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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR JANUARY 1977

<u>Bridge</u>	<u>Patricxbourne</u>	<u>Bekesbourne</u>
<u>2nd January, 2nd Sunday after Christmas</u>		
11am Matins 11.45 Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Communion
<u>9th January, 1st Sunday after Epiphany</u>		
9am Holy Communion Series III 6.30pm Evensong	11am Matins and Sermon	8am Holy Communion
<u>16th January, 2nd Sunday after Epiphany</u>		
9am Parish Eucharist (Choral) 6.30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	11am Matins and Sermon
<u>23rd January, 3rd Sunday after Epiphany</u>		
8am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	9am Holy Communion	11am Matins 11.45 H.C.
<u>30th January, 4th Sunday after Epiphany</u>		
9am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	11am Matins and Sermon	8am Holy Communion

MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' Union Corporate Communion will be held on Wednesday January 5th at 9.30am. There will be no branch meeting.

JUNIOR CHURCH

The Junior Church will meet on the following Sundays in the month at 10.45am: 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.

BRIDGE WITH PATRICXBOURNE W.I.

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

The Speaker will be Station Officer, Canterbury Fire Brigade; and the competition this month is for a Dressed Wooden Spoon.

P.H.

PLEASE NOTE THE SPECIAL SERVICE ON JANUARY 20th.
Details will be found at the back of the Magazine on page 13.

Holy Communion is celebrated at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7.30 a.m. on Fridays during the week at Bridge Church. Evensong is at 4.30 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,

May I wish you all a very happy New Year with all blessing to you and your loved ones.

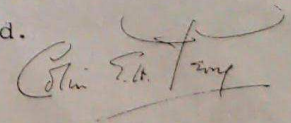
It is a time for looking forward and a time when we should seek to know clearly where we are going and where our steps are leading. The old-fashioned idea was on New Year's Day to make resolutions, things to do and things not to do. So new Year's Day implies the thought of the need of discipline; the serene character knows the need of discipline and the spiritual strength that comes of self-discipline.

The Bridge and Patricxbourne Christmas Market was a great success. You are all very wonderful and loyal in your unflinching work and enthusiasm for our churches.

Each year during the period January 18th-25th Christians of many churches and confessions and from all parts of the world join together in praying for unity. You are asked to make this a special intention by attending our united service "All the People" at Bridge Church on January 20th at 7.30pm. You will find more details on page 13 in this Magazine. Prayer for Christian unity is an essential part of our prayer that the Kingdom of God may come "on earth as in heaven".

I intend to commence Confirmation Classes on Friday 14th January, at the Vicarage at 6.30pm for the younger people, and 7.30pm for the older people. To come to Confirmation is the obligation of all who have been baptised. It is the spiritual task of both the parents and God-parents to "see that the child be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him". To place hands on someone (which is the outward act of the Bishop on the person to be confirmed) in the name of God means to transfer him into the sphere of God. This is the gesture by which the Apostles gave the Spirit of God to Christians. Peter and John "laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit" (Acts 8:17). Christians still receive this sign as they grow to maturity. Confirmation, strengthening, is the sacrament which in some ways perfects baptism. Confirmation is like baptism, which should be viewed not in isolation but in the context of the whole life of the Christian. This sacrament is received only once. As we grow older we may not remember much of our confirmation, but it remains certain that it is a gift which continues to develop. Once it has been received it grows through life in the Spirit of God.

Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord.



CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 1977

January

- 2nd 2nd Sunday after Christmas,
 5th Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion. Young Wives Meeting and Beetle Drive, Bridge Village Hall at 7.45pm.
 6th Thursday. Feast of the Epiphany, H.C. 9.30am.
 9th 1st Sunday after Epiphany.
 11th Tuesday. Bekesbourne PCC meeting at Mulberry Cottage, (courtesy of Mr. Mowll) 7.30pm.
 14th Friday. First Confirmation Classes. Young people 6.30 at the Vicarage, Adults, 7.30pm.
 16th 2nd Sunday after Epiphany.
 18th Tuesday. W.I. meeting, Bridge Village Hall at 7.00pm. East Bridge Deanery Synod meeting at St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, at 7.30pm.
 19th Wednesday. Young Wives group meeting at Bridge Village Hall at 7.45pm.
 20th Thursday. Christian Unity Service "All the People" at Bridge Church at 7.30pm, followed by refreshments at the Methodist Chapel, Patricxbourne Road.
 22nd Friday. Confirmation Classes continue, times as above.
 23rd 3rd Sunday after Epiphany.
 25th Tuesday. Bridge and Patricxbourne PCC meeting at Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm.
 28th Friday. Confirmation Classes continue, times as above.
 30th 4th Sunday after Epiphany.

February

- 2nd Wednesday. Candlemass, Purification of Our Lady. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion at 9.30am.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

May They Rest in Peace

<u>St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne</u>	
2nd December 1976	Linda Mary Chandler
6th December 1976	Sarah Elizabeth Farbrace
29th December 1976	Florrie Childs
<u>St. Peter's Church, Bridge</u>	
23rd December 1976	Cecilia Jones
<u>Barham Crematorium</u>	
13th December 1976	Sidney Dore Smith
24th December 1976	Dennis Thrift
24th December 1976	Henry Maslin



Maz

We record with regret the death of Captain Henry Maslin pictured here in a photograph taken in 1966. Captain Harry Maslin (Maz to all his friends) moved to Bridge in 1926 – the year a daughter was born to him. He had met his wife while serving in the South Irish Horse Regiment during the First World War. He set up riding stables in the village with his brother George, and became well known throughout the county as a riding instructor. Brigadier J. H. Slade-Powell of Ickham, past Chairman of the British Horse Society said of Maz: "He was a very great character in the horse world, and a very knowledgeable horseman in every respect. He taught a large number of people to ride in East Kent and was particularly good with children." Major McDonald, who served with Maz in the First War said: "He was a good pal. He was always ready to do a turn for anyone" – and that is probably the best epitaph to a most likeable Bridge villager.

PATRICXBOURNE CHURCH FLOWER ROTA 1977

January:	Mrs. Simmonds	July:	Mrs. Johnston
February:	Mrs. Stacey (to 23rd)	August:	Mrs. Potter
March:	-	Sept.:	Mrs. Greenwood
April:	Mrs. Johnston (10th on)	October:	Mrs. Simmonds
May:	Mrs. Greenwood	Novbr.:	Mrs. Stacey
June:	Mrs. Potter		

PRIZEWINNERS CORNER

The BRIDGE WITH PATRICXBOURNE CHRISTMAS MARKET raised £225, and for the following list of people it provided a bonus in the form of a prize:-

1. £3 Premium Bond, plus £2: Mr. Farrow, Staple: 2. Two bottles of Whiskey: Mr. Letchford, c/o Roberts Adlard: 3. Box of Chocolates: Mr. R. Penton: 4. Bottle of Wine: Mr. B. Goodwin: 5. Basket of Fruit: Mr. Wiltshier: 6. Groceries: Mrs. Flynn: 7. Bottle of Sherry: Mrs. Mobbs: 8. Chopping Board: Susan Foster: 9. Box Liqueurs: Mrs. P. Hulyer: 10. Four cans of Beer: Mr. Eldridge: 11. Four cans of Lager: Mr. George, Canterbury: 12. Roll Baskets: Mrs. M. Jones.

The BEKESBOURNE SILVER JUBILEE '77 RAFFLE raised £101.50 towards the Village's programme of celebrations next June, and the following prizes were won:-

1. Tickets for trip to France: Mrs. Noble: 2. Big Hamper: Mrs. White: 3. Box of Fruit: R. J. Marsh: 4. Bottle of Whisky: Mr. Farbrace: 5. Bottle of Gin: Mrs. Sandall: 6. Bottle of Sherry: Mrs. Clark: 7. Small Hamper: Mr. Clark: 8. Turkey: Mrs. Farbrace: 9. Wedgwood Plate: Mrs. Devereux: 10. Christmas Cake: Mrs. Wait: 11. Box of chocolates: A. Freelove: 12. Glass Plate: G. Penfold: 13. Sack of Potatoes: Mrs. Anderson: 14. Bottle of Whiskey: Mrs. Coombes: 15. Brace of Pheasants: Mrs. Twyman: 16. Bottle of Gin: M. Hopkins: 17. Bottle of Wine: Mrs. Johnstone: 18. Green Teddy Bear: Mrs. Nower: 19. Box of Crackers: A.J. Wilson: 20. Dundee Cake: Mrs. Whittaker: 21. Bottle of Wine: Mrs. White: 22. Tin of Quality Street: J.H. Masey: 23. Box of Cigarettes: I. Whigham: 24. Box of Glasses: Mrs. Keen: 25. Big Teddy Bear: Mrs. Galvin: 26. Bottle of Whisky: Mrs. Stay: 27. Bottle of Wine: C. Jessell: 28. Box of Meltis Fruits: "Flower", 20 Union Road: 29. Grey Koala Bear: Cremer, 16 Western Avenue: 30. Tickets to Howlett's Zoo: K. Johnston: 31. Tickets to Howlett's Zoo: R. Morgan: 32. Tickets to Howlett's Zoo: N. Questa: 33. Box of Cigarettes: Mrs. Farbrace: 34. Bottle of Gin: H. Mason: 35. Bottle of Sherry: "Beat", Packing Sheds, Mounts: 36. Bottle of Wine: A.J. Wilson: 37. Miniatures (pictures): Mrs. Tyler: 38. Box of Chocolates: S.K. Goddard: 39. Box of Groceries: A. Farbrace: 40. Box of sweet Oranges: Mrs. Watson-Taylor: 41. Tin of Toffees: C. Apps: 42. Bottle of Wine: Mrs. Coombes.

Wizard show!

Photo: courtesy
Kentish Gazette




"The Wizard of Oz" – an ambitious musical – was staged with great success by the senior children of Bridge Primary School in the last week of term before Christmas. Produced by Mike Windess, the story was adapted to make full use of the 70 pupils who took part, and received excellent notices in the local press. We are sorry that we cannot show all the children who took part. Nonetheless, all praise to those who thought up, mounted, acted in or helped to produce this enterprising production.

CHRISTMAS MARKET RESULTS

1975		1976
15	Young Wives stall	12
30	Cakes and Teas (Mr. A. Williamson)	36
18	Groceries (Mothers' Union)	18
10	Produce Stall (Mr. B. Mummery)	13
14	Fancy Goods and Preserves (Mrs. Clark and Miss Wraight)	24
4	Sale of Postcards and Christmas Decorations (Brownies)	9
9	White Elephant Stall (Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Hulyer, Mrs. Turpin)	9
3	Games and Books (Bridge C. of E. Primary School).. ..	7
9	Christmas Cards (Mrs. Knight)	14
	Raffle	59
	Less Tickets and £5 Premium Bond Prize	18
		41
30		41
15	Bottle Stall	47
	Wheel of Fortune (Mr. Jackson)	3
5	Donations: nett proceeds from Carol Concert 18.12.1976	19
8	Less Hire of Hall etc.	8
<u>£154</u>		<u>£244</u>

This was a most satisfactory result for which we are most grateful, not only to the Stall holders and the Choir, but also to the people of Bridge and Patrixbourne for their excellent support.
C. A. P.



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 Swiss etched windows in the southern side wall of Patrixbourne.



The first person correctly identifying the picture was Stanley Grey of Bekesbourne. Who will spot where this month's detail was taken. One good clue is that it receives the afternoon sun!

HOW CAN WE REACH OUT WITH CHRISTIANITY ?

The Archbishop's Letter to the Diocese was printed in the Parish Magazine last autumn, and it was discussed at the East Bridge Deanery Synod not long after. Here it was decided that all parishes in the Deanery would take part in producing reports on various aspects of the Letter, and this parish was asked to study 'Outreach'. Members of both PCC's have met, and the following is their report.

Bearing in mind the Archbishop's purpose in issuing his Message to the Diocese, to stimulate discussion, decision and action throughout the area in educating the laity and obtaining a broader base of support for the Church, the PCC's came to the following conclusions.

Historically Christianity started in the home and was fostered at school for most older members of the Church today. But these are a declining number, and there are fewer committed Christians in the country. To reach those who do not show interest can only be done by personal contact. In a town or city it is possible to mount mission visiting where the flat dweller or person on a housing estate can be met by comparative strangers. In the country this is not viable in the same way. People live in scattered communities and are mostly known by sight, which can act against 'canvassing' by the lay. For many country folk the best way to stimulate interest is by the personal example of the committed lay members of the Church.

A good contact can be made through school-children, and this has been found to be a very productive way to bring into church the parents, very often the father taking the initiative when this is done. Luckily, with St. Peter's Bridge, there is a very good Church of England Primary School in the village which co-operates fully in this exercise. It was felt that where the young adult or late teenager is being approached it was essential to use visitors of the same age group as far as possible. This would lead to the message being more readily absorbed. An experiment that was undertaken in Stockton where house Communion was held in the early morning, before the breadwinners had left for work, often attracted neighbours who might be at the service for the first time in their lives.

There were further opportunities for pastoral visiting in hospitals, and a better return than cash was available when there was collecting taking place throughout a village for – say – repairs to the organ or tower. One serious drawback in visiting people in their homes was the need for it to be done during the daytime when often only the wife/mother was there, since in the evening a television set was almost certainly in use, occupying people's attention.

Encouraging more people to church was often achieved through having 'special events', such a visiting clergy preaching, flower festivals or recitals; but you could not have these too often or the 'special event' status was lost, and the impetus reduced in enlarging the numbers attending. Another type of guest service was of course where each member of the congregation brought a friend, but that suffered from the same drawback if too frequently used.

Mission campaigns needed to be most carefully and prayerfully prepared, otherwise there might be actual damage to the links with the church. The example of a Bible

study group was raised where it had rested on too few enthusiasts and had finally died away. This point, that we relied too much on too few enthusiasts was obvious in a much greater sense. Today many churchgoers were freewheeling on the past history of the Church, and there was possibly too much attention given to the building rather than the people representing the Church. One definition given was that we nestling like bats in antique churches, and this was misguided and not what Christ was trying to initiate in His living Church. It was felt that we might look at our at our Christianity as being too narrow and restrictive in nature and note the wider ways in which Christianity was being practised in the country today.

Nevertheless, the Church was the anchorage of Christianity, and the members followers of Christ – individuals joined in a group. The living presence of Christ was in the Church; we might fail but the Church would go on. There was a sharp distinction between the Church and churches; the Church is indestructible even if the churches close.

The Welfare State had taken over much of the churches' mission work in recent years, and with this change of role many of the population now only thought of the church as a building where they might be baptised, married or buried. To reach the minds of people we needed to look at Christ and the way He taught. He had no church, but spoke on street corners and hillsides. To too many of the general public the Church's work was confined to propping up buildings and ensuring the services within. If the trend continued we might find ourselves without the heritage of the churches other than as museums.

One positive thought: religious teaching in schools has been given less and less time and importance in recent years. This move should be reversed wherever possible since the teaching only of moralities or the finer points of comparative theology merely induced apathy in the young. The seeds of Christianity were implanted in every one, to make them germinate and flower was the need. This could commence in small ways, such as holding Sunday schools inside the church rather than the classroom, so that the background was absorbed, albeit instinctively.

At the moment only a small part of our activities were devoted to overseas missions, and it was notable that much of this support came from women's organisations such as the Mothers' Union raising funds for this work. However, many of overseas countries now had indigenous priests and were self-supporting to a greater extent than before. It was proving difficult to develop and foster support in this field.

In fact, over the question of funds, there was considerable ignorance on the part of the general lay as to the income obtained and the uses to which it was put by the Church Commissioners. It would indeed be a major step towards attracting people into the Church if their work was more widely known and appreciated. "The Gnomes of Millbank" which they had published was an excellent document for this purpose.

There was some hesitance over the use of the new liturgies, where older members of the congregation disliked innovation. However the Church of England had managed by offering the new liturgy only as an alternative, to avoid the problems our Roman Catholic brothers had experienced, where new rites were being openly opposed.

To sum up; in country districts reaching out for new converts to Christianity and maintaining the hold on those committed was best done by example and the discreet word. In any actual mission only the really trained personnel should be used. And above all, prayer should be unceasing to draw people to Christ. If that motivated our thinking, the actual moves and decisions in getting more support would surely flow from it.

There is often an element of paradox in the report produced by the thinking of a number of people. This report contains examples. But it is intended to make you think about one of the fundamental problems facing the Church today, and if this leads to discussion or letters for publication in the Parish magazine so much the better. PCC members are specially asked to study the report. C.E.H.P.

CAROL CONCERT

Before the concert began in Bridge Church, Mr. Roger Smith apologised to the expectant audience for the reduced numbers of singers in the joint Choirs of St. Saviour's and St. Peter's. The usual crop of winter ailments had taken its toll, and because the choirs were smaller than usual Mr. Smith moved them to the front of the Chancel arch. Some choir boys were almost standing in the pulpit!

The effect was amazing. Either the choirs sang with more conviction or there was better communication between choirs and conductor and organ, or a mixture of both; the singing came over the orchestra very well indeed. One observer said "The concert was even better than last year", another commentator remarked "Mr. Smith knows how to get it out of the youngsters of course", but it must be said the choirs sang well in tune, with clarity, and with well-marked dynamics. Perhaps "Ding Dong merrily on high" and "King Jesus hath a garden" were the highlights.

The Dover Orchestral Society also had a problem of numbers and it was thought best not to attempt *The Merry Wives of Windsor* as intended. Instead the orchestra played the first movement of *Lucio Scilla*, a Mozart overture which was more suitable for the available resources. The Orchestra rose to the occasion and began the programme in a lively mood with some robust and precise playing. The piano duet was sensitively performed and so was the *Pastoral* from Handel's *Messiah* after a rather tentative beginning.

It was particularly joyful to hear the rafters ringing with the strains of "O Come, all ye Faithful" from the congregation so much so that Mr. Smith asked for it to be sung again. He said in his closing remarks that the object of the exercise was not to present a faultless programme, but to join together in singing about the message and joys of Christmas. This objective was well and truly achieved.

There were very many helpers, far too numerous to mention, who made the mince-pies, served refreshments, acted as stewards, sold programmes, made the church and village hall ready, assisted or contributed with music, provided transport and so on. These people were thanked by Mr. Smith and Mr. Lawrence but we wish to express thanks again in writing. We also wish to say how much we appreciate the support we received, for without it such an enjoyable evening could not have taken place. It is pleasing to report that the church funds will benefit by about £19 as a result of this concert.

I must extend my thanks to Mr. Bill Johnson, whose report is printed above, for all the work he put into organising the concert in conjunction with Mr. Roger Smith - C.E.H.P.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Fete at the Old Palace was a great success on Friday 19th November, and realised over £1000, but then today people bring more expensive gifts for the stalls. On the sweet stall we had a 1½lb box of Black Magic and several smaller boxes of sweets costing 40p to 50p. Thank you very much ladies of Bridge for all you contributed in cash and kind.

The usual Christingle Service was held at the Cathedral on December 28th, with the Archbishop presiding, and I am told that the demand for tickets was larger than usual.

Mrs. Knight and I took four children and two purses.

Would anyone in Patricxbourne or Bekesbourne like a Collecting box for next year, or have the parts of the parish their own representatives?

F.V.B. Mason, Hon. Parish Secretary

GRATEFUL THANKS

I wish to express my grateful thanks to the organists who stood in for me in my recent illness. To Mrs. Grace Allan in particular who has borne the brunt of the organ work, and to all my friends and neighbours for the help they have extended to my wife and myself.

What can I say but bless you all for your great kindness.

Stanley H. Grey

We were delighted to see Mr. Grey back at the organ over the Christmas period; and would add our thanks to those who helped maintain the services at Bekesbourne. C.E.H.P.

ST. PETER'S, BEKESBOURNE, CLEANING ROTA

Mrs. Grey, January 1st.	Mrs. Sandall, January 8th
Mrs. Allan, January 15th.	Mrs. Smith, January 22nd.
Mrs. Farbrace, January 29th.	Mrs. Hogben, February 5th.

BEKESBOURNE W. I.

This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday January 11th in the Village Hall, at 2.00pm. The talk will be by Miss Skinner on *Heraldry*, and the Competition is to see the greatest number of articles in a matchbox.



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JOIN THE CHRISTIAN PARTY!

Which is another way of telling you that the annual ecumenical service for all the Christian churches in Bridge will be held at St. Peter's Church on Thurs. January 20th 1977 at 7.30 p.m.

After the service everyone is invited to cross over to the Methodist Chapel in Patricxbourne Road where we will be able to discuss the various points that will emerge from the service over a cup of coffee. The Canterbury Salvation Army Band will be in attendance at the service - augmenting the organ and choir. Please do come!

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Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne,

This February brings the beginning of Lent. The 23rd is Ash Wednesday. The Church spends forty days in preparation for the events which are to take place in Jerusalem. During this time a particular urgent summons to repentance goes out to Churches. *Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold now is the day of Salvation* (2 Corinthians 6.2) as the liturgy quotes on the first Sunday in Lent. The forty days are already signalled by the name of the preceding Sundays, *Septuagesima, Sexagesima and Quinquagesima*, but the forty days begin on the following Wednesday. In the ancient liturgy, before Communion people's foreheads were marked with ashes in the outline of a Cross [hence *Ash Wednesday*] to the accompaniment of the words "Remember O man, that dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return". This was the only time that the liturgy addressed the faithful not as "brother" or by their own names. The words come from the story of the Fall (Genesis 3:19) and bring us down to earth - to our misery. The cross in ashes is a symbol with a profound truth. It heralds six weeks of honesty with ourselves. We stop pushing awkward facts out of our minds, we recollect ourselves and reflect, "Remember O man". It is also a time for trying to better our lives, a time of conversion. It is a time of penance, when we defend our inner freedom against all that curtails our attitude of service and love. On the first Sunday in Lent, the Gospel of the day tells of the temptations in the desert, when Jesus overcame the efforts to turn Him from His task in life - total service. Lent is a time of sober realism. "Watching" in the spirit of the Gospel, we turn the spotlight of honesty on ourselves. This can mean something different for each of us, according to the love which inspires us.

Parishioners are reminded that in order to qualify for a vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Election of Churchwardens (formerly known as the Easter Vestry and Annual General Meeting) they must be on the Electoral Roll of their church. Electoral Roll application forms may be obtained from me, the Electoral Roll officers, or from all the churches - the Electoral Roll officers being Mrs. Doris Sandall, School House, Bekesbourne (for Bekesbourne), and Mrs. P. Hulyer, 8 Bridgedown, Bridge (for the other two churches).

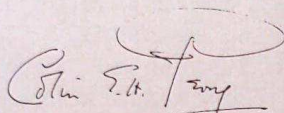
On Sunday evening, the 20th February, we are going to have a special Evensong at 6.30pm, at our mother church of St. Mary, Patrixbourne. There will be no Evensong at Bridge. We shall

have our Bridge Church choir, and we hope that many of you will make the pilgrimage to Patricxbourne. Transport will be arranged for those who have no cars and would like to come. Please consult me, or Mr. W. Rose, Church Cottage, Bridge.

Please also note the dates of the Annual Parochial Church Meetings:- St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, April 19th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

St. Peter's Church, Bridge, with St. Mary's, Patricxbourne, Tuesday April 5th in the Village Hall.

Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord,



Vicar and Rural Dean

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 1977

- 2nd Wednesday. Purification of the B.V.M.: Candlemass. Holy Communion at 9.30am at Bridge Church, Mothers' Union Corporate Communion. Induction of the Reverend Sidney Riley as Priest-in-charge, St. Peter's Church, Aylesham. 7.30pm at Aylesham Church. Young Wives Group Meeting at Bridge Village Hall, 7.45.
- 4th Friday. Continuation of Confirmation Classes.
- 6th Sunday. Septuagesima.
- 13th Sunday. Sexagesima.
- 14th Monday. Jubilee Committee meeting, 8pm at the Vicarage.
- 15th Tuesday. Bridge and Patricxbourne W.I. meeting at 7pm at Bridge Village Hall.
- 20th Sunday. Quinquagesima. Evensong at 6.30pm at PATRICXBOURNE Church. No Evensong at Bridge Church.
- 23rd Wednesday. Ash Wednesday. First day of Lent. Holy Comm. at Bridge Church at 7.30am and 9.30am.
- 27th Sunday. First Sunday in Lent.

March

- 2nd Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion at 9.30 at Bridge Church. Young Wives Group meeting at 7.45pm in Bridge Village Hall.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

8th January 1977 Basile Adamakos and
Katherine Ann Macauley

May They Rest in Peace

at Barham Crematorium

30th December 1976 Rosa Victoria Cleak

5th January 1977 Ralph Stevens

PATRICXBOURNE CHURCH

A special Evensong will be held in St. Mary's, Patricxbourne on February 20th, depicting the Church's year leading up to Lent. The service will take the form of readings and hymns - assisted by Choirs from Bridge and St. Saviour's, Folkestone, under their Choirmaster, Roger Smith.

Please make every effort to attend this service, and make it a joint effort of our three churches.

G.A.

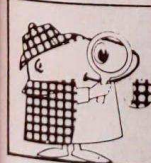
YOUNG WIVES

We shall be having a film show on February 2nd. "Housewives Film Show", the popular cine-magazine for modern women, to be shown at 8pm at the Village Hall*.

The details for the meeting on February 16th have not yet been finalised.

On March 2nd, another films evening with a South African programme "Floral Heritage". The film commences at 8pm*.
**Please note that both of the Films evenings are OPEN and all who wish to attend will be most welcome. Admission will be 10p on each evening; coffee and biscuits will also be served.*

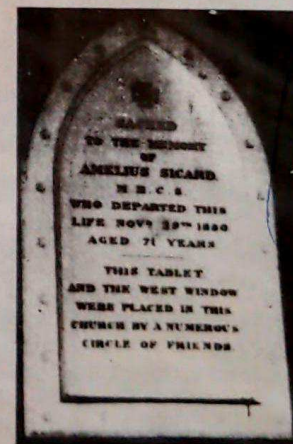
E.B.



PICTURE QUIZ

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

Last month's picture showed the upper portion of the tower leading to the bells and clock at St. Peter's Church, Bridge. A number of people guessed at the probable location, but none identified it correctly. The view was across the old churchyard. The view this month is an interior, and shows a tablet to a Doctor not of Divinity but Surgery! Which Church, please, and where precisely in that Church. Answers to John Purchase, Canterbury 61508 during the daytime.



THE PATRIBOURNE MIRACLE

Miracle

By James H. Pratt aged 10

This first appeared in the Milner Court Chronicle, but we were sure more would be interested.

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When Matthew came we both voted to go for a walk along the dried-up river bed, so with some sandwiches and a drink we set off. We went through long grass and stinging nettles and under three low bridges, until we entered a wood. We both felt rather tired so we sat down for a rest.

As we were sitting I caught a glimpse of something white hidden in the long grass. I revealed what seemed to be a large, white, decorated flower vase. We wondered why it was there.

As we trekked back we found several old bottles. One had "Furniture Cream" written on the side. Furniture Cream has not been put in bottles for a long time so we knew it must be very old.

We carried the flower vase and the bottles into our Kitchen and washed them very carefully. Just then, my mother came in. She did not like the mess very much, but when she saw the vase she looked startled. When we asked her what was wrong, she explained. "When I was tidying the church with a few friends, that flowerpot was dropped and broken. As it had been broken many times before we decided to throw it away on the church rubbish dump, all in separate pieces; and now, miraculously, it's perfectly whole!"

The next day we cut some flowers and put them in the vase and placed it near the altar. And there it stands now, if you want to see it, in Patribourne Church, and no-one can explain its miraculous mending, or who put it there in the river bed a long way from the church.

Do you know?

An unpleasant blow



The high winds that swept Kent a week ago not only brought down fences and tiles during the storm, but for Bekesbourne parishioners Mr. and Mrs. E. Griggs it also ripped off the brick wall to the side of their house. Next morning City Council workmen stripped the remaining loose bricks and fastened tarpaulins over the side of the house. The noise of the storm kept many people awake during the Tuesday night, but that was of little account when Mr. and Mrs. Grigg's home is thought of. We hope that the damage is soon put to rights, and that fewer such winds are the lot of those on the exposed downs by Bekesbourne Aerodrome.

BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE P.C.C.

Receipts		REVENUE ACCOUNT		Payments	
1975		1976	1975	1976	
	CHURCH COLLECTIONS				SALARIES/WAGES
538	Bridge	711	132		Verger 120
183	Patribourne	230	156		Organist 150
	FREE-WILL OFFER'S				Junior Choir 46
60	Envelope scheme (net)	195	60		Church Services 101
1106	Covenants, Gross	1100	21		Choir Expenses 46
	COLLECTION BOXES				LIGHT/HEAT
11	Bridge	14	241		Bridge 282
34	Patribourne (net)	37	82		Patribourne 56
168	Donations	149	211		Insurance 316
12	Donations to Missions	15			REPAIRS/MAINT'CE
113	Investment income	127	46		Organs & Piano 38
	OTHER INCOME				Churchyards 121
47	Marriage/Burial Fees	59	624		Dioc. Quota/Dean. Levy 881
25	Grant from Bridge P. C.	50			VICAR
4	War Graves Commission	4	498		Working Expenses grant 600
251	Summer Fête (net profit)	215	52		Easter Offering 82
154	Christmas Market ..	247	5		Assistant Clergy 8
	PARISH MAGAZINE				SUNDRY DONATIONS
	Subs and Adverts	325	15		Missions 18
	Less cost of printing	309	55		Charities 69
17	Sundry receipts	-			SUNDRY EXPENSES
			10		Subscriptions payable 11
			18		Loss on Magazine 1975
					Balance carried forward 168
<u>2723</u>		<u>3169</u>	<u>2723</u>		<u>3169</u>

NON-RECURRING ACCOUNT

Opening balance 1.1.1976	201	REPAIRS TO BRIDGE	
Balance b/f from Rev. A/c	168	Re-pointing chancel wall	
Receipts from Patribourne		Replacing coping stones	
Concert/Donations for P&B	63	Painting gutters / down-pipes etc.	244
Savings Bank withdrawals		Architect's fees	34
General A/c	380	Decorating Chancel	236
Patribourne A/c	80	REPAIRS TO P/BOURNE	
		Repairs to heating	114
		SAVINGS BANKS DEP.	
		Bridge Organ Fund	3
		Patribourne Church	97
		Bal. c/f to Bank A/c	
		1.1.1977	198
			<u>926</u>
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NB. The Above figures have been extracted from the Cash Book; they are not yet audited. The Audited Accounts will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the P.C.C.

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

At the end of 1976 revenue receipts showed a net increase of £446 compared with the previous year, a highly creditable result. Gross covenant income at £1100 was the largest item. Church collections increased by £220 and the Free Will Offering Envelope Scheme by no less than £135 to a net total of £195.

Unfortunately payments showed a net increase of £536. The Quota increased by £275, the insurance premium by £105 and our share of the Vicar's working expenses by £102; which more than wiped out the increase in receipts.

NON-RECURRING ITEMS: In 1975 we spent £160 on the two churches. This year we have spent £514 on Bridge Church and £114 on Patribourne Church, all of it on normal maintenance. In order to pay for this we have had to draw on our reserves.

RESERVES: We commenced 1976 with reserves totalling £1,777. During the year we deposited £97 and we received £114 by way of interest. We finished the year with a total of £1,533, a net reduction of £244. In addition there was £139 on the Bridge Organ Fund.

CONCLUSION: The results for 1976 demonstrate the baleful effect of inflation. In spite of raising our income from £2,723 in 1975 to £3,164 in 1976 (approx. 16%) this is insufficient to meet ever rising costs, over most of which we have no control. I sincerely applaud your efforts in 1976 and once again I urge you to keep up the good work in 1977.

C.A.P.

We are all very grateful to Mr. Charles Potter for presenting the Accounts in such detail and clarity, as he has for so many years.

C.E.H.P.

BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th February at 7pm in the Village Hall, Bridge. The Speaker will be Mr. Tom Begg of Howlett's Zoo. The Competition is: Photograph of a Pet.

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 2pm on Tuesday February 8th. There will be a talk by Mrs. J. Stingemore on Feathered Decorations. The competition is: Four Jam Tarts.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE

Church Cleaners

February 5th Mrs. Hogben
February 12th Mrs. Watson
February 19th Mrs. Grey
February 26th Mrs. Sandall
March 5th Mrs. Allan

Flower Rota

February 6th Mrs. Sandall
February 13th Mrs. Whigham
February 20th Mrs. Allan
No flowers during Lent

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The PCC wish to thank all the magazine distributors, Mr. Barley for his efforts in the sale of advertising space, and the printers, for their work during the past year which turned a loss of £18 into a profit of £16.

A preliminary meeting of the Committee for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations will be held on Monday 14th February at 8pm at the Vicarage.

A Sacristan is needed at St. Peter's Church, Bridge, to help with the altar linen and change the altar frontals as the seasons of the Church come round. Would anyone willing to help please contact the Vicar, the Rev. Canon C.E.H. Perry.

We wish to thank most sincerely Mrs. T.E.G. Hoare for the gift of three cassocks to the Choir at Bridge, in memory of her Mother, the late Mrs. Alice Banks. Also, we add our warm thanks to Mr. T.E.G. Hoare who presented six hymn-books and six psalters on the same occasion. These are most practical and helpful gifts.

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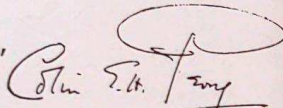
We have entered the period of Lent and throughout the month we keep the various Sundays such as Mothering Sunday, Passion Sunday, and on April 3rd, Palm Sunday. They are opportunities for an increase in our Spiritual activities. We can come regularly to Holy Communion by attending Sunday by Sunday throughout Lent, and by coming perhaps to one of our weekday celebrations. We are reminded too to pray for many of our Christian brethren throughout the world who are suffering for their faith; they are in our generation, we must never forget the martyrs of the Church. Mankind does not march inevitably towards better and better times. We have to define from age to age what it is to be a Christian. The Christian is one who is concerned about life at all points, wherever men work and live. The Christian is a person who brings into his concern for others his Christian faith in a God who made us all and who cares for all. The Christian is one who brings everything and everyone - not just his own wants - to God in his prayers and who takes out into the world something of God's compassion and caring. The Christian is called to suffer for his faith. The Christian is called to seek after holiness, and holiness really means *wholeness*. It involves not only the restoration of broken relationships with God and with others, but should ultimately bring the whole of one's life, physical as well as mental and spiritual, into a new harmonious relationship with God. What I have said above is an indication of what it means to belong to the family of God, and how through Christ we are become precious one to the other. There is, as there always must be a proper regard for the lessons of the past, but theologically and spiritually and ecclesiastically there must be a great reaching forth unto those things which are before - which should always be the prevailing characteristics of Christian people and of the Christian Church.

I do hope that you will remember those of our Parishes who will be confirmed at 10.30am at Wingham Church on Sunday March 27th. Each year brings new life to our Church, and we pray that they will be loyal and steadfast in their witness to the Christian faith. It is to them that we entrust the continuance of the Church militant

here on earth.

There is one Sunday this month that I would emphasise; namely Mothering Sunday which falls on March 20th. The thought this day is on the responsibility of the family as a unit. I want you to come as one to say your prayers on that day, to thank God for all the blessings that you, father, mother and child, have received in your family life together - not forgetting too, the Grandparents and of course the Great-Grandparents. I am sure that many older people who have been confirmed will make a special Communion in thanksgiving for their parents, whether living or departed, on that day.

Yours sincerely in our blessed Lord,


Rural Dean and Vicar

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 1977

March

- 2nd Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion at Bridge Church. Young Wives Group meeting 8pm at the Village Hall, Bridge.
- 4th Friday. Women's World Day of Prayer. See the announcement. Continuation of Confirmation classes.
- 6th Second Sunday in Lent.
- 7th Monday. Annual Assembly of Patricxbourne Parish, meeting at The Barton, Patricxbourne, 7.30pm.
- 11th Friday. Confirmation classes continue.
- 13th Third Sunday in Lent. NB. Collection at 11am Matins at Patricxbourne and 6.30pm Evensong at Bridge for the *Canterbury and Rochester Diocesan Council for Social Responsibility*.
- 14th Monday. Summer Fete helpers' meeting, 8pm at the Vicarage.
- 15th Tuesday. Bridge and Patricxbourne W.I. meeting at 7pm at Bridge Village Hall.
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- 17th Thursday. Annual Assembly of the Bridge Parish, meeting at Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm.
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- Rev. C. Harrington. Preacher at 6.30pm Evensong at Bridge Church, the Rev. Leonard Geddes.
- 23rd Wednesday. Young Wives Group, visit to the Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury.
- 25th Friday. Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Communion at 7.30am at Bridge Church. Confirmation classes continue.
- 27th Fifth Sunday in Lent. Confirmation at 10.30am at Wingham Church. Preacher at the 11am Matins at Bekebourne, the Rev. Henry Voller.
- 31st Thursday. Annual General Meeting of the League of Friends of Canterbury Hospitals (Bridge Group) 7.30pm at Bridge Village Hall.

April

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

May They Rest In Peace

At Barham Crematorium

10th February 1977	Rose Emily Eldridge
11th February 1977	Dorothy Beatrice Matthews
24th February 1977	Edwin Arthur Richard Baker

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES

The programme for the month of March for the Young Wives is as follows:-

- March 2nd. OPEN MEETING. Films Evening, *South African Floral Heritage*, 8pm in the Village Hall.
- March 16th. BEETLE DRIVE. The Village Hall at 8pm. This is also an open meeting - ALL are welcome.
- March 25th. Visit to the Marlowe Theatre to see *The Mikado*.
- March 30th. Meeting cancelled.

E.B.

CANTERBURY AND ROCHESTER DIOCESAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Changes are taking place in the whole field of the Council's work, the most significant being that the Mother and Baby casework was handed over to the KCC Social Services Department on 1st April 1976. This meant the withdrawal of Grant Aid which amounted to half our budget, so that it is not possible to employ the same number of staff and it is therefore likely some Deaneries will not have a professional worker in their area. *To ensure our income it is absolutely essential that the Giving in all Deaneries is maintained.*

What have we been doing since April?

Some Church people may feel that with the relinquishing of the mother-and-child work with which they have been associated, in some instances for many years, that this means the end of the Council's work. *This is not so. On the contrary* the future opens doors for more involvement and exciting participation.

1. The Mother and Baby casework continues in the Boroughs of Bromley and Croydon.
2. Our two Enablers have continued their work with communities of very different kinds in Bexley and Ashford.
3. The Social Worker in Tunbridge Wells who has already initiated several community projects in the area, has been able to devote all her time to this side of her work.
4. We have continued our work with the AA Group in Maidstone Prison, the Probation Hostel (Fleming House) in Maidstone, and the Probation Home (Hollywood Manor) in West Kingsdown. We have been very involved with the setting up and the teething troubles of a new Hostel for Alcoholics in Maidstone.
5. Acute financial stringency has made it necessary to shut our residential centre for Mothers and Babies (Ravensbourne) and to hand back to Kent County Council another (Heatherlands). St. Faith's, Bearsted (primarily for pregnant schoolgirls) and Kendall House (for acutely disturbed girls of 10 to 16) continue.
6. The adaption of an old KCC Children's Home at Riverhead as accommodation for young adults, and a Community Centre to be managed by the Sevenoaks Branch, is proceeding - another co-operative effort between statutory and voluntary agencies.
7. Branch Committees and Deanery Synods have been encouraged to work together more closely. Our aim is the setting up in each Deanery of a Social Responsibility Sub-committee, incorporating the Branch Committee.
8. The setting up of a Counselling Centre in our premises in Maidstone is being actively pursued in conjunction with the West Kent Association for Pastoral Care and Counselling, and the Kent Council on Alcoholism.
9. Our Women's Aid Group has sought regular support from our staff.
10. Discussion of the Kent Structure Plan by representatives of the Church in

the two Dioceses has been co-ordinated by our staff. Further discussions are planned.

11. The servicing of the Kent Churches Clergy Major Disaster Plan in conjunction with the Kent Constabulary is being carried out by the Council's staff.
12. Crowebridge Housing has now been registered by the Housing Corporation and two projects are being actively pursued, one in Ashford and one in Canterbury.

Why should the Dioceses be doing this?

We believe that the Church - as an institution - because it is the Body of Christ who cared to the uttermost, has to be seen to care at Diocesan, Deanery and Parish level. To do this with the greatest economy of resources, time and people, a number of full-time staff with professional skills as co-ordinators, catalysts, supporters, initiators and consultants are necessary.

Just because fewer professional staff will be available, they will rely very much on the work of volunteers in all localities for the carrying on of projects of all sorts. It is important to realise that the projects of the future are unlikely to be uniform over all the Deaneries. Different localities will throw up different needs which it is our job to meet.

The greatest contribution a Voluntary Agency such as ours can make is flexibility - so that one could say change will remain as part of our involvement.

60 Marsham Street, Maidstone

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

It is most important that those parishioners who worship at our churches should have their names on the Church Electoral Roll. Particularly I ask those who have recently come to live here. Forms are to be found in all the three Churches.
C.E.H.P.

WHAT IS IT? It is the Church's register of electors; it is the list of those qualified to attend and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting where the elections take place for a) the parochial church council, b) the parish's representatives on the deanery synod. Any person entitled to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting may raise any question of parochial or general church interest.

WHO IS QUALIFIED? Section 1 (2) of the Church Representation Rules states:- A lay person shall be entitled to have his name entered on the electoral roll of a parish if he a) is baptized; b) is a member of the Church of England or another church of the Anglican Communion or an overseas Church in communion with the Church of England, and is not a member of any other religious body which is not in communion with the Church of England; c) is of seventeen years or upwards; d) is resident in the parish, or, if not so resident, has habitually attended public worship during a period of six months prior to enrolment; and e) has signed the form of application for enrolment ...

WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL IT MAKE? Synodical government gives a new opportunity for partnership in the life of our Church. **First**, the new system is intended to be more complete, straightforward, and effective, so that churchpeople at every level may feel that they are in touch with the Church as a whole and can play their part in decision making. **Secondly**, the laity are now to have their place in every aspect of church government, including the doctrine and services of the Church. By enrolling you become a voting member of the Church and so help to ensure that all the councils of the Church - including the parochial church council, the deanery synod, and the diocesan and general synods - are fully representative of its members.

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ST. MARY'S, PATRIBOURNE - a musical appeal

Would any kind person like to donate either a Parish Psalter (with music) or an Ancient and Modern (Revised) Hymnal - with music - to help our newly formed choir? There are no choir-books in Patrixbourne Church and no choir fund as yet, but we have a choir of ten who are interested and making progress.

Any donations you can give will be most gratefully received.

G.A.

ST. PETER'S, BEKESBOURNE - MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

The 11am Service on Sunday March 20th will be the Mothering Sunday Service.

We at Bekesbourne will welcome all who can come to our hilltop Church that morning, especially family groups. By the end of March even the walk up the path to the Church will be a pleasure with the Spring flowers to be seen. Please come and make this a very enjoyable day.

S.G.

BEKESBOURNE W. I.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday March 8th at the Village Hall at 2pm. The Speaker will be Lt.-Colonel Thomas, OBE, *Humerous Travel Talks*. The competition is for a hand-made Paper Doily.

ST. PETER'S, BEKESBOURNE - CLEANERS ROTA FOR MARCH

Mrs Allan	..	..	..	March 5th
Mrs Smith	..	..	..	March 12th
Mrs Farbrace	..	..	..	March 19th
Mrs Hogben	..	..	..	March 26th
Mrs Watson	..	..	..	April 2nd

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (Interdenominational)

This will be held at the Salvation Army Temple, White Horse Lane, Canterbury on Friday March 4th

12.30 LUNCHTIME SERVICE

1.00pm BREAD AND CHEESE LUNCH

3.00pm SERVICE - Speaker Mrs W. Barham

(A creche has been arranged for this service)

7.30pm SERVICE - Speaker Major Mrs Bowes

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Verger (Bridge): Mr. J. Hopkins, Old Station Cottage, Bishopsbourne (62693)

BEKESBOURNE

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR APRIL 1977

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

3rd April, Palm Sunday

11am Matins
11.45 Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Sung
Communion

10th April, EASTER DAY

See separate announcement for all Services on this day.

17th April, Low Sunday

9am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm Evensong

8am Holy Communion
11am Matins & Sermon

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and Sermon

24th April, 2nd Sunday after Easter

8am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

9am Holy Communion

11am Matins
11.45 H.C.

1st May, 3rd Sunday after Easter

11am Matins
11.45 Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Sung
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MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union Corporate Communion will be held on Wednesday April 6th at Bridge Church at 9.30am. The Branch meeting will be on Monday April 18th at 2.44pm; where the Speaker will be Mrs Goddard, Lay Reader.

JUNIOR CHURCH

The Junior Church will meet on April 17th and 24th.

BRIDGE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS: HANDICRAFTS EXHIBITION

This display is being organised and staged by Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute. The theme is *The Queen's Reign/The Past 25 Years in the Village*. We would like a large number of items please, and details about the collection and display will appear in the May magazine.

I.H.

BEKESBOURNE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Bekesbourne Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 26th, 1977, at the Village Hall, Bekesbourne at 7.30pm.

G.F.T.

Holy Communion is celebrated at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7.30 a.m. on Fridays during the week at Bridge Church. Evensong is at 4.30 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, Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne,

The time approaches when we join with our fellow Christians all over the world in commemorating the Cross and Passion of our Lord. How shall we set about this? We use the wonderful help available to us in Word and Sacrament. We pray that our commemoration may not be the repetition of old sentiments but may have reality for our conscience and actions.

The story of the Cross and Passion is told in each of the four Gospels. The story in St. Matthew is so similar to that in St. Mark that we can best see the different aspects of the Passion if we read in turn three of the Gospels; St. Mark, St. Luke and St. John. When we do this we are struck by the note which sounds so clearly in each. St. Mark draws out the awe and loneliness of the Passion; Jesus is deserted by all, and utters from the Cross the terrible cry of dereliction *My God, my God; why hast Thou forsaken me*. St. Luke shows us the love and compassion of Jesus piercing through the darkness, in the prayer for the forgiveness of the executioners, and in the parodying of the repentent thief. St. John shows us the majesty of Jesus in the Passion, reigning already from the Cross and turning the scene of anguish and disaster into a scene of glory.

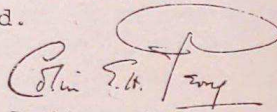
Let our reading of the Gospels help us to see these three aspects of the Passion in their bearing upon ourselves: to realise the awe of Calvary, to discover the immensity of Christ's love, and to go on learning that the Cross is a glory indeed. So our keeping of Holy Week and Good Friday will be a time for the outgoing of our gratitude towards our Lord and our love and care towards the world. May our commemoration of the Passion be sure to lead us to a deeply joyful Easter. Having been a little nearer Christ in His suffering we can share again in His victory over sin, suffering and death. For Easter is pre-eminently the festival of joy - and the joy is infinitely more than of a past memory. We do indeed, in our commemoration, transport ourselves back into the historic past, and recapture the gladness of the apostles that the Lord was with them again. But the joy of Easter reverberates down the ages giving light and hope to an ever

changing world, always an *Anno Domini*, a year of the Risen Christ and an ever present Christ in the heart of man. We all need the assurance of Easter Day to set the seal on what we believe.

We warmly welcome those of our churches who were confirmed at Wingham Church on March 27th. I commend them to your intercessory prayers.

I hope that many of you will come to the Annual Church Meetings: Bridge and Patrixbourne Church on Tuesday April 5th at 7.30pm at Bridge Village Hall, and Bekesbourne Church on Tuesday April 19th at Bekesbourne Village Hall.

I wish you all true blessing and Easter joy;
Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord.


Rural Dean and Vicar

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 1977

March

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HOLY WEEK: See separate notices on page 8.

5th Tuesday. Bridge and Patrixbourne Churches Annual Church Meeting and Election of Churchwardens, at 7.30pm at Bridge Village Hall.

6th Wednesday. Mothers' Union corporate Communion at Bridge Church at 9.30am.

7th Maundy Thursday.

8th Good Friday.

10th EASTER DAY: See separate notices on page 8.

17th Low Sunday. NB. Matins and Sermon at 11am at St. Mary's Church, Patrixbourne. Preacher: Dr. Anne Plumptre.

19th Tuesday. Bridge and Patrixbourne W.I. meeting at Bridge Village Hall at 7pm. Bekesbourne Church Annual Church Meeting and Election of Churchwardens at 7.30pm at Bekesbourne Village Hall.

20th Wednesday. Young Wives meeting at 7.45pm. Speaker: Mrs. Grace Dove.

24th Second Sunday after Easter.

May

1st Third Sunday after Easter.

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Holy Baptism

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BRIDGE

27th February 1977 Erica Anne Lewis
Lynne Bettina Walker

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PATRIXBOURNE

13th March 1977 Darren Stephen Jones

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE

20th March 1977 Samuel Jon Somerville
Perry

May They Rest in Peace

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE

23rd March 1977 Robin Matcham

DECORATING THE CHURCHES FOR EASTER

St. Peter's, Bridge.

This will take place on Saturday April 9th, from 10am. Any offers of help or flowers will be most welcome. This year unfortunately lilies will be much more expensive but those who would like to give a 60p lily should hand the money to the Vicar or Mrs. Elsie Apps, 26 High Street; or Mrs. Roger Hunter.

St. Mary's, Patrixbourne. This will take place on Friday April 8th at 3pm. Offers of help or flowers will be most welcome.

St. Peter's, Bekesbourne. This will take place on Sat. April 9th from 10am. Offers of help or flowers will be most welcome.



SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

Bridge
 Monday April 4th H.C. 9.30am
 Wednesday 6th H.C. 9.30am
 Maundy Thurs. 7th H.C. 7.30am
 Good Friday 8th Ante-Commun.
 and Litany 8.00am
 Devotional Service
Patruxbourne 2.00-3.00pm
 Tuesday April 5th H.C. 8.00am
Bekesbourne
 Good Friday 8th Matins and
 Sermon 11.00am

SERVICES ON EASTER SUNDAY

St. Peter's, Bridge
 8.00am Holy Communion
 11.00am Matins and Sermon: Family
 Service. Preacher: Rev.
 Henry Voller
 11.45am Holy Communion
 6.30pm Festal Evensong
St. Mary's, Patruxbourne
 8.00am Holy Communion
St. Peter's, Bekesbourne
 8.00am Holy Communion
 11.00am Matins and Sermon
 Preacher: The Vicar
 11.45am Holy Communion

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 who wishes to
 receive Easter Communion at home is asked to let the
 Vicar know.

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

SERVICES FOR LOW SUNDAY 17th April

8.00am Holy Communion at Patruxbourne Church
Celebrant: Reverend H. Voller
 9.00am Parish Eucharist at Bridge Church
Celebrant and Preacher: Reverend C. Harrington
 11.00am Matins at Bekesbourne Church
Preacher: Reverend H. Voller
 6.30pm Evensong at Bridge Church



WHAN that Aprille with his schowres swoote
 The drought of Marche hath perced to the roote,
 And bathud every veyne in swich licour,
 Of which vertue engendred is the flour;
 Whan Zephirus eek with his swete breeth
 Enspirud hath in every holte and heeth
 The tendre croppes, and the yonge sonne
 Hath in the Ram his half cours i-ronne,
 And smale fowles maken melodie,
 That slepen al the night with open yhe,
 So priketh hem nature in here corages:-

Thanne longen folk to gon on pilgrimages,
 And palmers for to seeken straunge strondes,
 To ferne halwes, kouthe in sondry londes;
 And specially from every schires ende
 Of Engelond, to Canturbury they wende,
 The holy blisful martir for to seeke,
 That hem hath holpen whan they were seeke.

The Prologue: The Canterbury Tales



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The Cat and the Leveret

My friend had a little helpless leveret brought to him, which the servants fed with milk in a spoon, and about the same time his cat kittened and the young were dispatched and buried. The hare was soon lost, and supposed to be gone the way of most fondlings, to be killed by some dog or cat. However, in about a fortnight, as the master was sitting in his garden in the dusk of the evening, he observed his cat, with tail erect, trotting towards him, and calling with little short inward notes of complacency, such as they use towards their kittens, and something gamboling after, which proved to be the leveret that the cat had supported with her milk, and continued to support with great affection.

GILBERT WHITE

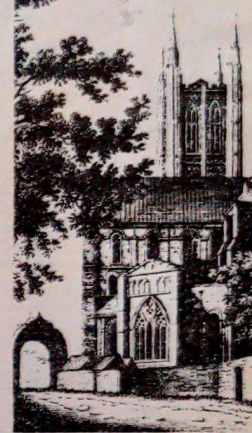


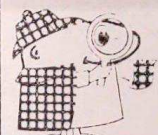
KIRCHENTAG

Canterbury Cathedral May 14th

Canterbury Cathedral is to be the scene of a 'Kirchentag' on Saturday May 14th, 1977. 'Kirchentag' means 'Church Day', and the organisers are looking for an attendance of between 500 and 1000 people who will be both invited to listen to distinguished speakers, and to take part in group and project work. The three main themes will be led by the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs Coggan (Family Life), Len Murray of the TUC and Bill Deedes, Editor of the Daily Telegraph (Contemporary Commitment), and the Dean of Guildford, the Very Rev. Tony Bridge (Worship). This is an opportunity for adult Christians to deepen their understanding of some aspects of the Christian Faith, and to worship together.

More information from the Rev. David Ratcliff, Diocesan House, Lady Wootton's Green, Canterbury - or in this area, John Purchase, Mill Cottage, Bekesbourne.





PICTURE QUIZ

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



Never was there such a swift response to a Photoquiz puzzle as last month, when the correct answer - written in a fair hand - was delivered within hours of publication. Miss Nicola Collingwood, aged 6, of 28 Bridge Down, correctly identified an early print of St. Peter's, Bridge. What skyline do we have here?

APPRECIATION

I am overwhelmed by the love and kindness and practical help that has overflowed from so many wonderful friends and neighbours since my admittance to hospital.

My deepest thanks to Dot and Peter Talbot for taking Frances under their wing; to Joyce and Dennis Back (Frances' godmother) for taking David - as they live near his school in Canterbury; to Peter and Yvonne Jones for having the children at the weekends; to Miss Tomlin for her loving care and practical help to all three of us; to dear Dad

and Kath who have such a load to bear already; to all of you who have helped ferry David to and fro so that he has not missed Badminton, Scouts or Confirmation classes; to all those who have had Frances to tea and play; to those who have taken over my church duties and Blind Collection; to my close friends who pray daily for my full recovery; to my dear friends in the Bridge/Barham Group who held their House-Mass specially for my family.

May God's blessing be given to you all as He has so wonderfully, richly blessed our family.

I have received a regular fan mail, fifty-one get-well cards so far! My writing is still not too good, so I hope that dear friends and neighbours, you will accept my heartfelt thanks through this letter. With love and gratitude.

Kath Pierce

We all wish speedy recovery to Kath Pierce. Please, at this time, remember all who are sick or away from the Parish unavoidably, who may not be able to join in our Easter worship this year. They all have our love.

C.E.H.P.

BRIDGE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS' COMMITTEE

On Easter Monday morning at 11am we are holding:-

A SPONSORED PRAM RACE,

AN EASTER BONNET PARADE for Adults (and one for children) *Do come along and support these events - it should be good fun. We shall be in the High Street, look forward to a big crowd!*

M.J.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING, ST. PETER'S, BRIDGE

Please note that the Parochial Church Council for 1977/8 will be elected by vote at the Annual Church Meeting to be held on Tuesday April 5th in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Nomination forms for candidates, duly proposed and seconded, and accepted by the candidate in writing, should be handed to the Vicar or the Hon. Secretary D.R. Hill before the Annual Church Meeting. The nomination forms are available from either the Vicar or the Hon. Secretary at Red Deer, Bridge Down, Bridge. This is not however mandatory, provided the paper used includes the full signature of 1) The Proposer, 2) The Secunder and 3) The Nominated Candidate accepting.

BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting is on Tuesday April 19th at the Village Hall, Bridge, at 7pm. This is a Birthday Meeting and a Members' Evening. The Competition is for a home-made Easter Bonnet.

B.H.

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday April 12th at the Village Hall, at 7.15pm. The talk will be given by Mrs Celia Sutton on *Dried and Pressed Flowers*. The competition is for a Knitted Egg Cosy; and the Hostesses that evening will be Mrs Deebank and Mrs Routley.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE - Cleaning Rota for April

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR MAY 1977

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

1st May, Ss. Philip & James, 3rd after Easter

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

8th May, 4th Sunday after Easter

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

15th May, Rogation Sunday

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

22nd May, Sunday after Ascension

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

29th May, Whit Sunday

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

JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will meet on the following Sundays in May: 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th. at 10.45am.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union Corporate Communion will be held on Wed. May 4th at 9.30am.

MISSIONARY BOXES

Kindly return Lent Missionary Boxes at any of the Services.

EASTER OFFERINGS

My grateful appreciation and 'thank you' to all who who so kindly and generously gave to the Easter Offering. C.E.H.P.

Holy Communion is celebrated at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7.30 a.m. on Fridays during the week at Bridge Church. Evensong is at 4.30 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,

During the month of May we have two great festivals of the Church, the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord and Whitsun. First the Ascension: *I came forth from the Father, and I am come into the world: again, I leave the world and go to the Father.* That one verse covers the whole of the incarnate life here on earth; it contains the whole sequence of the mysteries through which the Church has led us since Advent.

The Son of God *came forth from the Father* in great humility *born of a pure virgin* as we say at Christmas. He had *come into the world* and we traced His progressive manifestation. He had *come into the world* and we witnessed his meeting with the world's temptations, the world's sins and the world's sorrows.

We saw Him on the Cross of Calvary in the last dread conflict with the world, the flesh and the devil. *I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do.* And that work finished we saw Him commend His spirit into His Father's Hands, *that through the grave and gate of death* He might pass to His joyful resurrection.

Now, at the Ascension, His mission being accomplished, He gave the final proof of His triumph, and of the truth of His claims upon the faith of the Apostles. In their presence He *was taken up, received up into Heaven.*

Again, *I leave the world and go to the Father. From the Father, to the Father.* Such is the description of His own life in the world, given by the Son of God Himself. As *members of Christ, children of God* such is the true picture of our human love. But how seldom we realise our heavenly origin, the dignity of our being, the Fatherhood of God.

Nor was this all. The life of Jesus had reached a triumphant climax. The victory which had been won was now to be proclaimed. Long ago the Psalmist had asked: *Whither shall I go then from thy presence?* He had found God inescapable. Christian believers could now go forward into an unknown future without fear, knowing that their Lord was Lord everywhere. Jesus Christ was inescapable.

So Whitsunday follows the Ascension. What is the meaning

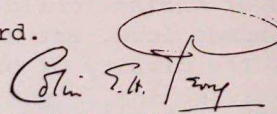
of Pentecost? When the day of Pentecost came, with the fresh experience of the Spirit of God, now seen also in the Spirit of Jesus, the first disciples were an expectant group of believers. On the first Whitsunday the disciples were all together in one place and the Holy Spirit came upon each one of them. There is revealed in the continual paradox of the spirit-possessed Body of Christ the Church which is in the Body of Christ; and it brings to us something which does not belong to any of its members but belongs just to the togetherness of the Church, to its corporate existence of which the creed and liturgy and fellowship are the outward signs. Yet what belongs to the Church in its togetherness is vain, empty and ineffective apart from its possession and expression by each member of the Church.

The Holy Spirit came upon each one of the company of disciples because in no other way could He come upon the Church. Yet in His coming to each there was a gift greater than each received. We speak of the *Fellowship of the Holy Ghost*: it is His gift which through the inspiration of each creates for each and in all, the fellowship of the Church. It is impossible to say that the individual comes before the Church or the Church before the individual. The two together make up the Beloved Community.

The June magazine will be published early to give details of the Jubilee Services and celebrations in our villages. Perhaps you could send me matter for publication by the 18 May at the latest.

To all who helped in any way by gifts or decoration, or by cleaning of the churches at Easter-time my grateful appreciations.

Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord.


Rural Dean and Vicar

CALENDAR FOR MAY 1977

- 1 Sunday. Feast of Ss. Philip and James, 3rd after Easter.
- 3 Tuesday. Meeting at 8pm at Bridge Village Hall, arranged by the Jubilee Committee.
- 4 Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 9.30am at Bridge Church. Young Wives Meeting at Mr. W. Johnson,

- 42 Bridge Down at 7.45pm.
- 6 Friday. Feast of St. John, Evangelist.
- 8 4th Sunday after Easter.
- 9 Monday. M.U. Branch meeting at 2.45pm at 37 Union Road, Bridge.
- 14 Saturday. Kirchentag, all day at Canterbury Cathedral.
- 15 Rogation Sunday.
- 17 Tuesday. W.I. Annual General Meeting at 7pm at Bridge Village Hall.
- 18 Wednesday. Young Wives, Bring and Buy and Coffee Evening 7.45pm at Bridge Village Hall. NB. *Open to all.*
- 19 Thursday. Ascension Day. Holy Communion 7.30am Bridge Church.
- 22 Sunday after Ascension.
- 24 Tuesday. Archdeacon's Visitation, 7.30pm at Canterbury Cathedral.
- 25 Wednesday. M.U. Deanery Festival.
- 29 Whitsunday.

June

- 1 Wednesday. Young Wives Meeting. Speaker: Rev. T. Rainbow Chaplain, HM Prison, Canterbury

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BRIDGE

- 27th March 1977 Susan Jane Page
- 10th April 1977 Raylene Sharyn Prosser
- Katherine Louise Collier
- 24th April 1977 Richard Michael Harris

Holy Matrimony

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PATRIBOURNE

- 9th April 1977 Alison Mary Warner
- Roland John Barnes

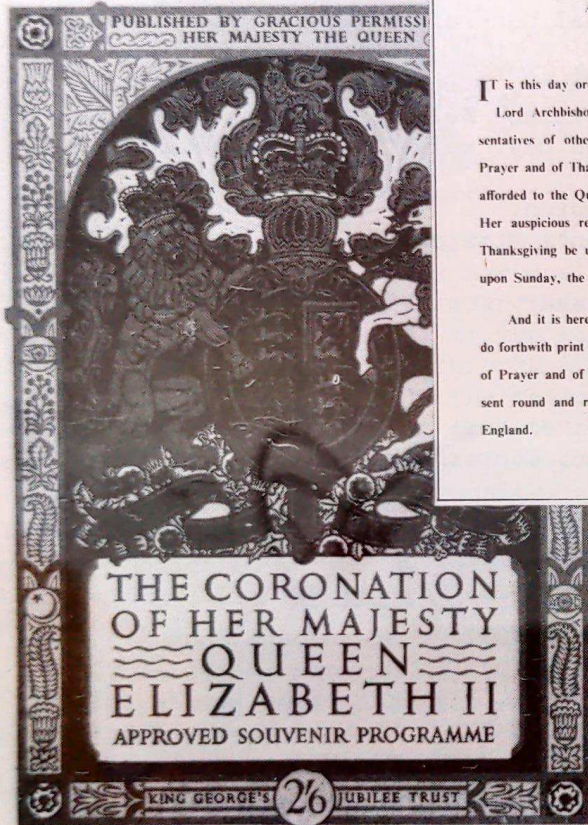
May They Rest in Peace

at BARHAM CREMATORIUM

- 28th March 1977 Violet Ethel Fox
- 31st March 1977 Alice Mary Welch
- 7th April 1977 Ethel May Taylor Swan
- 15th April 1977 Jacqueline Alexis

JUBILEE PREVIEW

A special Service has been set out to commemorate the Silver Jubilee, and details of this will be included in the special edition of next month's magazine.



AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WHITEHALL

The 4th day of March, 1977

BY THE LORDS OF HER MAJESTY'S MOST
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ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY
ARCHBISHOP OF YORK
LORD PRESIDENT

IT is this day ordered by Their Lordships that His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, in consultation with representatives of other Churches, do prepare a Special Form of Prayer and of Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the protection afforded to the Queen's Majesty during the twenty-five years of Her auspicious reign, and that such Form of Prayer and of Thanksgiving be used in all Churches and Chapels in England upon Sunday, the fifth day of June next.

And it is hereby further ordered that Her Majesty's Printer do forthwith print a competent number of copies of the said Form of Prayer and of Thanksgiving that the same may be forthwith sent round and read in the several Churches and Chapels of England.

N. E. LEIGH

Have YOU a special story about Coronation Day? If so, please let John Purchase have it so that we can print a selection of the experiences on that day.



PICTURE QUIZ

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Last month's picture showed the tower and roof of St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne; and was correctly guessed by ALAN FARBRACE very promptly after publication. Question this month: where are these gates?

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL in association with Patrixbourne Parish SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Committee I take the opportunity to thank those who have organised for us and helped to run Fundraising activities at the several Coffee Mornings, Bring and Buy Sales, the Easter Monday Festivities and so on; equally we express gratitude to the many stalwarts who have supported the organisers and their helpers so generously.

The support of these events is a great encouragement to the Committee, it augurs well for the success of the Jubilee Day Celebrations in BRIDGE on Tuesday 7th June 1977.

The next "Jubilee Do" will be an American Supper Dance at Bridge Village Hall on Saturday 21st May 1977. Watch out for the posters with details.

H.P.M.L. Chairman

BEKESBOURNE SILVER JUBILEE COMMITTEE

We are happy to report that with the great help given by many villagers to the Committee, and the support of those who came to buy, we were able to raise the sum of £230 at the Second-Hand Sale in the Village Hall, Bekesbourne on Saturday April 30th.

The June issue of the Parish Magazine will carry special articles about the Festivities planned for the villages of Bridge, Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne - and about the actual Coronation 25 years ago. The July issue will feature a report with pictures of our Silver Jubilee activities. Please make sure of your copies of these special issues.

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Will anyone who has an item of any type of craft-work made during the past twenty-five years, and suitable for the Exhibition being staged in the Methodist Church on June 7th please get in touch with any member of the Women's Institute.

Shortly before June 7th such articles may be left with Mrs. Dove, "Meadow Rise", Patrixbourne Road; Mrs. Wimpory, "High Beech", Patrixbourne Road; or Mrs. Harris, 14 Conyngham Lane, Bridge.

I.V.H.

ST AUGUSTINE'S HOSPITAL, CHARTHAM

St. Augustine's Hospital Jubilee Year Fete is being held on Saturday 28th May 1977 from 2pm to 6pm.

Fete attractions will include helicopter rides, the Band of the Fifth Battalion, The Queen's Regiment, Morris Dancers, a Balloon race, Madrigal Choir, Majorettes, the flying of model aircraft, fancy dress and numerous stalls.

The proceeds will be put towards patients' amenities, and they are looking particularly to the provision of a new minibus for outings.

It would appear to be an excellent afternoon's entertainment, with a worthy cause for support.

KIRCHENTAG - CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

It is not too late to register for attending the Kirchentag at the Cathedral on Saturday 14th May.

This day-long study of contemporary problems, beginning with prayers at 10am and ending with a Service of Communion to finish at 5pm, is designed as a pooling of experience.

There is much to be gained by attending. The cost is £1 - and you can register with the Reverend David Ratcliff at Diocesan House, Lady Wooton's Green. On the day it is suggested you bring along a packed lunch, writing materials and your Bible.

Kirchentag? It is the German for Church Day.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

The Branch meeting will be held on Monday May 9th, at 2.45pm at 37 Union Road, Bridge.

The Deanery Festival will be held on Wednesday May 25th at 7.30pm at Barham Church.

The Mothers' Union Young Families Committee of the Canterbury Diocese, will be holding a Service in Canterbury Cathedral at 8pm on Wednesday 15th June 1977. The Service will be taken by Canon Pollard and the Preacher will be The Dean.

This Service is for all Young Wives in the Diocese of Canterbury and I would be most grateful among any Young Wives Groups that are not affiliated to the Mothers' Union.

We do hope that you will be able to attend the Service, coffee will be served in the Chapter House afterwards. (The details of the Cathedral Service have come from Mrs. Brenda Mills, Hon. Sec. Young Families Committee of the M.U. Canterbury Diocese)

BEKESBOURNE FLOWER ROTA

A new Flower Rota is about to be prepared and will be put on display in the church.

Would anyone willing to have their name put on the Rota on a regular basis; or who would provide and arrange flowers for a particular occasion; or who would provide either the flowers or the cost of them for a particular occasion please notify Mrs. P. Farbrace, 3 Downside, Bekesbourne, as soon as practical. Donations towards the cost of flowers generally would always be welcome.

It is suggested that this month those good people who clean the church, and who often also arrange flowers, might care to continue the arrangement to cover the month of May.

BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE P.C.C.

The PCC welcomed new members on to the Committee at their Annual Vestry held last month. These were Mr. Alan Jackson and Mr. B. Whiting. It was reported that there were 199 people on the Church Electoral Roll - next year sees the re-registering of all electors to the Roll.

Although financially the churches had managed well in the past year, the Treasurer, Mr. C.A. Potter reminded all at the meeting that some money had had to come from the reserves, and it would become increasingly necessary to raise the income for the churches throughout the year.

All the Officers of the Committee were re-elected, with the grateful thanks of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon C.E.H. Perry and the PCC to them for their work over the past years.

BEKESBOURNE P.C.C.

The Annual Vestry of St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, was also held last month. The Officers of this PCC were also re-elected, with the thanks of the Vicar and parishioners for their efforts. It had been possible to record a good Year in a small community, with essential work both inside and outside the church completed.

It was planned this year to have a Christmas Fair, and much activity would be seen during the Jubilee celebrations and the Flower Festival to be held later in the summer.

FLOWERY TALK!

At Bridge Village Hall at 8pm on Tuesday 3rd May, Mr. Tom Castle will give a talk and demonstration on the preparation of hanging baskets and window-boxes. This meeting has been arranged by the Jubilee Committee in conjunction with the Nailbourne Horticultural Society and is open to everyone. Admission is free. K.C.

YOUNG WIVES GROUP

There will be a meeting at 7.45pm on Wednesday May 4th at 42 Bridge Down by the kindness of Mr. W. Johnson.

There will be a Bring and Buy and Coffee Evening at 7.45pm on May 18th at Bridge Village Hall. This is open to all.

Please note that the Annual General Meeting will be held on June 29th this year.

NEWS FROM THE CLOSE

Three pupils from Bridge Church of England Primary School; Jane Mummery, Helen Pack and Julie Harvey, held their own Sponsored Walk in pouring rain - and raised £10 for the Amenity Fund at the Close.

Whist Drives are held at the Close on alternate Mondays at 7pm. Everyone is welcome, there is free coffee.

The Staff at the Close recently held a Dance and gave the proceeds in the form of a record-player and records for the use of the residents. If anyone has unwanted records they would be gratefully received and put to good use at the Close.

Miss Upton, *Matron*

BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall, Bridge, on Tuesday May 17th at 7pm. This is an A.G.M. Resolutions Meeting. The competition is for a miniature garden. S.C.

ST. PETER'S, BEKESBOURNE - CLEANING ROTA

May 7th	Mrs. Farbrace	May 28th	Mrs Grey
May 14th	Mrs. Hogben	June 4th	Mrs Sandall
May 21st	Mrs. Watson		

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday May 10th at 7.15pm. There will be a discussion on A.G.M. Resolutions; the competition is for a miniature flower arrangement. The hostesses will be Mrs. Kingsford and Mrs. Rogers.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Annual Opening of the Society's boxes has realised £22.10 which is a good effort for the eight box-holders. Would any one else like to take a box?

Thank you very much all box-holders for your contributions. It is hoped to arrange a film show of the Society's work later in the summer.

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR JUNE 1977

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

5th June, Trinity Sunday, and
Thanksgiving on the Occasion of
the Silver Jubilee of the Access-
ion of H.M. The Queen

8am Holy Communion	11am Thanksgiving Service
6.30pm Thanksgiving Service	

11am Thanks-
giving Service
Preacher: Rev.
H. Voller

12th June, 1st after Trinity

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

8am Holy
Communion

19th June, 2nd after Trinity

9am Parish Eucharist	8am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong	

11am Matins

26th June, 3rd after Trinity

8am Holy Communion	9am Holy Communion
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11am Matins 74
11.45 H.C.

3rd July, 4th after Trinity

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

9.30am Sung
Communion

3rd July Paul Hayman

JUNIOR CHURCH

The Junior Church will meet on the following Sundays in June: 12th, 19th and 26th, at 10.45am at Bridge Church.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers- Union Corporate Communion will be held on Wednesday June 1st at 9.30am. The Mothers' Union Deanery Communion Service is on Thursday June 23rd at 7.30pm at Elmstone Church. The Branch Meeting will be held at 37 Union Road on Monday June 13th at 2.45pm.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE - Flower Rota

For June would the Cleaners please undertake the flower arrangements. Any offers of help to Mrs. P. Farbrace.

Holy Communion is celebrated at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7.30 a.m. on Fridays during the week at Bridge Church. Evensong is at 4.30 p.m. at the Close every Sunday - except the first Sunday in the month when there is a celebration of Holy Communion.

27-3-77



Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patribourne and Bekesbourne.

This month we commemorate the Silver Jubilee of the Accession of Our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second. You will find details of the Thanksgiving Services in our parishes on page 4 of the magazine, and details of the family celebrations in the villages on pages 14 and 15.

During the greater part of the Christian era democracy was unknown. Government was by the Sovereign or by an oligarchy. Democracy in its modern form was a revolt against irresponsible government. In many European countries people demanded that government should be with the consent of the people and based upon their will. The same principle was clearly stated in the opening sentence of the American Declaration of Independence: *Governments are constituted among men, drawing their just powers from the consent of the governed ... organising its power in such forms as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.* This paradoxically is echoed in the third Article of the "Declaration of the Rights of Men and of Citizens" of the French Revolution: *The principle of all sovereignty resides essentially in the nation: no body and no individual can exercise any authority which is not expressly derived from it.*

In Great Britain there had been for many centuries an elected House of Commons but except for brief periods and rare occasions it had been controlled by the Crown. The dangers inherent in political democracy can only be avoided if behind all differences there is a common background of accepted principle. When this is absent, then democracy fails. Within the person of the Queen as Crown there is the common background of accepted principle.

Political democracy in Great Britain under the Crown did not emerge suddenly from the ground, nor was it imposed arbitrarily from above; it is the result of centuries of

trial and error. Foreigners are astonished at finding in this country that there is *Her Majesty's Opposition* as well as *Her Majesty's Government*. Democracy as we know it and which we should cherish, clearly is far more than a political method; it is a way of life. It is the general agreement of the people on a way of life which enables it to work in this our country and for the political machine to survive crises from time to time and severe strain.

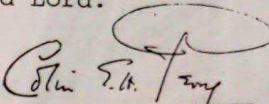
Democracy called for the abolition of the artificial barriers which divided mankind. It subscribed that all men had equal rights. The extension of the franchise to all classes was a means to an end - the equality of all citizens in the social, political and economic opportunities of a full life.

The demand for equality came directly from Christian doctrine. Christ did not teach that all men are equal in position or in ability. We rightly honour the Queen as her dutiful subjects. In one of the parables Our Lord took it for granted that men have different "talents" but they are equally responsible for the use they make of them. He taught that God is the Father of all, that all therefore are of value in His sight; all are called by Him to love and serve Him, all are offered eternal life. The material and social differences which separate men from each other are as nothing compared with the redeeming love God has equally for all and the greatness of the inheritance to which He calls all.

Thus the claims of a Christian nation are not only binding in their own merit - as from God - but are also vital as a part of Christian action, thought and speech, by the visible and outward signs of our Crown and Her Majesty's Government, Judiciary and People. It must be an authority shared by the whole family of our Nation and Commonwealth as a unit. We need to show Christian loyalty in action. The claims of loyalty within the nation need to be stressed more than has been usual: and the Jubilee Services and celebrations recall us to our loyalties. It is the only way by which corporate values can be maintained and the solidarity of all Christian people - the many peoples of other religions from different races of the world - who now comprise our United Kingdom can indeed make

our Britannia GREAT.

Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord.


Rural Dean and Vicar

CALENDAR FOR JUNE 1977

May

29th WHITSUNDAY

June

1st Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion at 9.30 am. at Bridge Church.

5th TRINITY SUNDAY: Thanksgiving Service on the Occasion of the Silver Jubilee of the Accession of Our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second. *These Services are being held at 11am at St. Mary's, Patricxbourne and St. Peter's, Bekesbourne; and at 6.30pm at the Church of St. Peter's, Bridge.*

7th Tuesday. Silver Jubilee Celebrations at Bridge and Bekesbourne Villages. Details on pages 14 and 15.
9.30am Thanksgiving Service at Bekesbourne Church.
10.15am Thanksgiving Service at Bridge Church.

12th 1st Sunday after Trinity.

14th Tuesday. Bridge and Patricxbourne PCC at Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm.

16th Thursday. Bring-and-Buy Coffee Morning in aid of Patricxbourne Church Choir at Ardprivity, Bekesbourne Lane, 10.30am - 12 noon.

17th Friday. Musical Concert and Readings at St. Mary's Church, Patricxbourne at 7pm.

19th 2nd Sunday after Trinity.

21st Tuesday. W.I. Meeting at Bridge Village Hall at 7pm.

26th 3rd Sunday after Trinity.

29th Wednesday. Young Wives Group Annual General Meeting.

July

2nd Saturday. Bridge and Patricxbourne Churches Summer Fete at Bridge Primary School grounds.

3rd 4th Sunday after Trinity.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne
1st June 1977 Michelle Ann Stamp

Holy Matrimony

St. Mary's Church, Patricxbourne
14th May 1977 Richard Warren Painter
Judith Alison Hill

May They Rest in Peace

St. Peter's Church, Bridge
5th May 1977 Grace Evelyn Pegden
16th May 1977 Joseph Ovenden
and afterwards at Barham
Crematorium.

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne
3rd May 1977 William John Hammond

Barham Crematorium
29th April 1977 Ethel Muriel Lewis
and afterwards at Staple
Churchyard.

2nd May 1977 Douglas William Hughes Baker
18th May 1977 Ruby Kate White

Canterbury Cathedral
2nd May 1977 Catherine Ellis Williamson

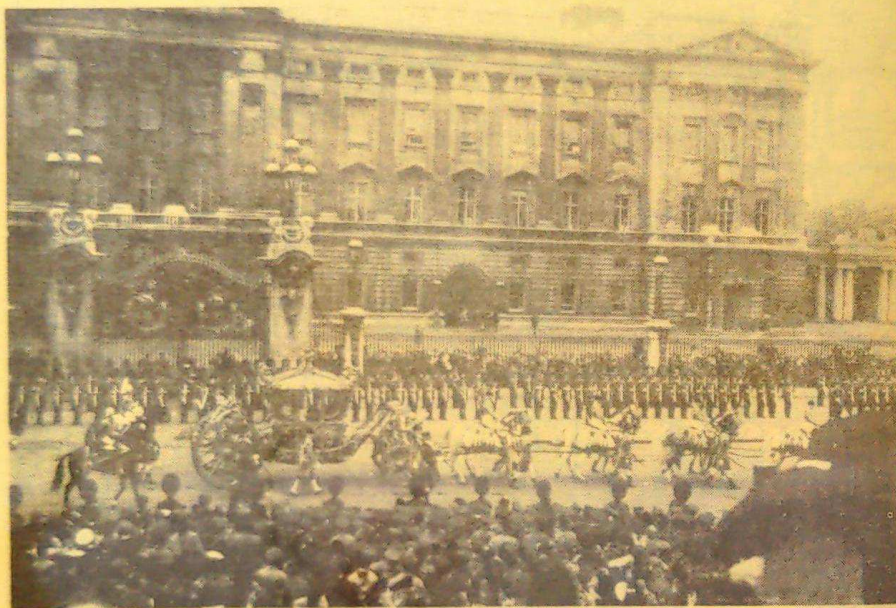
LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF THE CANTERBURY HOSPITALS

The Flag Day this year is being held on Saturday August 13th, and an extra special effort is being made in order to help the Canterbury Hospitals, which are under severe financial pressure. In addition to providing many amenities and comforts for patients, the Friends have purchased much essential equipment, such as modern hospital beds and other medical apparatus.

Many more Flag sellers are needed in the City on the day and anyone who can spare an hour or two would be warmly welcomed. If you are able to help please contact Mrs Gray, Orchard End, The Drove, Chestfield - telephone Chestfield 2347.



CORONATION GRANDSTAND - one man's view



At the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in June 1953 I was working for NBC, the National Broadcasting Company of America, organising their six film units into place on the stands that had been erected outside the Palace, Westminster Abbey, in Trafalgar Square, by Marble Arch and elsewhere on the processional route.

NBC had opted for filming the scenes themselves, where their rivals CBS were putting the BBC Television coverage on to film at London Airport. There were no satellite facilities in those days, so putting the programme on film and flying it to New York was the only way to show the Coronation to the Americans.

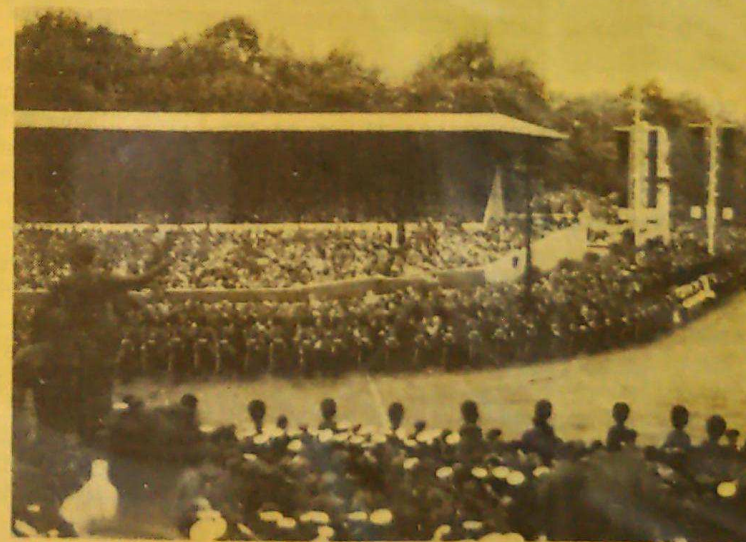
Using a furniture van to carry all the camera and sound gear – and the film crews – we set out from Wardour Street at 2am on the morning of the Coronation, threading through the busy traffic with our special passes, past thousands of people trying to sleep on the pavements along the Mall and down Whitehall.

At each of our drop-off points we unloaded the camera and heavy sound

gear, leaving the crew of two to hump it up into the stand. The last camera position was on the Wedding Cake – the Queen Victoria Memorial outside Buckingham Palace. This was a popular stand, and each team had a small part of the three tiered stand painted with white lines to show the area allocated.

It was here that the first thing went wrong. The cameraman found that he had left his telephoto lens behind, so that he could get no shots in close-up of the Royal Family on the balcony of Buck House. So I went with the van driver to NBC's headquarters, a block of flats near the BBC, and hammered unavailingly on the front door. It was opened at last, about 4.30am, by a Peer in full fig on his way to the Abbey. Upstairs we thumped on NBC's door until a sleepy Miss Piat, NBC's resident secretary, opened up. We got the vital lens and swept back to the Palace, having to argue our way through several check points as the roads were now closed.

Once back on the press-stand I decided to stay there. I had no personal pass for the stand, but as the Ministry of Works men came round checking, at about 6am, I wandered slowly ahead of them round the circular stand chatting to the various camera crews I knew. This had a sequel at the Trooping of the Colour a few days later when I was again on a stand where passes were being checked. This was on the Horseguards, and there was no way round the men checking. I was there with a crew from Technicolor shooting a new Queen trailer (the God Save The Queen film shown at the end of cinema programmes). The Ministry of Works man looked at me and said "That's OK. I remember you from the other day" (!).



The crowds in the Mall about 9 am. They had heard Everest had been climbed and were cheerful despite the rain showers.

The crowds along the Mall had become considerably excited when the newspapers appeared with the headline EVEREST CLIMBED with details of Hillary and Tensing's achievement a few days before. The crowds were now very thick and the crowd control gates had been shut. Behind the heavy wooden doors across the road to Victoria Station we knew our motorcyclist despatch riders were waiting. We had two – the first would drive off at once with the film when we had shot it, and the second was to follow on the same route two minutes later. If anything had happened to the first man the second was to seize the yellow silk bag with the film and tapes, and press on regardless to London Airport and the waiting chartered planes.



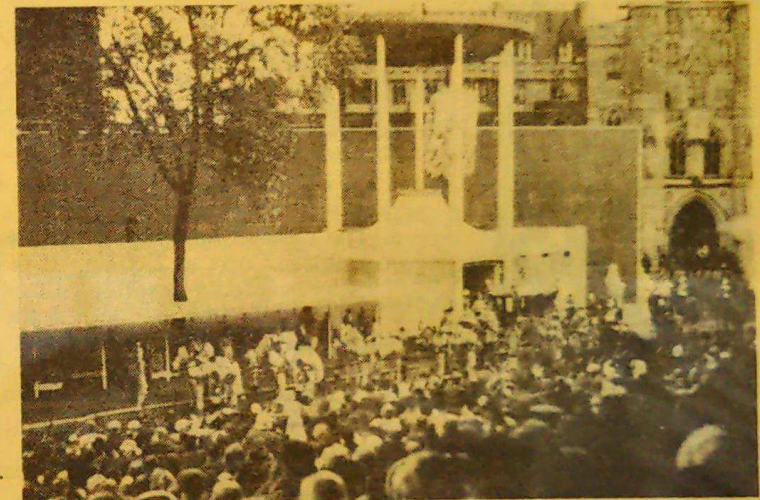
Motorcyclists waiting for their urgent films – on the left a rider for the Gaumont British News and a newspaper man on the right. They broke every rule in the book to get their film through. A Movietone rider once crashed as he arrived at the film laboratory. They took the film magazines into the building before looking to his injuries!

On the stands everyone was checking his gear. All the Technicolor cameras in Europe had been commandeered for the occasion, and one of their teams was behind us on the next tier, as was a crew filming in 3-D. On the other side was a BBC television camera; their commentators were in small wing stands at the side of the main stand so that they could see up the Mall as well as towards the Palace.

When the procession began, regardless of the showers of rain, the atmosphere in the crowd became electric, and the camera noise was remarkable when the Queen herself appeared in the State Coach. As soon as she was out of camera range, there was frenzied activity as the cameras were unloaded. Each crew had been allocated a Police cadet to accompany them to the wooden gates where the motorcyclists were revving their machines. We ran up the open road between the lines of troops, shouting our man's name. We could hear his answer so we heaved the precious yellow sack over the top of the wall. Our Police cadet never arrived – we lost him.

I now set off back to NBC's headquarters on foot to report progress, and to sit and watch the major part of the Service on television, drinking champagne. The idea of the champagne was that it was a great reviver, and we had all been issued with a personal bottle.

Then on foot again, to the Abbey stand, where I conned myself in to see our crew there. This was just about the time a cameraman's worst fear was being realised inside the Abbey. Sydney Samuelson, then working for British Movietone, had the key shot of the actual crowning to take. It was a shot only he could get for the company; it had to be on his camera, a Newman Sinclair. Ten seconds before the crowning he wound up the clockwork spring just once more, and it broke! He never got the key shot.



The Queen leaving the Abbey after the Service of Coronation.

Not knowing this, outside we were having a field day. The Abbey bells pealed, the crowds cheered themselves hoarse, and we filmed the departure of the procession once more. After that it was a madcap race to get ahead of the columns to Marble Arch where we had a crew on the first floor canopy of a hotel entrance. To reach them I had to go through the first floor suite at the hotel, where the owners were watching on three television sets what was happening right outside their windows. That I never quite understood.

The rest of the day was a confused jumble of crowds milling everywhere, the evening appearance on the Palace balcony, and rescuing all the crews and their equipment from the stands. It was all great fun – no sleep two nights running, but the feeling that we had helped in our small way to bring a great event, one that no other nation on earth can mount with such very splendid pageantry, to a tremendous audience overseas.

J. P.



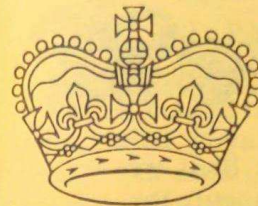
BEKESBOURNE SILVER JUBILEE

JUBILEE DAY - TUESDAY JUNE 7th 1977

Programme

There will be a short Service of Thanksgiving at 9.30 am. in St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne. All are most welcome.

- The Fancy Dress Parade will assemble at Cobham Court at 2.00 pm. It is hoped that as many people as possible will enter into the spirit of the day, and join in the Fancy Dress Parade.
- The Parade will then proceed to the Recreation Ground.
- The Cricket Match (Ladies v Gents) will start at 3.00 pm.
- Tea will be at approximately 4.15 pm. There will be a small charge for tea for adults and young people who have not received a special invitation card.
- Barbecue from 8.00 - 11.30 pm. in Mr. Ash's Barn. There will be a Bar. Tickets are now available at 75p per head. Admission will be by ticket only.



BRIDGE and PATRIBOURNE PROGRAMME

MONDAY JUNE 6th

7.00 - 11.00 pm. "YOUNG GENERATION" DISCO. Bridge Village Hall - for Ticket holders ONLY.

TUESDAY JUNE 7th - Jubilee Day

10.15 - 10.45 am. THANKSGIVING SERVICE. St. Peter's Church, Bridge. All are most welcome to this short Service.

10.30 - 4.00 pm. EXHIBITION - *The Queen's Reign* - The past twenty-five years in Bridge. The Methodist Hall, Patribourne Road, Bridge.

11.00 - 12.00 noon. CHILDREN'S ARMADA. Recreation Ground and River, Patribourne Road, Bridge.

1.45 - 1.50 pm. OPENING OF THE CELEBRATIONS by the Vice-Chairman, Bridge Parish Council, on the Recreation Ground.

2.00 - 2.30 pm. PUNCH AND JUDY SHOW. Recreation Ground, or, if wet, the VILLAGE HALL.

2.45 - 3.15 pm. MARCHING DISPLAY by No. 321 Air Training Corps Band, on the Recreation Ground.

3.00 - 3.45 pm. Display "CAROUSEL" Majorettes.

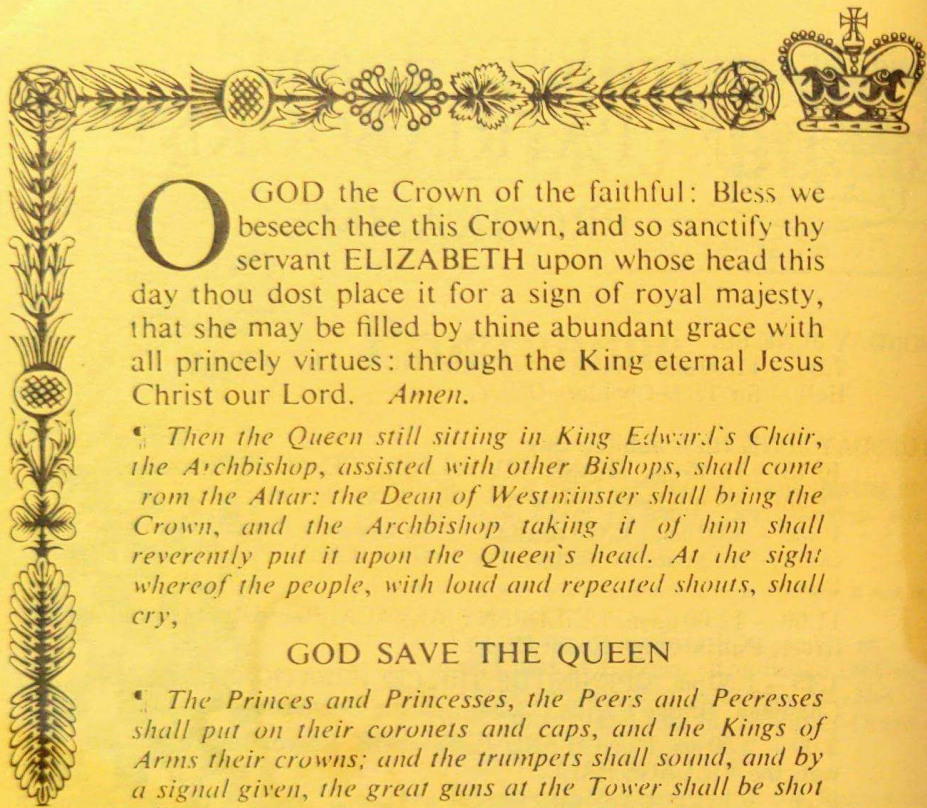
4.00 - 4.30 pm. Display of the Art of TAEK-WONDO.

4.30 pm. - end. TUG OF WAR over the River.

Also: Sideshows, Stalls, 'Welly Throwing' Contest, 'Swing-Ball' Contest, Children's Obstacle Course Competition, Tombola.

8.00 pm. - 1.00 am. Wednesday. SUPPER DANCE/DISCO. Bridge Place Country Club - for Ticket holders ONLY. Tickets: £1.00

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Bridge Village Hall will be open between 10.00 am. and Noon on Saturday May 21st and 28th for the issuing of TICKETS where necessary for the above, and the COLLECTION of the Children's Jubilee Mugs and/or Pens previously ordered on the 'Pink Forms'. No Tickets sold on Jubilee Day itself.



O GOD the Crown of the faithful: Bless we beseech thee this Crown, and so sanctify thy servant ELIZABETH upon whose head this day thou dost place it for a sign of royal majesty, that she may be filled by thine abundant grace with all princely virtues: through the King eternal Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then the Queen still sitting in King Edward's Chair, the Archbishop, assisted with other Bishops, shall come from the Altar: the Dean of Westminster shall bring the Crown, and the Archbishop taking it of him shall reverently put it upon the Queen's head. At the sight whereof the people, with loud and repeated shouts, shall cry,

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

The Princes and Princesses, the Peers and Peeresses shall put on their coronets and caps, and the Kings of Arms their crowns; and the trumpets shall sound, and by a signal given, the great guns at the Tower shall be shot off.

Let us pray

Almighty God, who rulest over the kingdoms of the world, and dost order them according to thy good pleasure: we yield thee unfeigned thanks for that thou wast pleased in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two, to set thy servant our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, upon the throne of this realm. Let thy wisdom be her guide and let thine arm strengthen her; let truth and justice, holiness and righteousness, peace and charity, abound in her days. Direct all her counsels and endeavours to thy glory and the welfare of her subjects; give us grace to obey her cheerfully for conscience sake, and let her always possess the hearts of her people; let her reign be long and prosperous, and crown her with everlasting life in the world to come; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*

ABOVE. An extract from the Coronation Service in 1953.

RIGHT. An extract from the Service of Thanksgiving for the Silver Jubilee of the Queen's Accession.

BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

JUBILEE EXHIBITION

A small exhibition of curios, souvenirs, children's impressions of Royalty etc. will be open from 9.30am Friday June 17th until 3.30pm Friday June 24th (during school hours). You are warmly invited to call at any time of the day to see it.

H.R.H. PRINCE CHARLES' SILVER JUBILEE APPEAL FUND
THE SCHOOL'S CONTRIBUTION.

A commemorative booklet is in production to mark the Jubilee Celebration and will be on sale in the village from June 17th.

The booklet is a brief record of some of the work, attitudes and activities of the school during 1977. It will, of course, contain a large proportion of children's work. It is hoped that in a hundred years' time it will be of modest historical interest (and amusement no doubt), to our great grandchildren.

It is anticipated that the booklet will sell at approximately 20p. Proceeds (after expenses) will be sent to the Jubilee Fund.

MRS COLLIER'S RETIREMENT - A letter from the Headmistress

Dear Readers,

Canon Perry has kindly allowed me space in the magazine to tell you about Mrs Collier's impending retirement from the staff of this school after thirty years' magnificent service.

I know that many of you have fond and vivid memories of her and will want to be associated with the activities that are planned to mark the closing days of her teaching career. I am compiling a small scrapbook of cuttings, children's work, photographs and reminiscences which will give but a brief glimpse of all that she has contributed to the school and village. I should be very pleased to receive material from past students and their families (please mark items clearly if you wish to have them returned).

A short presentation ceremony will take place on Monday July 18th at 8.30pm. All former pupils, staff and friends are invited to attend and/or make contributions towards the gift. May I ask you to make these plans as widely

known as possible, particularly to those once connected with the school who no longer live in Bridge? I will, of course, gladly make contact with old friends of the school if I am given names and addresses.

*If you and your family are able to attend on Monday July 18th would you be kind enough to let me know? This will facilitate our seating/standing arrangements.

My thanks to you all, in anticipation of the help that I know you will give.

Yours sincerely,
W.M. Tomlin, *Headmistress.*

*Parents of present students will be given formal invitations later - there is no need to signify yet.

SUMMER CONCERT AT PATRIXBOURNE

You should not miss the Summer Concert at St. Mary's Church, Patrixbourne, on Friday June 17th at 7pm.

A delightfully varied entertainment has been once more provided by the villagers of Patrixbourne. It will feature the Church Choir under the leadership of Mrs. Allan, and folk-songs and readings by parents and children of the community.

A special attraction will be the University Madrigal Singers, who have enjoyed considerable success here in the past.

Proceeds from the Collection will be equally divided between the St. Mary's Church Restoration Fund and a special Indian charity close to the heart of the Rev. Joseph Pratt, Presbyter of the Church of South India, who is at present visiting his family in Patrixbourne.

Those of you who came and shared Epiphany with us in 1976, and those of you who later regretted their absence on this occasion, should find this Summer Evening a happy and lively one.

Coffee and biscuits will be served afterwards. As before - bring your own mug!

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

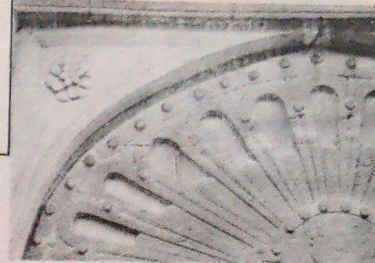
The next meeting of the Bekesbourne W.I. will be on June 14th at 7.15pm in the Village Hall, Bekesbourne.

The talk will be given by Mr. Jutson, on *Gem Stones*. The competition is for a Cheese Salad. The Hostesses for the evening will be Mrs. Austin and Mrs. Dawson.



PICTURE QUIZ

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



The picture last month of the gates in front of the Font at St. Peter's Church, Bridge, was correctly identified by Mrs. F. E. Apps of High Street, Bridge.
What have we here, with this carving?

Bekesbourne Social Club

SUMMER FETE

SATURDAY JULY 30th
BEKESBOURNE RECREATION GROUND
from 2.00 pm

- Band of the Air Training Corps
- Various Stalls and Entertainments including Fancy Dress and light Refreshments



ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE Cleaning Rota for June

June 4th	..	..	Mrs. Sandall
June 11th	..	..	Mrs. Allan
June 18th	..	..	Mrs. Smith
June 25th	..	..	Mrs. Farbrace
July 2nd	..	..	Mrs. Hogben

BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

At the Annual Meeting held on the 26th April 1977, the Secretary reported on the improvements which have been made during the past year. These were the installation of a wash-basin in the ladies cloakroom, a new heating installation, and new tables which had been presented by the Bonanza Committee. In addition the Hall had been cleaned and the kitchen decorated with the help of volunteers from the village and the Community Services.

The Treasurer reported a satisfactory financial position but warned against complacency in the coming year. There has been a grant of £350 from the Parish Council which will help considerably in keeping hire charges as low as possible.

The following members agreed to serve on the Management Committee for another year:-

Mrs. O. Knight	..	..	..	Chairman
Mr. J. Hill	..	..	..	Treasurer
Mrs. E.M. Johnson	..	..	..	Secretary
Mr. H.E. Turpin	..	..	..	P.C.C.
Mr. T.E.G. Hoare	..	..	..	Cricket Club
Mr. C. Martin	..	..	..	Badminton
Mrs. Meigh	..	..	..	Senior Citizens & Mothers' Union
Mr. W. Johnson	..	..	..	Village Hall Rep. on Parish Council
Mrs. G. Dove	..	..	..	Women's Institute
Mrs. P. Anderson	..	..	..	Young Wives
Mrs. F.E. Apps	..	..	..	League of Friends
Mr. C. Prickett	..	..	..	Bookings Secretary

Diary for June

2nd BRIDGE DANCE GROUP
6th JUBILEE DISCO

7th JUBILEE
9th BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
14th PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
16th BRIDGE DANCE GROUP
19th SEQUENCE DANCING - Mrs. Lambert
21st WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PATRIBOURNE

A Bring-and-Buy in aid of the choir funds will be held on Thursday ~~16th June~~ ^{7 July} at Ardriory, Bekesbourne Lane, from 10.30 am - 12 noon. If you are unable to come please send your donation to Mrs. Allan at the above address.

BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall, Bridge, on Tuesday June 21st at 7pm. The talk will be by Mr. H. Rogers on *Radio Medway*. The competition is for a Specimen Rose.

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BEKESBOURNE

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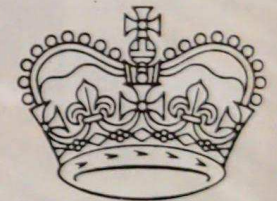
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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR JULY 1977

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

3rd July, 3rd Sunday after Trinity

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

10th July, 4th Sunday after Trinity

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

17th July, 5th Sunday after Trinity

9am Parish Eucharist	8am Holy Communion	11am Matins
6.30pm Evensong		Preacher: the Rev. J. Pratt

24th July, 6th Sunday after Trinity

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

31st July, 7th Sunday after Trinity

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

JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will meet on the following Sundays at 10.45 at Bridge Church; July 10th, 17th and 24th.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union Corporate Communion will be held on Wednesday July 6th at 9.30am. No meetings in July and August.

BRIDGE AND PATRIXBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting of the Bridge and Patricxbourne W.I. will be on Tuesday July 19th in the Village Hall at 7pm. B.H.

LENTEN BOXES

Our thanks to all who contributed the sum of £16 for C.M.S. and U.S.P.G. M.M.

Holy Communion is celebrated at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7.30 a.m. on Fridays during the week at Bridge Church. Evensong is at 4.30 p.m. at the Close every Sunday - except the first Sunday in the month when there is a celebration of Holy Communion.

My dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne,

The Jubilee Services were a great inspiration and joy. It is good to know that there is a strong undercurrent of true Christian patriotism and a sense of thankfulness for the blessings of freedoms which we enjoy.

We look forward to Bridge and Patricxbourne Summer Fete at Bridge School Grounds on Saturday July 2nd. It remains for each one of us to make it an outstanding success. I do not want its success to be dependent on the weather, so whatever the day please come and support us in our efforts - and bring your friends too. You will find full details of the Fete on page 11.

I was asked recently if I could explain the difference (if any) between the Holy Ghost and the Holy Spirit. Many wonder about this when for example in the Book of Common Prayer *Holy Ghost* is used, and in the Series III Holy Communion Service *Holy Spirit* is used.

Let me explain as simply as I can:-

The Holy Ghost and the Holy Spirit mean exactly the same thing, and in Christian theology are the name of the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. The Hebrew word in the Old Testament is *Ruach* meaning the wind or breath of God. Thus in Genesis 1, v1: the Spirit of God is pictured as moving over the face of the waters as the wind moves over the sea; and in Genesis 2, v7: God is pictured as forming man by breathing into him the breath (or spirit) of life. The corresponding Greek word used in the New Testament is *Pneuma* which you will recognise in 'pneumonia' (which stops us breathing) and 'pneumatic' (one filled with breath). The Latin word was *Spiritus*, from which comes *respiration*, or breathing; and *inspiration*, a God-given idea. Hence the English term *The Holy Spirit*.

But the Latin was translated into German in mediaeval times as *Geist* meaning a shadowy outline or spectre. This word became *Gast* in old English, and *Ghost* in modern English. Hence we speak of *The Holy Ghost*.

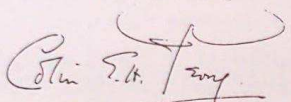
Translation from one language into another can never be exact, since although the basic meaning of a word may be the same the associated ideas are different. The present tendency is therefore to prefer 'Holy Spirit' to 'Holy Ghost', since it is nearer the original, which contained no hint of the terror which can be associated with a ghost story. At the same time the word *Spirit* lacks something of the idea of the breath of God moving invisibly like the wind across the primitive oceans or the dust of the desert, before man appeared on earth.

During this month, on Sunday July 24th - the Sixth Sunday after Trinity - we have surely one of the noblest of all the Collects. It is a prayer for the fulfilment in our lives of that which Jesus Himself described as 'the first and great commandment'. And it is expressed in matchless language.

O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love thee
such good things as pass man's understanding; pour
into our hearts such love towards thee that we, loving
thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which
exceed all that we can desire, through Jesus Christ
Our Lord.

Love towards God is not a virtue which we can achieve for our-
selves. It is a gift. It is, so to speak, a reflection of His love
for us. We love Him because He first loved us.

Yours sincerely in Our Blessed Lord,



Vicar and Rural Dean

CALENDAR FOR JULY 1977

- 2nd Saturday. Bridge and Patribourne Church Summer Fete 2.15pm
onwards at Bridge School Grounds.
- 3rd Fourth Sunday after Trinity.
- 6th Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 9.30am at Bridge
Church.
- 7th Thursday. Translation of Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury, and
Martyrdom 1220AD. Bring-and-Buy Coffee Morning in aid of St.
Mary's Church Choir, Patribourne - at 'Ardpriory', Bekesbourne
Lane 10.30am to 12 noon.
- 10th Fifth Sunday after Trinity. "Sea Sunday".
- 13th Wednesday. Bridge School Sports Day.
- 14th Thursday. Bridge Parish Council will meet at 7.30pm at Bridge
Village Hall.
- 17th Sixth Sunday after Trinity. Preacher at 11am Matins, Bekesbourne
The Rev. J. Pratt, of the Church of South India.
- 18th Thursday. Open Evening at Bridge School. Presentation to Mrs.
Collier on her retirement.
- 22nd Friday. Feast of St. Mary Magdalene. Holy Communion at 7.30am
at Bridge Church.
- 24th Seventh Sunday after Trinity. "Songs of Praise" at 11am at St.
Peter's Church, Bekesbourne.
- 25th Monday. Feast of St. James, Apostle and Martyr. Holy Communion
at 9.30am at Bridge Church.
- 31st Eighth Sunday after Trinity.
- August
- 3rd Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 9.30am at Bridge
Church. Bridge Bible Class Coffee Morning and Bring-and-Buy in
aid of Church Funds, at Miss F. Mason's, 33 High Street, Bridge.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BRIDGE

29th May 1977 Sarah Anne Mummery
19th June 1977 James Edward Philip Disdale

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE

22nd May 1977 Phillippa Jane Parker
12th June 1977 Richard James Austin

Holy Matrimony

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BRIDGE

28th May 1977 Andrew John Stirling
Christine Kingsnorth

May They Rest in Peace

BARHAM CREMATORIUM

3rd June 1977 Marjorie Hogben
10th June 1977 Henry Patton St. John Toombs

THANET CREMATORIUM

1st June 1977 Joyce Amos

BRIDGE BIBLE CLASS COFFEE MORNING

Bridge Bible Class invite you to a Coffee Morning at the
home of Miss Mason, 33 High Street, Bridge, in aid of
Church funds, on Wednesday August 3rd 1977; 10am - 12noon.
Please come along. *David, Erica, Frances, Gillian & Celia.*

BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL LIBRARY

Some residents of Bridge who have lived in the village a
long time refer to the Village Hall as the Reading Room.
No doubt the reason for this is that in days long past the
Village hall was used by the wealthy and better educated
people to read to parishioners. This was a common practice
in most villages before the Education Act of 1872, but there
appears to be no documentary evidence about Bridge.

Mr. Cyril Prickett who has lived in the village most of
his life says that he knew a man who claimed that his father
had been taught to read in the Village Hall.

The Village Hall remains a focal point for readers of all
ages to this day because each Thursday Mrs. Norah Mallinder
the voluntary librarian and her assistant Mrs. Elsie Apps
open a branch of the KCC Library to serve villagers.

*The remainder of this interesting article by Mr. W. Johnson on the Reading Room and its
continuing service will be found in next month's magazine.*

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2nd. Gary
Fisher (left)
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Fisher (right)



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Johnston
2nd. Mrs. Pam
Farbrace 3rd.
Mr. Francis
Whigham (on
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Children's Fancy Dress Comp. Joint 1st. Crispin Warner, Ian Hodges; 2nd Zoe Gabbe (on right) 3rd Lynn Wheeler (on the left).



The Martial Art of TAEK-WONDO was demonstrated between the showers at Bridge, and this colourful display helped to combat the extreme dampness that nearly everyone in the parish suffered. It took us back to Coronation Day said all those who remembered that June Day!

One thing not in short supply was food – a grand tea was laid on at Bekesbourne.



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Throwing the Wellington Boot was a popular side show with all – but Mr. Tim Hoare having been felled by a flying boot for a moment, wisely went for a check-up at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital. "It couldn't have happened to a nicer chap" was the general comment.



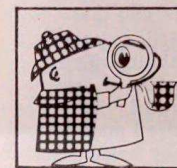
PEOPLE IN THE NEWS THIS MONTH

After more than 67 years in Bridge, Mr. Cyril Prickett has retired. He and Mrs. Prickett have moved to Nethercourt Road, Ramsgate. There was a Presentation to him in a crowded Village Hall on Tuesday June 14th. We shall miss his cheerful banter.



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On June 8th 1907 at Christ Church, Forest Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Shorey of Bekesbourne were wed. On their Platinum Wedding Anniversary last month they received congratulations from far and wide, including a telegram from the Queen. They are seen in their garden holding the Greetings Telegram from Buckingham Palace.



PICTURE QUIZ

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

No-one tried last month's picture of the tympanum on Patrixbourne Church.

What and where is this stone?



"FOR HE'S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW"

A very pleasing ceremony was performed in the Village Hall at Bridge on Tuesday June 14th when Mr. Cyril Prickett, who has been a grocer in the village all his life, was thanked for his service and many kindnesses by his friends and customers, and wished happiness in his retirement.

Mrs. Olive Knight, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, presented him with a parting gift, a cheque for £74 subscribed by his friends and customers in the village, and thanked him in particular for his voluntary work as booking clerk for the village hall.

He was also thanked by Canon Colin Perry for his many services, and by Mrs. Young representing the Parish Council for his past work as a Councillor.

Small gifts were presented from residents of The Close, who had also contributed towards the cheque.

Mr. Prickett, deeply moved by these expressions of goodwill and friendship, gave a short speech of thanks, and the ceremony concluded with cheers and the singing of "He's a jolly good fellow".

Mrs. O. Knight would like to thank all who contributed so generously to the subscription appeal.



H.M. The Queen

At the Service of Celebration to mark the Queen's Jubilee of Twenty-five Years of Service since her Accession, the following Sermon was preached by the Reverend H. Voller. Those who heard his words felt that his message should reach a wider audience than the congregation at the Church of St. Peter, Bekesbourne. We print the text with pleasure.

TWENTY-FIVE years! It is quite a long time as we measure time, and in the field of human relationships I suppose the twenty-fifth anniversary comes home to us with the greatest force when we think of a silver wedding, and in some ways the event we celebrate today is very much akin to a silver wedding celebration. They have much in common, so be patient with me for a few minutes while I try and draw a parallel.

A young couple are married. It is a joining together of different likes and dislikes, of different gifts and powers. In marriage two people become one. They still retain their individual identity, and because of that they bring into the partnership their differing gifts which make it richer and fuller. They have taken each other for better or worse, and by worse we mean the worst through circumstances beyond their control. They have no idea what lies ahead, and as their marriage proceeds they will be called upon to face trials and temptations and challenges which never befell them before they came together. At first their union is surrounded by glamour and romance. It is something new and exciting, and it isn't until the initial excitement and glamour have died away that the marriage settles down to do its job of making two people into one; of discharging an obligation to the community by maintaining a home life on which the stability and welfare of society rests. Time passes and there will be children, and if the marriage is a true one those children will be brought up to make a contribution to the life of the home and to accept certain responsibilities; and they will be made to realise that not only do they take, but they also give.

And so that marriage which started as a union between two people becomes a fellowship, each member of it making their own contribution to the common good of all and, above all else, making a contribution to the common good of society as a whole, for we are social creatures dependent on each other; and when a marriage fails, it is not only the immediately interested parties who suffer but the community as a whole, because our way of life is founded upon the stability of our homes, and when a home breaks up the whole structure of society is weakened because it is deprived of the influence which should flow from it. And so time passes until at last the couple celebrate their silver wedding, and they receive the congratulations and the love and affection of other members of the family and friends.

Twenty-five years ago in the Abbey Church of St. Peter, Westminster, there was a marriage – although we called it a Coronation – but in one sense it was a marriage, the joining together of our beloved Queen and her subjects, each one pledged to make a contribution great or small for the common good of all. The initial glamour has long since died down and the partnership has settled to do its job. In the course of the years difficulties and problems have been faced and overcome in a strength born of a firm and lasting union between the Queen and her subjects.

Of course, we must be careful not to carry the analogy of coronation and marriage too far. At the Coronation it was the Queen who made all the vows and promises – we got off scot free. It was the Queen who undertook the heavy responsibilities of sovereignty. It was the Queen who undertook to uphold the liberties of men and maintain

the State; it was the Queen who promised to uphold the Christian faith and maintain the Church; it was the Queen who undertook by her life and example to inspire and lead her people. So, when you come to think of it, it was a bit one-sided. We didn't promise anything.

But as we look back over the first twenty-five years can we fail in our admiration of the way in which she has performed her vows and kept her promises – the unrelenting demands on her time and energies, trying all the time to be all things to all men, the constant give, give, give which marks every moment of every day; the always having to smile when I am sure she often feels more like weeping, shrugging off the little slurs and aspersions which are occasionally voiced by people, and by one member of Parliament who would deny her the freedom of speech which they demand for themselves.

How many happily married men would dream of trying to assess their wife's worth in terms of money – indeed we are told in the Bible that a good wife is valued above rubies; yet occasionally we hear it questioned whether the Monarchy justifies the cost in money. You can take it from me, my friends, that the Royal Family is the best investment this country has, and if her critics (and thank God they are few in number) gave to their country the dedicated love and service given by our Queen we might be able once again to call Britain – Great!

And, make no mistake, we need the Crown because we desperately need the symbol of unity which the Queen provides. Take away the Monarchy and who or what is left capable of providing a symbol of unity? It is true that celebrations and symbols do not of themselves change anything. But emotions which can find some worthwhile object, hopes that give something to which to cling, and a spirit of service that discovers that its gifts are needed, are the indispensable beginning.

Queen, wife, mother, friend, Her Majesty by her life and example exalts each and every one of those relationships, and let our unceasing prayer be "God Bless and guard our Gracious Queen, that the first twenty-five years of her reign may be but the prelude to a greater and more glorious future".

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ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BRIDGE: CHOIR VESTMENT WASHING

Mrs. Cremer regrets that from now, July, she is unable to continue with the washing and maintaining of the Church Choir surplices, cassocks and gowns. The Choir would be grateful if someone could take on this job. It requires the men's surplices and the ladies collars being laundered three times a year - usually at Christmas, Easter and in August when the Choir are on holiday. Would anyone who can do this job for the Church please contact the Vicar or a member of the Choir - or put a note in at 34 High Street. *We wish to thank Mrs. Cremer most sincerely for her work in the past in maintaining a spruce and neat Choir. C.E.H.P.*

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PATRIBOURNE: BRING-AND-BUY

The postponed Bring-and-Buy in aid of Choir Funds will be held on Thursday July 7th at Ardpriority, Bekesbourne Lane, from 10.30am to 12 noon. If you are unable to come please send your donation to Mrs. Allan at the above address. *This event deserves support, we are all very grateful to Mrs. Allan for her work with the Choir. C.E.H.P.*

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE: ROTAS FOR JULY

<i>Church Cleaners</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Flower Arrangers</i>
Mrs. Hogben	July 2nd	Mrs. Whigham
Mrs. Watson	July 9th	Mrs. Johnston
Mrs. Grey	July 16th	Mrs. Allan
Mrs. Sandall	July 23rd	Mrs. Grey
Mrs. Allan	July 30th	Mrs. Farbrace
Mrs. Smith	August 6th	Mrs. Whigham

BEKESBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next meeting will be on Tuesday July 12th at 7.15pm at the Village Hall. The Speaker will be Mrs. O. Brann on *Modern Black word Embroidery*; the competition for a Single Rose Bud. The Hostesses will be Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Hume.

SONGS OF PRAISE RETURN TO BEKESBOURNE

We are again having a Service of Songs of Praise, with Bible readings, on Sunday July 24th at 11am. We invite you to send in to the Vicar (or to me) your choice of hymn for singing at this Service. We hope that you will let us know your choice in the very near future. The commentator for the hymns will be John Purchase. S.H. Grey.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY CONFERENCE - CANTERBURY 23-30 JULY.

A new type of Holiday Conference is being held in Canterbury this year, on the Rugby Club ground in Merton Lane, a mile and a half from the City centre on the Hythe Road. Several hundred people will be spending a week in caravans and tents on the site, and provision is made for hundreds more to attend as day visitors.

Starting at 10am each morning there will be seminars on a variety of subjects relevant to family life. At the same time a team of students from All Nations' Bible College will be leading activities for age groups ranging from 5-7 to 14+. And there will be provision for babies and toddlers. Afternoons will be free for family outings, sightseeing, rambles, picnics and so on. The main Conference meetings will be held at 7.30pm each evening in a large marquee on the Merton Lane site, which will be clearly signposted from Canterbury.

The week will not be a spiritual hot-house, but it is expected that some serious thinking will take place about maintaining Christian values in the family in present-day society. There will be many speakers from this country and America. The organisers all live and work in this area and hope for a big local attendance. Sites can be booked and information obtained about this week of Conference by contacting the CFC PUBLICITY OFFICER, 8 PALACE STREET, CANTERBURY.

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR AUGUST 1977

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

7th August. 9th Sunday after Trinity

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

14th August. 10th Sunday after Trinity

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

21st August. 11th Sunday after Trinity

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

28th August. 12th Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion	9am Holy Communion	6.30pm Solemn Evensong. Preacher: Rev Canon E. Wade
6.30pm Evensong		

4th September. 13th Sunday after Trinity

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

JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will not meet until September. The dates for that month will be 11th, 18th, 26th at 10.45 am.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union Corporate Communion will be held on Wednesday August 3rd at 9.30am. There is no Branch Meeting this month.

Holy Communion is celebrated at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7.30 a.m. on Fridays during the week at Bridge Church. Evensong is at 4.30 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,

First I would like to thank all those who worked so very hard to make our Bridge and Patricxbourne Church Summer Fete such a very happy and successful event. We were blessed with a very lovely day - rare this summer. The profit was £168. I feel that next year we could do even better if we all rallied round. We are most grateful to all who gave gifts for the stalls and prizes for the raffles.

I would like to mention the sudden death of Miss Hilda Prescott, a loyal member of Bekesbourne Church Choir, a helper in the cleaning of Bridge Church, someone who assisted the patients at Services at The Close, who helped the Over-60 Club, and who in many other ways served her Church and people. She was a good friend and a happy person. May her soul rest in peace. In lieu of wreaths a sum of £15 was donated to the Church by her many friends in her memory.

Most of us will be taking our holidays during this month and our various organisations and Junior Church have closed down until September. Wherever you go, I hope you will visit the parish church, and that your holiday will be a time of refreshment and restoration, both in body, mind and spirit.

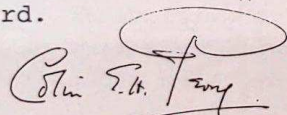
I always try to mention in my letter something that may be of interest to us concerning particular events or commemorations in the Calendar for the month. In most diaries you will find August 1st given as Lammass Day. This is a corruption of Loaf-Mass Day, and it was the day when in accordance with ancient custom, people brought gifts of bread and wine to Church, for use in the Holy Communion Services. This is not done nowadays, but many people still give money at this time for the purchase of the things required for use in the Sanctuary, that is - not only bread and wine, but such things as candles for the altar, new altar linen and so on.

The 5th is the Festival of St. Oswald (AD605-642). He was King of Northumbria, at the time when there were separate Kings over the various districts of England, such as Mercia and Kent. Oswald became a Christian in

the Celtic Church at Iona; and with St. Aidan, whom he invited to Holy Island, he spread Christianity throughout his Kingdom. The last day of August (31st) is St. Aidan's Day. He was a Columban monk of Iona, where he was consecrated Bishop in 635. He began the work of Christianising Northumbria at the invitation of Oswald. Aidan fixed his see at Lindisfarne on Holy Island.

Of course, the chief Feast of August is that of St. Bartholomew on the 24th. He was one of the twelve Apostles, and was closely associated with Philip. The details of his death are not known with certainty. The massacre of St. Bartholomew, which you may have heard about, does not refer to his death, but to the great massacres of Huguenots which began in Paris on St. Bartholomew's Day in 1572, and spread throughout France. The Huguenots were the Calvinist French Protestants; and about 4,000 were killed in Paris alone, and at least 30,000 in the whole of France. In Kent we have many families with Huguenot backgrounds and names. Kent was a haven for many who fled France at that time, and there is still in use the Huguenot Chapel at Canterbury Cathedral.

Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord.



Vicar and Rural Dean

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST, 1977

- 3rd Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion, 9.30 am. at Bridge Church.
- 6th Saturday. The Transfiguration of Our Lord.
- 7th Ninth Sunday after Trinity.
- 14th Tenth Sunday after Trinity.
- 16th Tuesday. W.I. Meeting, 7pm at Bridge Village Hall.
- 21st Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.
- 24th Wednesday. Feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle.
- 28th Twelfth Sunday after Trinity. Solemn Evensong at 6.30pm at Bekesbourne Church. Preacher: the Rev. Canon Eustace Wade.

September

- 4th Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Peter's Church, Bridge
10th July 1977 Claire Lynne Brasier

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne
26th June 1977 Stephen David
Mulsbard

Holy Matrimony

St. Peter's Church, Bridge
9th July 1977 David Roy Allgood
Julia Louise
Greenaway

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne
23rd July 1977 Derek Malcolm
Carpenter
Lorraine Plews

Ronald Steven Plews
Elizabeth Sandra
Carpenter

May They Rest In Peace

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

12th July 1977 Hilda Prescott

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PATRIBOURNE: BRING AND BUY SALE

Grateful thanks are expressed to all who supported the Coffee Morning at Mrs. Grace Allan's house, Ardpriority, Bekesbourne, on July 7th in aid of Patribourne Church Choir Fund. As a result the sum of £26.14 was donated.

BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE W. I.

The next Meeting will be held in the Village Hall, Bridge at 7pm on August 16th. The Competition is for 5 pieces of home-made Shortbread. There will be a Cookery Demonstration by a representative of SEGAS.

S.A.C.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE: CLEANING ROTA

Mrs. Smith	..	..	August 6th
Mrs. Hogben	..	..	August 13th
Mrs. Watson	..	..	August 20th
Mrs. Grey	..	..	August 27th
Mrs. Allan	..	..	September 3rd

Owing to the illness of Mrs. Sandall and Mrs. Farbrace we are very short of Cleaners for our Church. Please - would anyone like to help. Contact Mrs. Grey on Bridge 830522.

R.G.

The unexpected and serious illness of Mrs. Pam Farbrace has led the Bekesbourne PCC reluctantly to cancel the Flower Festival that was to be held at the end of August. One item of the intended programme of events remains - that of the Solemn Evensong on Sunday 28th August at 6.30 when the Preacher will be Canon Eustace Wade - the father of Virginia Wade who so distinguished herself at Wimbledon earlier this summer. Canon Wade is a most interesting Preacher so we hope for a very good attendance.

We send our best wishes to Mrs. Farbrace for her early recovery, and our love goes out to her and her family at this time. We also remember Mrs. Doris Sandall at this time - who is still in hospital after several months. It will be a great pleasure to welcome both Pam and Doris back to their homes fully recovered, soon we hope.

C.E.H.P.

BEKESBOURNE W. I.

There will be a Social Gathering on August 9th at 2.30pm at the Village Hall. There is no other meeting in August.

SONGS OF PRAISE AT BEKESBOURNE

The second of the series will be at St. Peter's Church on Sunday August 21st at 11am. We again invite you to send in your requests to me as soon as possible. I do hope that you will come and join in this second Songs of Praise in the 1977 series.

S.H. Grey

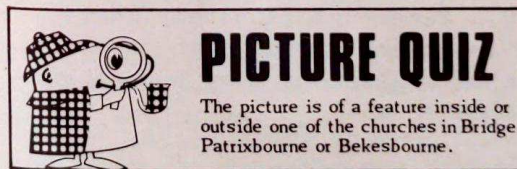


MISS HILDA PRESCOTT

It was with the deepest shock and very great regret that we learned of the passing of our very dear friend Hilda. As you all know she was a member of St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne Choir. We shall miss her very much at our Services.

She also helped my wife and myself at the Close Chapel every Sunday at Evensong. We have indeed lost a very dear friend and helper.

Ruth and Stan Grey



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



No-one tackled last month's picture, a pity as it was easy and interesting. The picture was of the Ordnance Survey Bench Mark at St. Peter's Church, Bridge. It was used to help triangulate the land for accurate map-making. The photo this month is of wrought-iron work. Where is that?

BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE CHURCH FETE: July 2nd 1977

Teas, Cakes	£ 28
Groceries	29
White Elephant Stall.. .. .	14
Bridge School, Children's Books	3
Soft Drinks	7
Raffle	54
Bottle Stall	63
Side Shows:	
Treasure Garden	£ 3
Wheel of Forune	6
Roll-a-Penny	2
Darts	7
Pegs-on-line	2
Concentration game	1
Horse-race game	2
Pony and Donkey rides	7
	30
Less:-	
Hire of School	5
City of Canterbury Band	30
Raffle Tickets	20
Premium Bond	5
	60
Profit	£168

Note:

The profit of £168 was somewhat disappointing, being a reduction of £47 on the 1976 Fete. Unfortunately there was a number of competing functions on the same day. However, we were blessed with a glorious day, and those who did attend enjoyed themselves.

C.A.P.

CHOIR HOLIDAYS

Through the month of August the Choir at St. Peter's Church, Bridge, will be on holiday. The Choir at St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, will be having a holiday from Practices (Wednesdays at 6.30pm). Both Choirs will resume normal attendance on Sunday September 4th.

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES

The new Season starts on September 14th at 7.45pm in the Village Hall, with a "Harvest Supper". New members will be made very welcome. Persons considering joining the Group are welcome to contact Mrs. E. Bevan on Bridge 830449 for any information they may require.

Would you please note the Officers now are:-

Group Leader: Mrs. Brenda Wood
Secretary: Mrs. Eileen Bevan
Treasurer: Mrs. Claire Sullivan
Committee Members: Mrs. Janette Buckmaster, Mrs. Peggy Anderson, Mrs. Dorothy DeCent.

ON LISTENING TO FAURE'S REQUIEM

Exaudi orationem
to all who underground now lie
dona eis requiem

Forbears of the family stem
for your mercy all apply
exaudi orationem

Clinging to the Virgin's hem
that child floats skyward with the cry
dona mihi requiem

Past all worldly stratagems
my inmost self strives to fly
exaudi orationem

In Pasolini's Theorem
the lost souls circle endlessly
to sounds of Mozart's Requiem

In their despair remember them
and all of us who soon shall die
exaudi orationem
dona nobis requiem.

R.H.



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LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

The announcement that the Reverend G. Stuart Snell is to be the next Bishop of Croydon has been widely welcomed. I hope that in next month's issue of the Leaflet we shall be able to announce details of the Consecration Service. It is likely to be either on 18th October or on 1st November. Thus the interval between Bishop Hughes's departure and the new Bishop's coming will be short. The new Bishop will, like his predecessor, also be my Representative with Her Majesty's Forces. We assure Mr. and Mrs. Snell and their family of our welcome and our prayers.

In the March 1977 issue of the Leaflet I mentioned the fact that Monday, 19th September would be a day for the clergy and their wives in our Cathedral. My wife and I are eager to meet as many of them as possible, together with deaconesses and full-time lay workers, widows of former diocesan clergy and retired clergy and their wives. I am sending a personal invitation to all these. We look forward to a real diocesan family party, when we share in worship, thought, music and general joy in getting together!

It would do us all good to go to prison from time to time! I make a point of doing so—I have visited Canterbury and Maidstone prisons in the last year or so in the normal course of my work. One comes away with a new realisation of the priceless privilege of liberty—liberty to go where one wants, to speak and write as one believes one ought, and so on. In this country we are very fortunate; we have *freedom*. But, in many countries of the world, thousands of our fellow human beings, often for no fault of their own, often because they have been bold enough to speak up for the truth, languish in gaols and prison-camps, frequently enduring unimaginable tortures and degradation. How often do we pray for them—in our church services or in our private intercessions?

We may be thankful for the work of such an organisation as *Amnesty International* (British Section: Tower House, 8-14 Southampton Street, London WC2E 7HF—Chairman the Reverend Paul Oestreicher) which seeks to bring pressure to bear which will result in the release of those unjustly detained. I would also mention the *Centre for the Study of Religion and Communism* (Keston College, Heathfield Road, Keston, Kent, BR2 6BA). Through their News Service (Editor, the Reverend Michael Bourdeaux) we can be kept in touch with the trials and triumphs of Christians behind the communist curtain. They are our brothers and sisters in Christ, and we should not forget them.

Battle of Britain Sunday this year falls on 18th September. This gives us an opportunity to give thanks for the saving of our country at that time and also to support the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund in their work for the disabled and widows.

Douglas Cantuar:

BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL LIBRARY (Conclusion of Article)

In the Library there are over 700 books from which to make a choice, 600 of which are for adults, both fiction and non-fiction, and 100 for children. These books are changed completely every three or four months, and in the event of a need for any particular book the village library will always obtain it. An example of the kind of service which is given concerns a recent request for a miniature score of Schumann's *Third Symphony* which was easily accommodated.

It is easy and simple to become a member and further information can be obtained from either:-

Mrs. Mallinder Telephone number Bridge 830479 or
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The Vicar will always welcome articles or photographs of general interest for inclusion in the Magazine, which has a circulation in the three villages of Bridge, Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne.

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 1977

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

4th September, 13th Sunday after Trinity

11am Matins 11.45 Holy Comm. 6.30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Communion
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11th September, 14th Sunday after Trinity

9am Holy Communion Series III 6.30pm Evensong	11am Matins and Sermon	8am Holy Communion
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18th September, 15th Sunday after Trinity

9am Parish Euch'st 6.30pm Solemn Evensong - Harvest Festival Service	8am Holy Communion	11am Songs of Praise - your choice of hymns
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25th September, 16th Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	11am Harvest Fest. Preacher: Rev. R.A. Penney	11am Matins 11.45 H.C.
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2nd October, 17th Sunday after Trinity

9am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	11am Matins and Sermon	11am Harvest Festival - Preacher: Rev. Canon Appleton
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JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will recommence at 9.45am on Sunday Sept. 11th at Bridge Church, and will be on the following Sundays 18th and 25th September.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union Corporate Communion will be held on Wednesday September 7th at 9.30am. The Branch Meeting will be on Monday September 12th at 2.45pm at 37 Union Rd.

SENIOR CITIZENS

The Senior Citizens will meet on Tuesday September 13th at 2.30pm at Bridge Village Hall after their holiday recess.

Holy Communion is celebrated at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7.30 a.m. on Fridays during the week at Bridge Church. Evensong is at 4.30 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,

After the holidays we look forward to starting our new season. The Junior Church begins at 9.45am. at Bridge Church on September 11th. The teachers will welcome warmly children who would like to join the Junior Church. The Young Wives Group recommences their season with a Harvest Supper at 7.45pm. on Wednesday 14th September, and would welcome especially young wives who have recently come to the villages.

September is the month of Harvest Festivals. This festival as many have remarked of recent years has a new and heightened value if we keep it as a quiet thanksgiving for the standard of living we enjoy in this country, and a real heart searching about the needs of those living in conditions of great scarcity.

Gifts of fruit, vegetables and flowers will be gratefully received for the respective Harvest Festival Services. Sadly I must say that this long time honoured custom seems to be on the wane, and less and less gifts are received as the years go by. This year we are fortunate in having as our guest preacher at Harvest Festival Services two faithful priests who have in the past served our parishes well and devotedly. The Reverend "Bob" Penney (Vicar: 1958-63) is preaching at Patricxbourne Church at 11am on September 25th: and the Reverend Canon Leonard Appleton (Priest-in-Charge, St. Peter's, Bekesbourne: 1950-56) is preaching at Bekesbourne Church at 11am on October 2nd.

The Battle of Britain will be commemorated this year on Sunday September 18th. Once again, as the years pass, we shall thank God for a great deliverance. Let the day also be used for thoughtful prayer for peace: for peace between the great powers, for peace in Northern Ireland, for peace in Rhodesia and Africa, for peace in the Middle Eastern countries, for the growth of peace and order, for the brotherhood of races everywhere - and especially where it seems most hard to achieve. Our freedom in this country, for which men and women died, is bound up with the creation of freedom, peace and order throughout the world.

The Collect for the 14th Sunday after Trinity, on the 11th of September, is the long prayer where we pray for increase

of the three theological virtues, faith, hope and charity. These three virtues from St. Paul's analysis of what constitutes the Christian being at its deepest level. They are the *theological* virtues since they have God as their object and their possession is his gift. Moreover they belong together, so that any one of them is incomplete without the others. They are the basis of the Christian life. Without them no Christian life is possible. Through faith (but not because of our faith) we lay hold on the promise of God. Faith is always an act of commitment containing a moral element. It is the resolution to stand or fall by the noblest and highest we can conceive. It involves holding fast to what has once been seen to be true and high even when vision is clouded or obscured. That is why faith is a virtue. Hope is faith directed toward the future. St. Paul does not define faith: he tells us what it does. It is the very life divine in the soul, which shines through and transfigures all activities and sufferings. As seen by Christianity, charity is a supernatural gift, not the crown of human achievement. Charity makes no distinction of persons, is not at the mercy of emotions that come and go, and has no element of self-seeking. Its supreme manifestation is the Son of God, who came down from Heaven to die on the Cross. And a human being can only exhibit it when Christ takes possession of him and makes him the channel of the divine love. There is nothing which charity cannot bear, no limit to its faith, its hope, its endeavour.

Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord,

Vicar and Rural Dean

THE ARCHANGELS OF CHRISTIANITY

At the end of this month, the 29th September, we have the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels - or Michaelmas as it is commonly called. I was asked recently: What are, by tradition, the special attributes of the four archangels?

The four archangels recognised by tradition in the Christian Church are Michael (the Prince of God), Gabriel (the Man of God), Raphael (the Healing of God) and Uriel (the

Fire of God). In the Jewish tradition these are the first four of the seven archangels, the other three being Shamuel (he who sees God), Jophiel (the Beauty of God) and Zadkiel (the Righteousness of God). References to Michael will be found in the Book of Daniel and the Book of Revelations; Gabriel is the Angel of the Annunciation; Raphael is mentioned in Tobit 12:15, and Uriel in Esdras 2:4. In Christian art St. Michael and St. Gabriel symbolize the judgment and mercy of God.

C.E.H.P.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 1977

- 4th 13th Sunday after Trinity
- 7th Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 9.30am at Bridge Church
- 11th 14th Sunday after Trinity. Junior Church recommences 9.45am at Bridge Church
- 13th Tuesday. Senior Citizens recommence their meetings 2.30pm at Bridge Village Hall
- 14th Wednesday. Bridge Church Young Wives' Group recommences their new season with a Harvest Supper at 7.45pm at Bridge Village Hall
- 16th Friday. Film Show, Bring-and-Buy Stall and refreshments at Mrs. Grace Allan's, Ardriory, Bekesbourne Lane - in aid of St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne. All are welcome, 7.45pm onwards.
- 18th 15th Sunday after Trinity. Battle of Britain Sunday. Harvest Festival Service at St. Peter's, Bridge
- 21st Wednesday. Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle, with Holy Communion at Bridge Church 9.30am. Church of England's Children Society Bring-and-Buy at Miss F. Mason's, 33 High Street, Bridge
- 25th 16th Sunday after Trinity. Harvest Festival Service at St. Mary's Church, Patribourne. Preacher. the Rev. Robert Penney, one-time Vicar of the Parish
- 29th Thursday. Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. Holy Communion at 7.30am at Bridge Church

October

- 2nd 17th Sunday after Trinity. Harvest Festival Service at St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne. Preacher: the Rev. Canon Leonard Appleton, one-time Priest-in-Charge of the then Parish of St. Peter's, Bekesbourne.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Mary's Church, Patrixbourne

14th August 1977 Neil John Brockman

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

28th August 1977 Paul Gwilym Langsdon

May They Rest in Peace

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

15th August 1977 Thomas Frank Ash

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Please do not forget the Film Show at 33 High Street on Wednesday September 21st at 2pm. You will be invited to ask questions over a cup of tea. Bring-and-Buy.

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



OBITUARY: MR. THOMAS ASH

East Kent paid tribute to popular farmer Mr. Tom Ash when nearly 200 people filled St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, to pay their last respects.

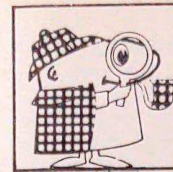
A former Bridge-Blean Council and Bekesbourne Parish Council member, Mr. Ash died suddenly at his home at the age of 69.

Born in Sheldwich, Mr. Ash followed in the family farming tradition as tenant of Mill Farm, at Ospringe. He and his wife were married a few months later at St. Catherine's Church, Preston. At the age of 37 Mr. Ash left his dairy farm for the arable pastures of Forester's Lodge Farm, Dunkirk, where he stayed for nine years before moving to Parsonage Farm, Bekesbourne.

When his son became a partner ten years ago Mr. Ash remained active and was still involved in the everyday running of the farm up to his death.

Fittingly he was buried at St. Peter's Church, adjoining part of the land he worked and loved for so many years. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C.E.H. Perry, and the address was given by Canon Leonard Appleton, one-time priest-in-charge at St. Peter's.

Canon Appleton, who had known Mr. Ash for many years spoke of his four-square character and innate kindness: "He slipped away in the late summer of his life, but represented all that was best in the English country tradition and will be long remembered" he said.



PICTURE QUIZ

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

Here's a little seen doorway. Where is it?



Last month's picture was of part of the ironwork that spans the entrance to Bridge Church. First correct solution was from ROGER HODGKISS, 83 New Dover Road. Well done!

THE BIBLE COMES TO LIFE - Week long Exhibition in DOVER

The parishes of the Dover Deanery are sponsoring this Exhibition in Charlton Church, Dover, on September 26th - 30th inclusive.

The Exhibition, which is free, has morning sessions for the local schools and the public sessions are from 2pm - 4.30pm and 7pm - 9.30pm daily. There will be 170 feet of stands depicting the Eastern and Jewish background to the Bible. Included will be maps, models, pictures and objects associated with religious practice and daily life in the Biblical times. The afternoon and evening sessions will also include illustrated talks and costume demonstrations. Additionally, there will be an Eastern Bazaar, Refreshments and a Book Stall.

Charlton Church is in St. Alphege Road, Dover; and any enquiries should be directed to the Reverend V. Price, telephone Dover (94) 205391.

THE FAMILY OF MAN

Mounted by OXFAM these Exhibitions and Lectures will be held in Canterbury Cathedral during October.

Tuesday October 4th: Dr. Conor Cruise O'Brien speaks:

Thursday October 13th: the Bishop of Stepney, the Rt. Reverend Trevor Huddleston speaks on "Only One Earth".

Tuesday October 25th: a Brains Trust, including Brian Walker (Director-General of Oxfam), Professor Claire Palley (of the University of Kent at Canterbury), Dr. Eric Clayton (Wye College) and David Crouch, M.P.

All the meetings are at 7.45pm.

COUNTRY DANCE

Early advance warning! There will be a Dance at Bekesbourne Village Hall in aid of St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, on Saturday October 29th. Well known local Group. Tickets only in advance - note the date and keep it clear!

BRIDGE W. I.

Bridge W. I. is holding its Harvest Supper on Tuesday 20th September at 7pm at Bridge Village Hall.

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES

The new season starts on September 14th at 7.45pm in the Village Hall, with a Harvest Supper. We look forward to meeting new members who will be most welcome.

ELIZABETHAN CONCERT at All Saints, Boughton Aluph

The setting sun
fades in the west window
to a pale lingering light
while below
the counter-tenor's voice
soars pure and flawless
in antique melodies.

Night sweeps in from the east,
the stained glass
goes blank and the nave lights
glow golden underneath
lighting the Decorated tracery,
a nest of snakes,
writhing in coils like icing
squeezed upon a cake.

Music of viol and lutes
brings to a momentous close
memories of the triumphs of the Tudor Rose.

R.H.

BRIDGE BIBLE CLASS

Our Coffee Morning yielded £13.63 which we thought satisfactory. Mr. Potter took £11.00 towards Church Funds from a total of £12.13 - £1.50 being received later.

Thank you all very much for your help, particularly mothers who gave so much, Mrs. Knight for her donation, Miss Wraight whose gifts and scones all sold, Mrs. Talbot for helping with the cake stall, and Mrs. Rose for the shortbread which sold rapidly.

The Bring-and-Buy realised £5.56, and further donations £1.50, the raffle £2.65, the Cake stall £2.75 and Coffee £1.17. The Raffle prizes were won by Gillian Buckhurst (box of fruit), Mr. Scarborough (box of chocolates), Mrs. Hunter (tea-towel), and Mrs. Holmes (tea cosy).

Thank you all very much for your help:

David, Erica, Frances, Gillian and Sarah.

BRIDGE JUBILEE COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS

The Bridge Silver Jubilee Committee are pleased to publish the following accounts. They show that due to outstanding generosity and help given by many individuals and organisations within the village, it has not been necessary to use any of the money allocated by the Parish Council from the local Rates. Not only have the Village Jubilee Celebrations been self-supporting, but a surplus of approximately £35 is being donated to the Queen's Silver Jubilee Fund in the name of Bridge.

The Committee wishes to express a sincere thank-you to all the individuals and organisations (too many to mention) who have made this possible.

Income:

Advances from Bridge Parish Council	£220.00
Donation from Bridge By-Pass Bonanza	122.00
Private donations	31.00
P.T.A. Pancake Race	12.38
Easter Monday Events	47.61
Two Jubilee "Do's" and American Supper ..	181.11
Jubilee Day Rock - and Fund-raising Events ..	153.14
Supper-Dance Receipts	<u>400.00</u>
	£1167.24

Expenditure:

Children's Mugs and Pens	£149.82
Decorations	14.46
Junior Disco	53.74
Senior Citizen's Party	55.96
Jubilee Day Celebrations	198.92
Jubilee Supper-Dance	427.00
Administrative Costs	12.24
Refund to Bridge Parish Council	220.00
Donation to Queen's Silver Jubilee Fund ..	<u>35.10</u>
	£1167.24

THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

Brochures are now available on loan showing the wide selection of Christmas Cards and gifts that can be had through the Save the Children Fund, from Mrs. M.F. Carnes of 3 Bridgeford Way, Brewery Lane, Bridge. These are available throughout September and later, and anyone who is interested will be most welcome if they would call on or telephone Mrs. Carnes on Bridge 830727. Support for this excellent fund would be most appreciated, and it does mean that you can obtain most useful Christmas items early and at reasonable cost.

HARVEST FESTIVAL at St. Peter's, Bekesbourne

The Harvest Festival Service will be held on Sunday October 2nd at 11am. and will be conducted by the Vicar. The Preacher will be the Rev. Canon L. Appleton who was one-time Priest-in-Charge of this Parish.

We know that he and Mrs. Appleton still have many friends in this parish and we extend to them both a very warm welcome. I would also like to mention that gifts of flowers and produce would be most helpful.

S.H.G.

EVENING AT ARDPRIORY - A TRIP TO SOUTHERN IRELAND ON FILM

On the 16th September, Friday evening, if you have time to spare, come with us on a tour - from Bekesbourne across the *Herring Pond* to the South of Ireland. See all the beauty spots and return the same evening to Canterbury!

At 7pm we all meet at Ardpriority, Bekesbourne Lane. There will be a stall and raffle, and we start our journey at 7.45pm. Tea or coffee will be served in the interval.

The proceeds are being given to Bekesbourne Church which we hope in some small way, will help make up for the Flower Festival which regretfully had to be abandoned this year.

Admission 10p, and a voluntary collection will be taken at the end of the show. We hope for a full house - please make every effort to come and donate generously to our Church.

G.A.

This interesting entertainment is well worth supporting and I hope that many will attend. Ardpriority is some way up Bekesbourne Lane on its way to Canterbury, on the right just after the road dips and rises in a woodland section.

C.E.H.P.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE - Church Cleaning, Sept.
September 3rd Mrs. Allan: September 10th Mrs. Smith
September 17th Mrs. Stickels: September 24th Mrs. Hogben
October 1st Mrs. Watson

BEKESBOURNE W. I.

The next meeting of the Bekesbourne W. I. will be on Tues. September 13th at 7.15pm in the Village Hall. There will be a Discussion, and the Competition is for a miniature garden on a plate.

SONGS OF PRAISE

The third of the series of SONGS OF PRAISE, which we hold during the weeks of Trinity each year, will take place on Sunday 18th September at 11am at St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne. You are invited to send in your requests for this Service to Mr. S.H. Grey, Organist and Choirmaster (Bridge 830522) - who says: "I hope you have all enjoyed the first two of the Services; and let us make this last one a real service of Praise".

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 1977

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BEKESBOURNE

2nd October, 17th Sunday after Trinity

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

9th October, 18th Sunday after Trinity

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

16th October, 19th Sunday after Trinity

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

23rd October, 20th Sunday after Trinity

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

30th October, 21st Sunday after Trinity

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

JUNIOR CHURCH

The Junior Church will meet on the following Sundays at 10.45am at Bridge Church; October 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union Corporate Communion will be held on Wednesday October 5th at 9.30am. The Branch Meeting will be on Monday October 10th at 2.45pm at 37 Union Road, Bridge.

SENIOR CITIZENS

The Senior Citizens' Annual Sale will be on Tuesday November 1st in the Village Hall, Bridge, from 2pm. Light teas will be served.

Holy Communion is celebrated at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7.30 a.m. on Fridays during the week at Bridge Church. Evensong is at 4.30 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,

It is good sometimes to look around the particular church where we habitually worship. We always find something new that we never perceived before. Sometimes one wonders why is it that inside so many churches today Christ is shown as a suffering rather than a triumphant figure.

This was not always so. For the first thousand years of Christianity churches were built with domes or apses from which a painted figure of the majestic Christ looked down upon His people. After the sufferings of the Dark Ages churches began to be built in the Gothic style, full of vertical lines, with spires looking up to heaven - and the dominant figure in these churches was the suffering tortured Christ. The Gothic revival of the last century looked back to the mediaeval past, and here the crucified Christ is again portrayed; but as Victorian hymns emphasise the gentleness of Christ, so Victorian stained glass (which we find both at Bridge and Bekesbourne Churches) soften the harsh reality of the mediaeval work. It would indeed be fitting for Christian glory to be given once more a dominant place in our churches, as at Coventry Cathedral.

Perhaps one of the loveliest Epistles in the Liturgy is the Epistle for the first Sunday in this month, the 17th Sunday after Trinity:- [*Ephesians iv: 1*]

I therefore the prisoner of the Lord beseech you, that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Reading it always helped me when I worked under the Prison Commission. As Jesus called men during His earthly ministry to service, to salvation, and to fellowship with Himself, so now the Holy Spirit calls. In this passage the emphasis is on this element, that there must be human co-operation.

The calling involves the associated and distinctive

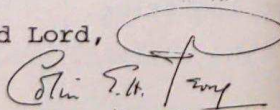
Christian virtues of humility and patience. Without these virtues the Church cannot maintain that unity by which supremely the world comes to recognise her divine message. That unity is not of human contriving, but is a gift of God to be received and cherished.

On St. Francis' Day, October 4th, I return to preach at the Church of St. Saviour's, Cardiff, where as a young man I began my ministry in its mission church of St. Francis. Your thoughts and prayers at this time would be deeply valued. St. Francis is one of the best known and beloved saints. Having nothing, yet possessing all things, this little poor man of Assisi has enriched the life of the Church in every generation. If historically he belongs to the early renaissance in Western Europe - which was to be greatly influenced by him - in a deeper sense he belongs to the ages. He is part of man's spiritual history. Pure charity shines out undefiled through the spontaneity of St. Francis' action as nowhere else in the Christian record. He identified himself with Christ's brethren. Joy is a further test of true sanctity by contrast with that heaviness of spirit which is too commonly mistaken for it. St. Francis revealed it himself in his Canticle of the Sun: *As sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich.*

It was a great pleasure for me at Bekesbourne recently to see restored to the Choir and Congregation Mrs. Doris Sandall and Mrs. Pamela Farbrace, both recently home from hospital. Both have worked hard for the church, and our prayers continue that they may be fully restored to health and happiness.

I would like to say how much I have enjoyed the "Songs of Praise" Services at St. Peter's, Bekesbourne, during the summer - inaugurated by Mr. Stanley Grey, our organist. The commentary on the history of the hymns by Mr. John Purchase has been fascinating and instructive. I myself have learned a great deal from these commentaries, and instead of just singing the hymns during a service we have learned the social background of the times when the hymns were written.

Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord,


Colin S. H. Gray
Vicar and Rural Dean

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 1977

- 2nd 17th Sunday after Trinity. Harvest Festival Service at St. Peter's, Bekesbourne; Preacher, Rev. Canon L. Appleton (one-time Priest-in-Charge of the Parish).
5th Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 9.30 at Bridge Church.
8th Saturday. Village Autumn Bazaar at 2pm at Bridge Village Hall, in aid of Bridge Football and Cricket Club, Bridge Church Funds and Cancer Research Fund.
9th 18th Sunday after Trinity.
10th Monday. Mothers' Union Branch Meeting 2.45pm at 37 Union Road, Bridge.
11th Tuesday. Bridge and Patricxbourne Church PCC Meeting at 7.30pm at Bridge Village Hall.
12th Wednesday. Bridge Church Young Wives Group, 7.45pm at Bridge Village Hall.
15th Saturday. Tennis Club Jumble Sale, 2pm onwards at Bridge Village Hall.
16th 19th Sunday after Trinity.
18th Tuesday. St. Luke's Day, H.C. 9.30am Bridge Church.
20th Thursday. East Bridge Deanery: Archdeacon's Visitation at Wingham.
23rd 20th Sunday after Trinity. British Summer Time ends, put clocks back one hour overnight.
25th Tuesday. Bekesbourne Church PCC Meeting at 7.30pm at Mulberry Cottage, Bekesbourne.
28th Friday. Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles. H.C. at 7.30am at Bridge Church.
30th 21st Sunday after Trinity.

November

- 6th 22nd Sunday after Trinity. Preacher at 6.30pm Evensong at Bridge, Rev. Canon Clifford Pollard, Diocesan Director of Education.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

St. Peter's Church, Bridge

24th September 1977

Barry O'Donnell
Penelope Sarah
Lavina Warren

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE

We are very grateful to Mrs. Grace Allan who took so much trouble to entertain us with her pictures of Ireland, as a fund-raising entertainment for the Church of St. Peter, Bekesbourne. It was a most enjoyable evening which saw more than £42 gained by the church. Thank you very much.

C.E.H.P.



PICTURE QUIZ

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

Where would you discover Thomas Mantle and his supporting cherubs - a fine headstone?

Last month we printed a picture of the disused north door to the church of St. Mary, Patrixbourne. It led to the Vicarage originally, but has not been opened for some time. Correct answers to the Quiz were given by TONI DENNE and SARAH STAMP, both of Bekesbourne Choir. Well done!



"THE ROAD SHOW" and COUNTRY & WESTERN DANCE: October 29

The Marlowe Mobile Theatre, with a grant from the Arts Council, will hold a premiere of *THE ROAD SHOW* at Bridge Primary School on Saturday October 29th at 7.30pm. This documentary review with music traces the fight for the by-pass at Bridge from the 1920's to 1976 when the new road was opened. It is essentially written for an adult audience, but children who are accompanied by their parents will be welcomed. Tickets will be on sale fairly soon in the village and at the School.

Meanwhile, over at Bekesbourne Village Hall, a Country and Western Dance in aid of church funds will be held the same evening - starting at 8pm. You could make a double-event evening of it! There will be a bar and music to suit everyone.

Please support these events. You will recognise some local characters at *THE ROAD SHOW* and it should prove an entertaining evening. For relaxation with dancing, please come over to Bekesbourne. Ticket only entry - tickets available from S. H. Grey, 63 High Street, Bridge, and John Purchase over in Bekesbourne from the middle of the month, at about £1.00. No tickets at the door.

FOLK DANCING

The Bridge Group will be meeting on October 6th and 20th, at the Village Hall, at 7.45pm for 8pm. Alf Matthews from Canterbury is Caller and Instructor, and the music on 6th October will be supplied by Bill Young. New members are welcomed. O.I.Knight

BRIDGE CHESS CLUB

The 12th Annual General Meeting was held at the Red Lion Bridge on 27th September. Meetings are held each Tuesday at 7.30pm and anyone interested in playing chess in a friendly atmosphere is invited to attend. Players of all levels of ability will be welcomed. Alternatively contact the Hon. Secretary, J. Sullivan, 2 Meadow Close (830385).

BEKESBOURNE W. I.

There will be a Group Meeting on Monday October 10th at the Village Hall at 2pm; and the Monthly Meeting will be on the next day Tuesday October 11th at 2pm at the same venue.

ST. PETER'S, BEKESBOURNE - Cleaning Rota

Mrs. Grey	.. ..	Oct. 1st	Mrs. Allan	.. ..	Oct. 15
Mrs. Smith	.. ..	Oct. 22	Mrs. Stickels	.. ..	Oct. 29
Mrs. Hogben	.. ..	Nov. 5th.			

LETTER RECEIVED BY CANON PERRY

La Botterie,
St. Aigny,
36300 Le Blanc

Dear Sir,

Aug. 20th 1977

I am sorry that owing to difficulty of parking near enough to the church (we had a caravan) I could not go back to pay for the leaflet I took from your beautiful church. So, before leaving England, I bought a 7p stamp which I enclose (leaflet 5p)

With my excuses, Yours sincerely,

Mme. A. Duguet

The beautiful church referred to was St. Mary's, Patrixbourne. We hope Mme. Duguet enjoyed her holiday in Kent.

LITTLEBOURNE SCOUT GROUP

During the Summer break the Scouts enjoyed a very successful, although very wet, Summer Camp in the New Forest. They visited Beaulieu with its Motor Museum and Longleat Safari Park. Just to prove that rain nearly all the time couldn't really put them off water for good, on the one fine warm day of the Camp, the boys enjoyed a swim off a local beach. Despite the weather they all want to go again - especially having sampled real camp cooking which included roast chicken and camp stew with dumplings!

Our thanks for the support received at our Coffee Morning held by Mrs. Raraty at Bridge at the end of August.

M.B.

P.S. May we remind you again of our Dance - for over-16's only please - in the War Memorial Hall, Littlebourne, on Saturday October 8th at 8pm with music for everyone.

Tickets fl.

Some Parishioners may not realise that many of the Scout Group at Littlebourne are boys from Bridge. We hope they have a drier Camp next year and just as much fun as clearly they enjoyed this year.

C.E.H.P.

BRIDGE TENNIS CLUB

A date to bear in mind as you clear out the cupboards after the non-summer is October 15th when the Tennis Club will be holding a Jumble Sale. The Village Hall will be open from 10am for the arrangement of goods and stalls, and ALL will be welcome to buy the fantastic bargains from 2pm.

Reminder slips will be delivered nearer the time and collections will probably be on the Thursday and Friday evening and Saturday morning of that week.

Junior Tennis Club

Once again - by request - the Committee of Bridge T.C. will be having a Hallowe'en Disco for Junior Members on October 29th. Charges will be 35p for members purchasing before that date - otherwise 50p will be extracted without anaesthetic at the door! Tickets obtainable from Tony Pratt, Jane Milliard or Hilary Whiting after October 15th. Hope to see you on the 29th October, 8 - 11pm, when James Lennox will be there with *Capital Disco*.

AUTUMN BAZAAR AT BRIDGE

There will be an Autumn Bazaar in aid of Bridge Football and Cricket Clubs, Church Funds and Cancer Research Fund at the Village Hall on Saturday October 8th commencing at 2pm. WOTHWHILE CAUSES DESERVING WORTHWHILE SUPPORT! Please make a point of supporting this venture.

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES

The October Meeting will be on Wednesday October 12th, when Mr. Elliott will give a talk on the work of the Samaritans; Bridge Village Hall at 7.45pm.

The November Meeting will be on Wednesday November 9th again, at the Village Hall at 7.45pm. Mr. P. Webb will be giving a talk and showing slides on Kent Conservation. This will be an Open Evening - all are welcome.

During the year 1977/8 the Young Wives meetings will be only held once a month. Anyone wishing to join will be most welcome.

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6th November, 22nd Sunday after Trinity

11am Matins 11.45 Holy Communion 6.30am Evensong. Preacher: Rev. Canon Pollard	8am Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Communion
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13th November, 23rd Sunday after Trinity

Remembrance Sunday

9am Holy Communion Series III 6.30pm Evensong	10.55am Matins and Remembrance Day Serv.	8am Holy Communion
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20th November, 24th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	11am Matins
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27th November, Advent Sunday

8am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	9am Holy Communion	11am Matins
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4th December, 1st Sunday in Advent

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 November 13th, 20th and 27th at 10.45am.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union Corporate Communion will be held on Wednesday November 2nd at 9.30am. There is no Branch Meeting in November.

PARISH MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTION IN PATRIXBOURNE

Mr. and Mrs Fleming of Waterfall Cottage, Patribourne, have kindly undertaken to distribute the Parish Magazine in Patribourne. Should any subscriber be missed, would you please make contact on Bridge 830880.

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Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patribourne and Bekesbourne,

November is the month of All Saints. A nation like an individual, may live happily enough beyond its means, unaware that a day of reckoning lies ahead, and that the greatest service which can be rendered to a people in such a case is to get it to face the facts.

Since human nature is of one piece it is not surprising that there is an analogy in the moral and spiritual life. A man may live contentedly enough for a time in a condition of moral bankruptcy and be unaware of his own state. The Christian religion owes very much to a man who became aware that he was morally bankrupt. St. Paul was certainly no careless hedonist. He had a profound respect for righteousness and a strict standard of conduct, but the crisis of his career came when he recognised the truth that he was not getting anywhere in spite of his efforts - that he was trying to live beyond his resource. He had not in himself the power to do the good that his mind acknowledged to be ideal and right. From this moral bankruptcy he was released by his encounter with Christ and his discovery that he could live by faith in Christ. It was when he was fully aware of his own inadequacy and weakness to the point of despair that he found the adequacy of the power of Christ within him.

"Not I, but Christ" was his answer to the experience of moral bankruptcy, and through faith he drew on resources equal to all the demands of his heroic destiny. It would be a mistake to suppose that everyone can or ought to reproduce in detail the spiritual pilgrimage of St. Paul, but we may note that in principle all the Saints resemble him, and this is the message and meaning of All Saints'-tide. We might define a saint as one who is good in a religious setting, whose virtue - as he believes - grows out of his faith, while a good man who is not a saint relies upon the inherent capacity of his own will and intelligence. Certainly we will not deny the reality of the virtue of unbelievers, though we must hold that they too are due to the unrecognised grace of God, but we may point out that the saint has the advantage when the time of depression comes. No good man is exempt at some time in his life from this mood when the question forces itself upon him: What

has my striving for ideal ends come to? How shall I carry on when strength declines and enthusiasm wanes? The Saint has his answer: he has served the enduring purpose of the Lord, and the riches of Christ are inexhaustible. What ever the shape of the Church of the future, the Festival of All Saints reminds us that it will continue because the life of Christ is in it, and where that life is to be found there is nothing on earth that can extinguish it.

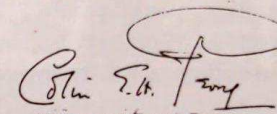
On St. Andrew's Day, Wednesday November 30th, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at Bridge Church at 9.30 am. when we will remember the working of the Church overseas in the Mission field. The Remembrance Sunday service will be at Patricxbourne Church beginning at 10.55am on November 13th. May we continue to remember those who died in the Great Wars and pray for peace in the world. As the years pass, our act of remembrance should increase in solemn recollection and resolve.

We are now getting ready for the Christmas Markets in the Parish. Bekesbourne will hold theirs on November 19th at Village Hall, and Bridge and Patricxbourne on December 3rd. Please make a note of these dates and ask your friends to do the same. There is a good deal of preparation to be done and I do ask you again for your loyal help and enthusiasm. There is a meeting for plans and helpers connected with the Bridge and Patricxbourne Market on Monday October 31st, at the Vicarage at 8pm.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Greenwood of Patricxbourne are now leaving us for St. Alban's. They have been pillars of strength in the life of the church at Patricxbourne; caring for the Church in countless ways of love and in their generous hospitality to so many of us. We shall miss them both tremendously and we wish them abiding happiness in their new home.

Finally, I would draw your attention to the letter from Miss Wendy Tomlin, the Headmistress of the Bridge Primary CoE School which stresses the need for thoughtful debate in the relationship between church and school. She asks all that can to attend the Evensong on Sunday November 6th at which Canon Clifford Pollard (the Diocesan Director of Education) will preach, and to join in the discussion after in the Village Hall. Please make an effort to come - and if you are a parent, a special effort.

Yours sincerely in Our Blessed Lord.



Colin S. H. King
Vicar and Rural Dean

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 1977

October

- 30th 21st Sunday after Trinity
31st Monday. Christmas Market Helpers meeting, 8pm at the Vicarage.

November

- 1st Tuesday. All Saints Day. Holy Communion 9.30am at Bridge Church. This day, Stuart Snell is consecrated Bishop of Croydon. You prayers are asked for his work.
2nd Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion, 9.30am at Bridge Church.
6th 22nd Sunday after Trinity. Rev. Canon Clifford Pollard Director of Religious Education in the Diocese, is the Preacher at Evensong at Bridge Church at 6.30pm.
9th Wednesday. Young Wives Group Meeting at 7.45pm at Bridge Village Hall. This is an Open meeting.
11th Friday. Meeting at 8pm at the Vicarage to discuss Church Events for 1978.
13th 23rd Sunday after Trinity. Remembrance Sunday. The Remembrance Day Service is at St. Mary's, Patricxbourne at 10.55am.
17th Thursday. Church of England Children's Society Christmas Gift Sale, 10-12.30pm at the Deanery, Canterbury Cathedral.
18th Friday. League of Friends of the Canterbury Hospitals Christmas Market 7.30pm at Bridge Village Hall.
19th Saturday. Bekesbourne Church Autumn Fayre, Village Hall 2.15pm. Come early for the bargains.
20th 24th Sunday after Trinity. Note that the Service at Bridge Church is changed from 9am to 9.30am.
26th Saturday. The Close Autumn Fayre. Please support this excellent cause.
27th Advent Sunday.
30th Wednesday. Feast of St. Andrew.

December

3rd Saturday. Bridge and Patricxbourne Church Christmas Market 2.15pm at Bridge Village Hall.

4th 2nd Sunday in Advent.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

1st October 1977 Hilary Purchase
James Page

Holy Baptism

St. Mary's Church, Patricxbourne

23rd October 1977 Beverley Nina Barker

May They Rest in Peace

St. Peter's Church, Bridge

14th October 1977 Frank Alick Ovenden

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES


The next meeting will be on Wednesday November 9th at the Village Hall, at 7.45pm. Mr. P. Webb will be giving a talk and showing slides on Kent Conservation. This will be an Open Evening - all are welcome. During the year 1977/8 the Young Wives meetings will be only held once a month. Any one wishing to join will be most welcome. E.B.

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday November 8th at 2pm at the Village Hall. This is the Annual General Meeting.

DISTRICT NURSE RETIRES

Miss E. McCrossan thanks all her friends at Bridge who gave so generously towards her retirement gift. The many who were helped by Miss McCrossan, as District Nurse, will want to wish her a happy and enjoyable retirement.



PICTURE QUIZ

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

There is not much space this month, but where is the key? Mrs. S. A. MARTIN of Brewery Lane correctly identified the tombstone last month - near the East window at Bridge. Well done, that Reader!



PATRICXBOURNE PARISH MEETING

General Review of Parish Boundaries in Kent, probably to be carried out in 1978. (This refers to civil boundaries not ecclesiastical boundaries.)

A SPECIAL ASSEMBLY of the Patricxbourne Parish Meeting will be held on November 15th, Tuesday, at 8pm at the "Old Vicarage" Patricxbourne (by kind permission of Dr. and Mrs. Pratt).

1. To consider the possibility of "grouping" Patricxbourne Parish with Bekesbourne Parish or any alternative suggestions.
2. To consider possible alterations of the Patricxbourne Parish boundaries to remove various anomalies.

C.A.Potter, Chairman

PLEASE NOTE: These are civil parochial boundaries being discussed, not part of the redefining of Church Parish boundaries awaiting an Order in Council - which creates a new Parish at Aylesham and slightly alters Bridge and Bekesbourne boundaries. C.E.H.P

NEXT SATURDAY: Remember!

THE ROAD SHOW at Bridge Primary School, October 29th at 7.30pm.

The musical documentary by the Marlowe Mobile - First showing.

COUNTRY AND WESTERN DANCE at Bekesbourne Village Hall in aid of Church Funds, October 29th at 8pm. 'The Group of Four' live music, with a bar and refreshments. Tickets from Mr. Grey at Bridge or John Purchase at Bekesbourne. Make an evening of it!



Bekesbourne Autumn Fair

Bekesbourne Village Hall, Nov. 19th 2.15pm.

There will be the following stalls:-

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We would be very grateful for donations or items for the stalls. Anyone who would like to have goods collected for the stalls is asked to 'phone Mrs. Grey at Bridge 830522, transport will be arranged.

There has not been space in this Magazine to give an appreciation of Mr. Alick Ovenden, or to print details of the Ten Propositions on Church Unity which are to be voted on by Deanery Synod early next year. Both of these items next month.

AUTUMN BAZAAR AT BRIDGE - GRAND RESULTS!

Mrs. I. Wells, of 9 Green Court, Bridge, thanks all helpers and supporters, who helped to make the "Autumn Bazaar" she organised on Saturday October 8th, a very satisfying success. The sum of £321.64 was realised.

<u>Income:</u>		<u>Expenditure:</u>	
Bazaar Draw Receipts	£240.00	Licence for the Draw	£10.00
Private donations	3.50	Printing, stamps, posters etc.	17.80
Raffles, Refreshments, Dress-the-Doll Comp.		Rent of Village Hall	8.00
Sale of Work, Stalls and Produce etc.	203.94	Cash Prizes:	90.00
		Donations to Bridge Cricket Club, Football Club, and Church funds (£80.41 each)	
	<u>£447.44</u>		<u>£447.44</u>

This was an excellent and thoughtful gesture. The thanks of the Vicar, Churchwardens and PCC at St. Peter's, Bridge, are extended to Mrs. Wells and her helpers on their fine achievement for the Village and its Church. C.E.H.P.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND ITS SCHOOLS

The Church - its voice, its resources, its strength - has played a major part in the history of our education system. Bridge and Patricxbourne Church of England Primary School is, with the special oversight of St. Peter's, Bridge, a product of that link and the evolving pattern.

What influences within this partnership interact with one another? To what extent does the one support and enhance the life of the other? What is the School's role in the Parish? What is the Church's role in the School? How do they together, build up a truly learning, worshipping and committed community? Or are there other aims? What part does the family play in these? Is Religious Education the core of the matter, or is there a wider responsibility.

Encouraged by the Archbishop's Message and its challenge to communicate more effectively and to take more seriously the process of learning, Canon Perry and the PCC have invited the Diocesan Director of Education, Canon Clifford Pollard, to preach at Evensong, at 6.30pm on Sunday November 6th. The Service will be followed up in the Village Hall by coffee and discussion. EVERYONE - parents, teachers, councillors, managers and friends are warmly invited to attend

and join in the informal consideration of these key issues.

W.M.T.

BRIDGE PARISH EUCHARIST

Now that the decision of the Parochial Church Council has been taken to adjust the time of the monthly Eucharist at Bridge, I think that it is appropriate to put a few thoughts on to paper.

We all appreciate that the change to 9.30am - beginning on Sunday November 20th - is to be for a trial period of three months. This would seem to be a necessary step since opinion was somewhat divided. By testing out the idea for a short period it may be possible to arrive more objectively at a more permanent solution.

The prime mover for the later start for the Service was not myself, but I am fully in accord with the benefits that I hope and believe it can bring. Over the last seven or eight years several changes have been made to what was initially a communion service with little music. Now we have a Service in which much music is sung, and is generally well-known by both Choir and congregation.

Unfortunately an early start to a service with singers' voices still cold leaves a little to be desired specially if any top Fs or Gs are involved. The later start could be seen as creating the opportunity for the Choir and Organist to practise before the Service in a similar manner to Evensong Services. The result will be, we hope, few flat notes by the Choir and fewer wrong notes by the Organist.

Whilst I was a student at Christ Church College it was the custom to have a choir and congregational practice before the Eucharist Services. The idea was new to me, but one that I grew to appreciate as it certainly seemed to unify the choir and congregation. The idea can perhaps be adopted here so that you need not feel excluded from the practices but rather the reverse. Finally, may I ask for your support and constructive criticism as well as your attendance - and let us all remember that the aim is to improve within all of our limitations, the presentation of God's Service.

Selwyn Lewis

Organist at Parish Eucharist.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE: Church Cleaning Rota

November 5th Mrs. Hogben November 12th Mrs. Watson
November 19th Mrs. Grey November 26th Mrs. Hodgkiss
December 3rd Mrs. Allan

TO THE BROWNIE FRIEND...

Our gift was a lovely surprise; may we, through the Parish Magazine, say a very grateful "thank-you" for our Jubilee Badges. Your pleasure, I am sure, will be to see us all wearing them.

1st Bridge Brownies

M. Ashdown

1st BRIDGE BROWNIES LEND-A-HAND

By helping polish the Church brass. This challenge is a part of the Roadway Badge. It also helps Brownies take a part in the Village community.

M.A.

BEKESBOURNE SOCIAL CLUB

The Annual Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday December 10th in the Village Hall, Bekesbourne from 2pm. The cost of admission will be 5p, and the proceeds from the Fayre will be used for a Children's Party. Please note the date.

THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY HOSPITALS - Bridge Group

We are holding our Christmas Market in the Village Hall on Friday 18th November at 7.30pm. There will be numerous Stalls, including:- Gifts, Cakes, Produce, Plants, Books, Knick-knacks, Near-new and Refreshments as well as a Raffle. Do come. Bring your friends, and have an enjoyable evening. We need your support. There is so much the Hospitals need.

Frances E. Apps, Hon. Sec. Bridge
L.O.F., 34 High Street, Bridge.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Annual Christmas Gift Sale will be held at the Deanery, Canterbury, on Thursday 17th November 1977, 10am-12.30pm. Stalls include Cakes and Sweets, Groceries, Gifts and Toys, Jewellery, Perfumery and Books. Gifts for sale, or donations should be sent to Miss J. Churchill, 5 The Precincts by the morning of the day before the sale, please.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S SCHOOL - ANNUAL FAIR.

We have been asked to point out that the Friends of the Archbishop's School Association are holding their Annual Fair on Saturday November 12th - at the School, St. Stephen's Hill, Canterbury.

It is hoped to raise £1000 to help offset the savage reduction that they have experienced as a result of cuts in public expenditure.

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, on Mondays and Wednesdays: 10.30am to 12.30pm

Fridays: 10.30am to 3.30pm.

These cards, which have been collected in the parishes, have been remade by friends; and last year over £1000 was raised in this way. Boxes for the collection of used cards will be placed in the church during January 1978; and the local Committee thank all who are helping in this work.

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 1977

Bridge

Patricxbourne

Bekesbourne

4th December, 2nd Sunday in Advent

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

11th December, 3rd Sunday in Advent

9am Holy Communion Series III	11am Matins and Sermon Preacher: Rev. H. Voller	8am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong		

18th December, 4th Sunday in Advent

9.30am Parish Eucharist - Choral	8am Holy Communion	11am Carols of Praise
6.30pm Evensong		

25th December, CHRISTMAS DAY

See page 8 for details of Services

1st January 1978, 1st Sun. after Xmas

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

MOTHERS' UNION

Wednesday December 7th, Corporate Communion at Bridge Church at 9.30am. Monday December 5th, Branch Meeting at 11 Union Road at 2.45pm.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will meet on December 11th and 18th at 10.45.

PARISH MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTION IN BEKESBOURNE

Mr. G. F. Tyler of Chota, Bekesbourne, has kindly undertaken to distribute the Parish Magazine in Bekesbourne. Should any subscriber be missed, would you please make contact on Bridge 830345. Some subscriptions are due - please let Mr. Tyler have the money.

Holy Communion is celebrated at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7.30 a.m. on Fridays during the week at Bridge Church. Evensong is at 4.30 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,

First I wish to commend to your kind support the Bridge and Patricxbourne Churches Christmas Market on Saturday 3rd December at Bridge Village Hall. We depend so much on this event for the everyday maintenance of our churches. We have had considerable expense in the fabric restoration of Bridge Church; indeed we have spent over £1,000 of our reserves.

Secondly I wish to thank the many worshippers and helpers of Bekesbourne Church for their support and help at our Autumn Fayre. We raised over £115.00 which was a wonderful result.

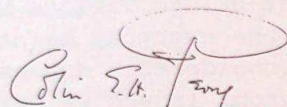
I begin Confirmation Classes on Friday 13th January at 6.00pm at the Vicarage, and I should be glad of the names of those who are desirous of Confirmation. I would remind you of the promises of the parents and godparents at their child's baptism: "You are to take care that this child be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed".

We are once again in our lives approaching the joyous festival of our Lord's birth, the wonder of Christmas: the day when the Eternal God took our human nature and was born of the Virgin Mary in a lowly manger at Bethlehem. He who was perfect God also became perfect Man. As we say constantly in our Creed *The word was made flesh and dwelt among us*. Let us remember this quite clearly and simply on Christmas Day. So shall we understand what it is to be a Christian, and the eternal destiny of the Soul of men. On Christmas Day there began the Christian Civilisation. God comes to us as a little child, *The Babe of Bethlehem*. God comes to us in this wise, because love must come always humbly, and because men will more often than not miss the truth unless it is presented to them in the barest simplicity, stripped of everything but its own witness. We need in this teaching of the Church to re-emphasise the Divinity of Jesus. Here in the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and in his humble patient invincible life is the love of God - and the truth about all men and all things, and eternal life.

Christ our Lord, possess your hearts in the Christian worship of the Church and in the glowing glory of the life

eternal. That is what I mean when I wish you all - "A Happy and Joyous Christmas!"

Yours sincerely in Our Blessed Lord.


Vicar and Rural Dean

Christmas Communion. *Anyone who is housebound, and desirous of receiving Communion at Christmas, is asked to contact the Vicar who will be pleased to make arrangements. Telephone: Bridge 830250.*

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 1977

- 3rd Saturday. Bridge and Patrixbourne Church Christmas Market, 2.15pm at Bridge Village Hall.
- 4th Second Sunday in Advent. Advent Carols Service with Readings at Bridge Church at 6.30pm.
- 5th Monday. Mothers' Union Branch Christmas Meeting at 11 Union Road, Bridge at 2.45pm, courtesy of Mrs. C. Berry.
- 7th Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 9.30am at Bridge Church.
- 11th Third Sunday in Advent. Preacher at 11.00am Matins at Patrixbourne Church the Rev. Henry Voller.
- 13th Tuesday. Bridge School Carol Service at Bridge Church at 7.00pm.
- 14th Wednesday. Young Wives Group Open Evening; Carols and refreshments - all are welcome.
- 16th Friday. Patrixbourne Church Carol Service at 7.00pm.
- 18th Fourth Sunday in Advent. Carols of Praise at Bekesbourne Church at 11.00am. Service of Carols and Readings by candle-light at Bridge Church at 6.30pm.
- 20th Tuesday. Bridge and Patrixbourne W.I. Meeting at Bridge Village Hall at 7.00pm.
- 24th Saturday. Christmas Eve. Midnight Eucharist 11.30pm at Bridge Church; Midnight Eucharist 11.30pm at Bekesbourne Church.
- 25th Sunday. CHRISTMAS DAY. See page 8 for times of Services.
- 1978
January
1st Sunday. First Sunday after Christmas. New Year's Day.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Peter's Church, Bridge

20th November 1977 Mark Christopher Barley

May They Rest in Peace

St. Peter's Church, Bridge

7th November 1977 Florence Maude Curtis

At Barham Crematorium

7th November 1977 Elizabeth Edith Lewis

16th November 1977 Clarice Eveline Stone

17th November 1977 Bessie Florence Godfrey



BRIDGE WITH
PATRIBOURNE
CHRISTMAS MARKET

SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER 1977 at 2.15pm.

- * GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW * CHRISTMAS TREE
* MARKET STALLS * AFTERNOON TEAS

IN BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

The Churchwardens will be pleased to accept your donation of prizes for the Grand Christmas Draw - or:-
Cakes * Produce * Bottles * Groceries *
Christmas Decorations * Toys * "White Elephants"
Stationery * Sweets * Fancy Goods * Books etc. etc.
for sale on the Stalls.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY
AND ALSO VISIT THE MARKET.

THE GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW PRIZES WILL BE ON
VIEW AT LOCKWOOD THE PRINTER, HIGH STREET, BRIDGE

DECORATING THE CHURCHES FOR CHRISTMAS

St. Peter's, Bridge

Decorating the Church will commence at 10.00am on Saturday December 24th. Helpers would be much appreciated; all donations for the purchase of flowers and decorations will be gratefully received.

St. Mary's, Patrixbourne

Decorating the Church will start on Friday December 23rd at 2.00pm. Help will be welcomed, and any offerings gratefully received of flowers or donations.

St. Peter's, Bekesbourne

Decorating the Church will begin at 10.15am on Saturday December 24th. Gifts of flowers and holly will be very welcome, as will any help that can be given.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT THE THREE CHURCHES

St. Peter's Church, Bridge

Christmas Eve
 24th December 11.30pm Midnight Eucharist
 Christmas Day
 25th December 8.00am Holy Communion
 11.00am Carols and Family Service
 11.45am Holy Communion

St. Mary's Church, Patrixbourne

Christmas Day
 25th December 8.00am Holy Communion

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

Christmas Eve
 24th December 11.30pm Midnight Eucharist
 Christmas Day
 25th December 11.00am Family Service and Carols
 11.45am Holy Communion

Please remember that with Easter, Christmas is one of the Christian seasons when it is hoped that confirmed members of the Church will make every effort to attend Communion - the Lord's Service.



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PICTURE QUIZ

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

Where is this door? A clue is that it is clearly seen on your way into church. Answers to John Purchase Telephone:- C'bury 61508



Last month's picture of a Key was fairly self-evident. It had to connect with St. Peter - and so it did, being a detail of a window in the northern Chancel wall at St. Peter's, Bekesbourne. The correct answer was given by a group of the Choir girls: LESLEY PAYN, TONI PAYN, LULU PAYN, TONI DENNE, SUSAN REYNARD. They all sit just in front of it - well done, nevertheless.

ANNUAL SERVICE OF THE JOINT CHURCHES

The annual Service where we welcome other Christian denominations will be held at St. Peter's Church, Bridge on Thursday January 19th 1978 at 7.30pm. We welcome our friends from the Methodist and Roman Catholic Churches in particular.

A meeting to arrange details of the Service will be held at the Methodist Church, Patrixbourne Road, on Wednesday December 7th at 8pm, when all who are interested in this Service are cordially invited to attend.

Overleaf is an important article concerning ecumenism.

The document set out below is that issued to the members of the Deanery Synod. It is felt that there should be the widest debate within the Church before any decisions are made, and that is why lay members are being asked seriously to consider the proposals.

THE TEN PROPOSITIONS of the Churches' Unity Commission have been referred to Diocesan Synods so that their views may be passed to the General Synod by March 1978. At a meeting of the Canterbury Diocesan Synod on Friday 15th April 1977 it was agreed that Deanery Synods should be consulted on this matter and asked to vote on the following motion:-

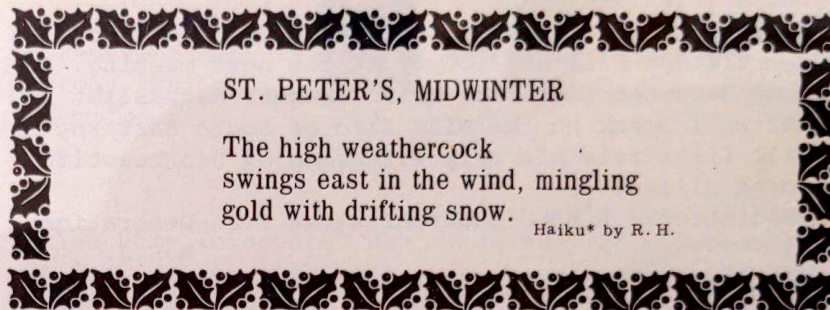
"That this Deanery Synod shares the view of the General Synod that the Ten Propositions of the Churches' Unity Commission provide an acceptable basis for continued consultation with the other Churches which are our partners in the Commission".

It was agreed that the Deanery Synods be asked to vote by houses and to report the outcome of the voting to the Secretary of the Diocesan Synod not later than February 28th 1978.

THE TEN PROPOSITIONS ARE:-

1. We reaffirm our belief that the visible unity in life and mission of all Christ's people is the will of God.
2. We therefore declare our willingness to join in a covenant actively to seek that visible unity.
3. We believe that this search requires action both locally and nationally.
4. We agree to recognise, as from an accepted date, the communicant members in good standing of the other covenanting Churches as true members of the Body of Christ and welcome them to Holy Communion without condition.
5. We agree that, as from an accepted date, initiation in the covenanting Churches shall be by mutually acceptable rites.
6. We agree to recognise, as from an accepted date, the ordained ministries of the other covenanting Churches, as true ministries of word and sacraments in the Holy Catholic Church, and we agree that all subsequent ordinations to the ministries of the covenanting Churches shall be according to a Common Ordinal which will properly incorporate the episcopal, presbyteral and lay roles in ordination.
7. We agree within the fellowship of the covenanting Churches, to respect the rights of conscience, and to continue to accord to all our members, such freedom of thought and action as is consistent with the visible unity of the Church.
8. We agree to continue to give every possible encouragement to local ecumenical projects and to develop methods of decision making in common.
9. We agree to explore such further steps as will be necessary to make more clearly visible the unity of all Christ's people.
10. We agree to remain in close fellowship and consultation with all the Churches represented on the Churches' Unity Commission.

N.B. It is understood that "an accepted date" refers to a time agreed by those who accept the covenant, to implement consequent actions.



ST. PETER'S, MIDWINTER

The high weathercock
swings east in the wind, mingling
gold with drifting snow.

Haiku* by R. H.

*A form of Japanese verse

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE - Cleaning Rota

December 3rd	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mrs Allan
December 10th	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mrs Smith
December 17th	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mrs Stickels
December 24th	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mrs Hogben
December 31st	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mrs Watson
January 7th	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mrs Grey

CHRISTMAS CAROLS OF PRAISE

This Carol Service will be held on Sunday December 18th at 11.00am at St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne.

The Carols sung will be requests sent in to the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Perry or to myself at 63 High Street, Bridge. We shall be very glad to have these requests as soon as possible so that the Service can be arranged.
S.G.

CHRISTMAS DAY CAROL SERVICE

The Service at St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, will be at 11.00am on Christmas Morning - and will consist of Carols and Lessons. Please bring your children with you for this this popular and lovely family Service.

S.G.

BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE YOUNG WIVES

On Wednesday December 14th there will be an Open Evening, A CAROL EVENING to be given by the Salvation Army Young People's Band, in the Village Hall at 8pm. Please come along and enjoy a very pleasant evening. Refreshments will be served.

BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month in Bridge Village Hall at 7.00pm. At the next meeting, to be held on December 20th, Mr. Brian Hawkes, Naturalist and Writer will speak on the *Wild Life of South East England*. He will illustrate his talk with some of his beautiful coloured slides.

Competition:- A home-made Christmas Tree Decoration.
M.E.J.

PATRIBOURNE CHURCH

On Friday December 16th at 7.15pm St. Mary's, Patribourne, will be having their Carol Service. As our choir has grown to twelve in numbers, including Junior Kings' boys and members of Canterbury Choral Society, this event will - we hope - be an inspiring evening to all who attend. Refreshments will be served after the Service just to send you home with the Spirit of Christmas - and to keep you warm on the way! Please mark the date on your calendar and come and join us in our Carols and Nine Lessons.

KCC MOBILE LIBRARY

Those outside Bridge who make use of the KCC Mobile Library will want to note that the Library will not be on its round either on Monday December 26th or January 2nd. I am sure we all wish the Librarian and her Driver a happy Christmas break from duties.

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be at the Village Hall on Tuesday December 13th at 2.00pm. There will be a Christmas Tea!

COUNTRY AND WESTERN DANCE

Our very grateful thanks are extended to Katie and Tom Page for the very successful effort made on behalf of the Fabric Fund of St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, with the Country and Western Dance held on October 29th in the Village Hall.

S.G.

AUTUMN FAYRE

The Autumn Fayre was a very happy and successful undertaking. Our thanks are due to all who contributed and helped us so generously. The nett profit stands at £115.86.

S.G.

HOLY INNOCENTS' DAY - SPECIAL SUNG EUCHARIST

Canterbury and District LIFE Group (through the kindness of the Reverend A.E. Pearce, Rector of St. Stephen's, Hackington) invite all those who support their work to join them for a

SUNG EUCHARIST

in St. Stephen's Church, Hackington, on Holy Innocents' Day, Wednesday 28th December 1977 at 8pm. *Please note that this is an evening Service.* The Celebrant will be the Rector, the Rev. A.E. Pearce. The Preacher will be the Rev. Canon Ingram-Hill, Canon Residentiary at Canterbury Cathedral. The Music will be led by St. Stephen's Choir.

All who are Communicant Members of their Church are invited to receive the Holy Communion if they are ready and desirous so to do, and the congregation is invited to meet together in the hall after the Service for refreshment. If transport is required, please contact Matthew Young, 42 Roper Road, Canterbury. Telephone:- Canterbury 66177.

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