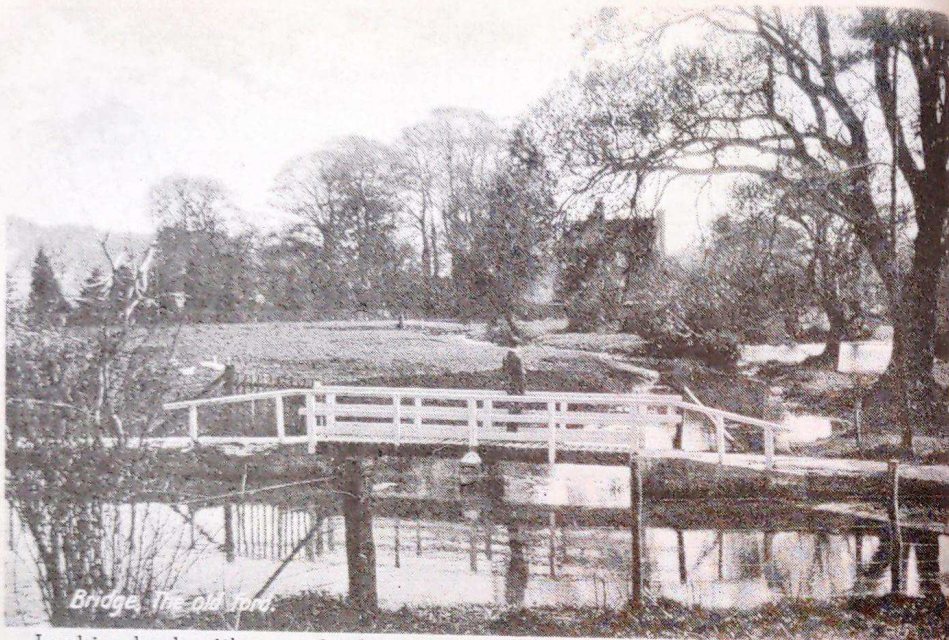
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Western Towers of the Cathedral, from the site of the Archbishop's Palace.

This picture of the Cathedral was made in the first half of the 19th century before the present Archbishop's Palace was constructed.



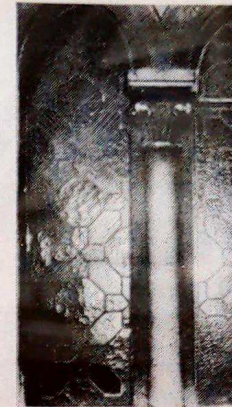
Looking back with a touch of nostalgia! These two pictures of Bridge are from the collection of Mr. Harry Hawkins, to whom we are indebted for the opportunity of reproducing them. This occasional series will be implemented next month when a special booklet on the history of Bridge is published as part of the Bonanza.

Union Road, Bridge



PICTURE QUIZ

The picture is of a feature inside or outside one of the churches in Bridge Patrixbourne or Bekesbourne.



Last month's puzzle picture was of the boss of a tie bar that holds the tower of St Mary's Church, Patrixbourne. The first correct answer was once more given by CHRISTOPHER COOPER from the Choir of St Peter's, Bekesbourne.

This month's puzzle picture is clearly visible. Why not stir yourself into looking at your church?

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY HOSPITALS - EVENING SALE.

The League of Friends of Canterbury Hospitals, Bridge Group, hope you will all come for a couple of hours to their Evening Sale, to be held on Friday May 7th in Bridge Village Hall at 7pm. There will be stalls of Produce, Home-made cakes, near-new Clothes and Books, knickknacks and oddments. There will be light refreshments on sale.

Try to come! It's to help our Hospitals and our friends.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Frances E. Apps. Hon. Sec.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Annual Meeting of the Canterbury Branch was held at St. Thomas's Hall on March 25th. A member of the London Headquarters staff was present and spoke of the difficulties that had to be surmounted with regard to problem children, and also the rising costs which had to be met.

The Dean, who was retiring from the Chairmanship of the Canterbury Branch at the time of his retirement from the Cathedral, was - with his wife - presented with two reclining chairs for the garden. You may have seen a picture of this in the Kentish Gazette.

The Branch accounts show an improvement in the amount in hand, but of course with rising prices the money does not go far.

The total subscribed by box-holders in Bridge amount to £20.79 up to the 1st March, but this goes direct to headquarters, not to Canterbury. Thank you, all subscribers, very much.

BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE W. I.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th May at 7pm in the Village Hall, Bridge.

This is a Resolution Meeting (resolutions for the Annual General Meeting, Albert Hall), and a V.C.O. will be in attendance. Competition:- Decorated cardboard picnic plate.

BEKESBOURNE W. I.

The next meeting will be in the Village Hall on Tuesday 11th May at 7.15pm. The business will be: Finance. The discussion will be the N.F. A.G.M. Resolutions. Competition: an arrangement of flowers and foliage.

BEKESBOURNE MAY FAYRE

The May Fayre will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 15th May, beginning at 2.30pm.

Any gifts for the Sale will be most gratefully received by Mrs Doris Sandall at School House, Bekesbourne.

WE DO ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS FUND-RAISING OCCASION.

BEKESBOURNE CHURCH MAY FAYRE - JUMBLE.

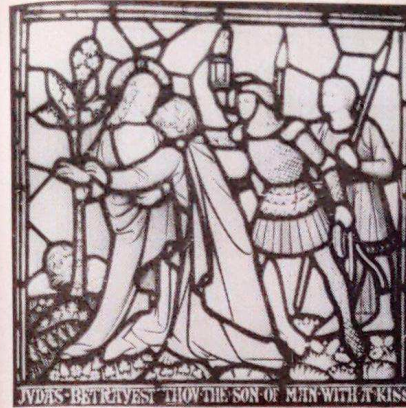
Good class Jumble will be gratefully received. Please phone Mrs. Grace Allan at Ardpriority, Bekesbourne Lane, telephone Canterbury 62695, for collection.

ST PETER'S, FLOWER ROTA FOR MAY

May 2nd	..	..	..	..	Mrs Hogben
May 9th	..	..	..	..	Mrs Sandall
May 16th	..	..	..	..	Mrs Hulse
May 23rd	..	..	..	..	Mrs Watson
May 30th	..	..	..	..	Mrs Smith
June 6th	..	..	..	..	Mrs Whigham

ST PETER'S, CLEANERS FOR MAY

May 1st	..	..	..	..	Mrs Hogben
May 8th	..	..	..	..	Mrs Watson
May 15th	..	..	..	..	Mrs Grey
May 22nd	..	..	..	..	Mrs Sandall
May 29th	..	..	..	..	Mrs Allan
June 5th	..	..	..	..	Mrs Smith



Detail from the East window of St Peter's Church, Bridge depicting the betrayal of Christ - the first move in the bitter end-game of Good Friday.

EASTER 1976

The patterns shift of vivid red across the yellow and the blue marking the spots where blood was shed

where on the cross he hung and bled, that stricken god whose love was true. Such patterns of vivid red

the stained glass backwards casts instead against the altar wall to prove that everywhere his blood was shed.

All of our needs and dreams are fed by that one act from which ensues such patterns of vivid red.

Without it we would live in dread a life of fear that never knew those joyful spots where blood was shed.

Lord of the living and the dead ensure my resurrection too. The patterns shift of vivid red marking the spots where blood was shed.

R.H.

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Service for the
By-pass.
Obituary - the
Rev. Blaxland
Bridge Fete
The Old School
and all the
usual items.

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR JUNE 1976

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

6th June, Whit Sunday

11am Matins
11.45 Holy Comm.
6.30pm Evensong

8am Holy Communion

9.30 Sung
Communion

13th June, Trinity Sunday

9am Holy Comm.
Series III
6.30pm Evensong

11am Matins and
Sermon

11am Songs
of Praise

20th June, 1st Sunday after Trinity

9am Parish
Eucharist (Choral)
6.30pm Evensong

8am Holy
Communion

11am Matins
and Sermon

27th June, 2nd Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy
Communion
6.30pm Evensong

9am Holy
Communion

11am Matins
and Sermon
11.45 H.C.

4th July, 3rd Sunday after Trinity

11am Matins
11.45 Holy Comm.
6.30 SERVICE OF
THANKSGIVING.

8am Holy Communion

9.30 Sung
Communion

Preacher: B'p of Dover.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union Corporate Communion will on Wednesday June 2nd at 9.30am.

The Branch meeting will be held on Monday June 14th at 2.45pm at 37 Union Road, Bridge. The Speaker will be Mrs Priestman. The Deanery Festival will be at Wingham on Thursday June 3rd, the service being at 7.30pm.

Our thanks to all who had Lenten boxes. £13.14 was the sum collected for the Church Missionary Society.

N.B. The time for Evensong at The Close has been changed from 5 pm to 4.30 pm.

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,

There are a number of events this month which I am sure will occupy our attention. June is always such a pleasant month, and is an opportunity for us to enjoy open-air social life. The highlight is undoubtedly the opening of the A2 by-pass on the 29th June, appropriately on St. Peter's Day, the Patronal Festival of Bridge Church. On the Sunday following, July 4th, there will be a Thanksgiving Service for the by-pass' completion and the labours of so many, when the Preacher will be the Right Reverend Anthony Tremlett, Bishop of Dover. It should be a very moving occasion in the life of our village. How good it would be and right if many of you came on St. Peter's Day, June 29th, when there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 7.30am and 9.30am to say a sincere thank-you to God for the many and certain blessings which radiate from St. Peter's Church Bridge from age to age to the souls around its precincts.

Arrangements are well under way for another important event, the annual Bridge and Patribourne Churches Parish Summer Fete in Bridge School grounds on Saturday June 12th. This is one of the few opportunities we have of all from our churches meeting together and it is a real parish occasion. The City of Canterbury Band will be in attendance and there will be a full programme of activities as you will see from the notice elsewhere. I am confident that all will combine together to make this a pleasant and financially successful occasion.

There are two great Christian Holy Days this month. The Feast of Whitsun, which falls on Sunday June 6th, celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit, so unobtrusive in His working that the early disciples could call Him the Spirit of Jesus (Acts XVI) reminding us that the work of Christ, the eternal Son of God, is carried on through the agency of His Churches and congregations of Christian people who receive unto themselves all the light and joy of the life of Christ through its ministry of the Word, Sacrament and prayer.

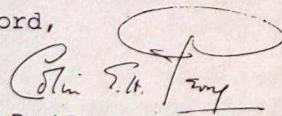
The other Holy Day is Trinity Sunday, June 13th, the Sunday following Whitsunday. I hope we do think of the doctrine of the Trinity neither as a mere intellectual puzzle or as a rather remote and impractical part of Christianity. It is an inspiring truth with immense practical applications for us. The belief in the Triune God began from the experience of the Apostles. They were worshippers of the one, righteous God

of the Old Testament; Creator and Father. Monotheists as they were, they found that the impact of Jesus upon them was such that they were led to worship Him as divine, to ascribe to him all that belonged to deity. And in their arduous service of Jesus they were aided by a power within them, no less divine, whom they - taught by Jesus - called Holy Spirit. God known to their nation through the ages, God in Jesus, God within them: that is how they came to know God, and yet as strong as ever was their conviction that God is one. Now there came the further belief that what they were experiencing was not just three modes of God's activity in the world but God as He eternally is in the wealth of His own being. How immensely therefore the doctrine of the Trinity illuminates our thinking about the love of God. It is one thing to say that God loves: it is richer and more meaningful to say that in God there is the perfection of love in the self-giving and the unity of Father, Son and Spirit. This perfection of love in no way depends upon the world or upon ourselves: it is the object of our adoration. But it overflows into the world and to ourselves most signally in the self-giving of the Incarnation and the Cross. God so loved that He gave, and He gives because, as the doctrine of the Trinity shows, self-giving love is His eternal secret.

"To acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity". Here in the words of the *Preface* of Trinity Sunday, is not only the object of our worship but the ground and the secret of human fellowship in this world - unity through self-giving. So the message of Trinity overflows into all our Christian teaching, seeing all religion and all human life in the light of the Triune God.

May I thank all who worked so hard to make Bekebourne's May Fayre the happy event that it was, and to express appreciation to the many who gave gifts and supported us by their presence.

Yours sincerely in our blessed Lord,


Rural Dean and Vicar

CALENDAR FOR JUNE

- 2nd Wednesday. M.U. Corporate Communion 9.30 Bridge Church
Holy Communion, Churchill House 10.15am.
3rd Thursday. M.U. Festival at Wingham Church 7.30pm.
6th Whitsunday. NB. Light refreshments after the 9.30am.
Holy Communion at Bekebourne Church.

- 11th Friday. St. Barnabas the Apostle. Holy Communion at 7.30am at Bridge Church.
12th Saturday. Bridge and Patricxbourne Church Summer Fete at Bridge School grounds, from 2.15pm.
13th Trinity Sunday.
14th Monday. M.U. Branch meeting at 2.45pm at 37 Union Road, Bridge.
15th Tuesday. W.I. meeting. 7pm at Bridge Village Hall.
20th 1st Sunday after Trinity. Preacher at llam Matins at Bekebourne Church, Dr. Anne Plumtre.
24th Thursday. St. John the Baptist's Day. Holy Communion at 9.30am at Bridge Church.
26th Saturday. The Close Annual Summer Fete, 2.30pm at The Close.
27th 2nd Sunday after Trinity.
29th St. Peter's Day. Holy Communion at 7.30am and 9.30am at Bridge Church. Opening of the by-pass.
July 4th Service of Thanksgiving, 6.30pm at Bridge Church. Preacher: the Right Reverend Anthony Tremlett, Bishop of Dover. With City Dignitaries and special music.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Peter's Church, Bridge
2nd May 1976 Edward John Weatherall
16th May 1976 William Anthony Fuggle

Holy Matrimony

St. Mary's Church, Patricxbourne
22nd May 1976 Hamdy Taha and
Fiona Anne Lapage

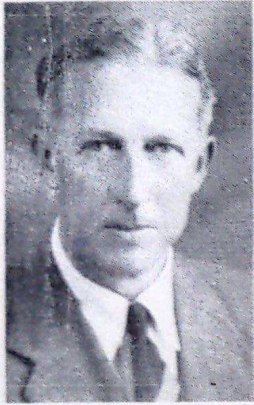
St. Peter's Church, Bridge
22nd May 1976 David Anthony Phillips and
Nicola Mary Berry

May They Rest in Peace

St. Peter's Church, Bekebourne
5th May 1976 Emily Hammond

Barham Crematorium
11th May 1976 John Henry Fussell

St. Peter's Church, Bridge,
28th May 1976 Ethel Edith Pott



LIONEL BRUCE BLAXLAND – Priest

We record with regret the passing of the Reverend Lionel Blaxland on April 29th at Temple Ewell. The Funeral was held on May 5th, and a special Service of Memorial took place at St. Peter's Church, Bridge on Sunday May 23rd – attended by many who wished to acknowledge a man of great talent, compassion and love.

LIONEL BLAXLAND was born on March 24th 1898, the son of the Vicar of Abbey Church, Shrewsbury. He was educated at Shrewsbury School from 1911–1916, and then entered the Royal Flying Corps serving as a Fighter Pilot in the first World War with the rank of Captain.

Following the Great War he studied at Oriel College, Oxford, from 1919–1921. Here he was a Soccer Blue – showing an interest in sport that was to stay with him for many years.

Having graduated he took up the appointment as a Master at Repton, where the Head Master of the day was Geoffrey Fisher, later Archbishop of Canterbury. He remained on the staff of Repton from 1922 until 1960, becoming Housemaster of The Hall from 1935 for a decade, and then Housemaster of The Cross House for the remaining fifteen years. During this time he was in charge of Cricket, Soccer and the Air Training Corps at the school.

A keen sportsman he had not only been a Soccer Blue at Oxford, but also played for the Corinthians and the Old Salopians under the captaincy of Arthur Dunn, achieving International Trial status. In the 1930's and 40's he played cricket in the summer months for Derbyshire Cricket Club.

Leaving Repton in 1960 Lionel Blaxland was ordained priest, and his first curacy was at Tansley in Derbyshire from 1961–3. Later the Vicar of Doveridge in the same county for eight years; he retired to Bridge where he lived happily for the remaining five years of his life.

Lionel Blaxland was a man who could be loved, because he ever looked for good in people, which he invariably found. His simple preaching and obvious sincerity won him friends in every congregation. Although moving about cost him much pain he never commented on his handicap and attended services with a regularity that few match.

The funeral service held at St. Peter's, Temple Ewell, was notable for the sturdy Christian optimism of the hymns and prayers; and the sunshine, the sounds of the primary school children nearby in their playground, and the bird song that surrounded St. Peter's were suitable accompaniment to a farewell that the Reverend Lionel Blaxland would have much appreciated. *Resquiescat in pace.*

BRIDGE VILLAGE HISTORY XIII – The Bridge School Registers 1872–1910

The Registers afford a good description of the life and educational methods during the nineteenth century in Bridge School. As the School is of Church of England foundation there were daily bible classes and in the 1880's the Catechism, the Ten Commandments and several psalms had to be learned by heart. Miss Fanny Wye, who took charge of the School in 1876 was obviously worried when she started, as she states: 'there is not one child that can make a straight line correctly; there is no order whatever and the children think they come to school to run about the room'.

There was daily drill before the lessons, and the subjects were taught on what was then a systematic method – each lesson being devoted to an object such as the Sea, Rivers and Flowers. There are frequent comments on the ability of the class to assimilate the particular object lesson of the day. However, there was obviously plenty of fun and amusement, being a fairly self-contained community. Here are recorded holidays for Medal Day on the Golf Course (near Highland Court) when medals were presented to the local regiments – the Relief of Mafeking and Ladysmith on May 21st 1900, Edward VII's Coronation 1902. Also listed were Mr. and Mrs. Bell's Golden Wedding Anniversary at Bourne Park, and Lady Blanche Conyngham's annual birthday party at Bifrons; several annual treats were held by the Gay family at Higham (now Highland Court), the Chapel (that was a Wesleyan Chapel in Dering Road) and the Band of Hope meetings in Canterbury.

Absenteeism was always a problem; scarlet fever, chicken pox and ringworm took their annual toll, and sometimes a child would have to stay at home minding the babies while its mother was in the hop fields. On the sad occasion of the funeral of a young child, the wreath would be made up of wild flowers collected by the children and made up by the teachers.

Occasionally there would be an admittance from the workhouse, now known as The Close, in Union Road.

Songs must have formed quite an integral part of the teaching and these also had to be learned by heart; some were patriotic like 'The Flag of England' and 'Hurrah! for England's Glory'; some sentimental, as 'What Do The Beautiful Roses Say?' – and old favourites like 'Three Blind Mice' and 'Little Cock Sparrow'.

The senior classes were obviously quite advanced, and there were lectures on the leading figures of the century like Lord Palmerston and Lord Beaconsfield; and history lessons on the Chartists and the Indian Mutiny, and on the days of intercession for Foreign Missions talks on countries such as China and Turkey.

The fees for attendance were classified according to your occupational status, Tradesmen and Farmers 6d for the first child, 3d for the rest; Labourers and Artisans 2d for each child to the number of 4. The age for leaving the School was 14, and an entry for July 1877 states: 'several of the older children have left for work having qualified by age or the dunces' certificate'.

J. J. Williamson

Bridge & Patricxbourne CHURCH FETE

Bridge C of E Primary School Sat 12th June

2.15pm.

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

(Theme: Nursery Rhymes)

Commencing at 2.30. Two classes – up to six years, six to eleven years.

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BONANZA DAY - July 3rd

- 1.45 - 2.30pm MORRIS DANCING by the Wantsum Morris Men
 FOLK DANCING by the Ramsgate Folk Dance Club
 2.15 CHURCH BELLS PEAL
 2.20 BAND and PARADE PROCESS DOWN HIGH STREET
 2.30 approx. OPENING of BONANZA by DAVID CROUCH, MP.
 Master of Ceremonies: MALCOLM MITCHELL
 3.00 TEA PARTY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS in Vicarage Grounds
 TEA PARTY FOR CHILDREN in Green Court
 3.15 DECORATED PRAM RACE
 3.30 MARCHING DISPLAY by the Band 5th Battalion, Queen's Regiment
 4.00 MAYPOLE DANCING in Green Court
 4.30 MAJORETTE DISPLAY by the Caroussels

This is only part of the programme - look out for further details nearer the day!

BY **PASS** **BONANZA**
BRIDGE

COMPETITIONS July 3rd. Your entries are invited

Prizes will be awarded in the following sections:-

- * The Best Decorated House
- * Fancy Dress Parade - and Decorated Pram
Children and Adults
Theme 'Bridge through the Ages'
Procession assembles: 2p.m. Judging: 2.15p.m.

- * The "Bridge in History" Exhibition Competition
All entries will be exhibited in the Village Hall throughout the event.

Section 1. ART Competition
 Subject: 'The Bridge Scene'
 Class A up to 11yrs.
 Class B 12yrs. to 18yrs.
 Class C Adults

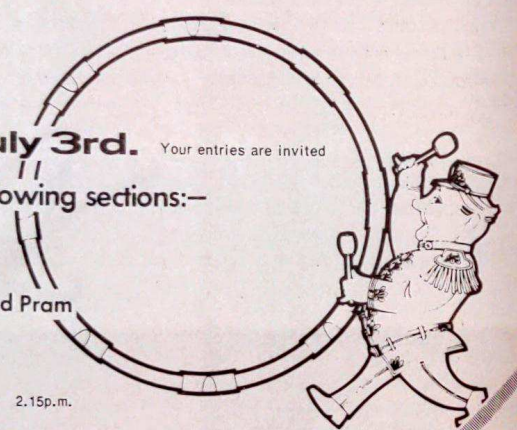
Section 2. PHOTOGRAPHIC Competition
 Subject: 'The Bridge Scene'
 Class D up to 18yrs.
 Class E Adults



Judging: 8.30p.m. July 2nd.

Closing date: July 1st.

Please deliver entries to The Headmistress
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 with clear label attached



ENTRY for _____ Competition

Section _____

Name: _____

Address _____

PICTURE QUIZ



The picture is of a feature inside or outside one of the churches in Bridge Patrixbourne or Bekesbourne.

The picture in the May issue of the Parish Magazine was that of the centre column and glass in the small window of the Vicar's vestry at St. Peter's, Bridge. The correct answer was again given by CHRISTOPHER COOPER of Bekesbourne, thereby winning a hat-trick.

Puzzle No. 4



The puzzle is not to identify the face part seen - though it gives clues. Where is the stone carving? Answers to John Purchase

JUNIOR CHURCH The Junior Church will meet on the following dates, all at 11am: 13th, 20th and 27th.

THE CLOSE, BRIDGE

THE CLOSE, BRIDGE, ANNUAL SUMMER FETE will be held on June 26th (Saturday) at 2.30pm. There will be many sideshows, tombola, occupational therapy stall and raffles with lots of good prizes. All monies go towards extra comforts for the residents of this Old People's Home. Thank you.
 M.E.P.

BRIDGE WITH PATRIXBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday June 15th at 7pm in the Village Hall, Bridge.
 The Speaker will be Mrs. Bradbury on *Flower Arrangements for a Special Occasion*. Competition: Miniature flower arrangement in a shell.
 P.H.

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be in the Village Hall at 7.15pm on Tuesday June 8th. The Report will be on the N.F. Annual Meeting. The Competition: Doll's Evening Dress.

COFFEE AND CHAT

Following the 9.30am Holy Communion on Sunday June 6th we shall be introducing a new idea at St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, whereby the congregation is invited to stay behind for a short while after the service, to have coffee and the opportunity for talk. The coffee will be served in the vestry.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE

S O N G S O F P R A I S E

will be sung on Sunday June 13th
at 11.0 am

The Songs and Anthem will be

Congregational Requests

The Announcer will be John Purchase -

Closing Prayers by Dr. Nigel Allan.

SONGS OF PRAISE at ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE

This will be, I am sure, a very enjoyable hour of singing our Praises to God, and the selection of these Songs and Anthem has been left to the people.

If anyone has a favourite hymn they would like to suggest for our next Songs of Praise, please let the Vicar, Mrs. Sandall or myself know, and we will be most happy to include it.

S.H.G.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE ROTAS

Cleaners:-

June 5th Mrs Smith
June 12th Mrs Farbrace
June 19th Mrs Hogben
June 26th Mrs Watson
July 3rd Mrs Guy

Flowers:-

June 6th Mrs Whigham
June 13th Mrs Sandall
June 20th Mrs Coombes
June 27th Mrs Farbrace
July 4th Mrs Sandall

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE

I would like to thank all those who helped to make the May Fayre such a success. Those who gave, those who manned the stalls, and those who came to buy. The result - over £90.

D.S.

TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE MAY FAYRE

The results of the May Fayre at Bekesbourne were as follows:-

GIFTS (Mrs Sandall and Mrs Fitzgerald)	.. ..	£18.25
TOMBOLA (D. & P. Farbrace)	.. ..	17.20
JUMBLE (Mrs Grey and Mrs Allan)	.. ..	6.49
CAKES (Mrs Smith)	.. ..	16.10
WHITE ELEPHANT (Mrs Standen and Andrew Farbrace)		3.00
Stationery (J. Purchase)	.. ..	5.63
TEAS (Mrs Griggs and Mrs Hogbin)	.. ..	2.65
RAFFLE (Mrs Tyler and Mrs Purchase)	.. ..	10.01
GUESSING WEIGHT OF CAKE (Daphne Hogbin)	.. ..	1.83
GUESSING NAME OF DOLL	.. ..	1.36
DONATIONS (Mrs Scales and Anon)	.. ..	10.00
		£92.52
Less Hire of Hall	..	2.00
Balance to Church Funds		£90.52

BRIDGE CRICKET CLUB

The Summer Season is now under way. The first fixture is for Tuesday evening, 1st June at the Bridge Recreation Ground at 6pm. The game is against the Old Stacians Colts XI - a team from Ashford.

The Officers for 1976 are: Secretary, Roy Martin; Captain, John Mullins and Vice-Captain, Colin Diss. Any youngster interested in playing should contact the Hon. Secretary, Roy Martin, at 7 Bridge Down, Bridge, tel. no. Bridge 830640.

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Minister opens
new road.
Bishop says a
new community
must be built.
Pictures of
Bridge at play.
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usual items.

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR JULY 1976

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

4th July - 3rd Sunday after Trinity

11 am Matins 11.45 Holy Comm. 6.30 pm Evensong Service of Thanks- giving. Preacher: Bishop of Dover	8 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Sung Communion (Coffee served afterwards)
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11th July - 4th Sunday after Trinity

(Sea Sunday)

9 am Holy Comm. Series III 6.30 pm Evensong	11 am Matins and Sermon	11 am Songs of Praise.
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18th July - 5th Sunday after Trinity

9 am Parish Eucharist (Choral) 6.30 pm Evensong	8 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong Flower Festival Preacher: Rev. H. Rainbow
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25th July - 6th Sunday after Trinity

8 am Holy Communion	9 am Holy Communion	11 am Matins and Sermon
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1st August - 7th Sunday after Trinity

11 am Matins 11.45 Holy Comm. 6.30 pm Evensong	8 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Sung Communion (Coffee served afterwards)
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MOTHERS UNION

Corporate Communion at 9.30 a.m. on June 30th instead of July 7th.

Branch Meeting will be at 37 Union Road on July 14th at 2.45 pm
M.U. Communion Service at St. Giles Church, Kingston at 7.30 pm
East Bridge.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Will meet on the following:- 11th, 18th, 25th of July

N.B. The time for Evensong at The Close has been changed from 5 pm to 4.30 pm.

*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,

The village of Bridge has gained an unenviable reputation in recent years for the heavy traffic through the High Street, with demonstration and protest. Now there is a change. The By-pass has been completed with rejoicings and thanksgiving on every side; and Bridge will be able to settle back to a village community life. To make just that point - that Bridge is a community and St Peters is their Church it seemed fitting that the official opening of the By-pass happened to be on St. Peter's Day itself being the 29th June. It seems right too that we should give thanks on Sunday July 4th for the construction of this road, for the labours of many who brought it to pass and to remember in our prayers the many who will pass through this new road from and to many parts of the world, and to ask that God will bring them in safety to their journeys end.

Bekesbourne Church are this year holding again a Flower Festival. It will be from Friday the 16th, ending with Festal Evensong at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday the 18th when the preacher will be the Rev. Toby Rainbow, Chaplain to H.M. Prison Canterbury, where I too was Chaplain for fourteen years. I commend the Festival to your loyal and enthusiastic support. Every effort is being made to make this Flower Festival and event of beauty and happiness.

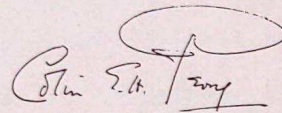
With the passing of Trinity Sunday we have now come to the end of the first half of the Church's year and we are now in the beginning of the long list of Sundays after Trinity. The great festivals of the first half of the year teach us the doctrine of the Church, the main Christian truth of dogma; beginning at Advent, then Christmas, the Epiphany, the season of Lent, Good Friday and Easter; Then Ascensiontide and Whit-Sunday, ending with the great orthodox truth of Holy Trinity. Then after Trinity Sunday we consolidate this progressive teaching of the Great Christian tenets by studying the 'theme' for each passing Sunday after Trinity as instructed and suggested by the Collect for the day and amplified in the teaching found in the Epistle and Gospel.

I would like to thank you for the kindly and encouraging support of our Bridge & Patribourne Churches Summer Fete. We were again blessed by a lovely sunny day. To those of you who were stallholders or who helped with the many amusements and refreshments, gave gifts to the stalls, controlled the Sheep Dog Trials and the donkey rides, the members of the band, to you all, our our very real appreciation and our gratitude.

The end of the month will see many going away on holiday. It is always interesting on holiday to go to new Churches and join in different acts of worship from those to which we are accustomed. If anyone finds any interesting or helpful ideas from their experiences I shall be glad if they will speak to me about them.

Finally I must also add my thanks to Mr. Selwyn Lewis for acting as organist at St. Mary's Church Patrixbourne over the past years. It has been very encouraging to have had music accompanying the singing at the smallest of our churches and I would like to thank him for his loyal support and tender my regrets at his resignation.

Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord,



Rural Dean and Vicar

CALENDAR FOR JULY 1976

July

4th Sunday 3rd Sunday after Trinity. Thanksgiving Service for By-pass opening, Bridge Church 6.30 p.m. Preacher: The Bishop of Dover.

6th Tuesday M.U. East Bridge Deanery H.C. at 7.30p.m. at Kingston Church

7th Wednesday Bridge Young Wives A.G.M. 7.30 p.m. Village Hall

11th Sunday 4th Sunday after Trinity. 'Songs of Praise' service at Bekesbourne at 11 p.m.

16th-18th Friday to Sunday, FLOWER FESTIVAL at BEKESBOURNE ending with Festal Evensong at 6.30 p.m. Sunday Preacher: Rev. H. Rainbow. C'bury Prison Chaplain

18th Sunday 5th Sunday after Trinity

20th Tuesday Bridge Primary School End of Term Service at Bridge Church 11 a.m. Preacher: Rev. Harrington W.I. Meeting at 7.00 p.m. Bridge Village Hall.

21st Wednesday Young Wives Group Annual Outing

22nd Thursday St. Mary Magdalen.

25th Sunday 6th Sunday after Trinity. St. James A.M.

29th Thursday 'Church of England Childrens Society' Coffee Morning at Miss Mason's house from 10.30 to 12 noon, 33 High Street, Bridge.

August

1st 7th Sunday after Trinity

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Mary's Church Patrixbourne

30th May 1976

Charlotte Amanda Eastley

May They Rest in Peace

St. Peter's Church Bridge

28th May 1976

Ethel Edith Pott

23rd June 1976

Nancy Dingsdal

Edith Annie Curran

SEA SUNDAY

With the full approval of the Archbishop, parishes are asked to observe July 11th as "Sea Sunday" and to offer special prayers for seafarers and their families, and the work of the Church among seamen.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH PATRIXBOURNE

Grateful thanks are extended to Mrs. Paul Greenwood and Mrs. Charles Potter for their kindness in painting the church walls of the lower South Wall of Patrixbourne Church. One also appreciates the skill of their work for the Church of St. Mary's Patrixbourne.

C.E.H.P.

NEW NOTICE BOARD

I wish to record my thanks to Mr. D, Standen for making and erecting the notice board for St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne. It was most kind of him.

C.E.H.P.

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

The July meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.15 p.m. There will be a talk on 'Wine Making' by Mrs. Austen. Competition: 3 Rosebuds

ST. PETER'S BEKESBOURNE, CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

July 3rd	.....	Mrs. Grey
10th	.....	Mrs. Sandall
17th	.....	Mrs. Allan
24th	.....	Mrs. Smith
31st	.....	Mrs. Farbrace
Aug 7th	.....	Mrs. Hogben

PICTURE QUIZ returns next month. Alan Farbrace won last month - with a picture of the west door at Bekesbourne.

BRIDGE-COMMUNITY JOY

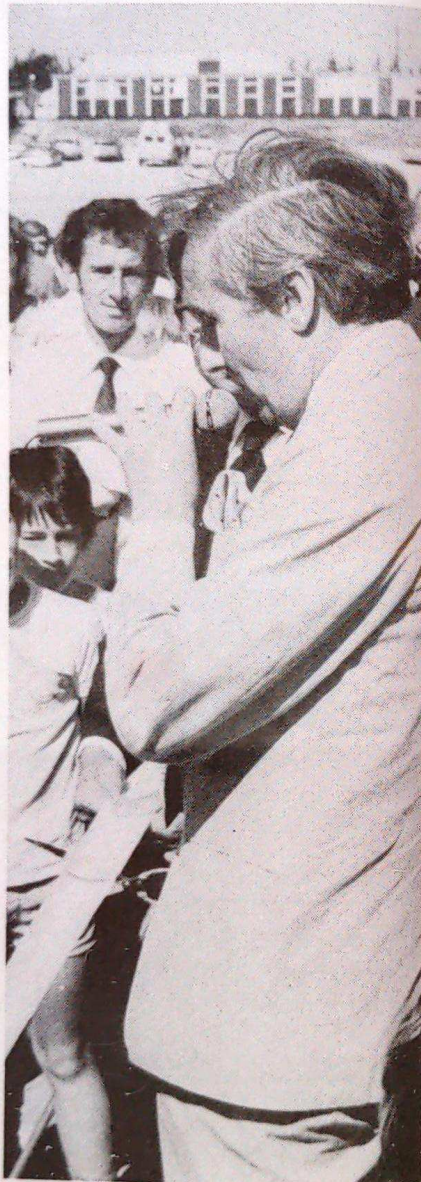
AT THE OPENING OF THE BY-PASS ON JUNE 29th, AND THE BONANZA HELD ON JULY 3rd



The Vicar, Canon Colin Perry, leads the prayers for all who use the new by-pass.



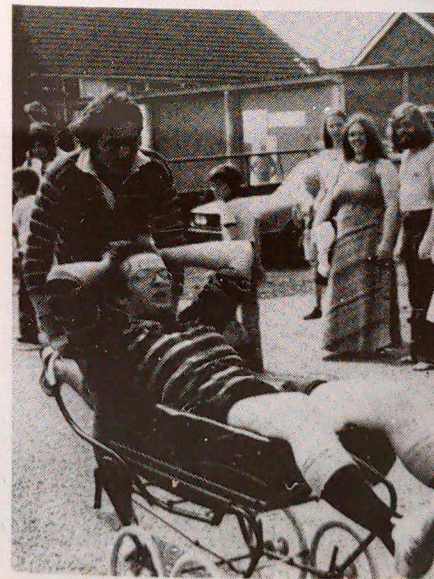
The Minister also cut a cake which was in the shape of the village and the road. It was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Purchase and her mother Mrs. Averil Norton.



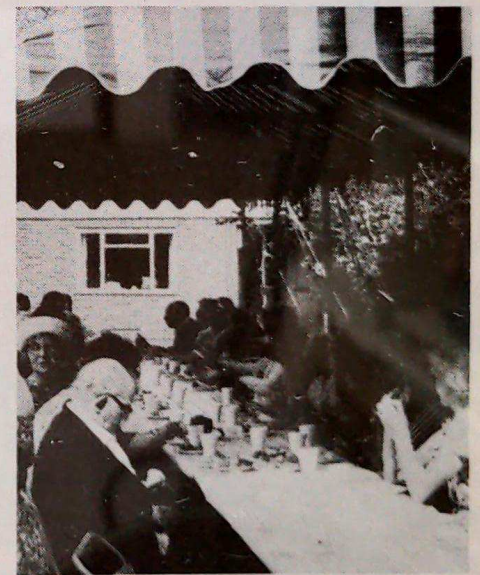
Dr. John Gilbert, the Minister, with his hands full – a recalcitrant radio mike and a pair of scissors – officially opens the new road watched by the villagers.



On Saturday July 3rd the Bonanza celebrations were opened by the M.P. Mr. David Crouch, who came over specially to the village to join the crowds out to enjoy themselves. He said that the village should be proud of its achievement in gaining the by-pass, and having enjoyed itself at the Bonanza should try to re-establish the village community. This last comment was echoed by the Bishop of Dover, the Rt. Rev. Anthony Tremlett, at the special service of thanksgiving held the following evening at St. Peter's Church. He said that we lived in a divided world, and Bridge well knew what that meant in the past. Now was the chance to build a really happy united community. The village was full of people of good will. 'Rise to the challenge' he concluded 'because you can!'.



The pram race was won by a team from Canterbury Rugby Club. The pusher who did all the work was Hugh Bothwell.



Very many of the older villagers had a tea party which was set up under an awning along the Vicarage drive.



The Band of the 5th Battalion, The Queen's Regiment, plays the ever-popular 'Sunset' in the High St.



And a picture which sums up all that had been achieved — a quiet village street where groups can safely walk and talk, with the church of St. Peter's, Bridge, celebrating its Patronal Festival in the background. Let us remember that the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Donald Coggan, wrote to us at the beginning of the year saying he knew how pleased and thankful we would be when the by-pass was opened, and hoping it would act as a stimulus to rediscovering a sense of community.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

A FLOWER FESTIVAL combined with a small exhibition on the work of Thomas Cranmer will be held at St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday July 16th, 17th and 18th.

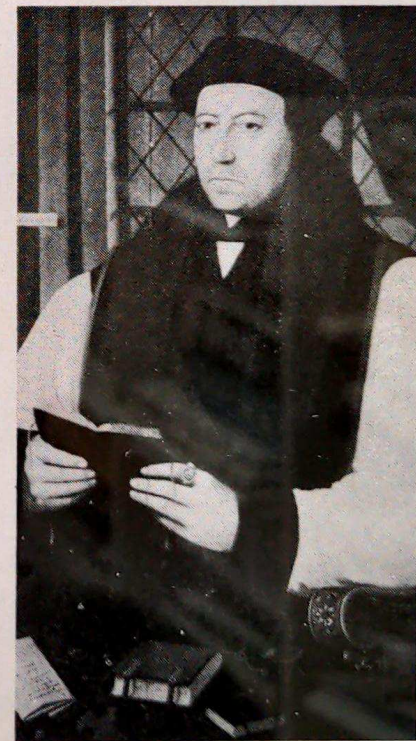
Teas will be served in Cobham Court garden on the Saturday (by kind permission of Mrs. Whigham), and there will also be stalls of produce, cakes and gifts etc. and a raffle the same day.

Mrs. Pam Farbrace will be most grateful for flowers and foliage to assist her and her helpers with the decoration. Gifts for the stalls or raffle would be gratefully received by Mr. Stanley Grey at Mill Cottage — and also offers to help in this venture in any way you feel able. Please telephone Bridge 830522.

Photographs of some of the original text of Cranmer's Prayer Book will be on display, and it is planned the Cranmer's work will be commemorated in the Festal Evensong which will close the Flower Festival on Sunday July 18th at 6.30pm. The Preacher at this service will be the Reverend Henry Rainbow, Chaplain of H.M. Prison, Canterbury. A warm welcome is extended to all who would like to attend this Service.

Canon de abbreviendis ecclesiasticis precationibus propter predicationem ubi

*Quia vero quoniam hinc scriptum in hinc
Ecclesiasticarum precationum editione potissimum
spectamus ut omnia in vici simili consilium
quoniam in ecclesia geruntur ad edificandam ecclesiam
fuerint. cuiusmodi hoc quod tantopere cupimus proficiat
habeamus maxime ex eo cunctum si superiores
ordines et ceteri fieri omnino modis operam et
diligentiam impendant in peccatum. Et quam
manifestissime populo indocto subinde exponit
et respicit quam studiosissime inculcavit. Sed
ob rem ne quid publicum nostrum, precationum
plurimum. hic a nobis instituta operam illam
honorum parorum in suo opere decendo aut
impedire aut vana ex parte remorari valeat.
Hoc canonem rursus et confirmatum in volum.
Vbi quocumque firmo aliquis exhortationis
dicendus est ad plebem sui predicationis habenda
tunc licet parochia de deum et quare ad lectorem
cum simbolo Quoniam vult in publicis ultra
corum populo precationibus pretermittere
nimirum ut populus nunc dicitur a lectione
decendo ut deficiamus. aut non fieri aliquid
necesse. aut non fieri tempore habent ad in-
cidam predicationem evangelii et clarum offensi-
onem spiritus Christi.*



THOMAS CRANMER, who wrote much of The Book of Common Prayer in The Old Palace, Bekesbourne, near to St. Peter's where he worshipped.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH BEKESBOURNE

SONGS OF PRAISE

Will be sung on Sunday July 11th at 11 a.m.
The Songs and Anthems will be Congregational Requests.
The announcer will be Mr. John Purchase, with Closing Prayers by Dr. Nigel Allan.

Our first effort in this direction was very successful and we are mounting another one as you will see above.
I do hope you will come along again join us in singing our Praises to God.

S.H.G.

COFFEE AND CHAT

Following the 9.30 am Holy Communion on Sunday July 4th, we shall again be having coffee and the opportunity to meet together for a short chat.
Last months meeting was a most happy occasion.

S.H.G.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

A COFFEE MORNING and BRING AND BUY in aid of the above will be held at 33 High Street, Bridge on Thursday July 29th at 10.30 a.m. Please do try to come.

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES GROUP

July 7th - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in Bridge Village Hall 7.30
All Young Wives are urged to attend.
July 21st Members Annual Outing to the Winter Gardens, Cliftonville.

BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday July 20th at 7 p.m. in Bridge Village Hall.
Speaker: Miss N. Collier on 'The Life of an Air Hostess'
Competition: A Holiday snapshot

BRIDGE - PATRIBOURNE CHURCH FETE JUNE 1976

1975		
£38	TEAS & CAKES (Mrs. Williamson)	£ 45
38	GROCERIES (Mothers Union)	28
19	GARDEN PRODUCE (Mr. Mrs. Mummery)	27
10	WHITE ELEPHANT STALL (Mrs. Hulyer, Mrs. Turpin)	14
6	TOYS & BOOKS (Bridge School)	11
	RAFFLE	£47

45	LESS TICKETS & PRIZE	18	29
56	BOTTLE STALL (Bridge Choir)		55
8	(SOFT DRINKS & ICES)		
	ADD DONATION	5	60
	<u>SIDE SHOWS</u>		
	MAP GAME (Young Wives)	7	
	WHEEL OF FORTUNE (Mrs. Knight)	12	
	ROLL-A-PENNY (Mrs. Dove)	2	
	BOWLING GAME (Mr. Bond)	3	
	BUCKET GAME (Mr. Mrs. Pentin)	6	
	CAKE RAFFLE (Mrs. Mallinder)	6	
55	DONKEY RIDES (Mr. Williamson)	3	39
6	(DONATIONS)		
281	TOTAL RECEIPTS		253
£25	CANTERBURY CITY BAND	25	
5	HIRE OF SCHOOL	10	
	HIRE OF LOUDHAILER	2	
	FANCY DRESS PRIZES	2	39
30	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		
251	PROFIT		214

The profit of £214 is a somewhat disappointing result compared with a profit of £251 in 1975. There were more side shows in 1975 and there was a drop of £16 on these. There was also a considerable reduction in the receipts from the Raffle. Otherwise all the stalls did well and we are most grateful to the people of the neighbourhood who turned out in such numbers to give us thier support.

C.A. Potter Hon. Treas.

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BRIDGE

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BEKESBOURNE

1st August, Seventh Sunday after Trinity

11am Matins	8am Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Communion
11.45 Holy Comm.		
6.30pm Evensong		

8th August, Eighth Sunday after Trinity

9am Holy Communion Series III	11am Matins and Sermon	8am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong		

15th August, Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9am Parish Eucharist	8am Holy Communion	11am Songs of Praise.
6.30pm Evensong		

22nd August, Tenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion	9am Holy Communion	11am Matins and Sermon
6.30pm Evensong		11.45 H.Comm.

29th August, Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

9am Holy Communion	11am Matins and Sermon	8am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong		

MOTHERS' UNION

Wednesday August 4th. Corporate Communion with intercessions at 9.30am at Bridge Church. There is no Branch meeting.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will not be meeting during the month of August.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BRIDGE CHOIR HOLIDAYS

The Choir will be away on holiday for the month of August. We resume on the first Sunday in September and would be glad to see some new faces - more recruits would be most welcome.

T.R.S.

N.B. The time for Evensong at The Close has been changed from 5pm to 4.30pm.

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,

The Service of Thanksgiving following the opening of the Bridge by-pass was a most happy and heart-stirring event in the life of the Parish. It was good to welcome the Bishop of Dover, Civic Dignitaries, Representatives of the Parish Council and members from other Christian denominations. Bridge is now a much quieter village but I regret that traffic with the open road before them often go through much too fast for safety and for that reason I hope that the traffic crossing will be maintained.

The Flower Festival at Bekesbourne Church was a great success. The decoration was really lovely and beautiful. The work was lovingly done by our own people at Bekesbourne and was a great credit to them. Our grateful thanks to Mrs. L. Whigham for opening her gardens for us on the Saturday. As a result of the three days of this Festival a sum of over £220 was raised for the Fabric Fund of St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne. Our very sincere appreciation to all who helped in any way in obtaining such a fine result; a special word of thanks to Mr. David Farbrace for his work on the churchyard and his gift for the purchase of flowers, and to Mrs. Pam Farbrace for the excellent organising of the flower arrangements which so beautified the interior of the church.

The month of August is always a most quiet month in the life of a parish. Many of you will be going away to different parts of England and the Continent for your holidays and I do wish you all a very happy and relaxing time. The only Saint's Day this month is the Feast of St. Bartholomew on the 24th August. The Act of Uniformity required every beneficed person, before the Feast of St. Bartholomew, to read the Prayers according to the amended Prayer Book in his church or chapel and declare his unfeigned assent and consent to all things contained in it - and all succeeding beneficed persons to do this within two months after possession of their benefice.

The Collect is adapted from one in the Sacramentary of Gregory. It consists of:- 1) the grace given to Bartholomew to believe and preach the Word; 2) a prayer that the Church may love that same Word and preach it to others. Bartholomew is commonly identified with Nathanael. Nathanael was present with other Apostles when our Lord appeared at the Sea of Tiberias after His resurrection. The Evangelists - Ss. Mark, Matthew and Luke - who mention Bartholomew in their

Gospels do not mention Nathanael, and St. John who mentions Nathanael does not mention Bartholomew. Bartholomew's call is nowhere recorded, but Nathanael's is given with the same detail as that of an Apostle. There is a tradition that St. Bartholomew was of noble birth and the Gospel for the day is supposed to have been selected with reference to this story. It gives an account of the strife among the Apostles as to which of them should be accounted greatest, and our Lord's declaration that humility is the patent of nobility in His kingdom.

Yours sincerely in our blessed Lord;

Colin F. H. T. King
Rural Dean and Vicar

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 1976

August

- 1st Seventh Sunday after Trinity.
- 4th Wednesday. Mothers' Union corporate Communion 9.30am Bridge Church.
- 6th Friday. The Transfiguration of our Lord. Holy Comm. 7.30am Bridge Church.
- 8th Eighth Sunday after Trinity.
- 15th Ninth Sunday after Trinity.
- 17th Tuesday. W.I. meeting, 7pm in the Village Hall, Bridge
- 22nd Tenth Sunday after Trinity.
- 24th Tuesday. St. Bartholomew the Apostle, Holy Communion 9.30am at Bridge Church.
- 29th Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.

September

- 1st Wednesday. Mothers' Union corporate Communion 9.30am Bridge Church.
- 5th Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.
Choir recommences at Bridge Church after holiday.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

May they rest in peace

At Barham Crematorium

12th July 1976 Charles Lamming

20th July 1976 Winifred Turrell



St. Peter's FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS



UNADORNED the Church of St. Peter, Bekesbourne, has a grace and charm all its own, but there are hardly words to describe its sheer beauty when bedecked with nearly fifty arrangements of Gladioli, Carnations, Roses, Chrysanthemums, Hydrangeas, Achillea and other lovely summer flowers and foliage.

A glimpse through the West doorway was sufficient to know that the steep climb had been well worthwhile. One could hardly wait to get a closer look at the magnificent pedestal arrangement in shades of yellow and white to the left of the Altar. A simple white arrangement stood on the Altar in front of which was shown to perfection the beautiful church Silver.

Two large displays in yellow and white with a touch of bronze on either side at the altar rails led to the Thomas Cranmer Exhibition which aroused much interest. On the ledge above sat a lovely fan shaped arrangement, again in yellow and white, but this time highlighted with tangerine carnations. A little further down on the southern side a small cool looking beauty in green and white.

One then reached the Chancel steps and gazed in wonder at two exotic bowls resplendent in reds and yellows. A multicoloured pedestal beneath the Memorial to villagers killed in the Wars then caught the eye as did the beautiful line arrangement in shades of pink next to the Organ.

The five stained glass windows in the Nave made perfect backgrounds for their individual arrangements. Two fans in red and white, three more in pink, white,

mauve and blue next to the North door and the dainty wreaths on the pew ends completed the main body of the church – apart from the Font which looked absolutely magnificent in shades of pink and mauve. It resembled a beautiful cradle with all its frills, and came in for endless praise.

Out past the Choir vestries with their large displays of white to the Belfry with its bowls of lovely foliage and Achillea – a lovely moving experience which one was reluctant to leave behind.

Judging by the number of visitors who said 'be sure to have another one next year' the Flower Festival was a great success and I should like to express my thanks to

- the gallant ladies who arranged the flowers
- those who cleaned the Church, the Brass and the Silver
- the gentlemen who gave of their time to act as stewards
- those who manned the stalls and supplied the teas
- to Mrs. L. Whigham for the use of her lovely gardens and kitchen
- to all those who gave cash, flowers, foliage and items for the stalls and raffle
- to John Purchase for his efforts in putting on the Cranmer exhibition and all the printing
- to David for supplying the bulk of the flowers and tending the Churchyard so well
- Canon Perry for his unfailing interest
- and last but by no means least those who came to view, for without them our efforts would have been in vain.

P.F.

ACCOUNTS FOR THE THREE DAY FESTIVAL

Gift Stall	£23.90
Cake Stall	5.81
Produce Stall	16.25
Raffle and Booklets	45.27
Teas and Garden	29.68
Hundred Feet of Pennies	5.14
Three days' Offertory	66.91
Sunday Evensong Offertory	22.63
Donations	6.30

£221.89

Less advertisement in Kentish Gazette.

Bonanza bonanza!

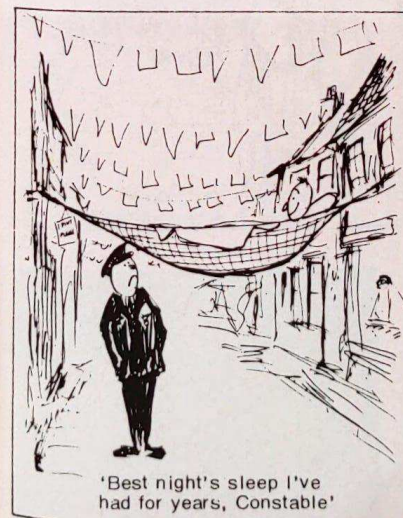
More than £800 was raised by the recent Bridge By-Pass Bonanza held to celebrate the opening of the village's new road. The Treasurer, Mr. Chris Westcott has reported to the committee that after deducting expenses more than £400 would be made available to the village for amenities.

How the money was to be spent would be decided by the Parish Council who would be seeking the views of the villagers. That sum represented half the total raised by the Bonanza. The other half was to be made available to Bridge School Parent-Teacher Association, which will treat it as an investment in the future of the village by providing help and facilities outside the scope of the education authorities.

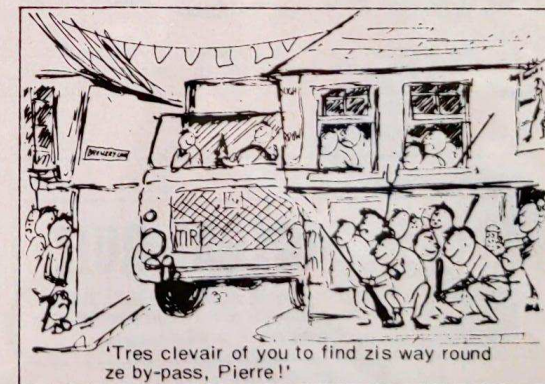
BY-PASS LAUGHS

The cartoons by Mr. R. E. Beinder of Albany Terrace deserved a wider audience than the Bonanza Exhibition!

'At last we can get back to being a typical olde English village, my dear.'



'Best night's sleep I've had for years, Constable'



'Tres cleclair of you to find zis way round ze by-pass, Pierre!'

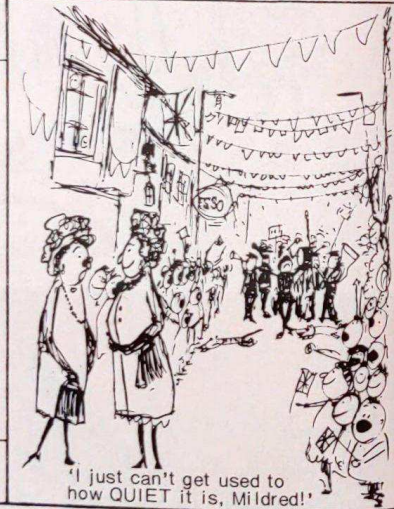
... and some more over the page.




'I tell ye, Caractacus, I'll be glad when this *!*** Bridge by-pass is finished!'



'The structures were so weakened by the traffic the weight of the bunting pulled them down, Fred!'



'I just can't get used to how QUIET it is, Mildred!'



PICTURE QUIZ

The picture is of a feature inside or outside one of the churches in Bridge Patrixbourne or Bekesbourne.



Here is the Quiz back again. We are trying some more difficult studies now the idea has been shown during the past months.

BEKESBOURNE.

BEATING THE BOUNDS.—The parish bounds have once again been beaten after a long interval. The last recorded instance in the vestry book was in 1865, when a deputation from the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the Town and Port of Hastings (Dr. Beke being at the time Deputy Mayor of Bekesbourne) beat the bounds of this parish, which from time immemorial had been a limb of Hastings, with the duty of supplying one ship whenever His Majesty crossed the seas. The beating of the bounds was revived this year, when on two of the Rogation Days, the Vicar, Churchwardens and people again made the circuit of the ancient parish. Rogation prayers for a blessing on the crops were said each night at the churchyard cross, after which the company set out on their round. Monday's route took them across the aerodrome and through the middle of a dwelling house; then across to Howletts, where the boundary runs across the middle of the old walled garden, the extreme boundary being just beyond and including Palmsted Cottages, which cottages, though now within the City boundary of Canterbury, are still ecclesiastically in the parish of Bekesbourne. Tuesday's route led down the centre of the village street, which divides Bekesbourne from Patrixbourne, then up by Shepherd's Close to near Woodlands, and so along the boundary of Adisham parish, finishing up at the aerodrome. The only bounds not beaten were those of two detached portions of the parish—like little islands separated by a mile or more from the parish itself. Mr. R. Bennett, one of the Churchwardens, led the party, and showed himself a very experienced map reader. About forty persons went the round each night and returned to the Vicarage for refreshments at the close.

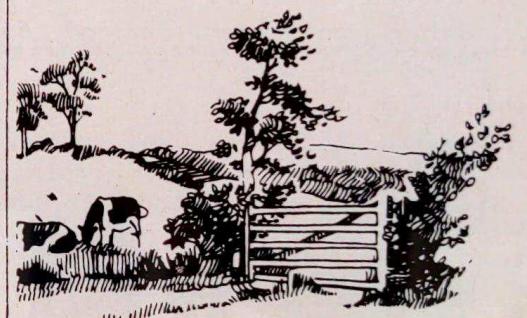
A WALK IN THE SUN

The cutting reproduced on the left is from the Kentish Gazette of 1922 — and records the last(?) time Bounds were beaten at Bekesbourne.

We think it would be a good idea to resurrect the custom next year at Rogationtide.

On the back of the cutting are some property advertisements that make interesting reading with today's property prices.

'New Dover Road (near).— House of 11 rooms; garden etc. Possession Price £450''.



BRIDGE WITH PATRIXBOURNE W. I.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th August at 7pm in the Village Hall Bridge.

The Speaker will be Mr. Peter Jordan (Village Butcher) on *Cuts of Meat and their Uses*. Competition: An open Sandwich.

P.H.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE CLEANERS FOR AUGUST

August 7th	..	..	..	Mrs Hogben
August 14th	..	..	..	Mrs Watson
August 21st	..	..	..	Mrs Grey
August 28th	..	..	..	Mrs Sandall
September 4th	..	..	..	Mrs Smith

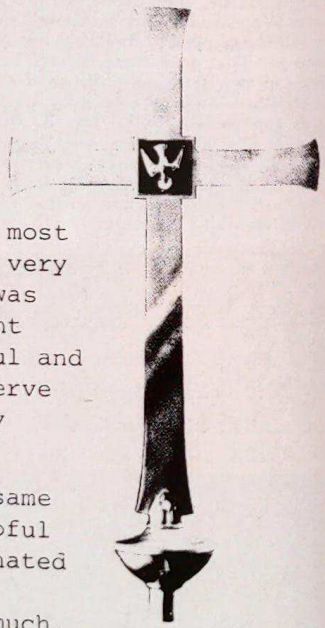
ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE

SONGS OF PRAISE - 3

Songs of Praise will be sung on Sunday August 15th at 11am; all the Songs and Anthems being by request of the Congregation.

The Announcer will be Mr. John Purchase, and the Closing Prayers will be led by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon C.E.H. Perry.

This will be the third and last in the present series; but we hope to bring Songs of Praise back to you again in the not too distant future. Thank you for your keen interest and support in this new venture. S.H.G.



ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BRIDGE

We would like to take the opportunity of most sincerely thanking Mr. Tim Hoare for his very fine gift of a Processional Cross which was blessed by the Bishop of Dover at a recent Service at St. Peter's. It is a beautiful and worthy addition to the church and will serve as a focal point when there are Feast Day processions.

Our grateful thanks are also due at the same time to Mrs. Denchfield for the most helpful gift of a new seat in the churchyard, donated in memory of her husband, Cecil, and her daughter, Pauline. Thank you both very much. C.E.H.P.

BEKESBOURNE W. I.

The next meeting will be a social gathering on August 10th at 2pm in Mrs. Farrow's garden, Barnsole.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

13 The Ridgeway,
Marshalswick,
St. Albans, Herts.

Dear Sir,

As a humble countryman 80 years of age I am writing to you to say I sincerely hope the people of Bridge will fill your church to capacity on Sunday in thankfulness to God for the by-pass.

Perhaps we are all inclined to take things for granted these days. We do not get on our knees enough to thank God for His blessing.

During the First War I was stationed in various places in Kent with the 21st Herts. Yeomanry. The lovely village of Westerham was one of the places of which I have happy memories and I can imagine how much you are all going to enjoy the Peace which passeth all understanding.

Yours sincerely,
David Hayward.

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 1976

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

5th September, 12th Sunday after Trinity

11am Matins	8am Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Communion
11.45 Holy Communion		
6.30pm Evensong		

12th September, 13th Sunday after Trinity

9am Holy Communion Series III	11am Matins and Sermon	8am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong		

19th September, 14th Sunday after Trinity

9am Parish Eucharist	8am Holy Communion	11am Matins and Sermon
6.30pm Evensong		

26th September, 15th Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion	9am Holy Communion	11am Matins Harvest Thanksgiving. Preacher Rev. Rainbow
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3rd October, 16th Sunday after Trinity

9am Holy Communion	11am Matins and Sermon: Harvest Thanksgiving. Preacher Rev. Canon M.M. Barlow	8am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong		

The Reverend H.J. Rainbow, preaching at Bekesbourne on Sept. 26th, is Chaplain of H.M. Prison, Canterbury.

MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' Union Corporate Communion will be on Wednesday 1st September at Bridge Church. The Branch Meeting will be on Monday September 13th, at 2.30pm at 37 Union Road, considering World Religions: Buddhism.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will meet on September 12th, 19th and 26th.

N.B. The time for Evensong at The Close has been changed from 5pm to 4.30pm.

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,

We shall look forward to a new burst of activity during the coming Autumn. The Archbishop of Canterbury is asking every Deanery and every Parish to take seriously his message which was presented to the Diocesan Synod on 10th July 1976. The purpose of the message was for each parish to wait on God and to seek His mind for the life and witness of the Diocese. This message will be presented to every Parish to consider six areas of Church life. Here are the six basic subjects:-

1. Learning. *Individuals need to become mature Christians - mature in understanding, wisdom and decision.*
 2. Giving. *If I am a responsible Christian it means that I answer both to the grace and demands of my faith. Responsible use of time, talents and money is a test of real Christian discipleship.*

3. Serving. *Jesus was the Servant of God and His people. "I am among you as he that serveth" and He "took upon him the form of a servant". In what way do we serve the world of 'our today'?*

4. Outreach. *The Holy Spirit empowers the Church to proclaim the Christian Gospel; the good news of Jesus. Just before the Ascension the Risen Lord commanded the disciples to go and make disciples of all nations of people. Let us not as a Christian family be content with lovely services unless we have carefully worked out a systematic effort to care for and to serve the total community - and win them for our Lord and His Church.*

5. Christian co-operation. *The Church is meant to be united both within the local Christian community and throughout the world. In what ways can we learn together, serve together, reach out together, worship together?*

6. Worship. *Worship is something we do together. It is the expression of the Gospel and our response to it. The supreme form of prayer takes place in common, and not in isolation. The Eucharist and the other sacraments are not, so to speak, individual performances. They come from the Church as a community.*

We look forward very much to welcoming Canon M.M. Barlow and the Reverend H.D. Rainbow as guest Preachers for our Harvest Festivals, full details of which are printed elsewhere in the Magazine.

Battle of Britain Sunday is to be observed this year on Sunday September 19th. We dare not let ourselves cease to

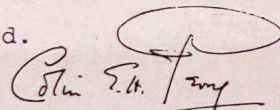
be thankful to Almighty God for the deliverance wrought for us through the heroism and sacrifice of the Royal Air Force.

During the past month three very dear friends have passed to their rest; Bernard Dove, Edward Banks and William Pierce. *Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them.* Our loving sympathy is extended to those very dear to them. "The deeper the sorrow, the deeper His love".

Our Junior Church re-opens at 11am on Sunday September 12th at Bridge Church and I hope we shall see as many new young faces as possible, not forgetting to welcome the older members. Readers of this Magazine with young children are asked to encourage their children to attend, and to help the Church by making any arrangements that may be necessary to facilitate such attendances. The Church is always ready to help all parents and God-parents in seeing that all children (in the words of the Service of Holy Baptism) are taught "all things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health".

Are there any adult people in our parish who would like to be prepared for Confirmation? I am continuing the preparation for Confirmation of an older person from Barham in the absence through illness of his Rector, and anyone who has thought of Confirmation in the past would be most welcome to join the instruction.

Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord.



Rural Dean and Vicar

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 1976

- 1st Wednesday. M.U. Corporate Communion, 9.30am Bridge Church.
- 5th 12th Sunday after Trinity.
- 8th Wednesday. Young Wives opening meeting, Harvest Supper at 8pm at Bridge Village Hall.
- 12th 13th Sunday after Trinity. Junior church recommences at 11am at Bridge Church.
- 13th Monday. M.U. Branch meeting, 2.30pm at 37 Union Road Bridge.
- 14th Tuesday. Senior Citizens Club, Annual General Meeting 2.15pm at Bridge Village Hall.
- 15th Wednesday. An invitation is extended to M.U. members to Barham M.U. meeting at 3pm at Barham Church.
- 19th 14th Sunday after Trinity. Commemoration of the

Battle of Britain.

- 20th Monday. Bekesbourne PCC meeting 7.30pm at Mulberry Cottage, Bekesbourne.
- 21st Tuesday. St. Matthew the Apostle; Holy Communion at 9.30am at Bridge Church. W.I. meeting at 7pm at Bridge Village Hall.
- 25th Saturday. Evensong with Installation of the Dean of Canterbury Cathedral, the Rev. Canon V.A. de Waal, 3.15pm at the Cathedral, Canterbury.
- 26th 15th Sunday after Trinity. Bekesbourne Church Harvest Festival at 11am. Preacher: Rev. H.D. Rainbow.
- 29th Wednesday. Bridge School Harvest Thanksgiving Service 10am at Bridge Church. St. Michael and All Angels. Please note that the Holy Communion will be at 9.15am and not the usual 9.30am.

October

- 3rd 16th Sunday after Trinity. Harvest Thanksgiving Services at Patricxbourne Church at 11am, and Bridge Church at 6.30pm. The Preacher at both Services will be the Rev. Canon M.M. Barlow.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Peter's Church, Bridge

- 1st August 1976 William Thomas Gibson
- 1st August 1976 Eliot James Hodges

St. Mary's Church, Patricxbourne

- 22nd August 1976 Darren Carpenter
- 22nd August 1976 Heidi Wilson

Holy Matrimony

St. Peter's Church, Bridge

- 15th August 1976 Bertie Clowe
- Florence Lillian Ives

May They Rest in Peace

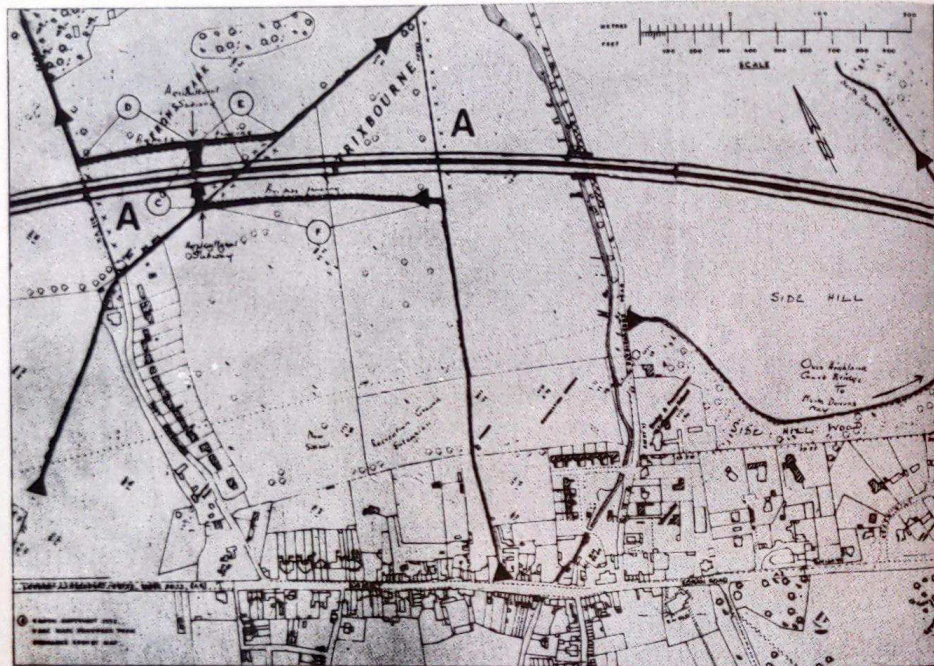
St. Peter's Church, Bridge, and afterwards at Barham Crematorium

- 13th August 1976 Bernard Dove

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

- 17th August 1976 Edward Thomas Banks
- 17th August 1976 Olive Delano-Osborne

Best foot forwards!



With the opening of Bridge by-pass the layout of the footpaths between Bridge and Patixbourne has altered, and the Parish Council at Bridge have made the details available for us all.

In the map above the line of the old footpath that has been lost under the road works is marked with a series of crosses by the letter A. You will see how the track now goes under the road by the agricultural subway nearby.

It is pointed out by the Clerk to the Council that all the footpaths are marked on the ground with posts where a footpath leaves or enters a County Council road. Although the farmers do not clearly allow for footpaths, he continues, when they are ploughing or sowing it is up to us to walk the paths. Not through growing crops of course – but it is essential to keep open by use the old tracks.

Postscript by Beinder

Another chance to smile with Mr. R. E. Beinder of Albany Terrace whose collection of By-Pass Laughs were published last month.



THE YOUNG CHILD IN THE FAMILY



A series of talks and discussions
about the care and upbringing
of young children.

The Adult Education and Lay-training Committee (a joint committee of the Canterbury Council of Churches and the Canterbury Deanery Synod) is organising a course of lectures and discussions for parents of young children. It will be mainly concerned with the under-5s, but older children will not be forgotten. With one exception the meetings will be held in the St. Peter's Methodist Church Hall, next to St. Peter's Gate car park, beginning at 7.45 pm.

The subjects are as follows:—

September 29th	Physical Development
October 6th	Emotional Development
October 13th	Play, early learning, and so to school
October 20th	<i>Families are our Business</i> A separately organised public meeting St. Paul's Hall, Longport, at 7.30 pm.
October 27th	Parents rights and children's wrongs: a session on rights and responsibilities
November 3rd	Children's questions and yours.

Further details, brochures and application forms will be available at the beginning of September.

Costs: Family fee for the whole course £1.00, or 25p per evening – except October 20th which is free.

We hope that parents will come together, and can offer help with baby-sitting if necessary. Further details from: Rev. R. E. Hutt, 6 Highfield Close, Blean.
Telephone: Canterbury 64179

OBITUARY: WILLIAM PIERCE

Bill had been in the Special Constabulary since 1949 and was a Sergeant for the latter years. He was the first ever Chief Instructor for the Canterbury & District Motor Cyclist Training Scheme, which was formed in 1965. Training in those days, which was voluntary, was held at Wemyss Barracks.



Bill was known as "Uncle Tufty" to all playgroup children and infants at the primary schools in the district. He was also an Instructor and Examiner for the school cycling proficiency scheme. Prior to retirement he was a driving instructor for all Post Office and Engineers vehicles and travelled over all parts of the southern region.

On retirement he received the Imperial Service Medal for his unblemished service to the Post Office over a period of forty one years. Of his other awards his most proud possession was the Queen's Coronation medal for his work as a weapons training officer in the Home Guard.

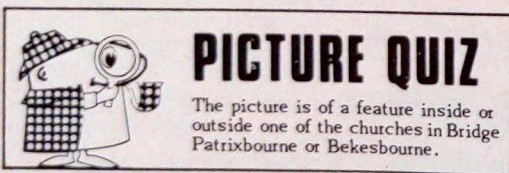
Until his death he kept contact with the Payne Smith Old Boys Association, Simon Langton Old Boys and the Guild of Past Scouts.

We shall miss keenly his sense of involvement in the village and its needs, and his unstinting efforts for the community in which he lived.

MRS. DELANO-OSBORNE

We would like to record with gratitude the bequest of £200 to the Church of St. Peter's, Bekesbourne; a generous act by a lady who did much for the community in the area.

Resquiescat in pace.



PICTURE QUIZ

The picture is of a feature inside or outside one of the churches in Bridge Patrixbourne or Bekesbourne.



Last month's picture was of the coat-of-arms at the head of the ledger stone to Nicholas Batteley in Bekesbourne Church. The first correct answer came from CHRISTOPHER COOPER of Bekesbourne. This month, another church - and looking up rather than down! Who will be first this time?

BRIDGE AND PATRIXBOURNE W. I.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday September 21st, at 7pm in the Village Hall. This is our Harvest Supper meeting.

The Speaker will be Mr. Brian Hawkes - *Conservation in Britain*. Will members please note that there are two competitions: 1) A Harvest table flower arrangement

2) Jar of Blackberry and Apple Jelly (plus a taster).

P.H.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens Club members will meet on September 14th at Bridge Village Hall, at 2.15pm. Annual General Meeting.

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St. Augustine's Hospital,
Chartham, Kent

Telephone: Chartham 382 extension 323.

Mr. MacDonald will be pleased to call and see you, or arrange to meet you at the Hospital.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PATRIXBOURNE

Patrixbourne are hoping to get together a small Choir. Would people with even a little voice, those who sing in the bath, and also those who do the chores to their own vocal compositions, please contact Mrs. Allan - telephone Canterbury 62695 so that we can get going soon.

G.A.

THE BELLS ARE RUNG UP

Captain of the Bells at St. Peter's, Bekesbourne, Mr. Harry Collard, would like to remind all the ringers that the usual weekly practices will recommence on Monday 20th September at 7pm at the Church.

Anyone interested in the art of change-ringing would be welcome to attend.

THE YOUNG WIVES

The new Young Wives Committee is as follows:-

Group Leaders: Mrs. C. Cousins, Mrs. L. Adam

Treasurer: Mrs. D. Welch

Secretary: Mrs. E. Bevan

Committee members: Mrs. E. Johnson, Mrs. E. Stacey,
Mrs. B. Bridges, Mrs. J. Kingsland,
Mrs. J. Lane, Mrs. S. Daniels.

The Harvest Supper will be held on September 8th in the Village Hall at 8pm. New members will be very welcome. E.B.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

On Thursday July 29th we had a successful Coffee Morning in aid of the Society, raising £23.13.

Thank you, everyone, for your generous donations, gifts and help; Mrs. Wreight for many gifts and a raffle prize, also Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Hill for theirs. Mrs. Sharman's cake raised £2.20. Cakes and eggs were sold as soon as they reached the B. & B. table. Mrs. Mallinder, Mrs. Apps, Miss Clarke and Andrew worked really hard, and Alison, Erica and Wendy harder than that taking round coffee and biscuits and helping me the night before. In fact, at the end of an hour Wendy said she could not do any more, but after a short rest returned rejuvenated and picked up the plate of biscuits again. Also thanks to Mrs. Hill, who banked the money for me the next day.

The Bible Class will recommence on Sunday September 12th, 11am, at 33 High Street, but will not be held on September 26th or the first Sunday in October. F.V.B. Mason, Parochial Secretary, COECS.

BEKESBOURNE W. I.

The next meeting will be held on September 14th at 7.15pm. The Demonstration will be *Make Up* by Rimmel Limited. The Competition: A pincushion.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE - CLEANERS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 4th	..	..	Mrs. Smith
September 11th	..	..	Mrs. Farbrace
September 18th	..	..	Mrs. Hogben
September 25th	..	..	Mrs. Watson
October 2nd	..	..	Mrs. Grey

ST. PETER'S, BEKESBOURNE - SONGS OF PRAISE

The Songs of Praise held at St. Peter's, Bekesbourne, on Sunday August 15th as the Morning Service was a very happy event.

I would like to say thank you very much to the Announcer, John Purchase, the cornet player, John Hubbard of the Salvation Army, Chartham, the choir members, the Vicar, and last but by no means least to the congregation who filled our church and provided so many excellent requests beforehand.

S.G.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT BEKESBOURNE

The Harvest Festival Service will be held on Sunday September 26th commencing at 11am.

We should be most grateful for gifts of flowers and produce for display in our lovely country church. Help in any form will be very much appreciated.

The Service will be conducted by the Vicar, Canon Perry, and the Preacher will be the Reverend Henry Rainbow who is Chaplain of H.M. Prison, Canterbury.

S.G.

HARVEST FESTIVAL FOR BRIDGE C. of E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Headmistress, Miss W.M. Tomlin, would be delighted to welcome any of our churchgoers, as well as parents and friends, to the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, which will be held at St. Peter's Church, Bridge on Wednesday September 29th at 10am. Please come along to enjoy this special service.

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 1976

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

3rd October, 16th Sunday after Trinity

11am Harvest Thanks-giving. Preacher:- The Vicar 6.30pm Evensong. Preacher: Canon Barlow	11am Harvest Thanks-giving. Preacher:- Canon M. Barlow	9.30am Sung Communion
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10th October, 17th Sunday after Trinity

9am Holy Communion Series III 6.30pm Evensong	11am Matins and Sermon	8am Holy Communion
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17th October, 18th Sunday after Trinity

9am Parish Eucharist (Choral) Preacher:- Rev. D. Naumann 6.30pm Evensong Preacher:- Rev. C. Harrington	8am Holy Communion	11am Matins and Sermon Preacher:- Rev. H. Voller
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24th October, 19th Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	9am Holy Communion	11am Matins and Sermon 11.45 H.C.
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31st October, 20th Sunday after Trinity

9am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	11am Matins and Sermon	8am Holy Communion
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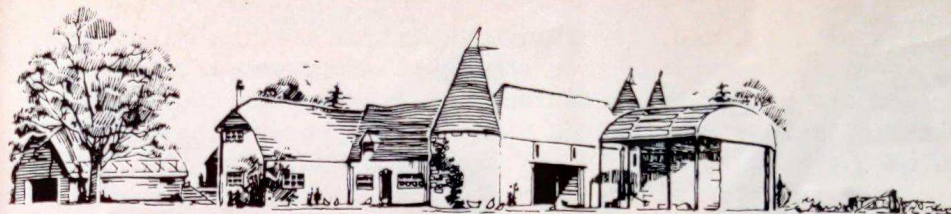
MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union Corporate Communion will be on Wednesday October 6th at 9.30am.

The Branch meeting will be held on Monday October 11th at 2.45pm at 37 Union Road, Bridge. Subject for talk: the Hindoo in World Religions.

N.B. The time for Evensong at The Close has been changed from 5pm to 4.30pm.

*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 and Bekesbourne,

You will find details of the Harvest Thanksgiving Services at Bridge and Patricxbourne Churches elsewhere in the magazine and it is hoped that they will be well supported both by your presence and gifts of harvest produce. To say Thank-you is an instructive reaction and our Harvest Thanksgiving provides an opportunity to thank God for all His good and loving kindness to us and to all men. The Collect for the XVI Sunday after Trinity asks God to let His continual pity cleanse and defend that same Church of which He has made us members. The strength of the member is the strength of the body: if the members of the Church exhibit a weakened spiritual condition, it is the Church which suffers.

The riches of God's grace are poured out for the strengthening of the inner life of His people. We seek a fellowship with an eye to the Gospel. Our spirits should ever be tender to the glory of God. Remember always that a solitary Christian is a contradiction of the Church. Saintliness is essential in our Christian character, but saintliness is essentially a corporate function - a fellowship realised by our commingling in Church. We as Christians should never become dispirited. The act of God in Christ will never be out of reach. In praising God revealed in Christ Jesus we - His Church - will keep our spirits whole with this grace to serve Him in fellowship together.

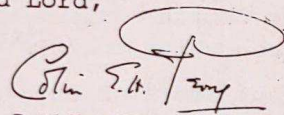
There is truly a very real Christian emotion that true fellowship within the Church brings: it is the way we feel in fragmentary moments of time of true spiritual insight, that every human being would have to feel towards another in the light of God's tender love towards mankind.

Sunday October 24th is being kept throughout the Church as a day of prayer for Education. We shall, of course, be remembering our own School at Bridge, its Headmistress - Miss Wendy Tomlin - Staff and children, and our Junior Church at Bridge. Those who are bearing Christian witness in all our schools and colleges and in the home need the support of our

prayers at all times, and it is right that every year a Sunday should be set aside when the Church focusses its attention and its prayer on education. In a year when Education Sunday coincides with United Nations' Day we are inescapably reminded that we belong to the family of man. For the first time many in this country have found themselves living alongside other members of the 'family' whose race, creed and colour differ from our own. As Christians we can no longer ignore the presence of those of other faiths or none within our society, whether they happen to be our neighbours or not.

Also this is Age Action Year, and we have been asked to observe Sunday October 31 as a day when we give particular thought to the position of the elderly in our society and remember all those who are working to improve the quality and dignity of life in old age. We shall of course remember in our prayers the elderly in our villages and those who dwell at 'The Close' and 'Churchill House'.

Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord,



Rural Dean and Vicar

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 1976

- 3rd 16th Sunday after Trinity. Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Patricxbourne Church at 11am and Bridge Church at 6.30pm. The Preacher at both Services will be the Rev. Canon M. Barlow.
- 6th Wednesday. M.U. Corporate Communion at Bridge Church at 9.30am. Young Wives Group Meeting at Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm.
- 10th 17th Sunday after Trinity.
- 11th Monday. M.U. Branch Meeting at 37 Union Road at 2.45pm.
- 12th Tuesday. M.U. and Young Members Rally at Margate 11am to 5.30pm. Bridge and Patricxbourne Church PCC Meeting at Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm.
- 16th Saturday. Bazaar at Churchill House, 2pm onwards.
- 17th 18th Sunday after Trinity.
- 18th Monday. St. Luke the Evangelist.
- 19th Tuesday. W.I. Meeting at Bridge Village Hall at 7pm.
- 20th Wednesday. Young Wives Group Meeting at Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm.
- 24th 19th Sunday after Trinity. Education Sunday and United Nations' Day.

28th Thursday. Ss. Simon and Jude.
31st 20th Sunday after Trinity.

November

1st Monday. All Saints' Day. H.C. Bridge Church at 9.30am.
2nd. Tuesday. All Souls' Day.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Peter's Church, Bridge

8th September 1976 Charlotte Anne Belsham
12th September 1976 Matthew John Wood

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

29th August 1976 Claire Louise Dobson

Holy Matrimony

St. Peter's Church, Bridge

18th September 1976 John Norman Cuthbert
Monique Alice Kemp

May They Rest In Peace

St. Peter's Church, Bridge

31st August 1976 William George Pierce
3rd September 1976 Florence Louise Banks
5th September 1976 Louisa May Bamman

Barham Crematorium

10th September 1976 Adrian Roger Vaughan
(Child)

BERNARD DOVE F.S.V.A.

Died on August 6th 1976

I would like to thank all my friends in Bridge, also some people I hardly knew, for their great kindness and support which has been so helpful in my sad bereavement.

Grace Dove

JUNIOR CHURCH

The Junior Church will meet on October 10, 17, 24, 31 at 11.



BEKESBOURNE SILVER JUBILEE '77 COMMITTEE

Elizabeth R *To organise celebrations of the Queen's Accession 25 years ago*

Next year, 1977, will see the 25th anniversary of the Accession to the throne by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II – and most of our older readers will remember the rather damp June day of the Coronation, the good natured crowds in the Mall and throughout London, and the festivities in the villages and towns across the country celebrating the accession of a young Queen.

There is to be a public holiday at the beginning of June 1977, and in Bekesbourne a Committee has been set up to co-ordinate the festivities. It comprises:—

- Mrs. L. Whigham, of Cobham Court (*Chairman*)
- Mrs. P. Farbrace, 3 Downside (*Hon. Sec. & Rep. for W.I.*)
- Mr. V. Baldock (*Rep. for the Social Club*)
- Mr. D. Farbrace (*Rep. for the Sports Club*)
- Mr. R. Fisher (*Rep. for the Youth Club*)
- Mr. J. Purchase (*Rep. for the PCC*)
- Mr. R. Smith (*Rep. for the Parish Council*).

Mr. R. Smith also represents the Village Hall Committee. Among a number of ideas that have already been discussed it has been decided to pursue most of the following suggestions.

- FANCY DRESS PARADE
- SPORTS
- DANCING
- BONFIRE
- LADIES AND GENTLEMENS' CRICKET MATCH
- TEAS
- BARBECUE.

Scrapbooks showing events in the past 25 years have been organised for the children to make, and the Committee will be pleased to hear of other ideas. On the public holiday there will be a short service in St. Peter's Church to give thanks for the Queen's dedicated work during the past two and a half decades. This service will be early on in the day to give the maximum time for the enjoyment of the holiday.

To make funds available several schemes will be operating in the next few weeks. A special bumper Christmas Raffle with at least 30 prizes is being launched together with an Instant Jackpot for which tickets will soon be ready. Please bear in mind the greater the sum collected in advance the better the facilities to be provided on Celebration Day.

In connection with the celebrations in general next year we would be very pleased if anyone who has photographs that were taken in 1952 – particularly those that show celebrations in Bridge, Patixbourne or Bekesbourne – would lend the prints to the Vicar so that they may be printed in the Parish Magazine.



A MESSAGE TO THE DIOCESE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP AND HIS COUNCIL

I am asking every Deanery and every Parish to take very seriously this Message. This will mean some hard work and hard thinking, but I am sure the whole Diocese will benefit and all of us will grow in knowledge and faith to the glory of God.

Donald Cantuar.

We have felt led to put the main accent on consistent **Training**: that is to say that in every Parish (or in area or ecumenical groupings) the clergy and as many of the people as possible should seek by study, reflection and prayer to discover what God is saying to them, and how He seeks to equip them for their wider ministry in the Parish and in the world

If the Church in each place is to be the body of Christ, it must be alive and alert. The Reverend A.C. Oommen, who is spending a year away from his home in India to help us in this Diocese, defines a live Church as one which is:—

- (i) In direct touch with the sources, which he defines as the Scriptures brought alive by the Holy Spirit;
- (ii) Producing saints, that is, committed Christians;
- (iii) Relating to the needs of the world.

With these tests in mind we ask every Parish to consider six areas of Church life. We want this to be done by every Parochial Church Council, and also by House Groups, whether they are existing Groups or set up especially for the purpose. There may be ecumenical Groups who could work together on this, or it could be tackled by organizations like the Men's Society, the Mother's Union or the Youth Fellowship. Our aim is for the whole Diocese to share in this over the next few months.

1. **Learning.** Individuals need to become mature Christians (see Hebrews 6.1, Ephesians 4.13) – mature in understanding, wisdom and decision. For most people this can best be achieved in the sharing (and caring) context of a learning group. There is need for mature personal witness, but God seeks also the witness of a mature Church. How can we grow in maturity? Please ask yourselves these questions:

What opportunities for learning are already available in our Parish? How many people are involved? What do we provide for young people?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of: (i) the sermon (ii) Bible Study

(iii) discussion groups (iv) housegroups (v) Literature?

What new ways of learning need to be provided in our Parish? What help do we need? From whom?

2. **Giving.** If I am a responsible Christian, it means that I answer both to the grace and the demands of my Master. Responsible use of time, talents and money is not an optional extra for individuals or for Parishes, but an elementary essential and a test of real discipleship. (See 2 Corinthians 9.6–15; Luke 6.37, 38). Questions:

What is the pattern of giving in our Parish?

What are the motives for Christian giving?

How can an individual decide what proportion of income should be given? How can

our Parish Church decide how much to give away from itself?
 How can we decide the right priorities in the use of our time and talents?
 What sort of help does our Parish need in this?

3. **Serving.** Jesus was the servant of God and of His people. His whole life was a ministry to others, and He made serving the mark of true greatness. (See Matthew 20.25-28; 2 Corinthians 4.5). Questions:

In what ways is our Church serving the community?
 In what ways are our Church members serving the community?
 What are the needs in our locality? What initiatives can we make as a Church? As individuals?
 How do these questions apply to the wider world - e.g. In what ways is our Church serving the needs of the world?

4. **Outreach.** Just before His ascension the Risen Lord Jesus commanded His disciples to go and make disciples of all nations. The Holy Spirit empowers the Church to proclaim the good news of Jesus. The Church is a missionary society. (See Matthew 28.16-20; 1 Peter 2.9-10).

How did you come to be the Christian you are today? (Give a brief description of your own personal Christian pilgrimage).
 In what ways is our Church being successful in making new Christians? (i.e. 'saints' in Oommen's words).
 What 'special' evangelistic activities or events have we tried? With what effect?
 What is the value of visiting (house-to-house); Guest services; mission campaigns; house meetings in reaching out to others?
 What is our present overseas Missionary support? What initiatives do we need to make in developing our outreach at home and overseas? What help do we need in this? From whom?

5. **Christian co-operation.** Jesus prayed that His disciples might be one as He and the Father are one. St. Paul urges Christians to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. The Church is meant to be united both within the local Christian community and throughout the world. (See John 17.20-23; Ephesians 4.1-6).

What other Christian Churches or groups are there in our locality? What is our relationship with them?
 In what ways can we learn together; serve together; reach out together; worship together?
 What support do we give to the Council of Churches?
 What initiatives can we make in increasing Christian co-operation?
 What hinders co-operation? What can we do about these hindrances?

6. **Worship.** All these areas of discipleship are facets of worship, which is the total offering of a person to God who is **worth** his allegiance. Worship is something we do together (liturgy means 'the work of the people'). It should be a proper expression of the Gospel and our response to it. (See Luke 18.9-14; Romans 12.1,2).

What is the pattern of worship in our Parish?
 How well does this meet the needs of the Christian community?
 Are all age groups catered for?
 Are the various ingredients of worship - praise, hearing the word, confession, prayer, silence, receiving the Sacrament, sharing in fellowship - properly balanced?
 What are the advantages and disadvantages of (i) traditional forms of worship (ii) contemporary forms of worship (iii) informal and family services (iv) the use of silence (v) extemporary prayer?
 What help do we need in this? From whom?

PICTURE QUIZ

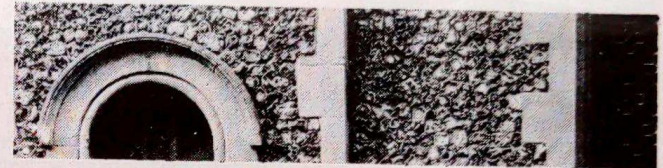


The picture is of a feature inside or outside one of the churches in Bridge Patrixbourne or Bekesbourne.

The picture last month was a detail from the east window of St. Peter's Church, Bridge. The first correct answer was from CHRISTOPHER COOPER of Bekesbourne. Well done!

This month we go back outside one of the three churches with this view, which has been made to show rather more detail. Correct answers will be credited next month. Telephone: Canterbury 61508 and tell John Purchase where you think it was taken.

WHERE IS IT THEN ?



BRIDGE AND PATRIXBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next meeting will be held in Bridge Village Hall on Tuesday October 19th at 7pm. The Speaker will be Mrs. C. Slawin, her subject will be her experiences in Old Vienna. The competition will be for *Handwoven Buttonhole*.

THE YOUNG WIVES

The October meetings for the Young Wives are as follows:-
 Wednesday October 6th. A talk will be given by Dr. Anne Plumtre on *The Holy Land*.
 Wednesday October 20th. A Films Evening, to be presented by Miss M. Dowley.

CHURCHILL HOUSE ACTIVITY

There will be a Grand Bazaar at Churchill House on Saturday October 16th, starting at 2pm. It will be crammed with goods and entertainments, including Fancy Goods, Cakes, Jams, Bric-a-Brac, Tombola and Refreshments. Most of us know Churchill House in Union Road up beyond The Close; and it is hoped that anyone who can support this Bazaar will certainly go along to enjoy the afternoon and come away with some of the goods on sale.

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

The October meeting of the Bekesbourne W.I. will be held on Tuesday October 12th in the Village Hall, starting at 2pm. The Demonstration will be on *Cookery* and the Competition will be for four sausage-rolls (short crust).

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

Due to the heavy cost of printing and postage our Christmas catalogues cannot be sent to all our Bridge supporters. However I have a few copies here (3 Bridgeford Way, Bridge) which can be seen and from which your selection can be made if you would care to call on me any time. Thank you for all the previous support, for which we are most grateful.

M.F. Carnes (Telephone: 830727)

BRIDGE BADMINTON CLUB

The new season has now started and we look forward to seeing all old members and would warmly welcome newcomers. Come along one Club evening and join us, or contact Mrs. K. Diss, Hon. Secretary, at 1 Ford Close, Bridge. Telephone: 830463.

CLUB NIGHTS FOR OCTOBER:-

Mondays 8pm-11pm: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th.

Fridays 7.30pm-11pm: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th.

CAROL CONCERT AT BRIDGE

It has been decided to hold a Carol Concert in St. Peter's Church, Bridge, on Saturday December 18th 1976 at 7.30pm. The programme will be similar to last year's most successful concert and will include popular carols for everyone to sing. Again the church choir will be joined by the choir from St. Saviour's Church, Folkestone, and the Dover Orchestral Society.

Please make a note of the date and time in your diary.

R.S./W.J.

MOTHERS' UNION RALLY

Please note that the Mothers' Union and Young Members' Rally will be held on Tuesday October 12th 1976 at Margate - from 11am to 5.30pm.

BRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

The Club is happy to report to everyone that it held its 7th Birthday Party on September 14th, when guests included the Vicar, Canon C.E.H. Perry, and Mrs. Robson of the W.R.V.S.

The Officers elected were:- Leader, Mrs. M. Meigh; Deputy Leader, Mrs. W. Holmes; Treasurer, Mrs. C. Morgan; Deputy Treasurer, Mrs. C. Clements; Committee members, Mrs. F. Ennis, Miss G. Clarke, Miss H. Prescott; Entertainments Officer, Mrs. Ennis.

The occasion was enhanced by a Birthday Tea which was prepared and served by members of the Committee. The Club

would be very pleased to welcome new members, and would like to remind everyone that they meet each Tuesday at 2.30pm.

VILLAGE HALL APPEAL

Mrs. Rose Wonfor, after many years of faithful service as village hall caretaker-cleaner, has had to give up the work because of failing health. We are very grateful to her for all her efforts over the years.

The job of keeping the village hall clean is an essential and important public service. Anybody willing to do this service for the village, please get in touch with the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, Mrs. O. Knight, 5 Dering Close, Bridge. Telephone: 830584.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Remade Christmas and Greetings cards in aid of the Society will be on sale in the *Foyer of the Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury, from October 11th* at the following times:-

Mondays and Wednesdays 10.30am to 12.30pm

Fridays 10.30am to 4.30pm

These cards, which have been collected in the parishes, have been made by friends and are sold at very reasonable prices. Last year a substantial sum was raised for the important work of the Society in this way. The cards are extremely attractive and popular.

Boxes for the collection of used cards will be placed in the churches in January; and the local committee wish to thank all those who help to make this venture so successful.

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7th November, 21st Sunday after Trinity

11am Matins	8am Holy Communion	9.30 Sung Communion
11.45 Holy Communion		
6.30pm Evensong		

14th November, 22nd Sunday after Trinity

9am Holy Communion	11am Matins and Sermon following	8am Holy Communion
Series III	Remembrance 10.55am	
6.30pm Evensong		

21st November, 23rd Sunday after Trinity

9am Parish Eucharist (Choral)	8am Holy Communion	11am Matins and Sermon
6.30pm Evensong		

28th November, Advent Sunday

8am Holy Communion	9am Holy Communion	11am Matins and Sermon
6.30pm Evensong		11.45 H.C.

5th December, 2nd Sunday in Advent

11am Matins	8am Holy Communion	11am Carols of Praise.
11.45 Holy Communion		
6.30pm Evensong		

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union Corporate Communion will be on Wednesday November 3rd at 9.30am.

The Branch Meeting will be held on Monday November 15th at 2.45pm at 37 Union Road, Bridge.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will meet on the following dates in November, 14, 21st, 28th. See A Letter to Parents on another page.

N.B. The time for Evensong at The Close has been changed from 5pm to 4.30pm.

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,

Plans are being made for Bridge and Patribourne Christmas Market to be held this year on Saturday December 11th at Bridge Village Hall, so please make a note of this day in your diary. Further details will be in the December magazine.

Remembrance Sunday will be this year on Sunday November 14th. The Service at Patribourne Church will commence five minutes earlier than usual at 10.55am with a remembrance service at the War Memorial. As the years pass the War years become more and more distant in the memories of those of us who lived through those years. Yet we owe our present day freedoms to those who suffered and died during those war years. The Berlin Wall still stands as a reminder to us that the consequences would still be with us if this country had suffered defeat - so reverence this day of Remembrance and do not pass it by.

Preparations are well ahead for the East Bridge Deanery Overseas Missionary Festival which this year is being held at Bridge Church on St. Andrew's Day, the 30th November, at 7.30pm. The Preacher will be the Reverend Richard Norburn, the Vicar of St. Mary's, Addington, Croydon, who has recently visited South Africa. Dick Norburn is a South African, and has first-hand knowledge and information of this country. He used to live at Gordon House in Bridge, staying for several years, and is well known to many of you. He will answer questions in the church after the service, and there will be refreshments in the Village Hall following this. Do please come. It is an invitation to everyone to join in the Deanery witness of prayer for the world-wide work of the Church. It is most important in these days of a shrinking world that our minds as Christians should be well stocked with vision of the world-wide Christian family.

Bearing in mind the Archbishop's Letter to the Diocese, which I commended in October's magazine, with its challenge to Christians to participate more fully in the education of the laity and their involvement in maintaining the Church, I am glad to note that during the next four weeks there is to be consultation between the Deanery Representatives of the standing committees of the two PCC's to discuss the matter. This will fit into the programme laid down by the Diocesan Synod. The report of this group will be ready for the January PCC meetings to ratify, and in turn report their progress to the Deanery Synod. The reports of all parishes

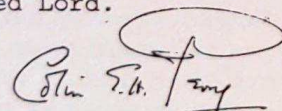
will be brought to the residential meeting of the Canterbury Diocesan Synod on the 15th-17th April 1977.

The month of November often seems sombre with the coming of cold days and darker evenings, but there is a stream of radiant light that pierces through the darkness - the light of All Saints' Day with which November begins. Here is something about man, and man's glorious possibilities, which breaks with the gloom. We remember that in New Testament usage the "saints" are all God's people, set apart in their baptism and endowed with the Spirit of God. Let that never be forgotten. The Saint is one who is nearer to God, and so humble toward God, that God is made real and near to those who know Him. With this unselfconscious humility the Saint has both a sensitivity towards the troubles of the world and a serenity which brings healing to them. There is about him or her an authentic touch of heaven in the midst of our dark existence.

During the past month we have lost to sight two of our parishioners who did much in their own ways to help the witness of faith that is so needed in these times. They were Kitty Wass of Bridge and Jack Carpenter of Patricxbourne. We send our sympathy to those close to them, and take this opportunity to thank God for the character of His servants. Jack was the Verger at Patricxbourne from the end of the First War until two years ago, and Kitty ran the Junior Church at Bridge among many other works for the church. We shall miss them.

During this month, too, we begin the season of Advent. Advent Sunday is on November 28th. Advent is the commencement of a new period of Grace. The story of God's love and man's redemption once more begin to be unfolded. The birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord once more passes before us. God offers a new series of opportunity. It is for us to use them - with God's love and the help of God's continuing Grace towards us.

Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord.



Colin F. H. Fry
Rural Dean and Vicar

BRIDGE WITH PATRICXBOURNE CHRISTMAS MARKET Subcommittee

Would members of the Subcommittee please note that there is to be a meeting on November 22nd at the Vicarage, starting at 8.15pm.

C.A.P.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 1976

- 1st Monday. All Saints' Day. Holy Communion 9.30am at Bridge Church.
- 3rd Wednesday. M.U. Corporate Communion at Bridge Church at 9.30am.
Bridge Church Young Wives Group, Members' Evening at the Adelaide Silver Grill, Canterbury.
- 7th Sunday. 21st after Trinity.
- 11th Friday. C. of E. Children's Society Christmas Fete at The Old Palace, Precincts, Canterbury 10am.
- 14th Sunday. 22nd Sunday after Trinity.
- 16th Tuesday. W.I. Meeting at Bridge Village Hall at 7pm.
- 17th Wednesday. Young Wives Group Meeting at Bridge Village Hall at 7.45pm.
- 18th Thursday. St. Luke the Evangelist. Meeting to discuss the Archbishop's Letter, Field House, 7.30pm.
- 21st Sunday. 23rd Sunday after Trinity.
- 22nd Monday. Bridge with Patricxbourne Christmas Market Subcommittee meets at the Vicarage, 8.15pm.
- 26th Friday. League of Friends of Canterbury Hospital, Bridge Group, Christmas Evening Market, 7.30pm at Bridge Village Hall.
- 28th Sunday. Advent Sunday, Ss. Simon and Jude.
- 30th Tuesday. St. Andrew's Day. East Bridge Deanery Missionary Festival 7.30pm at Bridge Church. The Preacher: Reverend Richard Norburn, Vicar of Addington, Croydon. Refreshments and Bring-and-Buy Stall at Bridge Village Hall after.

December

- 1st Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 9.30am at Bridge Church.
- 4th Saturday. Salvation Army Concert at Bekesbourne Church.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Peter's Church, Bridge

10th October 1976

Matthew Paul Spain

Holy Matrimony

Ss. Cosmos and Damian, Blean

23rd October 1976

Barry Brasier

Vivienne Ann Tilly

May They Rest in Peace

St. Peter's Church, Bridge

15th October 1976 Kitty Wass

St. Mary's Church, Patricbourne

15th October 1976 John Frederick Carpenter

Canterbury Cemetery

15th October 1976 Edward Thornby

Barham Crematorium

8th October 1976 Harry Francis



Obituary – JACK CARPENTER of Patricbourne

It is with sadness we record the passing of John Frederick Carpenter, 'Jack' to all who knew him. He was born in the cottage that was his home for the rest of his 80 years, and served St. Mary's Church nearby for all that time. He sang first in the Choir, and then in 1919 – having served in the Navy – he became Verger to the church and continued in this capacity until only two years ago. In the Second World War he was a Special Constable. For very many years Jack was the Secretary of the Bekesbourne Football Club, and was presented with a Plaque for this work.

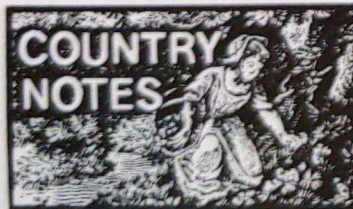
Many people will remember Jack as a lively M.C. at whist-drives – but in years to come a more lasting memorial will still be in use. When he and his three

brothers returned unharmed from the 1914–1918 War he made – for he was both Carpenter by name and trade – the hymnboard that hangs in St. Mary's as a thanksgiving for his mother in that her four boys had safely returned. Still close to the church he worked for Jack Carpenter will not be forgotten.

Obituary – KITTY WASS

Kitty Wass of Bridge was buried the same day as Jack Carpenter, and she too had given many years of unremitting labour for her church, St. Peter's, Bridge. She ran the Junior Church for a long time, and with J.D. Smith, Lay-reader, had put on many entertaining concerts for the Juniors. For a time Kitty played the organ at St. Peter's, and had done much for foreign missions.

Kitty was a considerable artist, some of her work reaching the National Gallery; and she showed typical kindness in allowing her paintings to be reproduced for cards to aid the church. Like Jack, she will be sorely missed.



Many of us live in the countryside without realising the work that goes on round the farming year. Here Mr. Christopher Fox, Shepherd for 19 years, dips the flock belonging to Mr. Ash of Bekesbourne. The dip will protect the sheep against scab. We hope to show more farming activity in greater detail periodically.

The wood-cut on the left is by Thomas Bewick, early 19th cent.



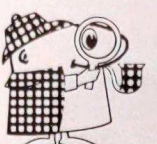
Sheep-dog 'Jo'



A sheep being let down into the sheep-dip



Shepherd Chris Fox

 **PICTURE QUIZ**
The picture is of a feature inside or outside one of the churches in Bridge Patricbourne or Bekesbourne.



Last month's picture of the southern side of St. Peter's, Bridge, was correctly identified by CATHERINE GILES of Bridge. The Adoration scene printed this month is not at all easy – but can be seen in the daytime!

THE BIBLE CLASS

This continues to function on the second, third, fourth (and where applicable, fifth) Sundays in the month at 11am. Our numbers are not great but the few are regular. We are busy preparing Christmas cards to send abroad. F.V.B. Mason

BRIDGE WITH PATRICBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 16th at 7pm in the Village Hall, Bridge.

This is our Annual Meeting, visit of V.C.O., election of President and Committee.

The competition – *Picture in Collage*, any size and materials. Pat Hulyer

THE YOUNG WIVES

Would you please note that on Wednesday November 3rd we are having a *Members' Evening*, with a meal at the Adelaide Silver Grill, Canterbury.

On Wednesday November 17th we have *Going for a Song*, a talk to be given by Mrs. Pearson in the Village Hall at 7.45pm.

E.B.

ADVANCE NOTICE - GRAND CHRISTMAS MARKET

Would you please set aside Saturday December 11th to attend the Bridge with Patrixbourne Christmas Market! It will start at 2.15pm, and will contain plenty of useful items to buy as part of your Christmas shopping. Remember: December 11th.

DEANERY MISSIONARY FESTIVAL

The Missionary Festival Service for the whole of East Bridge Deanery will be held on St. Andrew's Day, November 30th at Bridge Church at 7.30pm.

This should prove to be a very interesting evening since the Reverend Richard Norburn will be talking on his experiences in South Africa, with opportunities for questions to be answered in the church. Later there will be refreshments in the Village Hall, Bridge, and the chance for further discussion. This is an occasion when Bridge will be the hosts to the rest of the churches in the Deanery, so your attendance and participation will be much appreciated.

Mrs. Rose Wonfor wishes to thank Reverend Canon Perry, Dr. Russell and Nurse, also all the friends who have been so kind and helpful during her illness.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY HOSPITALS, BRIDGE GROUP

We are holding our Christmas Evening Market on Friday 26th November in the Bridge Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

There will be numerous stalls, including Cakes, Gifts, a Raffle and Refreshments.

Please try and come. You may need our help one day, we certainly need yours now.

F.E. Apps

BEKESBOURNE W. I.

We are holding a Sale of Work in the Village Hall on Saturday November 27th. Come and buy your Christmas presents! Any support that can be given this venture will be most appreciated, and worthwhile.

CAROLS OF PRAISE

We invite you to send in to me or the Vicar, the carol that you would like to have sung at this Service of Carols of Praise on Sunday December 5th at 11am.

Remembering the three Songs of Praise we did during the summer, and your wonderful support and attendance, I have little doubt that we shall again have a successful service.

S.H. Grey Mill Cottage,
Tel: Bridge 830522

SALVATION ARMY CONCERT AT BEKESBOURNE

The Canterbury Temple Salvation Army have kindly offered us a Concert on Saturday December 4th, at 7.30pm at St. Peter's Bekesbourne. We remember the interesting and colourful programme that they last presented. There will be further detail in the December Magazine, but please make a note of the date and time - it really must not be missed!

J.P.

ST PETER'S, BEKESBOURNE Flowers and Cleaning Rotas

Flowers	Cleaning
October 30th Mrs Sandall	
November 6th Mrs Tyler	Mrs Watson
13th Mrs Allan	Mrs Grey
20th Mrs Russell	Mrs Sandall
27th Mrs Sandall	Mrs Allan
December 4th	Mrs Smith

BEKESBOURNE W. I.

The next meeting on November 9th in the Village Hall is our Annual Meeting. There will be a demonstration of *Soft Toys* by Mrs. Farbrace. The competition is *A Bookmark*.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER TO THE DIOCESE

A combined Meeting will be held on Thursday November 18th with representatives from Bridge with Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne churches discussing the problems out Outreach. The meeting, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Potter, is at Field House, Bridge, starting at 7.30pm. The Deanery representatives are asked to attend with any interested members of the congregation prepared to join the discussions.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Annual Christmas Fete will be held on Friday November 11th, 10am to 12.30pm, at the Old Palace, Canterbury.

Owing to the security arrangements parcels cannot be taken in the morning so will you kindly let me have your gifts, sweets, groceries and fancy goods on Thursday November 18th before 5pm and I will then arrange for them to be taken in that evening. The Committee are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause their supporters but the matter is outside their control

F.V.B. Mason, *Parochial Secretary*

GUY FAWKES BEANO AT BRIDGE

On Friday November 5th there will be a giant Fireworks Evening up at the Butts. Family ticket: £1. Please ask Eric Hawkins for any further details, at the Newsagents, High Street, Bridge. It is a very safe and enjoyable way of satisfying junior demands for things that fizz and bang!



THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE, 1977

Plans for the way in which Bridge will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Queen's Accession will be discussed at a special open meeting called by Bridge Parish Council on Tuesday 23rd November, at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. Please come along to discuss the village's own celebration.

THE CLOSE: NEWS AND AN APPEAL

On behalf of myself and the residents I would like to thank everyone who came and made our Harvest Thanksgiving such a success. Thank you all for the food and fruit the residents received.

Our Christmas Fayre is on Friday December 10th at 10.30am. Matron will be pleased to receive any donations or gifts for raffle prizes to help make this occasion a success. Please come and support us on the day.

Over the next year we are trying to collect 3000 books of Green Shield Stamps, which would enable us to purchase two lifts for the residents who have to climb the stairs. Matron has collecting boxes and envelopes. If you can help in this project in any way Matron will be very pleased to hear from you. During September we only collected 11 books.

Mrs. D.M. Upton, *Matron*

THE JUNIOR CHURCH - A letter to parents

It is our duty as parents or god-parents to fulfil the promises made at our children's christening. One promise made on their behalf was to teach them their duty towards God. This includes the establishment of the good habit of giving witness to faith by regular public worship on Sunday. If we do not do this, the christening ceremony becomes a mockery and degenerates into a social convention.

The Junior Church provides opportunity for worship by children of primary school age. The service is especially planned to meet their needs, with prayers, hymns, talks and activities that they can understand and join in.

In this way learning about the church, the Christian faith and their responsibilities in a Christian community, is made easy and enjoyable.

Young children grow very quickly into 'teenagers'. If at this difficult time in their lives they behave irresponsibly, reject authority, and become vandals and hooligans, it could be our fault - if we have not taken advantage of opportunities to teach them their responsibility to God and their fellow men.

So far very few children are sent to Junior Church. If enrolment does not improve considerably I can only accept the sorry fact that church members with young children do not want a Junior Church, and I will regretfully resign as Junior Church teacher.

Olive I. Knight

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 1976

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

5th December, 2nd Sunday in Advent

11am Matins 11.45 Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Communion
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12th December, 3rd Sunday in Advent

9am Holy Communion Series III 6.30pm Evensong Preacher: Mr. Darrell Wadsworth Outreach	11am Matins and Sermon	11am Carols of Praise Requests by parishioners
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19th December, 4th Sunday in Advent

9am Parish Eucharist (Choral) 6.30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	11am Matins and Sermon
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► For Christmas Eve and Day Services See page 9

26th December, 1st Sunday after Christmas

8am Holy Communion	9am Holy Communion	11am Matins and Sermon 11.45 H.C.
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2nd January, 1977, 2nd Sunday after Xmas

11am Matins 11.45 Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Communion
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JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will meet on the following dates in December, 5th, 12th and 19th. Parents and friends of children attending the Junior Church are invited to a Carol Service on Sunday 19 December at 11am. The collection will be for the Church of England Children's Society, and presentation of purses for the Christingle Service at the Cathedral on Tuesday 28th at 3pm.

N.B. The time for Evensong at The Close has been changed from 5pm to 4.30pm.

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,

How should a committed Christian within the Church convey to the world the meaning of the spirit of Christmastide? The Christian looks at the world with enormous sympathy. Christianity does not feel a stranger to the world, no matter under what aspect it presents itself, or the content of its address. May the world realise that it is esteemed and loved.

At Christmas there should be a love that our faith places in the heart of all the Church, that does nothing other than transmit the immense marvellous love that God has for man. *The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us;* the incarnate Praise of the Christmas Gospels. The mission of Christianity at this Christmastide is one of friendship for humanity, a mission of understanding, advancement and of elevation. It is one of salvation.

The wisdom of which the Church is the guardian and instructor, in this Christmas of the year of our Lord 1976, has this adage: *Homo sum, et nihil humani alienum puto* - I am a man, and nothing that is human is foreign to me. On any topic that concerns man, his life, his soul, his destiny, the Church, this living body of Christ, this living presence of Christ in the world of today, has a word of wisdom to speak. The very heart of the Gospel is the record of the redemptive work of God in Jesus Christ. The Incarnation of Jesus Christ cannot be divorced from this atonement. It is not in isolation, but in the hard but glorious context of reconciliation that the Incarnation has its tremendous significance. The Church does not naturalize the Incarnation by forgetting, ignoring, minimizing or misinterpreting the redemptive work of Christ in His crucifixion and resurrection.

What share then can we hope to have in the glory of Christmas worship, the heavenly promise of peace and good-

will? What is the message, the meaning of it all? Just this: that the centuries old Festival is the Birthday of the Child of Poverty. God, of the substance of the Father, begotten before the Worlds; and Man of the substance of his mother, born in the world. This great Feast of Christmas is the memorial of the night when destitution was consecrated, and the humiliation of penury glorified for all ages. The message of the Babe of Bethlehem to harassed minds today is this same poem of peace that the angels sang to a dying world in the darkness of a winter's night. The promise to the crushed and hopeless is the same sure promise that was made to three country labourers as they kept their night watch through the first cold Christmas Eve. The joy for the sorrowing is the same joy that filled every corner of the stable cave which was the birthplace of the Man of Sorrow. There was no feasting, luxury or revelry at the Nativity of the World's Redeemer, but fasting, poverty and prayer. It was the Mater Dolorosa who brought forth to the world the Everlasting Light. Still today the Child of Poverty holds out His arms to a world in its despair. Within the circle of His divine attraction the bitter mystery of suffering is solved, and the sympathy that nerves men to endure is found in its perfection. It is in the bitter desolation of the cold bare nursery, where Love was born in Bethlehem, that starving souls will find what they so desperately need today - the Eternal Hope - where man may still rejoice, through the power of Incarnate Pity. May we catch something of the Eternal in this, the happiest day of the whole year.

You will find on page 9 full details of the Christmas Services and our various Christmas social events and Carol Concerts.

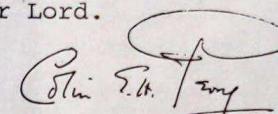
Bridge and Patricxbourne churches are holding their Christmas Market on Saturday 11th December at 2.15pm at Bridge Village Hall. It should be a very happy event and I ask your ever loyal support and help.

We all wish Mr. Stanley Grey, our Organist and Choirmaster at Bekesbourne, a speedy recovery to health after his recent operation. His cheerful presence is much missed. And we would thank those organists who have stepped in to maintain the unbroken musical tradition of St. Peter's Church.

In one of her letters Evelyn Underhill says: *I do hope that your Christmas has had a little touch of Eternity in among*

the rush and patter and all. That is the kind of Christmas that I wish you all.

Yours affectionately in our Lord.


Rural Dean and Vicar

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 1976

November

- 30 St. Andrew's Day. Missionary Deanery Festival 7.30pm at Bridge Church. The Preacher: Rev. Richard Norburn, Vicar of Addington, Croydon. Refreshments and Bring-and-Buy stall in Bridge Village Hall afterwards.

December

- 1 Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 9.30am at Bridge Church. Young Wives Group 7.45pm at Bridge Village Hall, Preparation for the Christmas Market.
- 4 Saturday. Salvation Army Concert at 7.30pm at Bekesbourne Church. Please make a point of attending this concert.
- 5 2nd. Sunday in Advent. Carols of Praise at St. Peter's, Bekesbourne at 11am.
- 7 Tuesday. Senior Citizens' Service 2.30pm at Bridge Church.
- 11 Saturday. BRIDGE AND PATRICXBOURNE CHRISTMAS MARKET, 2.15 at the Village Hall, Bridge.
- 12 3rd. Sunday in Advent. Preacher at 6.30pm at St. Peter's Bridge will be Mr. Darrel Wadsworth of Diocesan House. Subject: "Outreach". See the Archbishop's Letter para 4.
- 13 Monday. Mothers' Union Branch meeting 2.45pm, 37 Union Rd.
- 15 Wednesday. Carol Service at St. Peter's. Bridge, 7.45pm.
- 18 Saturday. Carol Concert at Bridge Church 7.30pm. Dover Orchestral Society and joint Choirs of St. Peter's and St. Saviour's, Folkestone. Note this enjoyable event.
- 21 Tuesday. Bridge with Patricxbourne W.I. 7pm Village Hall.
- 23 Thursday. Carol Service at Bridge Church, 7.30pm.
- 19 4th Sunday in Advent. Junior Church Carol Service at 11am at Bridge Church.
- See page 9 for Christmastide services.
- 26 1st Sunday after Christmas. NB. No Evensong at Bridge.
- 28 Tuesday. "Christingle" Service 3.0pm at Canterbury Cathedral.

January

- 2 2nd Sunday after Christmas.

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Holy Baptism

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne
14th November 1976 Karen Ratcliff

St. Peter's Church, Bridge
28th November 1976 Roy Harding

Holy Matrimony

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne
30th October 1976 Kenneth Bradshaw
Judith Hoyle

May They Rest In Peace

St. Peter's Church, Bridge
8th November 1976 Alice Bank
and afterwards at
Sturry Cemetery.



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Mothers' Union Corporate Communion will be on Wednesday 1st December at 9.30am. The Branch Meeting will be held on 13th December at 2.45pm, at 11 Union Road by kind permission of Mrs. Berry. Speakers: Rev. and Mrs. Geddes, New Zealand.

BRIDGE WITH PATRIXBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday December 21st at 7pm in the Village Hall, Bridge. The Speaker will be Mr. Hayes, on *The Story of Cadburys*. The competition:- Six home-made sweets, any kind. We shall be singing carols by candlelight.
P.H.

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES

On Wednesday December 1st there will be Preparation for the Christmas Market in Bridge Village Hall at 7.45pm.

On Wednesday December 15th there will be a Carol Service in St. Peter's, Bridge at 7.45pm. We resume our meetings after Christmas with a Beetle Drive in the Village Hall on Wednesday January 5th at 7.45pm. New members would be very welcome at any of these meetings.
E.B.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATION

Christmas decorating at Bridge Church will take place on Friday December 24th from 10am onwards. Helpers on this morning will be much appreciated. All donations for purchase of flowers and decorations will be gratefully received by Mrs. Roger Hunter.

Patrixbourne Church decoration will be from 2.30pm on Thursday 23rd December. Gifts of flowers, holly etc. will be most welcome. Helpers at the above time will be much appreciated.

Bekesbourne Church decoration will be from 10.30am on Friday 24th December. Gifts of flowers, foliage etc. will be gratefully received from Thursday on. Donations welcomed for the purchase of flowers by Mrs. D. Sandall, School House or Mrs. P. Farbrace, 3 Downside.



CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

St. Peter's Church, Bridge

Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist
Christmas Day	9.0am	Holy Communion
	11.0am	Matins and Christmas Day Service. Please bring the children.
	11.45am	Holy Communion

St. Mary's Church, Patrixbourne

Christmas Day	8.0am	Holy Communion
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St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist
Christmas Day	11.0am	Family Carol Service conducted by Rev. Cecil Verity. Please bring the children.
	11.45am	Holy Communion



CAROL CONCERT AT BRIDGE

On Saturday 18th December there will be a repeat of last year's most successful carol concert, which will commence at 7.30pm. The programme will include all the usual favourites in addition to items presented by the joint Choirs of St. Saviour's, Folkestone and St. Peter's, Bridge. Dover Orchestral Society have agreed to accompany the Choirs and play music of their own choice.

Admission will be by programme, obtainable from members of the Choirs, price 30p. Carol sheets are 5p each. This promises to be a most convivial evening and a cordial invitation is extended to all who wish to attend. The proceeds will be given to the Christmas Market effort in aid of church funds.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT THE CLOSE

May we remind you of the Christmas Bazaar being held at The Close, Union Road, Bridge, on Saturday December 10th from 10.30am. There will be many stalls and a raffle with lots of good prizes. Please also remember our Green Shield stamp appeal, with which we hope to provide gifts for those in the upper wards at The Close.

Matron.

ST PETER'S, BEKESBOURNE - CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Midnight Service of Holy Communion and Carols on Christmas Eve will commence as usual at 11.30pm. The Celebrant will be the Vicar, the Rev. Canon C.E.H. Perry, whom we welcome to this important start to Christmas Day.

On the morning of Christmas Day, as we have done these last few years, we shall be having a Family Carol Service with Lessons. The Reverend Cecil Verity will be conducting. Please bring your children with you and make this a real family carol service.

S.G.

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

At their meeting to be held on Tuesday December 14th at 2pm in the Village Hall there will be a talk by Mr. Gipson, with slide illustrations. The competition is for a decorated Christmas parcel (!) and carols will accompany the Christmas Tea.


ST. PETER'S, BEKESBOURNE

Cleaners rota for December	Mrs. Smith	December 4th
	Mrs. Farbrace	11th
	Mrs. Hogben	18th
	Mrs. Watson	25th
	Mrs. Grey	January 1st

CAROLS OF PRAISE

We have had a good response to the invitation published in the November magazine to send in requests for your favourite carols to be sung in St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne on Sunday 5th December. We do hope that all who can will come and fill the church. If we get oversubscribed with requests don't let that worry you because we shall have another Carols of Praise on Sunday 19th December at 11am. We hope you will continue to send in your requests to Canon Perry, Mrs. Sandall, John Purchase or myself - and please come and enjoy the singing!

S.G.



PICTURE QUIZ

The picture is of a feature inside or outside one of the churches in Bridge Patrixbourne or Bekesbourne.



There was no correct answer to the puzzle last month, so we have shown you a larger part of the picture at the head of the Vicar's letter on page 5.



SALVATION ARMY SONGSTERS CONCERT

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE

on

SATURDAY DECEMBER 4th 1976

at 7.30 pm.

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