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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR JANUARY 1978

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1st January, 1st Sunday after Christmas

11am Matins 11.45 Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Communion
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8th January, 1st Sunday after Epiphany

9am Holy Communion Series III 6.30pm Evensong	11am Matins and Sermon	8am Holy Communion
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15th January, 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

9.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	11am Matins
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22nd January, 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

8am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong Preacher: Mr Roger Smith	9am Holy Communion	11am Matins 11.45 Holy Communion
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29th January, Sexagesima Sunday

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

The Junior Church will meet on the following Sundays at 10.45am at Bridge Church; January 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union Corporate Communion will be held on Wednesday January 4th at 9.30am. There is no Branch meeting this month, nor during February. Meetings resume in March.

SENIOR CITIZENS

The Senior Citizens will not be holding a meeting this month or next, they will resume in March 1978.

*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,

First I would like to thank all those who worked so hard to make the Bridge and Patrixbourne Christmas Fayre such an outstanding success, and also to express our appreciation of the many people who gave gifts for the Stalls and Raffle. You are all very wonderful and loyal in your unflagging work and enthusiasm for our Church.

The Carol Services at our three Churches were most joyous events and every credit to the Organists and members of the Choirs. Many of us who appreciate the work of Mr. Roger Smith as Organist and Choirmaster at Bridge Church will be delighted to know that he has been accepted by the Archbishop of Canterbury for training to the Auxiliary Ministry of the Church. I have invited him to preach at Evensong at Bridge Church on Sunday evening the 22nd January, with the consent of the Bishop of Dover.

Confirmation Classes begin on Friday the 13th January, at 6pm at the Vicarage. I should be delighted to prepare any older persons who have not been confirmed. I should be glad to know the names of both young people and older persons who wish to be presented for Confirmation.

It may well be that for God's purposes the most important Church event of this month will be the Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - January 18th to 25th. The observance of this Week has increased year by year by all deep-thinking Christian people, and the obligation of prayer for unity is receiving ever fresh emphasis. The bonds of fellowship between the Churches have stood many strains and have been strengthened as the years go by. Everywhere they have exercised healing and stabilising influence. Prayer for Christian unity is an essential part of our prayer that the Kingdom of God may come "on earth as it is in heaven". We shall welcome our fellow Christians at the Service for Christian Unity at Bridge Church, at 7.30pm on Thursday January 19th, and afterwards for discussion at the Methodist Church in Patrixbourne Road.

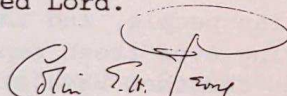
I wish you all a Happy and Peaceful New Year. Whatever else a new year brings, it does behove us to make a new resolution to do things at last that we should have done years ago. But first, before entering into the new year let

us say a prayer of thanksgiving for all the blessings which we have received in the year just past.

Finally, the Feast of the Epiphany falls on Friday 6th January. This is one of the major feasts of the Christian year, and - with the feast of the Ascension - the most neglected. I hope you will endeavour to make your Communion on this day. There are celebrations of Holy Communion that day at Bridge Church at 7.30am and 9.30am. "The Epiphany of Our Lord".

In a few words, what is the meaning of *Epiphany*? The cycle of Christmas is not yet closed. The Liturgy of the 6th January is a new climax; it is a feast which in ancient times was celebrated even more splendidly than Christmas. Even in this present day it has a place in the Eastern Church which Christmas has for us. It celebrates a magnificent concept, that of the Epiphany or manifestation of our Lord. For this, three events in the history of salvation are taken together: the homage of the wise men from the East, the baptism of Christ in the Jordan and the marriage feast at Cana - three initial manifestations of his glory. The love of God in the manifestation of His Son, our present faith and our future promise - such is the teaching of the Service of Epiphany. The Epiphany Season taken in union with the Prayer for Christian Unity is a reminder of the Universal Mission of Christianity.

Yours affectionately in our blessed Lord.

  
Vicar and Rural Dean

#### CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 1978

- 1st 1st Sunday after Christmas. Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord. New Year's Day.  
4th Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 9.30am at Bridge Church.  
6th Friday. Feast of the Epiphany; Holy Communion 7.30am and 9.30am at Bridge Church.  
8th 1st Sunday after Epiphany.  
13th Friday. Confirmation Classes commence 6pm at the Vicarage. Church Fund-Raising Committee for 1978 meet at the Vicarage at 8pm.

- 15th 2nd Sunday after Epiphany.  
17th Tuesday. W.I. meeting 7pm at Bridge Village Hall. Bekesbourne Church PCC meeting 7.30pm at Mulberry Cottage, Bekesbourne, by the kindness of Mr. Wilfred Mowll.  
18th Wednesday. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins. Holy Communion at 9.30am at Bridge Church.  
19th Thursday. Service of Christian Unity, 7.30pm at Bridge Church, followed by discussion at the Methodist Church, Patricxbourne Road. All very welcome.  
20th Friday. Confirmation Class at 6pm at the Vicarage.  
22nd Septuagesima Sunday. Preacher at Evensong at Bridge Church, Mr. Roger Smith.  
24th Tuesday. Bridge and Patricxbourne Church PCC meeting at Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm.  
25th Wednesday. Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Holy Communion at 9.30am at Bridge Church.  
27th Friday. Confirmation Class at 6pm at the Vicarage.  
29th Sexagesima Sunday.  
31st Tuesday. East Bridge Deanery Synod meeting, 7.30pm at St. Augustine's College.

#### February

- 1st Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 9.30am at Bridge Church.  
2nd Thursday. Feast of the Purification of Our Lady.

#### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

##### Holy Baptism

##### St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

27th November 1977      Louisa Fagg  
4th December 1977      Timothy David Spencer

##### St. Peter's Church, Bridge

20th November 1977      Mark Christopher Barley

##### May They Rest In Peace

##### St. Peter's Church, Bridge

12th December 1977      George Kenvin

Barham Crematorium

16th November 1977 Clarice Eveline Stone  
30th November 1977 Ethel Annie Cox  
15th December 1977 Frederick Lewis Parker

FRANK ALICK OVENDEN - Obituary

Alick Ovenden, who died aged 80 years last October and was buried in Bridge Churchyard on the 14th of the month, was the youngest of 14. He was born at 29 Brewery Lane, Bridge, which was to be his home for the rest of his life. He left the village only on active service in the First World War.

Except for this war service he worked all his life in the area and Canterbury as a Gardener in the large estates of the day - including Highland Court and Bridge Place. During the Second World War he served in the A.R.P. organisation locally, and did duty as a Fire Watcher. He retired in 1966 at the age of 70, following a serious operation.

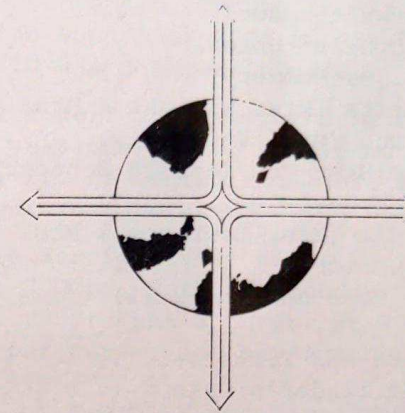
Mr. Ovenden had a long association with St. Peter's Church in Bridge, first as a choir-boy, later a Sidesman, and again in the Choir during the Second War. He was a PCC member with the Rev. Gregory, Rev. Church and Rev. Penney. He also served the village on the Parish Council.

Married in 1931, Alick Ovenden is survived by his widow, a daughter and a son, to whom we extend our sympathy.



"The Adoration of the Magi" See the Vicar's Letter, starting on page 5.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - 1978  
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# 'No longer strangers'

(See Ephesians 2: vv13-22)

The annual ecumenical Service for Christian Unity will be held at St. Peter's Church, Bridge, on Thursday January 19th 1978 - starting at 7.30 pm. Immediately following the Service we are all invited to go to the Methodist Church, Patixbourne Road, for light refreshments and the opportunity to discuss the Service which has been held, and the ideas that the Service has brought out.

Roman Catholics, Anglicans, Methodists and Baptists will be contributing to the Service, and it is hoped that the Salvation Army will also be there with music to help as well. Please come along.

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## INTERCESSION FOR US ALL

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January also sees the prayers of the Diocese focussed on our part of Kent. The Rural Deanery of East Kent is specially remembered on January 2nd - and the three churches of St. Mary, Patixbourne with St. Peter, Bridge, and St. Peter, Bekesbourne together with the Rev. Canon Colin Perry, are prayed for on Wednesday January 11th. In the Anglican Communion on that day are listed the dioceses of Texas (U.S.A.), Milton Richardson, Bishop - and Dallas, Ronald Davies, Bishop.

BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE PCC CHRISTMAS MARKET - 3.12.1977

"Young Wives" Stall .. .. .	£11
Cakes, Teas (Mrs. Williamson) .. ..	25
Groceries etc. (Mothers' Union) .. ..	24
Produce Stall (Mr. B. Mummery) .. ..	11
Fancy Goods and Gifts (Miss Wraight & Mrs. Clark)	42
Christmas Cards etc. (Mrs. Knight) .. ..	11
Christmas Tree and Bran-Tub (Bridge Schoolchildren)	5
Toys (Miss Mason) .. .. .	3
White Elephant Stall (Mrs. Lawrence & Mrs. Turpin)	11
Jewellery (Mrs. Johnson) .. .. .	11
Bottle Stall (Mr. Rose and Mr. Hill) .. ..	37
Raffle (Mr. Down) .. .. .	£64
<i>Less Premium Bond and Tickets:</i> .. ..	<u>27</u>
Raffle for Mrs. Mallinder's Cake .. ..	10
Side Shows (Mrs. Pierce, Mr. Jackson & Mr. Barley)	11
Donations .. .. .	<u>2</u>
	£251
<i>Less Hire of Village Hall:</i> .. ..	<u>7</u>
Net Surplus	£244

This was an excellent result showing an increase in profit of £18 compared with 1976. In particular, Miss Wraight and Mrs. Clark should be congratulated on almost doubling the proceeds from their stall to over £42. We are most grateful to all concerned, including the many people who came to support us on the day.

C.A.P.



SALVATION ARMY CONCERT AT BEKESBOURNE

A thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent on Thursday 8th December at St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, when we were entertained by the Ramsgate Citadel Band under the baton of Mr. Cyril Simpson, their Bandmaster.

The Concert of Christmas Music included a tour of Europe taking in carols from France, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Wales, Scotland, Ireland and England. We also enjoyed many other carols and musical items by the Band. Thank you S.A.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Annual Christmas fete at Canterbury realised over £200 and was very well attended. Thanks to Miss Wraight and others we supplied some home-made sweets, bought sweets and groceries. £10 was donated in cash.

Home-made sweets sell very well and we never have enough, so perhaps next year one or two people would make some toffee and fudge if the ingredients were supplied. Please contact me if you are interested.

The Christingle Service takes place in the Cathedral on December 28th at 3.00pm. Both the Sunday School and the Bible Class hope to present a purse. We know we shall have a minimum of £3 per purse, but any further contributions would add to this.

F.W.B. Mason-Parochial Secretary of the Society

BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our January meeting is on Tuesday 17th at 7.00pm in Bridge Village Hall. The Speaker will be Mrs. Sharman, one of our members, who will demonstrate and advise on Cake Icing in general, and making sugar-icing flowers in particular.

The Competition is Six Iced Cakes.

M.E.J.

BRIDGE BADMINTON CLUB

The Winter Season is now in full swing. We play in the Village Hall on Mondays and Fridays, starting at 7.30pm. Our standard of play is not intimidatingly high. We will welcome new members as well as previous members who would like to re-join.

Come along for a game, and a chat over coffee between games. There is a thriving Junior section, but unfortunately all the available places in this are already taken and there is a long waiting list.

Dermot Stewart-Chairman

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### BEKESBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The meeting for January is on Tuesday 10th at 2.00pm in Bekesbourne Village Hall.

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE

On Sunday November 27th at 11.00am Matins the following girls were admitted to the Choir of St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne:-

Sarah Stamp, Toni Denne,  
Lulu Payne, Toni Payne,  
Susan Reynard.

We welcome you all and wish you great happiness in your service to God and His Church.

We should, also, be very glad to hear from boys, girls and adults who would like to join us in our musical efforts.

S.G.

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BRIDGE

The Prize Winners in the GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW were:-

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1st. £10 Premium Bond       | A. Jackson, Bridge Hill         |
| 2nd. Bottle of Cognac       | Miss Bright, 9 Dering Close     |
| 3rd. Bottle of Whisky       | W. Scarborough, 68 Western Ave. |
| 4th. Box chocolates         | Mrs. Cassell, 9 Brewery Lane    |
| 5th. Coffee Set             | Hugh Buckhurst, 19 High Street  |
| 6th. Bottle of Sherry       | P. Burbridge, 37 Alkham Close.  |
| 7th. Casserole              | Mrs. Tyler, 7 Churchill House   |
| 8th. Voucher (Welch)        | D. Hill, Red Deer, Bridge Down  |
| 9th. Voucher (Jordan)       | E. Down, 59 Bridge Down         |
| 10th. Basket of Fruit       | F. Taylor, 6 Churchill House    |
| 11th. Bottle of Wine        | C. Langston, 58 Heaton Road.    |
| 12th. Bottle of Wine        | J.W. Smith, 23 Albion Place.    |
| 13th. Bottle of Wine        | Mrs. R. Tyler, 7 Churchill H'se |
| 14th. Bottle of Wine        | Mrs. Hoare, Cedars, Bridge Hill |
| 15th. Boc Toiletry etc.     | Mrs. Lockwood, 49 Union Road    |
| 16th. Voucher (Barbaranne)  | W. Johnson, 42 Bridge Down      |
| 17th. Voucher (Vanity Fair) | Mrs. Mummery, Little Pett Farm  |
| 18th. Tin of Biscuits       | Sullivan, 9 Ford Close          |
| 19th. Black Magic chocs.    | M. Jones, 18 Conyngham Lane     |
| 20th. Good News chocs.      | W. Anson, R.A., Rochester       |
| 21st. Voucher (Liptons)     | J. Komaronski, Maidstone        |
| 22nd. Voucher (W.H.Smith)   | T. Hill, c/o N.C.B.             |
| 23rd. Two tins Confect.     | P. Lawrence, 72 Bridge Down     |

### PATRIXBOURNE FLOWER ROTA FOR 1978

January	..	..	..	..	Mrs. Simmonds
February (until the 12th)					Mrs. Pratt & Mrs. Clarke
March 26th & April	..	..	..	..	Mrs. Stacey
May	..	..	..	..	Mrs. Potter
June	..	..			Mrs. Pratt & Mrs. Clarke
July	..	..	..	..	Mrs. Johnston
August	..	..	..	..	Mrs. White
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October	..	..	..	..	Mrs. Simmonds
November	..	..	..	..	Mrs. Schuston

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 1978

BRIDGE

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5th February, Quinquagesima Sunday

11am Matins 11.45 Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Communion
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12th February, 1st Sunday in Lent

9am Holy Communion Series III 6.30pm Evensong	11am Matins and Sermon	8am Holy Communion
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19th February, 2nd Sunday in Lent

9.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	11am Matins
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26th February, 3rd Sunday in Lent

8am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	9am Holy Communion	11am Matins 11.45 H.C.
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5th March, 4th Sunday in Lent

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

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

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union Corporate Communion will be held on Wednesday February 1st at 9.30am. There is no Branch meeting this month. Meetings resume in March.

SENIOR CITIZENS

The Senior Citizens will not be holding a meeting this month; they will resume in March.

*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,

Lent comes early this year, with Ash Wednesday falling on February 8th. Let us all keep Lent with resolution to make a rule of life and prayer during this penitential season.

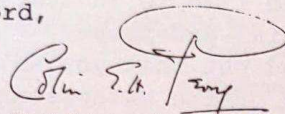
I would like to indicate a simple way; viz., almsgiving, self-denial and prayer. First, will you take a Lenten purse and put what you save by your self-denial to helping the work of the extension of Christ's Kingdom in the world? You will find these boxes for gifts to the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (U.S.P.G.) at the back of all three churches.

Secondly, I hope you will come to one of our mid-week Celebrations of Holy Communion at Bridge Church; on Wednesdays at 9.30am, and on Fridays at 7.30am: and above all make a rule of coming to Divine Service each Sunday in the Lenten season.

You will find on page 8 a letter concerning the finances of the Church. There is a quite new understanding of "Christian Giving". It is only in this century this Christian giving for the work of the Church was realised as a problem. In the last fifty years there has been a very great increase in what Church people give for the work of the Church at home; but there has often been with it a lack of clear vision. Somethought of the support needed for the parochial and central budgets as an imposition to be accepted but grudgingly; and each increase was regarded as making an almost unbearable imposition quite unbearable. That spirit has been steadily disappearing and a true understanding of how to give in the cause of Christ's Kingdom has grown. All kinds of circumstances put fresh burdens on our shoulders. If God means us to lift and carry them, we obey without question: and as our unity of trust and purpose in the Church grows we give cheerfully, and in a humble spirit would rather give than spend needlessly upon ourselves - as an exercise of spiritual renewal and advancement. Other Churches of the Anglican Communion, some richer, many far poorer than we are, are far ahead of us in the learning of this lesson.

I should mention that the meeting of the Bishops of the Anglican Communion, referred to as the Lambeth Conference (which takes place every ten years) will be for the first time in its history held outside London, indeed at Canterbury itself, from July 22nd to August 14th. May I commend this great spiritual event to your loving prayers.

Yours affectionately in our Lord,

  
Rural Dean and Vicar

#### CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLLS, 1978

We are reminded in a letter from Diocesan House that 1978 sees not just a revision of Electoral Rolls, but the occasional preparation of a new Roll. This means that every Church member is required to register afresh; and if we may use the phrase - THIS MEANS YOU!

The PCCs have both been issued with the necessary forms and these will also be found in all three churches. When completed they should be handed either to the Vicar, Canon Perry; or to the following:-

For Patricxbourne with Bridge: Mrs. Pat Hulyer,  
8 Bridge Down

For Bekesbourne: Mr. John Purchase,  
Mill Cottage

The Return has to be made by early Summer, but it is essential that if you wish to attend the Annual Vestries and vote on matters that arise you should have been listed on the new Electoral Roll, so please deal with it soon.

#### CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 1978

- 1st Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 9.30am at Bridge Church.  
2nd The Presentation of Christ in the Temple: Candlemass Bridge English Country Dance Club, Bridge Village Hall, 7.45pm.  
3rd Friday. Confirmation Class 6pm at the Vicarage.  
5th Quinquagesima Sunday.

8th Ash Wednesday. First Day of Lent. Holy Communion at 9.30am at Bridge Church. Bridge Young Wives Group meet at Bridge Village Hall at 7.45pm.

9th Thursday. Parish Council of Bridge meet at 7.00pm at Bridge Village Hall.

10th Friday. Confirmation Class 6.00pm at the Vicarage.

12th First Sunday in Lent.

14th Tuesday. Flower Festival Committee 8.00pm at the Vicarage.

16th Thursday. Bridge English Country Dance Club, 7.45pm at Bridge Village Hall.

17th Friday. Confirmation Class 6.00pm at the Vicarage.

19th Second Sunday in Lent.

21st Tuesday. W.I. meeting at Bridge Village Hall, 7.00pm.

24th Friday. St. Matthias, Apostle. Holy Communion 7.30am at Bridge Church. Confirmation Class 6.00pm at the Vicarage.

26th Third Sunday in Lent.

#### March

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

3rd Friday. Women's World Day of Prayer. Service at St. Peter's Methodist Church, Canterbury, at 2.30pm.

Speaker: Mrs. Coggan.

Confirmation Class 6.00pm at the Vicarage.

#### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

##### May They Rest in Peace

##### At Barham Crematorium

12th January 1978

24th January 1978

Emma Gibbon

James Frederick  
Lawrence

Graham Alfred  
Lindridge

Frederick Charles  
Jefferson

#### PHOTOQUIZ

The answer to the December issue's Photoquiz: it was the picture of the disused door to the Sanctuary at St. Mary's Church, Patricxbourne. No-one attempted the quiz. There has not been room for the Photoquiz since in the Magazine.

## BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE PARISH FINANCES, 1978

Below you will find a Summary of the PCC Accounts for 1977. The total ordinary income increased by £200 compared with the previous year but the surplus remained the same at £160 – just sufficient to work the Account. In 1978 our share of the Diocesan Quota is £1249, an increase of £343 or 39% over 1977. The Grant towards the Vicar's Working Expenses will probably increase by 10%, that is, £70; the Insurance Premium by £30, plus the inevitable increases in Gas and Electricity. This adds up to an increase of about £500 in Ordinary Expenditure during 1978.

Turning to the Capital Account for 1977: during the year we were compelled to carry out extensive repairs to the external stonework at Bridge Church, at a cost of approximately £1889. We have been able to raise £1100 from various Funds and Grants, but the balance will have to be paid for out of our Reserves which will be considerably reduced. It is desirable that our Reserves should be built up again as soon as possible, but the emphasis at the present must be on increasing our Ordinary income.

There has been a considerable increase in voluntary giving during the last four years, from £1633 in 1974 to £2564 in 1977. Unfortunately this has been insufficient to keep pace with inflation. To keep our heads above water in 1978 it is essential that we should increase our ordinary income by at least £500. To this end a personal appeal is to be made to all those whose names are on the Church Electoral Roll; and this year, instead of the usual Summer Fete, a Flower Festival will be held at Bridge Church from Friday 16th to Sunday 18th June; and we appeal to everyone for their help and support to make the function an outstanding success. C.E.P., C.A.P., H.P.M.L. – *Standing Committee.*

## BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE REVENUE ACCOUNT, To December 31, 1977

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
1976	CHURCH COLLECTIONS	1976	SALARIES & WAGES
711	Bridge	150	Organists' Salary
230	Patribourne	46	Junior Choir
	FREEWILL OFFERINGS	120	Verger
195	Envelope Scheme	101	Church Services
1100	Covenants (Inc. Tax rec.)	53	Choir Expenses
	CHURCH COLLECTION BOXES		LIGHT AND HEAT
14	Bridge	282	Bridge
37	Patribourne net.	56	Patribourne
	DONATIONS	316	Insurance
149	To the Churches		REPAIRS, MAINTEN'CE
15	For Missions	38	Patribourne Church
	For Charities	121	Organ and Piano
127	INVESTMENT INCOME	881	Church Yards
	SUNDRIES		DIOCESAN QUOTA
	Burial, Marriage Fees		VICAR
113	Bridge Parish Counc. Grant	600	Grant, Working Expenses
215	War Graves Commission	82	Easter Offering
247	SUMMER FETE, net		SUNDRY DONATIONS
	CHRISTMAS MARKET, net	18	Missions
	PARISH MAGAZINE	69	Charities
	Subscript's, Adverts	28	SUNDRY EXPENSES
	Less Cost of printing	47	Vicar's Petty Cash
		161	Sundries
			Surplus
3169	3889	3169	3369

## CAPITAL ACCOUNT as at 31st December 1977

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Opening Balance in Bank A/c. 1.1.77	£191	Repairs to Bridge Church	
Balance B/D from Revenue A/c	180	Paid to Wiltshiers on account	£923
Legacies	85	S.E. Savings Bank	
Grants:		Deposits, Patribourne Fabric F.	50
E. Bridge Deanery Fabric Fund	250	General Reserve	15
Bridge Church Chancel Fund	150	Balance C/F in Bank A/c 31.12.77	678
S.E. Savings Bank			
Withdrawals from General Reserve	850		
	1866		1866

### NOTES

- As at 31.12.77 There were balances at S.E. Savings Bank; General Reserve A/C £653 Patribourne Fabric Fund 187 Bridge Organ Fund 148
- There is an outstanding liability to Wiltshiers of £966.
- The Accounts for 1977 have not yet been audited.

## HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT, 1977

Dealing first with the Revenue Account: Voluntary Giving showed a net increase of £237 compared with 1976. Patribourne Collections increased by £133 and the Envelope Scheme by £120. This was offset by a reduction of £19 in the Bridge Collections and £98 in Covenant Income, but there is a considerable amount of Tax Refund outstanding. The Summer Fête which was poorly attended showed a fall of £43 compared with the previous year. The Parish Magazine continued to show a small profit. On the Expenditure side the cost of heating and lighting increased by £53, and the Quota by a mere £25; but the grant towards the Vicar's Working Expenses increased by £79. Donations to Missions and Charities at £184 showed an increase of £97 over 1976. A surplus of £160 was carried forward, the same as in 1976.

Turning to the Capital Account it is dominated by the cost of repairs to Bridge Church, £1889 including V.A.T. The following amounts have already been received: Grant from East Bridge Deanery, £250; Withdrawn from Bridge Chancel Fund, £150; Withdrawn from General Reserve Fund, £850 – totalling £1250. £923 has already been paid to Wiltshiers on account; as a result of the above receipts there is a considerable sum in the Bank available towards settling Wiltshiers' Account.

It is proposed to withdraw up to £700 which is available in the *Anderson Fabric Fund* to meet any balance outstanding on Wiltshiers' Account and to replace part of the General Reserve Fund which has been reduced from £1405 to £653. The prospects for 1978 are dealt with at the head of page 8.

C. A. P.

## 'SEVEN GREEN BOTTLES' – Parental Responsibility

The recently formed Canterbury Crime Prevention Panel is launching a special campaign this Spring in an effort to reduce juvenile criminal activity. There is to be a special showing of the film "Seven Green Bottles" and discussion at Canterbury College of Technology on Friday March 17th at 7.30 pm.

## "NO LONGER STRANGERS" – Service of Unity, January 19th, Bridge

Greeting the worshippers, Canon Perry said he welcomed all his brothers and sisters in Christ to join in prayers to our Lord, who willed that we should all be one as He is one. Unity was the essential note of the Christian faith – we were all children under God the Father.

Following a reading, Fr. Conal Mahony, O.F.M., used a parable concerning a lifeboat station crew on a dangerous coastline, who improved the building so far that they resented turning out to save lives – as it interrupted their social club atmosphere. He ended "In the outstretched arms of Christ is the yearning to see all mankind united in Christendom".

The Rev. Neville Ward also spoke after a reading from Acts 2, vv32-47. He pointed out the idyllic picture the reading painted of the original Christian group after Pentecost. There were groups even then – the Church of the time referred to itself as a living organism; and unity had been preserved for a thousand years. Nowadays he noted, the Church was united 'vertically' but not horizontally. Happily much was being done for oecumenism, with official and unofficial relaxation of divisive rules. "However", he concluded, "we must prepare the way of the Lord at a local level – we can do more there than the officials".

The Canterbury Salvation Army Temple Band accompanied the singing of the hymns, which were led by St. Peter's Choir; and discussion after the Service at the Methodist Church rounded off a successful annual act of unity.

#### ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS AND APPOINTMENT OF CHURCHWARDENS

Please note the dates:-

St. Mary's Church, Patricxbourne, with St. Peter's Church, Bridge: BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL, APRIL 4th 7.30pm.

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne: BEKESBOURNE VILLAGE HALL, 21st MARCH at 7.30pm.

#### BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES GROUP

On February 8th in the Village Hall, at 8.00pm sharp, the Young Wives will be taking part in a sponsored Knitting Marathon, in aid of the Children's New Day Room at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

Eileen Bevan

#### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE - Cleaning Rota

Mrs. Watson	..	..	..	..	February 4th
Mrs. Grey	..	..	..	..	February 11th
Mrs. Hodgkiss	..	..	..	..	February 18th
Mrs. Allan	..	..	..	..	February 25th
Mrs. Smith	..	..	..	..	March 4th

#### 1977 POPPY DAY APPEAL

This year we made the excellent sum of £121.14. Many thanks to all who gave so generously, and the helpers who made this sum possible.

J. Hunter

#### CHURCH CLEANERS

We have been very lucky in the past with good people who have given of their time and effort to keep the churches tidy and clean. There is now a need for new volunteers for this helpful work, particularly at Bridge. Would anyone who could give an occasional help please tell the Vicar?

#### BRIDGE ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB

Bridge English Country Dance Club will be meeting on Thursdays, February 2nd and 16th, at 7.45pm for 8.00pm at Bridge Village Hall.

The 'Caller' and Instructor is Alf Matthews.

The Membership fee is £1.00 per annum; the admission charge for club members is 20p, and 30p for non-members and visitors. There are still a few vacancies for members, and beginners are welcomed. Further enquiries should be made to Mrs. Cootes, *Honorary Secretary*, 18 Mount Road. Telephone 53353; or Mrs. Knight, *Chairman*, 5 Dering Close, Bridge. Telephone 830584.

#### BRIDGE WITH PATRICXBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At our February meeting on the 21st at Bridge Village Hall, starting at 7.00pm, the Speaker will be Mrs. Muriel Calver (V.C.O.). The subject will be *Denman College* - a talk with slides.

The competition: *Collage on a postcard*, any medium.

M.E.J.

#### BRIDGE CRICKET CLUB ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE

The Bridge Cricket Club's Annual Dinner and Dance was held at the Ship Inn, Upstreet, on 17th December 1977. In attendance were a number of guests from other Cricket Clubs, including Addington Cricket Club and East Langdon Cricket Club, and our special guest speaker for the evening was Alan Ealham of Kent County Cricket Club.

The Dinner started at 8.00pm and included a Menu of Roast Turkey with all the trimmings. After-Dinner speeches were commenced by Mr. T.E.G. Hoare, who then handed over to the Club Secretary, Mr. B. Cole, who welcomed the guests from the other Cricket Clubs and then made special

reference to the guest speaker, Alan Ealham.

A toast was then made to the guests. In reply Mr. Ealham outlined the success of the Kent County Cricket Club over the past few years. Presentations were then made by Mr. Ealham to various persons who had been of great service to Bridge Cricket Club over the past year.

Mrs. Angela Britton - Tea Lady, received a Bouquet of Flowers; Mrs. Valerie Dolfe - Saturday Tea Lady, Bouquet of Flowers. Mr. Gordon Bourn received a lighter for his work as Groundsman, and he also received a Tankard from Mr. and Mrs. Berger for his Taxi service. Mr. Brian Berger the Assistant Groundsman and Umpire, who on that evening announced that he had passed his Umpire Examination, was given a set of Cuff Links, and Mr. Geoff Larter, as retired Assistant Club Secretary, was given a Table Lighter. Then came awards for services to the game of Cricket itself.

The first award was a general award to Denis Johnson who was a comparative newcomer to the Club but who had made his mark on the Club by taking over fifty wickets on his first season with us. Gordon Bourn, who was top of the batting averages, was then presented with a pair of Batting Gloves given by the President, Councillor Hoare; Denis Johnson, who was top of the bowling averages, was given a pair of Batting Gloves - again donated by the President.

On behalf of the Club Mr. Roger Britton received a Bat which had been presented to the Club by the Chairman, Mr. C. Shaw. A special award was then made to Addington Cricket Club, a team which Bridge Cricket Club played every year, and who every year put on a special social function.

As so many of the games had ended in a draw in previous years Bridge Cricket Club put up the Trophy as a form of local ashes to be played for between the teams every year.

Finally a Bouquet of Flowers was handed to Mrs. Sue Ealham and a Bouquet to Mrs. Hoare. Having dispensed with the formalities the Dance commenced, dancing to the 'Variations'. A good evening was had by all.

B.R.J. Cole, Hon. Sec.

#### PARISH COUNCIL OF BRIDGE

Would you please note that the Parish Council at Bridge meets on Thursdays at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The dates for 1978 are as follows:-

February 9th, March 9th, Annual Parish Meeting March 16th, April 13th, May 11th, June 8th, July 13th, September 14th, October 12th, November 9th and December 14th.

You will note that there is no meeting in the month of August.

E. Down, Clerk of the Council

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PATRIXBOURNE WITH BRIDGE

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Mr. C. A. Potter, Field House, Bridge (Bridge 830218)

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

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Hon. Treasurer: Mr. C. A. Potter, Field House, Bridge (Bridge 830218)

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BEKESBOURNE

Churchwardens:

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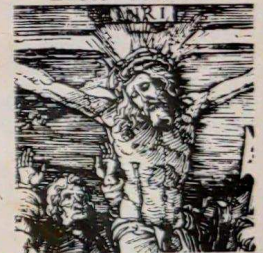
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5th March, Mothering Sunday, 4th Sun. in Lent

11am Matins: Mothering Sunday Service  
11.45 Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

8am Holy Communion

11am Mothering Sunday Service: Rev. Canon Packer

12th March, Passion Sunday

9am Holy Communion Series III  
6.30pm Evensong

11am Matins and Sermon

8am Holy Communion

19th March, Palm Sunday

9.30am Parish Eucharist  
6.30pm Evensong

8am Holy Communion

11am The Cross of Christ

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26th March, EASTER SUNDAY

8.00am & 11.45am. Holy Communion  
11am Matins & Family Service  
6.30pm Solemn E'Song

8am Holy Communion  
11am Matins

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

2nd April, Quasimodo or Low Sunday

11am Matins  
11.45 Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evensong - Preacher. Rev. L. Harrington

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Sung Communion

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Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patribourne and Bekesbourne,

During this month we will have within the joy of Easter, and Easter is pre-eminently a festival of joy. And the joy is infinitely more than that 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 making every Sunday a feast of the Resurrection and every prayer a greeting to the risen Jesus. The God in whom Christians believe is in a special way the God of the Resurrection. St. Peter, the first and most vivid of all the teachers about the meaning of Easter, says that God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory "so that your faith and hope might be in God". Easter showed Peter the sort of God his God was and is; the God who raises from death, the God who - when human possibilities are exhausted - acts beyond human limitations as King. The women went to the tomb "when it was yet dark". When all hope seems to have gone and the shadows of life or death fall it is the light that lightens every man that comes into the world! Our God is one whose light flashes upon the scene of man's darkness and giveth light unto the world. When things are very dark the God of Easter still acts beyond our hoping, and gives beyond our asking. As Christians we are called to be a colony of heavenly light which the world's darkness cannot overcome. Our worship at Easter should be a kind of standing still in amazement, as we watch the secret power of God at work conquering that of which humans are most afraid.

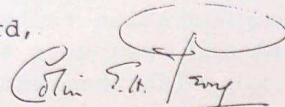
I commend to you in your prayers those who will be confirmed on Sunday the 12th of March. Each year new generations of fellow Christians arise to witness to their faith and carry the Christian light from one age to another. This is the simple and gentle trust committed to them. The heart of Confirmation lies in the bestowal of the Holy Spirit and this is an act of God himself.

Elsewhere you will find the times of Services during Holy Week and Eastertide, and details of our Vestry and Annual General Meetings. These meetings provide opportunities for Parishioners to get a clearer picture of how their church



stands financially, and to look at the year's work. They also provide opportunity for suggestions and planning for the future: I trust that all responsible people will set aside time to attend these meetings.

Yours affectionately in Our Lord,

  
Rural Dean and Vicar

#### CALENDAR FOR MARCH 1978

- 1st Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 9.30am at Bridge Church.
- 5th 4th SUNDAY IN LENT. Mothering Sunday: NB Change of time at Bekesbourne Church for Mothering Sunday Service (from 9.30am to 11.00am).
- 7th Tuesday. Senior Citizens Club Meetings resume, 2.15 pm at Bridge Village Hall.
- 10th Friday. League of Friends of Canterbury Hospitals Annual General Meeting, at 7.30pm at Bridge Village Hall.
- 12th PASSION SUNDAY. Confirmation Service at 10.30am at Littlebourne Church.
- 13th Monday. Mothers' Union Branch Meeting 2.45pm at 37 Union Road, Bridge.
- 19th PALM SUNDAY. NB British Summer Time begins - put your clocks forward one hour. There will be distribution of Palms at all Services this day.

HOLY WEEK: See the centre pages for full details.

- 21st Tuesday. Bekesbourne Church Annual General Meeting 7.30pm at Bekesbourne Village Hall.
- 23rd Maundy Thursday.
- 24th GOOD FRIDAY.
- 26th EASTER DAY.
- 30th Thursday. Bridge Church Flower Festival Committee, meeting at 8pm at the Vicarage.

#### April

- 2nd Low Sunday.
- 4th Tuesday. Bridge and Patricxbourne Church Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm at Bridge Village Hall.
- 5th Wednesday. Patricxbourne Parish Meeting, 7.30pm at the Old Vicarage, Patricxbourne.

#### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

##### Holy Baptism

St. Peter's Church, Bridge

12th February 1978 Mark Anthony Rogers  
Andrew Peter Philip Rogers  
Victoria Amy Rogers

##### May They Rest in Peace

At Barham Crematorium

9th February 1978 Dorothy Winifred Lee  
20th February 1978 Alice Margaret Cox  
24th February 1978 William Lewis Knott  
25th February 1978 Henry Edward Bamman

#### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING AND ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, Tuesday 26th March at 7.30pm at Bekesbourne Village Hall.

St. Mary's Church, Patricxbourne, with St. Peter's Church, Bridge, at 7.30pm at Bridge Village Hall on Tuesday 4th April 1978.

*It is important that all whose names are on the Church Electoral Rolls should try to attend.*

#### BEKESBOURNE PARISH REGISTER

The 1978 Register of Electors for Bekesbourne is available for inspection at Holly Tree Cottage Bekesbourne.

G.F.T.

*This Register is for local Elections, not a register of the Church Electoral Roll. It is important to see that your name is entered both in the secular Register and the church Roll.*

#### BEKESBOURNE TODDLER GROUP

We hope to have our first session on March 2nd at 2pm in Bekesbourne Village Hall. All mothers with toddlers under 3½ years are very welcome. For more details ring 830007, 830654 or 830875.



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 8.00am Holy Communion  
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**DECORATING THE CHURCHES FOR EASTER**

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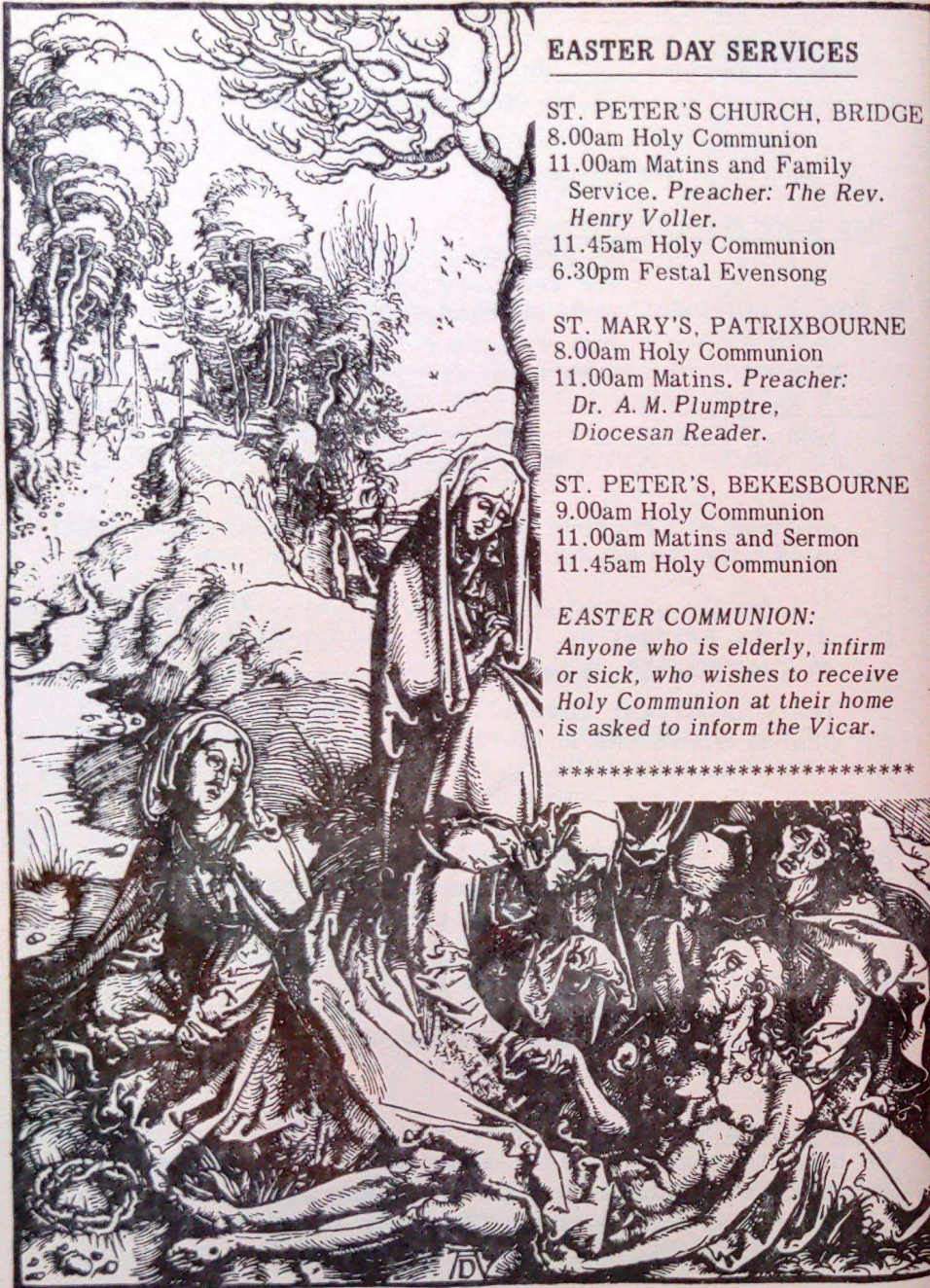
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✠ The Lambeth Conference, a meeting of the 400 Anglican Bishops, takes a new venue this year – at Canterbury, in the University buildings during the summer vacation by students. These prayers are for the success of the discussions which will take place at the Conference.

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**PRAYERS FOR USE IN CONNECTION  
WITH THE LAMBETH CONFERENCE  
OF 1978**

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**For the Conference**

God, our Father, we pray for the Bishops in the Lambeth Conference:

Direct them as they pray and take counsel together in the service of your Church; bring all their plans and discussions into conformity with your perfect will; make them sensitive and courageous in their ministry to a changing and suffering world; give them fresh encouragement and a greater vision of your glory; and so strengthen them by your Holy Spirit that they may proclaim your gospel in urgency and love;

through Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, who is alive and reigns with you and the same Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

**BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall at Bridge on Thursday 16th March, to hear Reports on the past year's achievements and accounts, and to consider a number of proposals in connection with the Village Hall's new site, enlarging the Recreation Field and other items.

**MR. SELWYN LEWIS**

Congratulations to Mr. Selwyn Lewis, our Organist at Bridge Church at the Parish Eucharist and Matins, at his obtaining the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the Open University.

**EASTER OFFERINGS**

The Churchwardens wish to remind members of the congregation, that following the ancient custom of the Church, the collections throughout Easter Day will be given to the Vicar as a personal gift. Anybody who may be away at Easter might care to send his or her offering to the Churchwardens to be included in the collection.

**For the Church's Mission to the World**

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit, set our hearts on fire with a new love for Christ:

that we may work with others to shape the world more nearly to his will; that we may labour and long for the unity for which he prayed;

that we may be stirred to pray and work for the furtherance of your kingdom and that it may be acknowledged with joy to the ends of the earth.

We ask it in his name. Amen.

**For the World's Suffering**

O God of the ever-present crosses, help your servants. Amen.

(4th century Egyptian)

**Dedication**

Almighty God, who has highly exalted your Son Jesus Christ and given him the name which is above every name: Grant that we may ever acknowledge him to be the Lord, and offer to him both the homage of our hearts and the service of our lives; to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

(Based on *Philippians 2: 9-11*)

**SENIOR CITIZENS**

The Senior Citizens will be holding their Meeting this month on Tuesday March 7th at 2.15pm at Bridge Village Hall.

**PATRIXBOURNE PARISH MEETING**

The Annual Assembly of the Patribourne Parish Meeting will be held at the Old Vicarage, Patribourne, on Wed. 5th April 1978 at 7.30pm.

M.E.J.

**BRIDGE WITH PATRIXBOURNE W.I.**

On Tuesday 21st March our Speaker will be Mrs. V. Pye, whose subject will be *The History of the Parasol*. This will be illustrated with slides. The meeting takes place at the Bridge Village Hall starting at 7pm. The competition is for a *trimmed Spring Hat*.

M.E.J.

**BRIDGE PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION**

We have made an excellent start to 1978. Our first event of the year, the Jumble Sale, on January 21st, made a profit of £90. Hopefully, the *Valentine Dance* will have proved to be just as successful. We will let you know the result next month.

There are two forthcoming events that you might like to make a note of in your diary. In May we are holding a Car Treasure Hunt. Carolyn Clarke has kindly offered to arrange the Hunt, and we hope that it will be a great success - as this will be the first for us.

The main fund-raising event of the year will be our Summer Fete to be held on Saturday July 1st. We hope for fair weather and, of course, for your continuing support.

M.J.B.

**ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE - Church Cleaning Rota**

Mrs. Smith	..	..	..	..	..	March 4th
Mrs. Stickels	..	..	..	..	..	March 11th
Mrs. Hogben	..	..	..	..	..	March 18th
Mrs. Watson	..	..	..	..	..	March 25th
Mrs. Grey	..	..	..	..	..	April 1st

**MOTHERING SUNDAY AT BEKESBOURNE**

As in other years we are having a Mothering Sunday Family Service at St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne on Sunday 5th March at 11am. This is in place of the usual 9.30am Sung Communion.

We do ask parents to attend, and to bring their children and grand-children with them; also we would welcome the parents of the choir children.

The Service will be conducted by the Rev. Canon John Packer, so please come and give us your full support.

S.G.

THE CROSS OF CHRIST, at St. Peter's, Bekesbourne

On Palm Sunday, March 19th, at 11am we shall sing *The Cross of Christ*. The Choirs of Bekesbourne and Barham will join together to sing this lovely Passion music.

Please come and join us in this very moving and lovely Service.

Our Choir will be at Barham Church on Sunday March 5th to assist their Choir in the singing of the same Service; we hope we may see some of you there.

S.G.

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES

There will not be a meeting in March as the Group intend visiting the Marlowe Theatre to see the Canterbury Amateur Operatic Society's production of *White Horse Inn*.

Re; Sponsored Knit-In. Brenda and Eileen wish to thank the Young Wives and the League of Friends' members, who took part in the Sponsored Knit-In on February 8th in aid of the Children's Day-Room Appeal at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital. £50 was raised. Well done! Many thanks to you all once again.

E.B.

BRIDGE ENGLISH FOLK DANCE CLUB

Bridge English Folk Dance Club will meet at the Village Hall on Thursday March 2nd at 7.45pm, and at the *School Hall* on Thursday March 16th at 7.45pm. Please note the change of venue for the second meeting.

O.I.K.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY HOSPITALS - BRIDGE GROUP

The Group invite you to their Annual General Meeting in Bridge Village Hall, on Friday March 10th at 7.30pm.

There will be a Raffle and a Bring-and-Buy Stall.

Refreshments of cheese and wine will be served. We hope that all our friends - old and new - will come, and give themselves a treat.

F.E.A.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Interdenominational Services will be held on Friday March 3rd at the Methodist Church, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury, at 12.30pm and 2.30pm. The Speaker at the afternoon Service will be Mrs. Jean Coggan. A creche will operate as well for this Service; and at 1pm there will be a Bread and Cheese Lunch, profit from which will go to the *Save the Children Fund*. The theme of the day is: Community Spirit in Modern Living.

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

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*Hon. Treasurer:* Mr. C. A. Potter, Field House, Bridge (Bridge 830218)

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*Organist (Patricxbourne):* Mrs. G. Allan, Ardpriority, Bekesbourne Lane,  
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*Verger (Bridge):* Mr. J. Hopkins, Old Station Cottage, Bishopsbourne

BEKESBOURNE

*Churchwardens:*

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

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR APRIL 1978

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

2nd April, First Sunday after Easter

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

9th April, Second Sunday after Easter

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

16th April, Third Sunday after Easter

9.30am Parish Eucharist	8am Holy Communion	11am Matins
6.30pm Evensong		

23rd April, Fourth Sunday after Easter

8am Holy Communion	9am Holy Communion	11am Matins
6.30pm Evensong		11.45 Holy Communion

30th April, Rogation Sunday

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. April 2nd, at Bridge Village Hall; April 9, 16, 23 and 30 at Bridge Church.

MOTHERS' UNION

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

SENIOR CITIZENS

The Senior Citizens will meet at 2.30pm on the following Tuesdays in April; 4, 11, 18, 25.

*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 may I thank all of you who so beautifully decorated our Churches at Eastertide, and gave gifts for the purchase of Easter lilies.

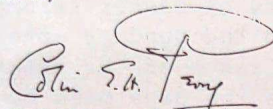
Thoughts of Easter triumph, Easter joy are still in our hearts in the Sundays after Easter. Our comprehension of the full issue of the Resurrection of our Lord deepens and widens as the days pass by. Now we think how the fact of His Resurrection affects us. "He hath triumphed gloriously" and the fruits of his triumph are extended to us through the power of an endless life. There is one word which attracts and rivets our attention today; so brief and yet so pregnant with meaning. It is the Saviour's greeting to His disciples in His Resurrection body - "Peace!" "Peace be unto you". The message comes to us with the same beauty and the same force. A message old but ever new. Human hearts are the same, and this world in its attitude to Christ and His Church is the same.

We have received at Easter the assurance of our Master's Risen Life. We know that He is among us; we know what His power and love have done for us. We hope in an "after-Easter world". We know that the cross was not the end and that tragedy was followed by triumph. This, for believers, gives life a completely different perspective. All is lit by the glow of hope and promises, so that every winter holds the promise of spring, every sunset is the prelude to the dawn, and every end but a beginning. We see life in death, hope in sorrow, joy in tears, and triumph in disappointment. This is the Easter faith which holds out the promise of more blessings yet to come, of which the Ascension and the gift of the Holy Spirit are glorious examples. Thus, we should be enabled to live daily in the spirit of devoted expectancy, knowing that in our own lives, as well as in the life of His Church, God is still fulfilling His promises and bestowing the blessings of His love.

We wish both Mr. Charles Potter and Mr. Stanley Grey - our Churchwardens - a speedy recovery to full health after their recent operations and assure them of our affection and prayers.

We welcome all who were recently Confirmed to the Communicant life of the Church and pray that they will be regular at their Communion and so keep the Christian faith alive in their days.

Yours affectionately in Our Lord,



Rural Dean and Vicar

#### CALENDAR FOR APRIL 1978

- 2nd LOW SUNDAY - First Sunday after Easter. Preacher at the 6.30pm Evensong, the Rev. Charles Harrington.
- 4th Tuesday. Bridge and Patricxbourne Church Meeting and Election of Churchwardens, 7.30pm at the Bridge Village Hall.
- 5th Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 9.30 am. at Bridge Church.
- 9th SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.
- 10th Monday. Mothers' Union Branch Meeting, at 2.45pm at 37 Union Road, Bridge.
- 12th Wednesday. Bridge Church Young Wives Group, 7.45pm at Bridge Village Hall.
- 16th THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.
- 23rd FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.
- 25th Tuesday. St. Mark's Day. Holy Communion 9.30am at Bridge Church.
- 30th ROGATION SUNDAY.

#### May

- 1st Monday. Ss. Philip and James' Day. Holy Communion 9.30am at Bridge Church.
- 3rd Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 9.30 am at Bridge Church.

#### BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES

Bridge Young Wives will be meeting on April 12th in the Village Hall at 7.45pm. Miss Potter will be giving a talk on her experiences as a Missionary in Pakistan.

E.B.

#### CONFIRMATION AT LITTLEBOURNE CHURCH on 12th March 1978

Ian Anthony Child	Anthony Nigel Bevan
Simon Giles	Alison Louise Mills
Amanda Jane Buckmaster	Jane Elizabeth Mummery
Alison Janette Jordan	Adrienne June Stamp
Julia Linda Gulvin	Thomas Edward Page
Darren Edward Gilham	Allen William Terry
Sarah Jane Stamp	Toni Marie Denne

#### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

##### Holy Baptism

St. Mary's Church, Patricxbourne  
19th March 1978 Catherine Lavinia Eastley

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne  
26th March 1978 Louisa Ruth Wraight

##### Holy Matrimony

St. Peter's Church, Bridge  
25th March 1978 Graham Charles Arnold and  
Doreen Mary Stanton

##### May They Rest In Peace

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne  
and afterwards at Barham Crematorium  
23rd March 1978 Hetty Deveson

St. Peter's Church, Bridge  
and afterwards at Barham Crematorium  
6th March 1978 Ethel Margaret Johnson  
17th March 1978 Jessie Sharp

##### At Barham Crematorium

1st March 1978 Gertrude Mary Collett  
8th March 1978 Margaret Anne Jennick

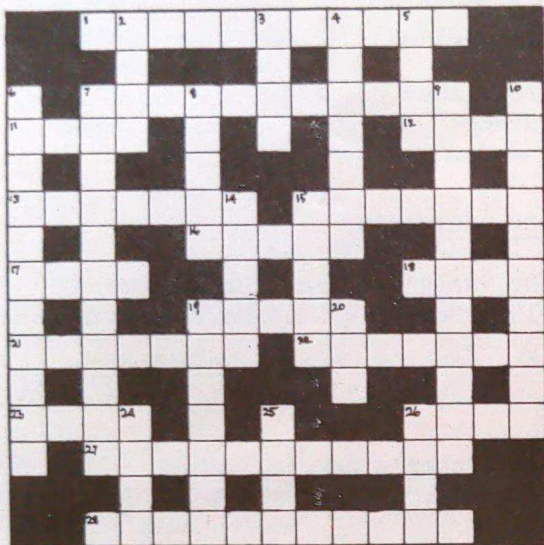
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\* Just to get you in the Festival mood here is a Competition for the family.

# FESTIVAL CROSSWORD



As part of the Flower Festival programme, which is intended to raise much-needed funds for the churches of Patrixbourne and Bridge, we publish this Competition Crossword puzzle. You are invited to solve the puzzle, and send it to the Editor (The Vicar) with an entry fee of 10p. Towards the end of April all the entries will be scrutinised and the first correct entry found will win a small cash prize – and kudos as BRAIN of BRIDGE for the entrant. Go on – have a go!

Entrant's Name & Address:.....

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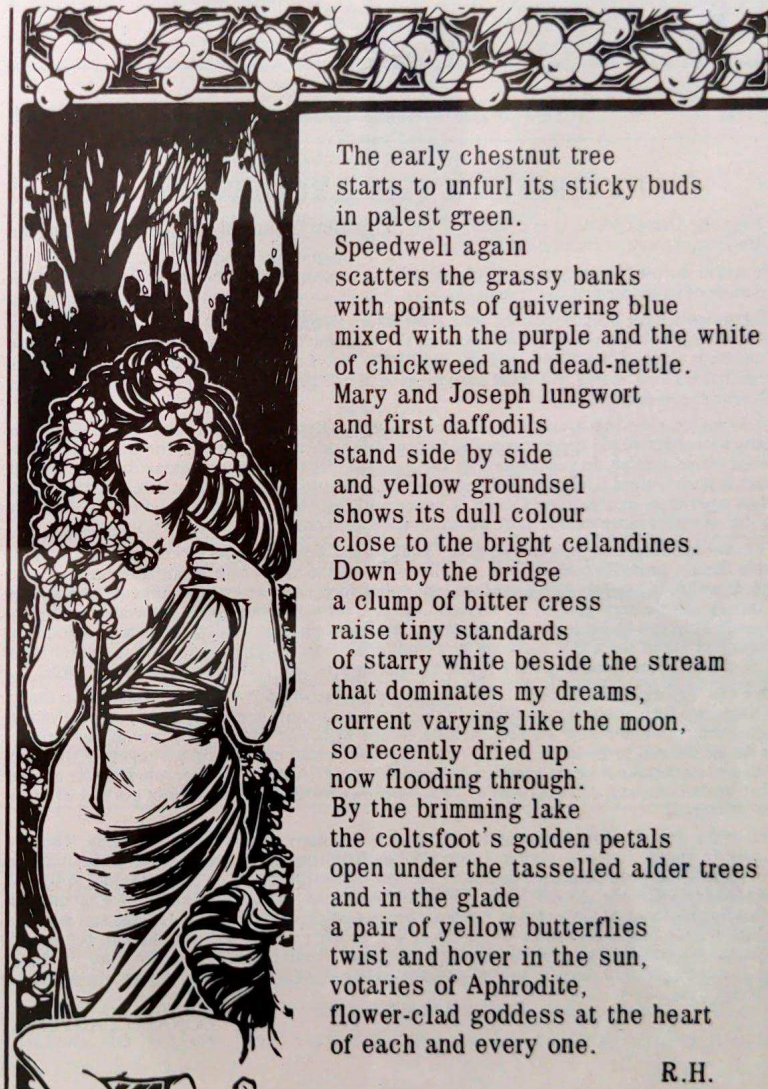
1. They are talking about a new one in Bridge (7.4)
7. You will find it in the Parish Magazine (11)
11. 'The same' in Latin (4)
12. For – and a day (4)
13. The boy has done well; tell him so (4.3)
15. This kind of store sells everything (7)
16. He wanders (5)
17. What a terrible king! (4)
18. The surrealist painter, not from San Salvador (4)
19. An engine will do this if it runs out of oil (5)

## DOWN

2. One part of a programme (4)
3. A mocking remark (4)
4. Pursued relentlessly – by dogs? (7)
5. A brewery gave its name to this in Bridge (4)
6. Many people made them in Chaucer's time (11)
7. Have a flutter at the races (3.2.1.5)
8. Famous mineral wine provided by a vine (5)
9. These flowers will keep and keep (11)
10. Flashing diamonds (10)
14. Anew and old road in Canterbury (5)

21. The anonymous member of a team (7)
22. A town famous for toffee and a football team (7)
23. It's very pleasant to take one's – (4)
26. Solomon admired these workers (4)
27. Picturing something in your mind (11)
28. You made sure that it was correct (11)

15. See-through dressing (5)
19. It's an ace at tennis (if not returned) (7)
20. She's a palindromic lady (3)
24. Do they justify means? (4)
25. An uprising (4)
26. Girl's name – Stratford Cottage owner (4)



The early chestnut tree starts to unfurl its sticky buds in palest green. Speedwell again scatters the grassy banks with points of quivering blue mixed with the purple and the white of chickweed and dead-nettle. Mary and Joseph lungwort and first daffodils stand side by side and yellow groundsel shows its dull colour close to the bright celandines. Down by the bridge a clump of bitter cress raise tiny standards of starry white beside the stream that dominates my dreams, current varying like the moon, so recently dried up now flooding through. By the brimming lake the coltsfoot's golden petals open under the tasselled alder trees and in the glade a pair of yellow butterflies twist and hover in the sun, votaries of Aphrodite, flower-clad goddess at the heart of each and every one.

R.H.



## Canterbury Diocesan Notes

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### LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

In May the United Nations is devoting a special session to the subject of disarmament, the most important event of its kind for decades.

The world is now spending over \$300,000 million a year on armaments—a figure meaningless to most of us because of its immensity.

Governments have been trying for years, without success, to stop this arms race. Recently, talks have been going on between NATO and the Warsaw Pact in an effort to scale down the level on both sides of the 'Iron Curtain', and President Carter also wants to check the arms trade with the Third World. We must keep on at this, using all the new techniques of inspection which science can provide.

But as well as showing concern about disarmament, I hope we can also make a new start on building a stronger world order, equipped to promote and enforce peace in the world. I believe it can be done, and so do our experts in the Foreign Office. They recognize that the United Nations is a very good basis. It is far healthier than the old League of Nations. It has already checked wars in places like the Congo, Cyprus and the Middle East. It is going in the right direction. It wants more steam, more determination, and more support from you and me.

What needs doing, and how can we help? The greatest need is for the UN to be able to call on suitable forces, properly trained, and supplied with all the aids which modern technology can devise. It will then be more like a professional police force; and when this happens, quarrelling neighbours will be very glad of its services. At this very moment a UN presence could save thousands of lives—in Ethiopia or in Namibia, and possibly could still be of help in Rhodesia. Vietnam has asked for a UN force on its Cambodian border. The need for it is clearer than ever. It is a question of making the UN strong, more respected, just like a good police force.

How can we help as individuals? *First*, by our prayers, without which we could all so easily slide back into feebleness, letting things "fall apart" again as in the 1930s. *Secondly*, by letting our governments know how we feel, writing to our MPs and telling them we believe Britain must do all she can to build up the UN. For example, could not Britain get together with her friends and undertake *training* exercises in peace-keeping? Also, in disaster relief? After all, we need an ambulance and a fire brigade as well as a police force, and we have not got any of them at the moment.

One of the organizations trying to do this work is the International Peace Academy. Though privately financed, it trains people from 108 countries in peace-keeping and peace-making techniques. It has been described as one of the few organizations to be taken equally seriously by the Quakers and the US Air Force. With this Academy, we in the Church of England are holding a conference at Coventry in April at the suggestion of the Foreign Office; and a senior Minister is attending. The Bishop of Coventry will be there and so will members of the Board for Social Responsibility. We shall be talking about "building up", rather than "pulling down". I hope you will think of us and pray for us in our efforts to find a way for the world to live in peace together.

DONALD CANTUAR:

### NEW THINKING AND VISION FOR THE RURAL CHURCH

Small groups in several parishes have started using certain articles from the Workbook on Rural Evangelism as a basis for discussion about the ministry and mission of the Church.

Suggestions about different ways of using the Workbook, and assistance in selecting articles for study by individuals, groups or P.C.C.s, can be obtained from: The Revd. David Ratcliff (Canterbury 64453), the Revd. Wyndham Johnson (Lamberhurst 305) or the Revd. Jesse Sage (Elmsted 414).

### CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL MUSIC LIBRARY

The Cathedral Music Library contains a very wide selection of Church Music from all periods and styles. Some of it will be of interest to choirs of advanced standard, but much will be of interest to those of more modest attainment.

The Library is open to all Choirmasters for inspection, though it is regretted that music cannot be taken away, nor can copies be hired out. If you wish to see the Library, please send a card to Allan Wicks, 8 The Precincts, Canterbury.

### MAY DAY

On SS. Philip and James Day one of the great Italian organ masses (*La Messa della Domenica*, by Frescobaldi), will receive a liturgical performance at Upper Hardres Church at 11 a.m.

### APRIL AT THE CATHEDRAL

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| 1. & 2.                           | Services will be sung by the choir of St. Mildred's, Addiscombe.   |
| 3. to 7.                          | Services will be said.   |
| 8. 3.15 p.m.                      | Evensong will be sung by the choir of St. Paul's Church, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells.                          |
| 9. to 17.                         | Services will be sung by Men's Voices, with the exception of Evensong on Thursday, 13th, which will be said. |
| 22. 3.15 p.m.                     | Evensong and Installation of an Honorary Canon.  |
| 23. 5.00 p.m.                     | Scouts St. George's Day Service.   |
| 25. <i>St. Mark</i><br>10.15 a.m. | Sung Eucharist in the Eastern Crypt.   |

### BRIDGE PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

With Summer just around the corner it will soon be time to make ready the swimming pool for the warmer weather. To keep the pool in good order much time is spent on it and extra help is always welcome if we are to maintain the standard of good order and cleanliness necessary. The children do enjoy the use of the pool through the summer term.

The Valentine Dance made a round £50 profit which will be very useful. The evening was a great success despite the bad weather. Please make a note in your diary for Friday 19th May. We are holding a Car Treasure Hunt at 7.00pm followed by a "ploughman's supper". This is a new event for us, hopefully fun for all the family. Further details nearer the time. The main money-raising event will be the Fete to be held in the School on Saturday July 1st followed by a Dance and Barbeque in Bishopsbourne the same evening. Please look out for details of forthcoming events, or telephone me on Bridge 830715.

M.J.B.

EAST KENT WAY TO LIFE CRUSADE - 17th June to 9th July

Evangelism is, to borrow a phrase, not so much a programme as a way of life. But it would be wrong to conclude that there is no necessity for a focal point of communication. There is a time to reap as well as a time to sow. An evangelistic campaign of the *Way To Life* variety is only one of several approaches. It has proved most effective in bringing people of all ages to commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ. And this is what will happen in East Kent when Dick Saunders, to whom God has given the gift of an evangelist, will conduct a series of meetings from June 17th to July 8th, 1978. A modern tent with seating for 2,000 people will be erected at St. Nicholas-at-Wade, just off the A28 Canterbury-Margate Road. There will be a meeting each night, Sundays included. Music and singing will be a feature of the crusade. Choir members are already rehearsing for this event. A regular bulletin carries the latest news of the plans being made for Counsellor training classes, prayer groups, choir rehearsals, stewarding, etc. It is estimated that some £8,000 will be required, but already over one thousand Pounds have been contributed. Further details can be obtained from the Crusade Secretary the Rev. John Hosier, 4 Elmwood Close, Swalecliffe ('phone number: Chestfield 2374).

Christians from various denominations are involved in this venture, and prayer is requested that God will use this Crusade to bring the good news of His love in Jesus Christ to the million people in our part of Kent.

BEKESBOURNE SOCIAL CLUB

There will be the Bekesbourne Social Club SPRING FAYRE on Saturday April 8th, from 2.00pm on wards, at the Village Hall. Gift Stall \* Tombola \* Raffle \* Jumble \* Produce and Cakes \* Teas \* Lucky Dip for the children \* Admission: Adults 5p; children free.

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR MAY 1978

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7th May, Sunday after Ascension

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

14th May, Whit Sunday

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

21st May, Trinity Sunday

9.30am Parish Eucharist	8am Holy Communion	11am Matins
6.30pm Evensong		

28th May, First Sunday after Trinity

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

4th June, Second 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. May 7th at Bridge Village Hall, May 14th, 21st and 28th at Bridge Church.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union Corporate Communion will be held on Wednesday May 3rd at 9.30am. The Branch Meeting will be held at 2.45pm at 37 Union Road on May 8th: Speaker, Mrs. Rose. Deanery Festival, Aylesham Church May 24th, 7.30pm.

SENIOR CITIZENS

The Senior Citizens will meet at 2.30pm on the following Tuesdays in May; 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.

*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 this month there are three great festivals which are full of significance to the Christian. The first is

**ASCENSION DAY.**

The Ascensions tells us of the ultimate dignity of man, that "where He is, thither we might also ascend and reign with Him in glory". "I came forth from the Father and I am come unto the World; again I leave the world and go unto the Father." This one verse covers the whole of the Incarnate Life lived on earth. *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 lives. How seldom do we realise the teaching of the Ascension, our heavenly origin, the dignity of our being, the Fatherhood of God. The Ascension reminds the faithful Christians that it is from the Ascended Lord that they receive gifts and power to do His will on earth.

**WHITSUNDAY, 14th May**

Whit Sunday is the day when we commemorate the promised gift of the Holy Spirit being given to the first Christian - the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. Each believer receives this self-same gift and with the help of this same Holy Spirit we continue in our generation and age, the life of the Church. We delight in the knowledge that His presence is working among us still. Each age brings vigorous Christian witness and response to the Gospel. Let there be joyful gratitude to God that God is alive and working still through His Holy Spirit. It is both the birthday of the Church and the Festival of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has come into the world, never to leave it.

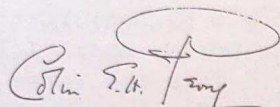
**TRINITY SUNDAY, 21st May**

We think about the Holy Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is the Festival of the Eternal God Himself - God as He is in Himself. God as He is in relation to us. We see, when we pronounce on Trinity Sunday, the difficult formulations of the Athanasian Creed reveal something of the vision of God as Christians throughout the ages have

seen it. There is the preservation from age to age of no mere arid formula, but a Gospel in which God reveals Himself as Creator, Redeemer and Inward Spirit.

Please book in your diaries June 17th and 18th when we shall be holding our Flower Festival at Bridge Church.

Yours affectionately in Our Lord,



Rural Dean and Vicar

#### CALENDAR FOR MAY 1978

- 3rd Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 9.30am at Bridge Church.
- 4th Thursday. ASCENSION DAY. Holy Communion 7.30am and 9.30am at Bridge Church.
- 7th Sunday after Ascension.
- 8th Monday. Mothers' Union Branch Meeting 2.45pm at 37 Union Road, Bridge. Speaker: Mrs. Rose.
- 9th Tuesday. East Bridge Deanery Synod Meeting, 7.30pm at St. Augustine's College, Canterbury.
- 10th Wednesday. Bridge Church Young Wives Group. A Ramble - meet at 7.30pm prompt, Bridge Village Hall.
- 14th WHIT SUNDAY.
- 16th Tuesday. Archdeacon's Visitation 7.30pm at Canterbury Cathedral. W.I. Meeting 7.00pm at Bridge Village Hall.
- 19th Friday. League of Friends of Canterbury Hospitals, Bridge Group - Spring Sale, 7.30pm at Bridge Village Hall.
- 21st TRINITY SUNDAY.
- 23rd Tuesday. Bekesbourne Church PCC Meeting 7.30pm by the kindness of Mr. W. Mowll at Mulberry Cottage.
- 24th Wednesday. East Bridge Mothers' Union Deanery Festival, 7.30pm at Aylesham Church.
- 28th First Sunday after Trinity.

#### June

- 7th Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion, 9.30 am. at Bridge Church.

#### MISSION AND UNITY

##### Sister Peggy Firmin

As part of its overall task of mission, the Church Army has offered to the Diocese the full-time service of Sister Peggy Firmin, who leaves her present post at Carlile Lodge, Folkestone, at the end of April. This is a most generous offer, since the Church Army will remain responsible for her salary, housing and expenses, and the Diocese will make only a token contribution. We have accepted it most gratefully.

Sister Firmin will work closely with the Revd. Alan Dawkins, the Executive Officer for Mission and Unity in the development of his growing ministry in connexion with the forthcoming Consultation. We see her, not as a Missioner in the old sense, but as one who will assist parishes to accept mission as a necessary and normal part of their life.

Sister Firmin will be living at 6 Chart Road, Folkestone, and she will be glad to respond to invitations to visit parishes.

#### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

##### Holy Baptism

St. Peter's Church, Bridge  
9th April 1978 Nicholas John Lane  
Barry Harding

##### Confirmation

St. Vincent's Church, Littlebourne  
12th March 1978 Frances Pearce

##### Holy Matrimony

St. Peter's Church, Bridge  
8th April 1978 Timothy Flawn and  
Angela Mary Punyer

##### May They Rest In Peace

##### Barham Crematorium

10th April 1978 Alfred John Lay  
29th April 1978 Allen Bettany

#### EASTER OFFERING

The Vicar wishes to thank you for your most kind and really generous offerings at Easter, and for the lovely Festival that we kept together.

#### COUNSELLING

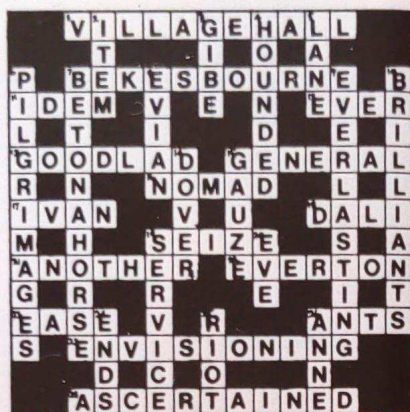
##### What's Happening in East Kent?

You are invited to an afternoon Conference arranged with the co-operation of the British Association of Counselling on Saturday, May 13th, at 2.30 p.m. at All Saints Church, Military Road, Canterbury. The aim of the Conference is to examine the possibility of forming a local Association. Details from the Revd. David Ratcliff, 101 Old Dover Road, Canterbury.

# FESTIVAL CROSSWORD

Entries for the Festival Crossword were examined at the end of April, and the first all-correct answer to be opened was that from CHRISTOPHER WEST, of Pilgrim Cottage, Meadow Close. To him is awarded the title 'Brain of Bridge'! - together with a cash prize of £1.00. The puzzle was set by Andy Jackson, and we also thank him for providing the prize.

The reproduction of the Flower Festival poster opposite shows that Andy Jackson is also artistic - very many thanks from the Festival Committee for the poster which is soon to be seen everywhere.



## BIFRONS

The park lies still beneath the trees,  
bright yellow of the aconites  
and deep-blue violets with their heart-shaped leaves  
herald the spring's delights.

The path that leads down to the lake  
is almost overgrown with briars,  
this was the way the Marchioness would take  
to light her picnic fires

beside the antique summer house,  
now ruined, by the waterfall,  
then row with friends in the flat-bottomed scow  
that rots beside the wall.

Of her, the King's good friend, nothing is found,  
while sempiternal spring renews the ground.

R. H.



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP THE FESTIVAL ?

PAROCHIAL ELECTION RESULTS AT ST. PETER'S, BEKESBOURNE

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At the annual meeting of parishioners and annual church council the following were elected:-

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Mrs. M. Tyler  
Mrs. G. Allan  
Dr. N. Allan  
Mr. N. Cruse  
Mrs. M. Hodgkiss
- SIDESMEN: Dr. N. Allan  
Mr. G. Tyler  
Mr. J. Purchase  
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Mr. F. Smith
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Mr. J. Purchase



DIOCESAN CRICKET

New players will be very welcome. Please contact the Revd. John Meek (Canterbury 62479) or the Revd. John Wright (Rolvenden 235)

WIDER WITNESS AND INTERCOMMUNION

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In the February sessions of the General Synod at Church House, Westminster, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume, was invited to speak. The Assembly Hall was crowded to hear his 22 minute address which was warmly received.

Part of the report of the Address is given below, because of its importance.

Cardinal Hume made it clear that he did not question for one moment that the desire of so many to share the same Eucharist was anything but a gift from God, a gift that impelled all now to work all the harder for the resolution of all difficulties. He believed that this was present in every Christian church and community throughout the land.

'Maturity in dialogue,' he continued, 'is achieved when differences can be discussed openly, frankly and charitably, indeed, be acknowledged publicly, for they do not in any way detract from respect and friendship. It is among friends, especially, that we can afford to be blunt. We know where we stand, and we move on from there.'

Earlier the speaker had reminded the Synod that neither Church had so far formally ratified the three agreed statements on the Eucharist, the Ministry and Authority in the Church on which the Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission had worked so closely.

'The task of evaluating the conclusions,' he warned, 'should be undertaken soon and with complete loyalty to truth, leading to that ultimate good of all ecumenical endeavour, which is the restoration of complete communion in faith and sacramental life. When the end is willed, the means will be found.' The Cardinal said later, 'We are already in partial communion with one another. We have not achieved full communion, which must be the ultimate aim of our ecumenical endeavour. We do not yet know what diversity of doctrinal emphasis or differences of practice will be not only permissible but also desirable. That will need careful study.'

This was followed by a plea that the Churches should not only listen to each other but together listen to what the Holy Spirit might be saying.

'There is an ancient practice in the Church of God whereby the faith and its formulation, tradition and ministries are matters to be decided in consultation with other local churches. Now that our dialogue is progressing and we move in the direction of closer collaboration on the basis of mutual communion between the Churches, it would—to take one important example—be a matter for deep concern were the Anglican Communion to proceed further with the ordination of women without taking very seriously the position of the Roman Catholic Church, our brothers of the Orthodox Church and of the Old Catholic Church regarding so momentous a change.'

ST. PETER'S, BEKESBOURNE. Rotas for May

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May 20th  
May 27th Mrs. Farbrace  
June 3rd Mrs. Noble

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The Annual opening of the boxes took place in March and realised a total of £27. This money goes to Headquarters, not like the Coffee Morning to the Canterbury branch.

Thank you all boxholders, very much.

I shall be pleased to supply a box to anyone in Bridge or Patricxbourne who is interested. If you can only spare a little each month, every little helps.

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

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY HOSPITALS, BRIDGE GROUP

The Group invite you to their Spring Evening Sale in Bridge Village Hall, on Friday 19th May at 7.30pm. There will be:- Good Jumble, Near-new Clothes, Plants, Produce, Cakes, Bric-a-brac, a Raffle and Refreshments. All will be welcomed.

Please come, we need your support.

F.E.Apps, *Hon. Sec/Treas.*

BRIDGE WITH PATRICXBORNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The May Meeting will be held at the Bridge Village Hall on Tuesday May 16th at 7.00pm. A V.C.O. will be present and Resolutions to be presented at the AGM at the Albert Hall will be discussed and voted on.

Competition: An Animal made from vegetables.

M.E.J.

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES

The programme for May is as follows:-

May 10th. A Ramble. All members wishing to take part, please be outside the Village Hall at 7.30pm prompt. Sensible shoes are a must.

Please note the AGM will be held on the 14th June. The time and place will be given in the June Magazine. I trust that all the Young Wives will make an effort to attend this very important meeting.

E. Bevan, *Sec. B.Y.W.*

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The Librarian has asked that we publish the new times for the Mobile Library. They are as follows:-

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4th June, 2nd Sunday after Trinity

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

11th June, 3rd Sunday after Trinity

9am Holy Communion Series III	11am Matins and Sermon	8am Holy Communion
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18th June, 4th Sunday after Trinity

6.30pm Festal Evensong: Preacher, Rev. Jesse Sage, Dioc. Agric. Chaplain	8am Holy Communion	11am Matins
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25th June, 5th Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	9am Holy Communion	11am Songs of Praise
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Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne,

The predominant event this month is the Flower Festival at Bridge Church from the 16th to the 18th of June, culminating in the Festival Evensong at 6.30pm at Bridge Church, when the Preacher will be the Reverend Jesse Sage, the recently appointed Agricultural Chaplain to the Diocese.

What lovelier month is there to have our Flower Festival than June? Some of you may remember V. Sackville-West's long poem *The Garden*.

*Sweet June;*

*Is she of Summer or of Spring,  
Of adolescence or of middle age?*

*-- Sweet June, dear month, while  
yet delay wistful reminder of a  
dearer May; June poised between,  
and yet not satiate.*

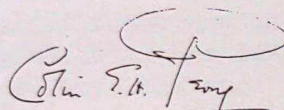
Flowers are amongst the most beautiful of God's Creation. Their variety of colour and scent is infinite. Each flower is perfect in its detail and infinitely complicated in its separate parts. God's love and care is lavished in every single flower, sun and rain, cold and warmth, soil and air all combine to provide the ideal conditions for their growth. As Our Lord Himself said: *Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.* In their natural condition they spring up in profusion without any help from man: a wood carpeted with primroses or bluebells, purple heather on the moors; yellow gorse and broom on a rugged hillside.

But the flowers we shall use at our Flower Festival will mostly have been carefully cultivated, adding man's care to God's design. He looks to us to tend and reverence everything that He has entrusted to us. So in our Flower Festival we decorate God's house and offer to Him with gratitude His Creation combined with our work. The real value of such a Festival is ultimately not financial only. It is a Festival of Thanksgiving to God for all that He gives us in life; the beauty of nature expressed in the

flowers; the skill He has given to man shown in the symphony of the arrangement of the flowers; the friendship and fellowship we have with each other in working for Him and with Him in our preparation for the event - and which we find in the combined efforts of so many which contributed to the Festival - and not forgetting the welcome we can give to others outside our village who may come to see it. If we can go out from it thankful to God for the lovely things of life which we so readily take for granted then it will not be in vain, and we can echo the words of the Benedicite:

*O let the earth bless the Lord;  
O ye mountains and hills bless ye the Lord.  
O all ye green things upon the earth,  
Bless ye the Lord;  
O ye children of men bless ye the Lord,  
Praise him and magnify him for ever.*

Yours affectionately in our Blessed Lord:



Vicar

EAST BRIDGE DEANERY: NEW RURAL DEAN

If you have just come to the end of the Vicar's Letter you may feel that there is something different in the subscription. You would be right, for after fifteen years (the maximum period) the Rev. Canon Perry has just retired as Rural Dean of East Bridge.

At the recent Deanery Synod the Lay Chairman, Mr. J.H. Plumptre paid tribute to the work of our Vicar as Rural Dean. "He always showed very real care for the clergy in the Deanery" he said, "and his love for the people he met". Canon Perry, in responding, said that he hoped that all the Deanery would give his successor, the Reverend David Naumann of Littlebourne, the same support and help that he had received over so many years.

An important Deanery date is Sunday July 30th, when the Deanery Mission Service will be held at Wingham Church at 4.00pm. It is hoped that as many as possible will attend, taking with them a boxed snack. Tea will be provided.

CALENDAR FOR JUNE 1978

- 4th SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.  
6th Tuesday. Friends of The Close meeting at Matron's Flat at 7.30pm. All are welcome.  
7th Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 9.30am at Bridge Church.  
9th Friday. Flower Festival Committee meeting at the Vicarage at 8.00pm.  
11th THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. St. Barnabas The Apostle.  
14th Wednesday. Young Wives Group, Annual General Meeting at Bridge Village Hall at 7.45pm.  
16th - 18th BRIDGE CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL.  
17th Musical Evening at Bridge Church, 7.30pm.  
18th FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. Festal Evensong 6.30pm at Bridge Church: Preacher the Reverend Jesse Sage, Agricultural Chaplain to the Diocese.  
20th Tuesday. Bridge with Patricxbourne W.I. meeting at Bridge Village Hall at 7.00pm.  
22nd Thursday. Mothers' Union Deanery Holy Communion, at Nonington Church 7.30pm.  
24th Saturday. St. John The Baptist.  
25th FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. Resumption of "Songs of Praise" at St. Peter's, Bekesbourne, 11.00 am.  
29th Thursday. St. Peter's Day, Patronal Festival. Holy Communion at St. Peter's, Bridge at 9.30am.

JULY

- 2nd SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne  
30th April 1978 Kathyne Mary Elizabeth  
Eden

May They Rest In Peace

St. Peter's Church, Bridge  
4th May 1978 James Bazzard

Barham Crematorium  
15th May 1978 John Atree

**OPENING TIMES**

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The Flower Festival will open at 2 30 pm on Friday 16th June, On the Saturday and Sunday the opening time will be 10.00 am, closing at 6.00 each evening of the Festival.

On the Sunday morning worshippers are invited to go to St. Mary's, Patrixbourne for the 8.00 am Holy Communion. Anyone requiring a lift to Patrixbourne should be outside Church Cottage by 7.45 am. - and a word in advance to Mr. Bill Rose would be appreciated.

**INVITATION CARDS**

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Anyone wanting to send Invitation Cards to friends and relatives to come and see the Flower Festival will find that specially printed cards are available from the Churchwardens - no charge.

**PRIZES AND FLOWERS**

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Any flowers that parishioners might care to give, to help with the floral decoration will be welcomed by Mrs. Hunter. Any additional prizes for the fund-raising Raffle would be welcomed by the Churchwardens.

**TEAS, COFFEE and THE STALL**

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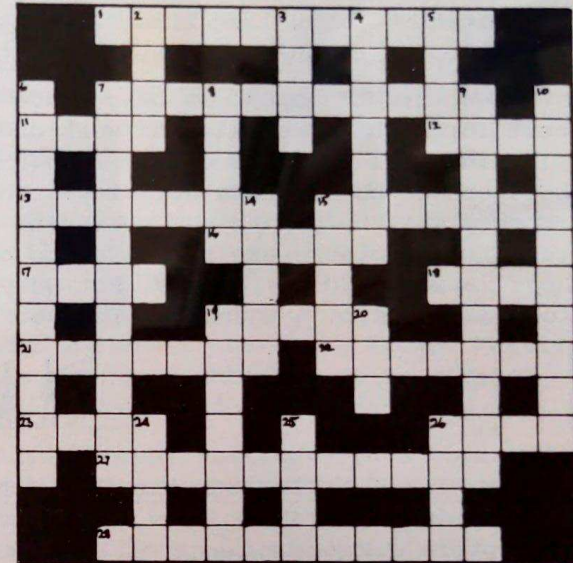
Teas will be available each afternoon, and Coffee on Saturday morning and in the evening during the interval in the Concert. The Stall with excellent bargains will be open during Festival hours.

**FESTIVAL CROSSWORD No. 2**

Composed by  
Andy Jackson

**ACROSS:**

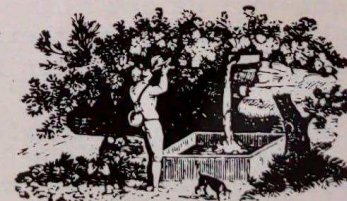
1. Between Bridge and Bishopsbourne (7.4)
7. A doctor can be sued for it (11)
11. A scent, as written in the U.S.A. (4)
12. A recent rock musical (4)
13. A coming together (7)
15. On the --, but on the other (3.4)
16. A fast bowler has two or three (5)
17. Saved by a timely stitch (4)
18. Reluctant to work (4)
19. Consuming (5)
21. "Nymph, in thine - be all my sins remembered" - Hamlet (7)
22. American slang disbelief (4.3)
23. Not ever, losing five poetically (4)
26. An open pie (4)
27. Lo! I sold meat, the usual drudgery (anag.) (4.3.4)
28. What we plan for June (11)



No prizes this time - just enjoy a puzzle. (One answer is a bit cheeky)

**DOWN:**

2. Sharif or Khayyam (4)
3. Admiral type (4)
4. Mancunian goods (7)
5. A Cockney keeps 'is rabbits in 'ere (4)
6. These are ordinary - proper ones have a capital start (6.5)
7. An up-to-date Chaplin film (6.4)
8. Do you draw N. Alps? (anag) (5)
9. Mr. Pickwick ooserved election tactics in this oorough (11)
10. A local residential hillside area (6.4)
14. Cinderella's slipper (5)
15. The first bidder does this (5)
19. The meal was not preceded by grace (7)
20. High speed North Sea variety (3)
24. If you jumble gear it may provoke one (4)
25. An Eastern European (4)
26. For reference or smoothing things down (4)



Searching the woods  
for the cherry tree  
red petals in the dark  
patches of blood vermilion

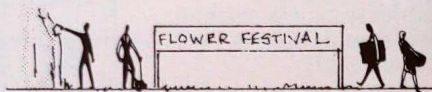
concentrated fires  
glowing like myriad eyes  
that burn and flare to seek  
the consecrated tree.

Later the dawn  
reveals a garden scene  
the shrub of excellence  
white-flowered camellia  
holds up its blooms like lamps  
full moons upon the shrine  
sacred to love that will be  
and has ever been. R.H.

ALL HANDS TO THE BROOMS! (and Polish!)

Holding a Flower Festival as we are in St. Peter's Church it was felt that the surroundings could do with a wash and brush up. The last time that the church received a full blooded cleaning was at the last Flower Festival.

So, an urgent appeal is being made for help over the next fortnight. The exterior work and interior wall-cleaning will commence on May 26th. Mr. Alan Jackson will be there to co-ordinate activity. The ladies are asked if they will help with pew polishing and other sundry tasks; all helpers are requested to contact Mrs. Elsie Apps (Bridge 830371) or Mrs. Pat Hulyer (Bridge 830623) for information. Thank you for your help in advance.



BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At our meeting on June 20th at 7.00pm, the Speaker will be Captain H.P.M. Lawrence of Bridge, who will speak on *Life as a Trinity House Pilot*.

The Competition: A model made from sea-shells.

Please pay a visit to our Market Stall at Bridge Flower Festival. M.E.J.

LENTEN BOXES

The Lenten Boxes for work overseas brought in £30.00 to be given to C.M.S. and U.S.P.G. Thanks to all who contributed. M.M.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

We would like to thank the people of Bridge for their generous support during our door-to-door collection recently. The sum raised was £65.86.

Members of the Bridge Committee

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Summer Outing to the Wisley Garden will be on June 10th. The Annual Summer Show is on Saturday 19th August, 1978.

ST. PETER'S, BRIDGE with ST. MARY'S, PATRIBOURNE

FLOWER FESTIVAL

St. Peter's Church, Bridge; 16/17/18th June 1978

Successive generations of devoted Christians have given of their talents and donated faithfully towards the maintenance of these old established churches. In 1859 St. Peter's Church, Bridge, was completely renovated and clad with Kentish knapped flints. Whilst the workmanship and skill applied was of outstanding quality, the passage of time has called for constant vigilance by the Wardens and Committee members. In the past year replacement of external masonry stone has cost £1,500 and this has seriously depleted our cash reserves. We therefore trust that this Flower Festival will result in a replenishment of those funds to enable future maintenance costs to be met for both churches.

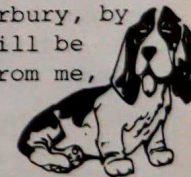
Bridge with Patribourne Womens Institute have undertaken to arrange a Market Stall and a door-to-door collection of any type of saleable "Goodies" will shortly be made. We sincerely hope that you will be able to support this project. We look forward to seeing you at the Festival, and extend our very grateful thanks.

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We shall be running a Dog Show in Wingham Parish Hall on Saturday 22nd July for Patribourne with Bridge Fabric Fund. It would be much appreciated if members of the Parish would kindly give us donations towards the running costs, prize money etc. There must be several people who will be unable to attend on the day, or who have no interest in this method of fund-raising, but who would like to support this Parish function.

Please give your donation either to the Vicar or to me: Grace Allan, Ardprory, Bekesbourne Lane, Canterbury, by the end of June. Entry forms for the dog show will be available in both churches, from the Vicar or from me, late in June.

G.A.



THE CLOSE, A MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Friends of The Close on 6th June at 7.30pm in the Matron's Flat. All are welcome.

### BRIDGE P.T.A. BONANZA!

The team who gave you *The Bridge By-Pass Bonanza* are in action again. They are already organising the BRIDGE P.T.A. DANCE AND BARBECUE at Bishopsbourne Village Hall on Saturday July 1st. Dancing will be to "Cascade". Tickets will be on sale from Saturday June 3rd at the School, Hawkins Newsagents and Bishopsbourne Stores, costing £1.75. Please make sure of your tickets early as numbers are limited.

THE FETE to be held in the School grounds on the afternoon of July 1st will include something for all the family. Mums - get busy making fancy dress costumes (Nursery Rhyme characters). Dads - help build soap boxes for a grand race. Children - groom your pets in readiness for Pets' Corner and plan your Miniature gardens now.

New stalls, sideshows and competitions are planned, so with your support and fine weather, a good time should be had by one and all. M.J.B.

### BEKESBOURNE

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE - Rotas

<i>Flowers:</i>	<i>Cleaning:</i>
June 3rd Mrs. Noble	Mrs. Allan
June 10th Mrs. Watson	Mrs. Smith
June 17th Mrs. Hodgkiss	Mrs. Stickels
June 24th Mrs. Coombes	Mrs. Hogben
July 1st Mrs. Whigham	Mrs. Watson

ST. PETER'S CHURCH - SONGS OF PRAISE RETURN

As we enter the summer season of Trinity so the time comes round for a resumption of "Songs of Praise" - a Service which has proved so successful in past years.

On June 25th at 11am we are selecting hymns taken from previous "Songs of Praise", about twelve in all, and these will form the basis of the Service with the addition of three Bible readings.

We do invite you to join us for a good sing-up! Also, for the July Service you are invited to send in your requests for the hymns you would like included in that Service. S.G.

### BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES

The Annual General Meeting is to be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 14th June at 7.45pm. I do hope that all the Young Wives will attend this important meeting.

E. Bevan

### W.R.V.S. Holiday Scheme

In connection with the W.R.V.S. Holiday Scheme for Deprived Children, if you would like to become a Holiday Hostess for a child in need, your local W.R.V.S. Member would be pleased to give you further details. Phone Bridge 830882.

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PATRIXBOURNE

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2nd July, 6th Sunday after Trinity

11am Matins 11.45 Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong: Preacher: Roger Smith	8am Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Communion
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9th July, 7th Sunday after Trinity

9am Holy Communion Series III 6.30pm Evensong and Sermon	11am Matins and Sermon: Preacher: Rev. Canon J. Packer	8am Holy Communion
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16th July, 8th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Euch. 6.30pm Evensong: Preacher: Rev. Canon J. Packer	8am Holy Communion	11am Matins: Preacher: Rev. Canon J. Packer
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23rd. July, 9th Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	9am Holy Communion	11am Matins and Sermon
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30th. July, 10th Sunday after Trinity

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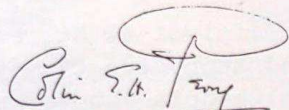
The Flower Festival at St. Peter's Church, Bridge, was a successful and happy event. May I personally thank all the many wonderful people who worked so hard and lovingly throughout the three days of the Festival. There were so many people whom I would like to mention by name for their wonderful kindness and help. The important thing is to recognise the love for this Church in our midst. Perhaps, after all, the vital thing in this life is not what you get out of it but what you put in. The blaze of colour brought out the beauty of the glass in the East and West windows, the legacy left to us from worshippers of the Victorian era.

We were reminded of the four great tasks of the Church, which concern all its members. They are: the worship of God, the bringing of our faith to those who are without it, this building up of our fellowship with one another in Christ, and the outgoing service of those who suffer. These are questions which concern all parishes in the present *Partners in Mission Consultation*, which is taking place in the Canterbury and Rochester Dioceses.

Can every parish, and every church member, make specific resolutions in these four concerns? How can my own worship and prayer be deeper? What are we doing as a parish to bring the Christian faith and practice to those who are aloof? How can we strengthen our fellowship with one another? And with other Churches? Are we caring about, and actually keeping and helping those who - near or far away - suffer very much? It is such resolve, linked with gratitude to God for all his undeserved goodness to us, which we can offer.

The Anglican Communion, as part of the Holy Catholic Church, exists to proclaim the everlasting Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to all the world and to be an instrument in the hand of God for the fulfilment of His purpose. The Anglican Communion discharges its mission to the world through the devotion and work of the members. This is emphasised by the coming together of Anglican Bishops from all parts of the world to the Lambeth Conference - this month for the first time - in the City of Canterbury. I ask you to uphold them in their deliberations by your prayers.

Yours affectionately in Our Lord,



Vicar

## LAMBETH CONFERENCE

### LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Soon after you receive this Letter, the Lambeth Conference will begin.

Attending it will be some 412 Bishops, most of them diocesan, from all over the world, together with consultants and observers from other Churches and Councils.

For the first time in the history of the Conference—the first one was held in 1867—the meeting will be residential, and will not gather at Lambeth but in Canterbury, at the University.

There, for three weeks, the members of the Conference will wait on God, get to know one another in the intimacy of daily contact and discuss together some of the main issues which face Christians, and especially their Episcopal leaders, in the last quarter of the 20th century.

The Conference will open with a great Eucharist in Canterbury Cathedral, and will end with another on August 13th.

From August 5th to 13th there will be a conference for some 300 wives of the Bishops. This will be held in Christ Church College, Canterbury, and the host and hostess will be Bishop and Mrs. Cuthbert Bardsley.

I want to ask all who read this Letter to pray regularly for these two conferences, both in the weeks before they begin and constantly during the time that the meetings are taking place. At the end of this Letter I append a prayer which may be of help in your Intercessions.

May I draw special attention to the article in this issue by the Reverend Kenneth Mason, entitled "CSM—Training for Ministry in East Kent".

At the July General Synod an important debate is to take place on the "Future of the Ministry". There are clear indications of a steady rise in the number of men coming forward for training in the ordained ministry, both stipendiary and non-stipendiary. The Canterbury School of Ministry is a lively attempt to play our part in the training not only of such men but also of men and women interested in and committed to lay pastoral ministry.

I am thankful for the start made in this work by its Director and for the response already received. Please make this known, get details from the Reverend Kenneth Mason, and keep it in your prayers.

DONALD CANTUAR:

### A PRAYER FOR THE LAMBETH CONFERENCE

God, our Father, we pray for the Bishops in the Lambeth Conference:

Direct them as they pray and take counsel together in the service of your Church;  
bring all their plans and discussions into conformity with your perfect will;  
make them sensitive and courageous in their ministry to a changing and suffering world;  
give them fresh encouragement and a greater vision of your glory;  
and so strengthen them by your Holy Spirit that they may proclaim your gospel in urgency and love;

through Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, who is alive and reigns with you and the same Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

### CALENDAR FOR JULY 1978

- 1st Saturday: Bridge School Summer Fete.  
2nd SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. Preacher at 6.30pm Evensong at Bridge Church, Mr. Roger Smith.  
5th Wednesday: Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 9.30am at Bridge Church.  
9th SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. Sea Sunday. Preacher at 11.00am Matins at Patricxbourne Church, Rev. Canon John Packer.  
10th Monday: M.U. Branch Meeting at 2.45pm at 37 Union Road, Bridge.  
11th Tuesday: Bring-and-Buy Sale and Coffee Morning in aid of Bekesbourne Church Flower Festival, by kind permission of Mrs. John Ash, at Parsonage Farm, Bekesbourne 10.30am to 12 noon.  
12th Wednesday: Young Wives Group Meeting at Mrs. Kathleen Pierce, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge, at 7.30pm.  
16th EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. Preacher at 6.30pm Evensong at Bridge Church, Rev. Canon John Packer.  
18th Tuesday: Bridge with Patricxbourne W.I. Meeting at 7pm at Bridge Village Hall.  
19th Wednesday: Archdeacon's Visitation at Wingham Vicarage.  
22nd Saturday: Dog Show, 1.30pm onwards at Wingham Parish Hall in aid of Patricxbourne and Bridge Church Funds.  
23rd NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. Lambeth Conference opening Service 10.30pm at Canterbury Cathedral.  
25th Tuesday: St. James the Apostle. Holy Communion 9.30am at Bridge Church.  
30th TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. East Bridge Deanery Missionary Festival, 4.00pm at Wingham Church.

### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

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11th June 1978	Stephen David Turner
<u>Holy Matrimony</u>	<u>St. Peter's Church, Bridge</u>
3rd June 1978	Brian Martyn Archer Barrie Denise Phelps
<u>May They Rest In Peace</u>	<u>St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne</u>
12th June 1978	Noel Jarvis

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BRIDGE CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL 16-18th JUNE 1978 ACCOUNTS

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
TAKEN IN CHURCH		Cost of Flowers and out-of-pocket expenses 111	
Offertery Bowl 166		LESS Sundry Donations 27	84
Evensong Collection 35	201	MARQUEE 51	
Sale of Pamphlets-P/C 12		Printing Posters-Invitation Cards 17	
LESS Cost of Postcards 5	7	Sundry expenses, Lighting etc. 10	
W.I. Stall 183		PROFIT 572	
Jewellery Stall (Mrs Johnson) 22			
Teas-Cakes 104			
LESS Expenses 11	93		
Draw 249			
LESS Net cost of 1st/2nd Prizes and printing 91	158		
Sat. Concert net Proceeds 70			
	734		734

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT - When so many people worked so hard and so cheerfully to make the Flower Festival such a success it may seem to be a trifle invidious to single out one person for special mention, but we owe Mrs. SHERA HIRST (who does not even live in our parish) a big debt of gratitude for her assistance with the decoration of Bridge Church. Not only did she arrange several vases of flowers, but she procured the flowers that had to be bought and she gave us the benefit of her great experience in the staging of this type of Festival. C.A.P.

BRIDGE FLOWER FESTIVAL RAFFLE

We would like to take this opportunity of expressing our grateful thanks to all who gave prizes, sold tickets and gave cash donations - W.R. J.B.

1. 1724 £100 Voucher T. Hoare, The Cedars, Bridge
2. 151 £40 Voucher T. Jackson, Cosby, Bridge Hill
3. 1463 £20 Voucher Mr. E. Wyatt, 102 High Street, Bridge
4. 2244 Bells Whisky A. Payne, 18 New Ruttington Lane, Canterbury
5. 1163 Voucher (P. Jordan) A. Gambell, 17 Brewery Lane, Bridge
6. 384 Voucher (B. Welch) H. Smith, c/o N.C.B.
7. 2553 Toy dog Johnston, 2 St. Mary's Road, Patricxbourne
8. 2705 Basket Fruit Jack Hopkins, Verger
9. 2594 Grocery Karran, Burgate Bakery, Bridge
10. 2515 Voucher (Liptons) Mrs. L. Whigham, Cobham Court
11. 2961 Sherry Stephen Le Mar, 9 Green Court, Bridge
12. 360 Sherry F. Lucas, c/o N.C.B.
13. 964 S. Steel tongs Mr. Hammond, High Street, Bridge
14. 1749 Teddy Bear Mrs. Scarborough, 68 Western Avenue, Bridge
15. 790 Tray Mrs. Harris, c/o 62 St. Martin's Hill, Canterbury
16. 2337 Dinner Wine Mr. Stewart, 4 Meadow Close, Bridge

17. 96 Hand Towel N. Martin, 7 Bridge Down, Bridge
18. 1733 S. Steel ornament N. Barton, 3 Heathfield Way, Barham
19. 2074 Chocolates Mr. Price, Apple Cottage, Barham
20. 1529 Box toiletry Mrs. Pentlow, 3 St. Mary's Road, Patricxbourne
21. 1700 S. Steel tray M. Martin, 7 Bridge Down, Bridge
22. 2266 Chocolates Mrs. Anderson Snr., 21 High Street, Bridge
23. 1175 Teddy Bear Mrs. Ashdown, 1 Yew Tree Cottages, Bekesbourne
24. 884 Hair Brush set Erica Lewis, 37 High Street, Bridge

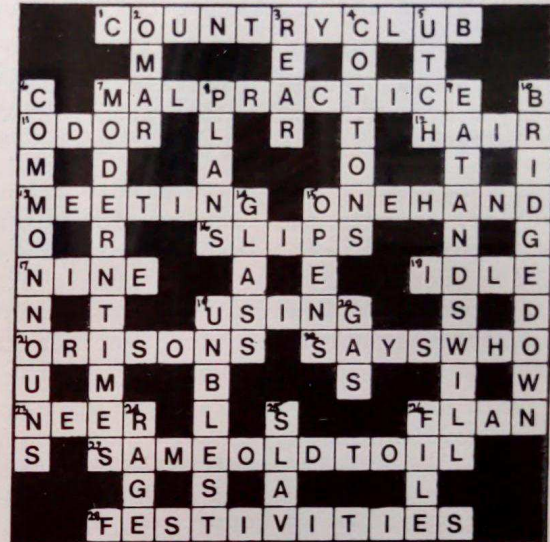
FESTIVAL CROSSWORD No. 2 - Solution

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Here are the answers to the second Crossword made up for us by Andy Jackson.

We said one clue answer was a bit cheeky. Try 5 down: "A Cockney keeps 'is rabbits in 'ere".

See what we mean!



SEA SUNDAY, July 9th 1978

For the last four years Anglican, Roman Catholic and Free Church parishes and congregations have remembered and prayed for seafarers and their families and those who minister to them, on the second Sunday in July, widely known as Sea Sunday.

There are a number of people in our parish, including one Churchwarden, the Trinity House Pilot Mr. Peter Lawrence; who occupy their business in great waters. It is right that we, an island race, should remember in our prayers this day the seafarers and serving sailors of the Royal Navy and the serving women of the W.R.N.S.; the many upon whom we depend for our daily living, and the protection of our shores.

C.E.H.P.

EAST BRIDGE DEANERY MISSIONARY FESTIVAL, Sunday 30th July

The Missionary Festival will commence with Evensong in Wingham Parish Church at 4.00pm on Sunday 30th July. The

Preacher will be the Right Reverend Derek Rawcliffe, Bishop of the New Hebrides.

Tea will follow in the Village Hall, a short distance away. You are asked to bring you own edibles, but there will be tea and drinks for children available.

At 6.00pm ASK THE CHURCH OVERSEAS, questions to the Missionaries present. There will also be an Exhibition staged by U.S.P.G., ending with A SING ALONG, led by Suzanne Clayden from 6.45pm to 7.00pm.

The Salvation Army have kindly arranged for a Band to attend, to help the singing along at Evensong. This is a Deanery venture, timed to coincide with the Lambeth Conference, and it is hoped that every attempt will be made to support the Festival when representatives of the Church overseas are with us - to give them the encouragement of our goodwill in their work.

#### BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES

July 12th. For our last meeting of the season, all members are invited to the home of Mrs. K. Pierce, 7 Windmill Close at 7.30pm, when we hope to be able to take part in a game of Bat & Trap (weather permitting). Will you kindly bring some kind of light refreshment with you.

Kent Association for the Blind. Many thanks to all who kindly donated and helped in response to the Geranium Day appeal. The splendid amount of £52.29 was collected.

E. Bevan

#### DOG SHOW AT WINGHAM PARISH HALL, Saturday 22nd July

The Dog Show at Wingham Parish Hall on Saturday 22nd July is for Bridge and Patricxbourne Fabric Fund.

The response for donations towards expenses of running the Dog Show has been good up to date but needless to say "all contributions still gratefully received" !

We look forward to seeing everyone on 22nd July in Wingham Parish Hall - make it a day out for the children. There is a class specially for children to show and handle their own pets. The star event is of course the one novelty class which

will be judged by - guess who - our own Vicar. That should arouse your curiosity if nothing else!! So come and applaud his judgement. Admission 10p to spectators. Teas and light refreshments available. I hope we shall see you on the 22nd July.

Grace Allan

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PATRIBOURNE

We are happy to report the initial success of a new venture at Patricxbourne. On June 12th a Coffee Morning was given by Mrs. Sue Pratt, to launch some new and very attractive stationery depicting St. Mary's Church.

Notelets in packs of ten, and in a range of six interesting colours, were on display, and such was the demand they were completely sold out within days. Meanwhile, postcards in two colours are available to visitors in the Church at all times, and it is hoped that they will bring in a regular revenue for the fabric fund.

Proceeds totalling £65 will be reinvested to fund a series of Christmas cards in at least four different designs. All profits from their sale will be given to the Church, and it is expected that they will be produced by October. A date will be announced in a later issue of the magazine.

G.S.

#### THE CLOSE, UNION ROAD, BRIDGE

Future fund-raising events for The Close will be:-

September 2nd. SUMMER FAYRE

December 2nd. CHRISTMAS SALE

B. Hayes

#### BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

For our Meeting on July 18th the subject chosen by our speaker, Mr. W.F.A. Buck will be *Small collectable antique silver*. The competition - A small antique.

#### CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The will be a Coffee Morning in aid of the Church of England Children's Society on Thursday July 27th at Miss Masons, 33 High Street, Bridge: 10.00am to 12 noon. Please support us. There will of course be a Bring-and-Buy and a Raffle.

Miss Mason

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I would like to convey my sincere thanks to all concerned who so kindly contributed to the lovely gift presented to me upon my retirement from the school meals service.

Yours sincerely, Dorothy De Cent

Readers will like to know that Mrs. De Cent completed 27 years service, helping to prepare and serve about one million, nine thousand lunches in that time!

A spokesman for Bridge Church of England Primary School said that her cheerfulness and efficiency meant a lot to them all. They were sad to see her leave; she had done battle in the old school buildings preparing the food for many of the 27 years.

Mrs. De Cent was given a Kenwood Food Mixer by the Staff and children of the School; the P.T.A. gave her a cut-glass Vase - and there were other gifts to remind her of a long career helping to feed the school children.

#### BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY FLAG WEEK

Collections in Bridge contributed £41.93½ to an area total of £2005. Many thanks to those who collected. Anyone prepared to help collect next year will be welcomed with open arms! The more people we have, the less each has to do.

David Mallinder

#### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE

There will be a Coffee Morning and Bring-and-Buy on July 11th at Parsonage Farm, Bekesbourne, from 10.30 - 12 noon. This is to help raise funds for the flowers we shall need for our Flower Festival later in the summer. Please come!

#### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE - Rotas for July

##### Cleaning

July 2nd	Mrs. Watson
July 9th	Mrs. Grey
July 16th	Mrs. Hodgkiss
July 23rd	Mrs. Allan
July 30th	Mrs. Smith
August 5th	Mrs. Stickells

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR AUGUST 1978

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PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

6th August, 11th Sunday after Trinity  
Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

11am Matins	8am Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Communion
11.45 Holy Communion		
6.30pm Evensong		
Visit of St. Michaels Herne Hill		

13th August, 12th Sunday after Trinity

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

20th August, 13th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Euch.	8am Holy Communion	11am Matins
6.30pm Evensong		

27th August, 14th Sunday after Trinity

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JUNIOR CHURCH

The Junior Church will not meet during the month; it will recommence in September.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union Corporate Communion will be held on Wednesday August 2nd at 9.30am. The next Branch meeting will be held at 2.45pm at 37 Union Road, Bridge, on 12th September.

*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,

Many of you will be taking your holidays during this month, and the Choir at Bridge Church will be taking their well-earned rest during the month of August. 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.

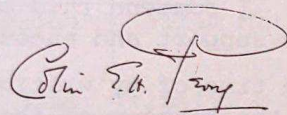
This month sees the Flower Festival at St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, from the 26th to the 28th August. There will be Festal Evensong at 6.30pm at Bekesbourne Church on Sunday August 27th, and the Preacher at this service will be our previous Vicar, the Reverend Robert Penney. I hope that you will all come to welcome him warmly at this Service. I commend this occasion to your prayers and ask for your support and encouragement.

At the time of my writing this letter the Lambeth Conference of the Bishops of the Anglican Communion throughout the world has just begun. There has been a major shift in the centre of Anglicanism since the last Lambeth Conference ten years ago. The centre of Christianity is moving to the Southern Hemisphere where there is a large measure of traditional spirituality. The question is asked of all Christians of this age, "What is the real purpose of the Church?" I think that it is a fundamental mistake to find the answer in political activism, or seek to find a role in the support of radical world change. The Church is surely meant to be a spiritual presence in the world. We forget this at our peril. It has to bring the light of the eternal to the world: to confirm the reality of the spiritual; to be a mediator between time and eternity. The Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity has the key to the Kingdom of God within the Church "That thou being our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal". We must show through the quality of our life together in the Church that the grace of God is able to fashion us into an integrated community of believers holding in spiritual depth our timeless liturgy and preserved theological riches: indeed a Church of simple piety.

Sunday August 6th is the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. The parish of St. Michael, Herne Hill, are hoping to visit Bridge Church for evensong so I hope that many of

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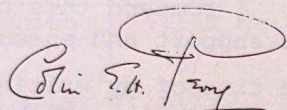
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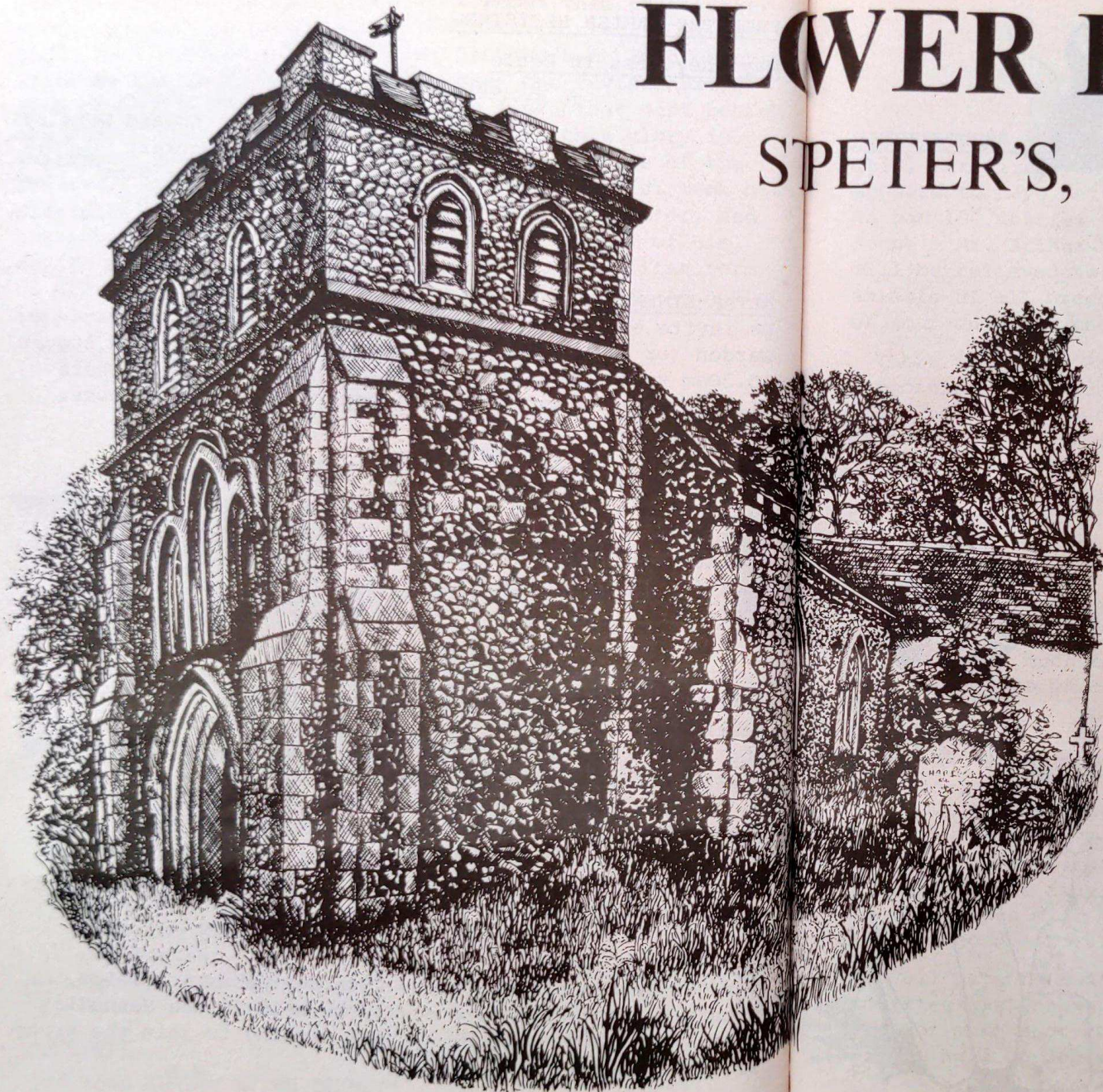
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SATURDAY 26th AUGUST 10am-7pm  
SUNDAY 27th AUGUST 10am-6pm  
(Festal Evensong held at 6.30pm)  
MONDAY 28th AUGUST 10am-7pm

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The flowers will illustrate the Church's Year from Advent to Harvest, including Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Ascension, Whitsun, Trinity: and the Services of Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage.

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The historic church records will be on display, and the mediaeval silverware. A small exhibition about Archbishop Cranmer and his Book of Common Prayer of 1662 will be mounted.

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Drawing by Gillian Harris

## CHILDHOOD

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First-known things are best,  
a rocky inlet facing west  
hissing with dissolving spray  
frames a sun-splashed holiday.  
First-known things are best.



First-known things are clear,  
the river foaming at the weir,  
the farm within a cycle's ride,  
the golden mountain's graceful side.  
First-known things are clear.

First-known things delight,  
sliding on a winter's night,  
picnics by the beechwood's shore  
and woods and woods still to explore.  
First-known things delight.

First-known things appal,  
beware the shadow in the hall,  
her illness I can't understand,  
his sudden death beneath the sand.  
First-known things appal.

First-known things are true,  
houses with a river view  
where I could play with you and you,  
tip-cat by the garden gate  
and summer suns descending late.  
First-known things are true.

R. H.



## PATRIXBOURNE BOW-WOW AFTERNOON

This, our first venture at fund-raising in a different way, appears to have met with the approval of all who attended. We had 180 entries awaiting the professional eye of the Judge - Mr. Arthur Dee of Woodchurch - I am sure everyone will be relieved to hear our Vicar judged his class of 16 animals of all breeds most professionally, made his choice of four and left the ring without a scratch!

There were many Parish dogs, some who left with heads up supporting a 1st Rosette, Pet dogs, and of course, the show dogs who will always smell a show from a long way off, all of which came together to make a jolly and sporting afternoon.

Many thanks to the generous people who donated over £35 towards expenses, i.e., Prize Cards, Rosettes, Prize money, Postage, Licence etc. and to those who gave of their time to help with teas, the stall and parking arrangements. A total profit of £101.01 has been added to our funds and we look forward to a repeat next year.

G.A.

*Mrs. Allan is much to be thanked for her enterprising fund raising venture which resulted in such a good sum being raised.*

C.E.H.P.

## BRIDGE AND PATRIXBOURNE P.T.A.

The school year has just finished and we look forward to six weeks' holiday before we renew our fund-raising activities. We have held many successful events, culminating in our Fete and Barbecue on July 1st. At the time of writing these notes the final result is not known, but we hope that the two events will give us a net profit of approximately £230 - a good effort!!

To all parents and friends who helped us in any way, the Committee say Thank-you; with your continuing support we hope for more success next year. Please note: the A.G.M. will be held on September 25th. More details later.

M.J.B.

### MRS. DORIS SANDALL MOVES FROM BEKESBOURNE

That this item should follow the Bridge and Patricxbourne C. of E. Primary School P.T.A. report is appropriate, for Mrs. Sandall was Headmistress of the Bekesbourne Primary School for many years with many of her former pupils spread not just through the Nailbourne Valley but round the world.

Because of ill-health, Doris Sandall has had to move away from Bekesbourne, and it is a loss to the community. She was indefatigable over very many years, not just with her efficient and happy school, but with church work of all kinds. She was Secretary to the Parochial Church Council of St. Peter's, Bekesbourne for a great period, and her neat handwriting chronicles many of the church's achievements and sorrows in the heavy, bound Minute Book of the Council.

We wish her complete recovery and a happy completion of her period of retirement in her new home.

### COFFEE MORNING AT PARSONAGE FARM

I would like to thank all those who so generously supported the coffee morning at Parsonage Farm, particularly those who so kindly sent donations but were unable to come. Through everyone's generosity we made an amazing total of £68.00.

C.A.

### THANKS

We would like to thank Mrs. Ash and her helpers and supporters for the coffee morning held at Parsonage Farm. The result was very good indeed and it will help us with the purchase of flowers for the coming Flower Festival.

S.G.

### ROTAS FOR ST. PETER'S, BEKESBOURNE - for August

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August 5th Mrs. Stickells

August 12th Mrs. Hogben

August 19th Mrs. Watson

August 26th Mrs. Grey

Sept. 2nd Mrs. Hodgkiss

#### Flowers:

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10th September, 16th Sunday after Trinity

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

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Also Battle of Britain Sunday

24th September, 18th Sunday after Trinity

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JUNIOR CHURCH

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Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patribourne and Bekesbourne,

The month of September is a particularly beautiful month of the year, associated with the final gathering of the harvest, hop-picking, and the turning of the colour of the leaves on the trees - making the countryside aglow with a strange but short-lived beauty. It is also associated with Michaelmas and the return of the children to school. The outstanding festivals of the month are the Harvest Festivals at our three Churches, and the Festival of Michaelmas. Harvest Festivals are extremely popular services. For most of us the chief thought underlying the festival is that of thanksgiving to God for all His mercies, and this finds expression in the well-known and loved psalms and hymns. Also, as the General Thanksgiving expresses it so gently, we are to show our gratitude *not only with our lips, but in our lives.*

You will find full details of the Harvest Festival services on page 8 in this magazine.

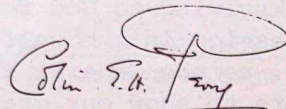
Michaelmas, named after one of the Seven Archangels, teaches of the utter obedience of the Angels of God - the Harvest of their success in the work of gathering souls. St. Michael has been regarded too as the intercessor in Heaven for all mankind. We who are Christians are called to be the *world's* intercessors, lifting up our souls to God on behalf of a world which forgets that *As the soul is in the body, so are the Christians in the world.*

The Junior Church begins again at 10.45am on Sunday 10th of September at Bridge Church. I hope that many children will come, and a warm welcome will be given to those children who have recently come to the villages. If you have any friends who do not go anywhere on Sunday mornings, bring them along with you.

Battle of Britain Sunday falls on Sunday September 17th. It is the Archbishop's wish that special thanksgiving be offered on this day. It is good for us to give thanks to God for our country's deliverance. Let our gratitude for our freedom as a nation move us to use it imaginatively in the service of human freedom and reconciliation where ever we can.

The Flower Festival held at St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne over the Bank Holiday weekend was an unqualified success, and you will read elsewhere my note of thanks to all who helped to make such an excellent display of flowers, or who helped in other ways to make this such a memorable occasion. It would be appropriate here to say how very much the presence of the Reverend Robert Penney, the previous Vicar, was appreciated by all who attended the packed Festal Evensong. Our love goes out to him and his family.

Yours affectionately in our Blessed Lord,

  
Vicar

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 1978

- 3rd 15th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
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10th 16th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. Junior Church recommences at 10.45am at Bridge Church  
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12th Tuesday. Senior Citizens recommence at 2.30pm at the Village Hall, Bridge  
13th Wednesday. Bridge Young Wives hold their Harvest Supper at the Methodist Hall, Patricxbourne Road at 7.45pm. Parish Consultation Meeting at the Vicarage at 8.00pm.  
17th 17th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. Battle of Britain Sunday  
19th Tuesday. Bridge and Patricxbourne W.I. meeting at Bridge Village Hall at 7.00pm.  
21st Thursday. "Partners in Mission" - A Deanery Consultation at Wingham Vicarage at 7.00pm.  
24th 18th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. Harvest Festival 11.00am at Bekesbourne Church; Preacher, the Reverend Canon J. Packer; and Harvest Festival service at 6.30pm at Bridge Church  
26th Tuesday. Visit of The Association Cultural Exchange (of Cambridge) to Patricxbourne Church, 10.00am.  
29th Friday. St. Michael and All Angels. Holy Communion at 7.30am at Bridge Church

October

1st 19th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. Harvest Thanksgiving at Patricxbourne Church at 11.00am.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

St. Peter's Church, Bridge

8th August 1978 William Charles Crampton  
Katherine Isabel Lawrence  
27th August 1978 Keith Piggott  
Melanie Stephenson

May They Rest In Peace

At Barham Crematorium

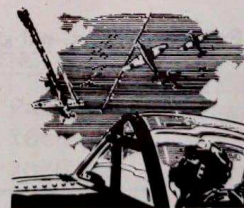
11th August 1978 Ellen Mary Hopkins  
24th August 1978 Ronald Fraser Bayford Owen  
25th August 1978 Sidney George Wraight

BRIDGE WITH PATRICXBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our September meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th September in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. This will be our Harvest Supper, and the Speaker will be Mr. Harold Rogers of Radio Medway. The competition will be a Harvest Supper table flower arrangement.

In response to the Mayor of Canterbury's Anti-Litter Campaign, members will meet at the Patricxbourne Road entrance to the Recreation Ground on Saturday 23rd September at 2.00pm to carry out a litter collection. If you feel strongly about this problem, please come and join us, armed with information about any black spots and a pair of gloves!

M.E.J.



**BATTLE OF BRITAIN SUNDAY**  
September 17th

It is the Archbishop's wish that special thanksgiving for the victory in the Battle of Britain be offered on Sunday, Sept. 17th.



### HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES

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Sunday September 24th 1978 - 11.00am.  
ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE  
Preacher: the Reverend Canon J. Packer

Sunday September 24th 1978 - 6.30pm.  
ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BRIDGE

Sunday October 1st 1978 - 11.00am.  
ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PATRIBOURNE

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### SEPTEMBER AT THE CATHEDRAL

*Services 2nd to 15th inclusive (less 7th and 14th) will be sung by Men's voices.*

10. 6.30 p.m. Y.M.C.A. Service. *Preacher:* The Revd. Harry Morton, General Secretary of the British Council of Churches.
16. 12 noon to 12.45 p.m.  
The Venray Mannenkoor from Holland will give an informal recital in the Nave.
17. 6.30 p.m. The annual Battle of Britain Commemoration Service. *Preacher:* The Precentor.
21. *St. Matthew's Day.*  
10.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist in the Eastern Crypt.
22. 3.00 p.m. The Choir of Bishop Stopford's School, Enfield, Middlesex, will give an informal recital in the Nave.
23. 3.15 p.m. Evensong with the admission of Choristers and Side Leaders.
24. 10.30 a.m. Ordination Service. *Preacher:* The Archdeacon of Croydon.
29. *St. Michael and All Angels.*  
10.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist in the Eastern Crypt.

### FLOWER FESTIVAL ST. PETER'S, BEKESBOURNE



The Bank Holiday weekend saw a most successful Flower Festival mounted at St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne. The Vicar congratulates all who were part of this enterprise.

"I am very grateful to all those who gave so much time and loving care to prepare the Church and then staff it during the three-day Festival. Our thanks are due to a great number, and I should like to have

their names recorded. The arrangers of the flowers interpreted the theme designed by Mrs. Pam Farbrace: they were, Mrs. L. Whigham, Mrs. Mowll, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Ash, Mrs. Farbrace, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Grey, Mrs. Geering and Mrs. Purchase.

The Stewards under the direction of Mr. Grey were: Mr. Mowll, Mr. Tyler, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hogben, Mr. Grey, Mr. Quinnell, Mr. Cruse, Mr. Farbrace and Mr. Collard.

The Stalls and Teas were managed by Mrs. Griggs, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Miss Daphne Hogben, Mrs. Tyler, Mrs. Grey and Mr. and Mrs. Purchase.

Before the Festival could be held much cleaning and tidying had to be done. In the Church cleaning was done by Mrs. Stickells, Mrs. Grey and Mrs. Hodgkiss. Outside, the Churchyard - under the supervision of Mr. David Farbrace - was cut and tidied by Mr. Tom Page, Mr. David Farbrace and Alan Farbrace. Under the heading of general helpfulness must be added the name of Andrew Farbrace who acted as runner throughout the Festival.

A special effort in selling Raffle tickets was put in by Toni Denne and Sarah Stamp who raised approximately £19.00. Also, photographs of the village area taken and sold by Mr. N. Smith also added greatly to the Festival.

The gross income from the Festival (being devoted to the Fabric Fund) was £507.30, nett £477.30. The Raffle raised £155.98, and the Booklet Stall (which also included the Photographs) totalled £90.20."

### CLEANING ROTA FOR ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE

Sept. 2nd Mrs. Hodgkiss	Sept. 9th Mrs. Allan
Sept. 16th Mrs. Smith	Sept. 23rd Mrs. Stickells
Sept. 30th Mrs. Hogben	October 7th Mrs. Watson



Forces of good and evil strive  
around us from our infancy  
following us until we die

each cradled birth emits a cry  
of mingled joy and fear to see  
those good and evil forces strive

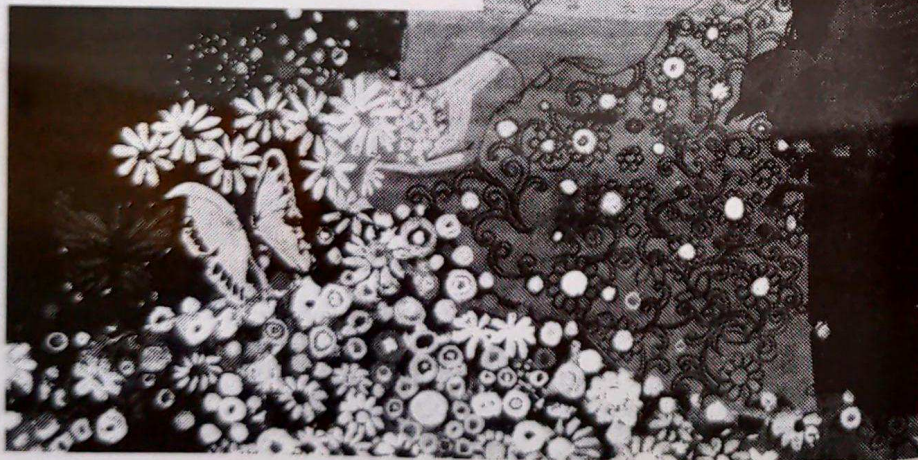
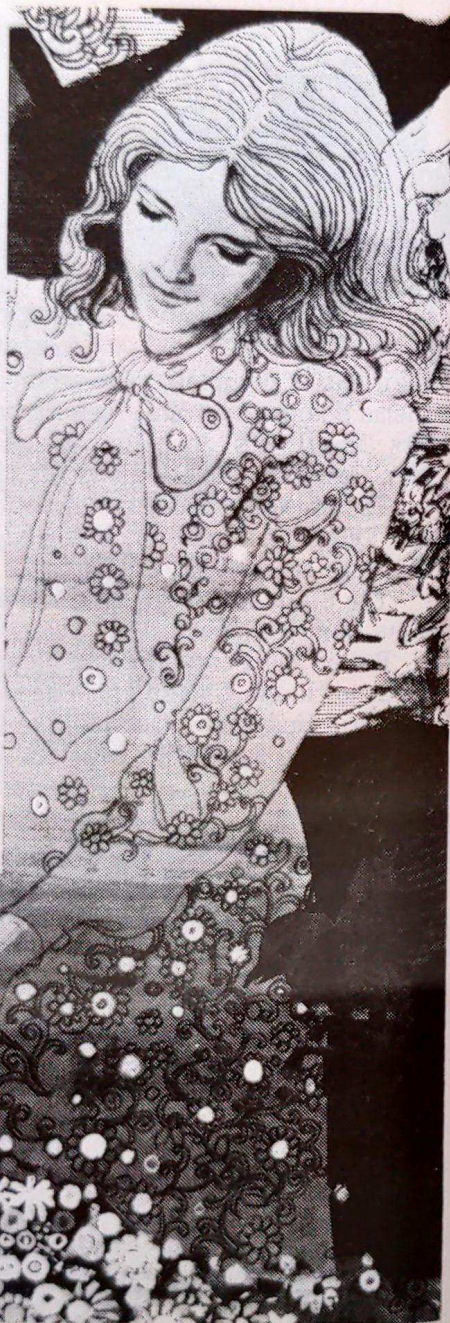
the echoing years around us fly  
and pull us towards eternity  
following us until we die

under the wide arch of the sky  
exist discarnate entities  
who with the evil forces strive

and the Self within me lies  
inside yet separate from me  
and follows me until I die

to recognize it could suffice  
to catch our true identity  
though good and evil forces strive  
following us until we die.

R. H.



#### CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

We had a successful Coffee Morning on 27th July and realised £27.25 for which the organising secretary at Canterbury was very pleased. Thank you all very much, particularly the ladies who provided raffle prizes, Mrs. Bevan who made the cake for the competition and everyone who gave generously - very generously - and also bought generously.

Also many thanks to the helpers, Mrs. Apps and Mrs. Pierce, Miss G. Clark, Alison, Frances, Celia, Wendy and Katie. The latter managed all the trays as Julia who would have helped was in hospital, and Frances and Celia saw to it that everyone guessed the weight of the cake. Alison also was single handed at the Bring-and-Buy but coped successfully.

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

#### BRIDGE BIBLE CLASS

The BBC will recommence on September 10th at 11.00am at 33 High Street, and will also be held on September 17th (but not the 24th). Anyone who does not go to Sunday School is welcome if between the ages of 10 and 12, particularly those who may be thinking of being Confirmed.

F.V.B. Mason

#### GIFT TO BRIDGE CHURCH ARCHIVES

Mrs. Francis of Conygham Lane has kindly presented Bridge Church with a Prayer Book of 1818. This very small leather bound volume with leather tongue fastener is in very good condition for its age, obviously having been cared for by loving hands. It was an early Victorian and late Georgian fancy to have these books printed in the minute type then available called Diamond where there were 17 lines to the inch. Anyone handling this Prayer Book will marvel at the concentration of the typesetters who set the whole thing by hand from case, being long before mechanical setting.

#### PARTNERS IN MISSION

Continuing to examine ways in which the challenge to the Church outlined by the Archbishop may be met, there will be a DEANERY CONSULTATION at Wingham Vicarage on Thursday 21st September 1978 at 7.00pm. Coffee will be served during the evening. All are welcome at this important meeting.

#### ARCHIVAL RESEARCH AT ST. PETER'S, BRIDGE

Since the beginning of July nine members of the Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute have been meeting each week in St. Peter's Churchyard.

Under Miss Betty Coton's direction they are compiling a record of headstones and their inscriptions. Using buckets of water, brushes and plastic scrapers they are endeavouring to remove the effects of time and weather in order to decipher names and details of people who died up to 300 years ago. Miss Coton, who is also a member of the Kent Family History Society, is anxious to make a valuable contribution to local history.

When the operation is completed and checked, one copy of the report will be lodged with the County Archivist and one will be handed to the Vicar.

*I am most grateful for this very valuable work which has been undertaken by the members of the Women's Institute.*  
C.E.H.P.

#### BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES

Our new season starts on the 13th September at 7.45pm, with a Harvest Supper which will be held in the Methodist Hall, Patricbourne Road. New members, wishing to join the group will be made very welcome.

E.B.

#### VICARAGE COFFEE MORNING

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Coffee Morning so generously, by both gifts and attendance on the day. We should also like to say *Thank-you* to our Vicar and Mrs. Perry for their kindness, not only in allowing us the use of their garden, house and kitchen; but also for their enthusiasm for our venture. With your help this has proved a good success; we made a clear profit of £59 - as we had nothing to pay out as everything was donated.

Thanks a lot also to our wonderful helpers.

E.J. & F.E.A.

#### SENIOR CITIZENS

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22nd October, 22nd Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	9am Holy Communion	11am Matins 11.45 H.C.
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29th October, 23rd Sunday after Trinity

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Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne,

Every year a Sunday is set apart when the Church has the needs of Education particularly in mind. It is on the fourth Sunday of this month, 22nd October, when we pray for our School - not only for Church Schools, but for all Schools - for the teachers and the children, remembering too our own School.

The special Preacher at the 6.30pm Evensong at Bridge Church will be the Rev. Canon John Packer who, of course, now lives in Bridge. Canon Packer is a priest of great educational experience and renown in the North of England. He was Assistant Director of Education in the Blackburn Diocese and Lecturer in Religious Education at my university, the University of Leeds; and Headmaster for over twenty years at the Canon Slade Grammar School, Bolton, Lancashire. We have, incidentally, living in Patricxbourne, Bridge and Bekesbourne three Professors at the University of Kent; three Headmasters and ten Schoolteachers - including our Organist at Bridge, Mr. Roger Smith. It is right that we should remember them in our prayers on this day. I sincerely hope that all parents and children will keep this Education Sunday as a day of prayer for education and come to church on this day to join in prayer together, for, surely, all of us have a stake in what education does for the young people of our land.

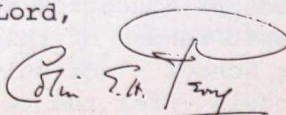
A new Altar covering was dedicated at the Harvest Festival Service at Bridge Church. Our gratitude to Mrs. H. Hawkins and Mrs. Elsie Apps for their kind work in making this possible.

St. Luke's Day is on Wednesday 18th October. At St. Luke-tide we remember our doctors and nurses, and all who are engaged in relieving the sick and the afflicted, and the caring for the aged. If it is possible please come on this day to the 9.30am Holy Communion at Bridge Church, when we shall remember them; or to the 8.00am Service at Patricxbourne on Sunday 15th October, when I hope that the Celebrant will be the Rev. Peter Heartfield, Chaplain to the Canterbury Group of Hospitals.

I must not end this letter without offering my sincere thanks to all those who so beautifully decorated our three

Churches for Harvest-tide Services, or who gave gifts for this purpose. It was also a great pleasure to hear the augmented Choirs at the Services.

Yours affectionately in Our Blessed Lord,



Colin E. H. T.  
Vicar

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 1978

- 1st 19th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. Harvest Thanksgiving at Patricxbourne Church at 11.00am. Preacher at 11.00am Service at Bridge Church, the Rev. Henry Voller; the Preacher at 6.30pm Evensong at Bridge, the Lay-Reader Mrs. F. Raeder-Moore.
- 3rd Tuesday. Bekesbourne PCC meets at 7.30pm at Mulberry Cottage, Bekesbourne, by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. W. Mowll.
- 4th Wednesday. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion, 9.30am at Bridge Church.
- 8th 20th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
- 9th Monday. Mothers' Union Branch Meeting, 2.45pm at Mrs. C. Berry's, 11 Union Road, Bridge.
- 10th Tuesday. Bridge and Patricxbourne PCC meet at 7.30pm at Bridge Village Hall.
- 11th Bridge Church Young Wives Group Meeting, 7.45pm at the Methodist Hall, Patricxbourne Road.
- 15th 21st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
- 17th Tuesday. Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute Meeting at 7.00pm at Bridge Village Hall.
- 18th Wednesday. St. LUKE'S DAY. Holy Communion at 9.30am at Bridge Church.
- 21st Saturday. National Life-Boat Institution Flag Day.
- 22nd 22nd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. EDUCATION SUNDAY. Special Education Service at 6.30pm at Bridge Church; Preacher the Rev. Canon John Packer.
- 24th Tuesday. East Bridge Deanery Synod Meeting.
- 25th Wednesday. Bridge Church Young Wives Group Meeting, 7.45pm at the Methodist Hall, Patricxbourne Road.
- 28th Saturday. Ss. SIMON & JUDE.
- 29th 23rd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. NB. British Summer Time ends - put your clocks back one hour overnight from Saturday.

November

1st Wednesday. ALL SAINTS' DAY. Holy Communion 9.30am at Bridge Church.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

May They Rest In Peace

At Barham Crematorium

29th September 1978 Leslie Harold  
Hogben

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: Christmas Cards/Sale  
Remade Christmas and Greetings Cards in aid of the Society will be on sale in the Foyer of the Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury, from October 9th at the following times:-

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 are sold at very reasonable prices. Last year approximately £1,000 was raised in this way and the cards are extremely attractive and popular. Boxes for the collection of used cards will be placed in the Church during January. The local Canterbury Committee wish to thank all those who help to make this venture so successful.

THE CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE will be held on Friday November 24th from 10.00am to 12.30pm at the Old Palace, The Precincts, Canterbury, by kind invitation of Mrs. Coggan. Contributions to the stalls - or donations - will be gladly received by Miss J. Churchill, 5 The Precincts; not later please than 2.00pm on Thursday November 23rd.

SUCCESS AT THE CLOSE

The Matron at The Close writes to thank all who helped to make their Fayre so successful, and to report that the marvellous sum of £350 was raised by the function. On behalf of herself, the Staff and Residents, she thanks everyone most sincerely.

# A contemporary Canterbury tale

EARLIER this summer, the Lambeth Conference was held in Canterbury. We who live here were reminded of it daily – busloads of bishops were to be seen and it was almost impossible to walk through the shopping-centre without coming face to face with a purple stock! One evening I glimpsed four bishops in a car, eating chips! But the afternoon which I shall always remember was not concerned with the bishops but with some of their wives, who had their own Conference at Christ Church College. Back in January I had happened to see a note in the Diocesan Leaflet – drivers were needed to take the bishops' wives in private cars to places of interest. I volunteered! So that is how I came to spend an afternoon with twenty wives of bishops and the wife of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Our first visit had been arranged at Leeds Castle which, for security reasons, had been used for a meeting of Heads of State a few weeks previously. We were instructed to enter by a back door! This is an entrance leading to a longish road through a golf course and ending in a courtyard where parking was provided. We were greeted by the Warden, Mr. Money, and he told us a little of the history of the Castle which is built on two rocks in the centre of a natural lake. The tour which followed was an extended one, going into parts of the Castle not open to the public and ending with afternoon tea in the private dining room (white damask cloths and cucumber sandwiches!). The Castle is very beautiful and it was interesting to talk to the ladies and hear their comments and questions – they had come from America, Canada, South Africa, Australia and England.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent at a very different venue – an open Borstal for girls, hidden away in the depths of the Kent countryside. I had previously been on a reconnaissance, armed with an Ordnance Survey map, so I knew the route – the other cars followed mine! Eventually we arrived at a circular drive in front of an old and beautiful Manor house. It had been decided that we should be shown around by the girls, so each of us went off with a guide. This gave us an opportunity to talk to the girls and it was interesting to find that most of them appeared to be happy. I went through the rooms in which the various activities take place and I began to understand a little about the way in which training is given. After a visit to the farm to see the baby calves my guide, Mandy, returned me to the large room off the hall and we were offered another tea! The Governor came to meet everyone, and invited questions – and how they came, fast and furious! We were told that there are only two Borstals for girls, the other being a closed one. On average, there are less than two hundred girls in Borstal at any one time. The length of stay varies from six months to two years. It was certainly a visit which evoked a tremendous amount of interest, especially as the Borstal system seems to be peculiar to this country. The ladies had to be returned by a certain time for their evening meal, so we ushered them back to our cars and drove off, waving to the girls who were looking out of the windows. I wonder what they were thinking?

In my car I took the wives of two American bishops. By the end of the afternoon we all felt that we had known each other for a long time – they were so friendly! I was interested to listen to the comments they made about their Conference. One of them was sharing a room with a Nigerian lady who spoke no English, and all had found cultural differences more apparent than they had anticipated, even though the role each played in their daily lives was a similar one. Bishops' wives are unused to the Conference situation and they found it tiring and a little high-powered. They also missed their husbands, who were all resident at the University. Apparently, each time a Bishop appeared at Christ Church College, he was cheered and clapped! But they all agreed that it was marvellous for them to meet together in the Conference as they are so often in the isolating situation of being the 'wife of the boss'. I am sure that those three weeks will be long remembered by all who were concerned with it.

Barbara Tomlin, August 1978

## AFTER LAMBETH

Lambeth 1978 is over and the end of September will probably see the publication of its report. As with so many conferences one is tempted to say "So what?". I do not expect the report to be shattering news but I do believe that this Lambeth Conference will be remembered. It will not be the great services at Canterbury and Westminster, it will not even be the Groovers steel band. It will not, I think, be any declaration or resolution, it will not even be the Archbishop of York's brilliant lectures. It will be the result of a brilliant inspiration from the Archbishop who decreed that the Conference should be residential. For over 400 bishops of varied race and nationality to live, worship and debate together for three weeks, in love and fellowship is surely something to remember in these days of racial and national strife. A Japanese Bishop summed it up when he said "I feel we are all real Christian brothers now". An African said "We have learned to respect and understand our brothers better".

Perhaps the most encouraging statement came from the charming Bishop Tutu, "We realise we are not able to revolutionise the world overnight, but we are going to try".

Lambeth 1978 has shown what the Christian Gospel can do to cross the barriers and heal the wounds of racism and nationalism. It has shown too that the Anglican Communion, despite its differences and diversities is united in love, fellowship, faith and mission. This surely is a very important act of witness in the strange world of today.

ATTICUS.

## NAVE OF HARDRES

**Autumn Festival** (in aid of Restoration of Mediaeval Glass in East Windows) begins on Thursday, October 12th, with an Organ Recital by Harrison Oxley, organist of St. Edmundsbury Cathedral.

Details from the Revd. H. W. Sparling, The Rectory, or Graeme Faber (Stelling Minnis 382).

## COMMISSIONING OF NEW CHAPLAIN TO THE DEAF

On October 22nd at 3 p.m. the Archbishop will commission Robert Hollingshurst as Diocesan Chaplain to the Deaf. The service will take place in St. Margaret's Church, Canterbury.

**THE SEA CHAPLAINS.** By G. C. Taylor. (£12.50).

At last we have a documentary work on the Naval Chaplains. As its price indicates this is a large and very well illustrated book. The author has done his research thoroughly and as the Prince of Wales says in an admirable foreword, it is a book that is inspiring to read. It is to be noted that in the long history of Naval Chaplains, none has ever been convicted of cowardice and when the reader of this book reads of the perils and dangers faced, this is indeed a fine record. This is a book to be read with profit by all, easy and exciting as well as full of hitherto unpublished material. It marks a landmark in the field of Naval and Church History.

ATTICUS.

### THOUGHTS FROM ALBI

On this autumn day  
the earth is fresh and beautiful  
new-born from the night,  
yet created, some say,  
by the god of darkness,  
evil face of a dual deity,  
Janus of dark and light  
from whose hold  
the soul must purge itself.  
But the deep charm  
of finely-balanced Nature,  
blue sky, bright sun and stillness  
framed with falling leaves  
makes such strange thoughts  
seem odd, bizarre, hard to believe.

R. H.



### ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

The RNLI is a voluntary organisation whose sole aim is the saving of life at sea. Since its foundation in 1824 over 103,200 people have been saved. In 1977 the number of lives saved was 1,071. It is busier now than ever before.

Lifeboatmen face a wide variety of situations, often difficult, sometimes dangerous. Whatever the call the Lifeboat crews are always there to answer it. It is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. In order to continue this service the necessary funds must be found and the Canterbury and District Branch are contributing by holding a Flag-Day on Saturday October 21st 1978. We urgently require people to sell flags on that day - just an hour would be appreciated. House-to-house collectors are also required during the preceding week. Should you wish to help, please contact our Flag-Day organiser, Mrs. C.C. Reeder, 3/4 Nunnery Fields, Canterbury, Kent (Tel: Canterbury 63450).

### BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION - BRIDGE SLIPS OVER LITTER

The Clerk to the Parish Council writes that he has received a very disheartening report from the Judges; and we quote it below:-

KENT VOLUNTARY SERVICE COUNCIL - BEST  
KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 1978, BRIDGE

Factual Report.

1. Tidiness of Principal Features. Small amounts of litter were noticed round-most of the principal features but particularly around the swings on the Recreation Ground, in the stream and in the churchyard. The telephone booth also contained rubbish.
2. Tidiness of Built-Up Areas. In general gardens were kept tidy but rubbish was noticed in some of the housing estate areas, in particular it was in the new estate off the Recreation Ground road. Odd pieces of litter were noticed along the roadside and in verges.
3. Community Effort. The Best Kept Village Representative on behalf of the Parish Council notifies the School and various organisations about the competition; however, most of the clearing seems to be left to them - the Parish Council. The Judges consider that more community effort is required.

The Clerk also reports that the Bridge Women's Institute is arranging a clearance of litter in the village and on the Recreation Field on Saturday September 23rd, a very commendable project, and asks that as much help as possible is given this project.

BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The October Meeting will take place in the Village Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday 17th October. The Speaker will be Mrs. J. Turner, who will demonstrate Lampshade making. The competition is for a 6" knitted square.

M.E.J.

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES

The Bridge Young Wives will meet on Wednesday October 11th at 7.45pm in the Methodist Hall, Patribourne Road. Will members please bring any oddments of material or wool they may have, so that we can start making plans for the Christmas Market.

For the Meeting on Wednesday October 25th, listed at 7.45pm in the Methodist Hall, Patribourne Road, the venue is not yet certain - members will receive confirmation or alteration nearer the day.

E.B.

BRIDGE BADMINTON CLUB

The season has now begun and all those interested are cordially invited to come along and join in.

When? Mondays at 7.30pm, Fridays at 8.00pm.

Where? The Village Hall.

Why? It is good exercise.

Who? The Hon. Secretary is John Round, 'phone 830303.

WHY NOT?

Dermot Stewart, Chairman

PATRIBOURNE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Advance notice - Sale of Christmas Cards at the Old Vicarage Patribourne, on November 3rd; 10.30am to 4.30pm. Proceeds in aid of the church.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

We regret the traffic accident that resulted in injuries and shock to Mr. Roger Smith's mother, Connie, and his sister, Barbara. We trust they will soon be recovered and forget a distressing incident.

C.E.H.P.

BEKESBOURNE ROTA: Cleaning at St. Peter's Church

October 7th	..	..	..	Mrs. Watson
October 14th	..	..	..	Mrs. Grey
October 21st	..	..	..	Mrs. Hodgkiss
October 28th	..	..	..	Mrs. Allan
November 4th	..	..	..	Mrs. Smith

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 1978

BRIDGE

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5th November, 24th Sunday after Trinity

11am Matins 11.45 Holy Commun. 6.30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Communion
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12th November, 25th Sunday after Trinity

9am Holy Communion Series III 6.30pm Evensong	11am Matins and Sermon	8am Holy Communion
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19th November, 26th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong at Methodist Church	8am Holy Communion	11am Matins
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26th November, Sunday Next before Advent

8am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	9am Holy Communion	11am Matins 11.45 H.C.
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3rd December, Advent Sunday

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

The Junior Church will meet on the following Sundays at 10.45am: November 5th at Bridge Village Hall, November 12th, 19th and 26th at Bridge Church.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union Corporate Communion will be held on Wednesday November 1st at 9.30am. The Branch Meeting will be held at 2.45pm at 37 Union Road on November 13th.

SENIOR CITIZENS

The Senior Citizens will meet at 2.30pm on the following Tuesdays in November: 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.

*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,

November 1st is the Day of All Saints. To the Saint religion is no longer a distance between man and God; it is no more fear of divinity; it is a 'communication' - a sharing of the life of God. The Christian Saint already lives a kind of mystical experience of good.

God excludes no-one from His plan and goodness and salvation. So in the words of St. Paul, when he wrote to the Corinthians, "we are called to be Saints". November is indeed the month of commemoration. In this month the Church fittingly commemorates the innumerable company of Christians "departed this life in the faith and fear of God" re-affirming that eternal hope which redeems human experience from futility, and the confidence that its labour is not in vain.

Compassed about with that great cloud of witnesses, for whose valour and faithfulness the Church gives thanks, Christians are called to renew their loyalties, and run with endurance the race that is set before them.

All Saints is followed today by All Souls' Day. Each day has its own distinctive note. The one is concerned with the Saint in the Prayer Book sense - i.e. the roll of Christian heroes; the other with all departed souls, commending them into the hand of God "as to a faithful creator and merciful redeemer". The lives of the Saints are the salt of the Earth - the salt which saves the life of the Church itself and the civilization around it from going bad. They are the evidences for Christianity, the manifestation of Christ as redeemer and sanctifier of mankind.

At All Saints' tide Christians remember all who have been humble, gentle, pure and merciful for Christ's sake; and being thus put in mind of what Christ can do in a responsive heart, reach out after the blessedness in order that they too may share the Saints' unspeakable joys.

The lessons of All Saints' tide is carried forward to Remembrance Sunday, November 12th. I hope that you, too, will remember what the day remembers.

On Sunday evening the 19th of November we shall have no Evensong at Bridge Church, but we shall go I hope, with

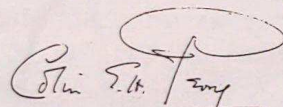
the decision of the Parochial Church Council, to the Methodist Church in the Patricxbourne Road for our Evening Prayer. The Preacher will be the Reverend Raymond Bradshaw, the Methodist Minister for the Canterbury area. We appreciate greatly the support and kindnesses which our fellow Christians of the Methodist Church have given us continually.

I commend also to you the Bekesbourne Church Christmas Fayre to be held at Bekesbourne Village Hall on Saturday November 25th. May it be a great success and have the support of the parishioners of all our three churches.

The Bridge and Patricxbourne Christmas Market will be on Saturday December 9th, instead of the 2nd of December. We rely greatly on the success of these events for the continuance of the life and maintenance of our Churches.

The last day of the month is November 30th, St. Andrew's Day, when we pray for the work of Anglican and united Churches overseas, when the Church traditionally emphasises the Mission of the Church. The Mission of the Church derives from the Mission of Christ; indeed it is His Mission in which we are called to share.

Yours affectionately in Our Blessed Lord;



Vicar

#### CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER, 1978

- 1st Wednesday. All Saints' Day. Holy Communion at 9.30am at Bridge Church. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion.
- 2nd Thursday. All Souls' Day. Requiem at 7.30am at Bridge Church.
- 5th 24th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
- 7th Tuesday. Bridge and Patricxbourne Church Christmas Market Progress Meeting, 8.00pm at The Vicarage.
- 12th 25th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
- 19th 26th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. Evensong at the Methodist Church, Patricxbourne Road. Preacher: Rev. R. Bradshaw.
- 21st Tuesday. Annual Meeting of W.I., 7.00pm at Bridge Village Hall.

- 23rd Thursday. Public Meeting at Bridge Village Hall at 8.00pm. See announcement further in the Magazine.
- 25th Saturday. Bekesbourne Church Christmas Fayre; from 2.15pm at Bekesbourne Village Hall.
- 26th SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT (27th AFTER TRINITY).
- 30th Thursday. St. Andrew's Day. Holy Communion at 9.30am at Bridge Church.

#### December

3rd ADVENT SUNDAY

7th Thursday. Bridge Group of The Friends of Canterbury Hospitals, Annual Christmas Whistdrive. Bekesbourne Village Hall, at 7.00pm.

9th Saturday. Bridge and Patricxbourne Churches Christmas Market at Bridge Village Hall, at 2.30pm.

#### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

##### May They Rest in Peace

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

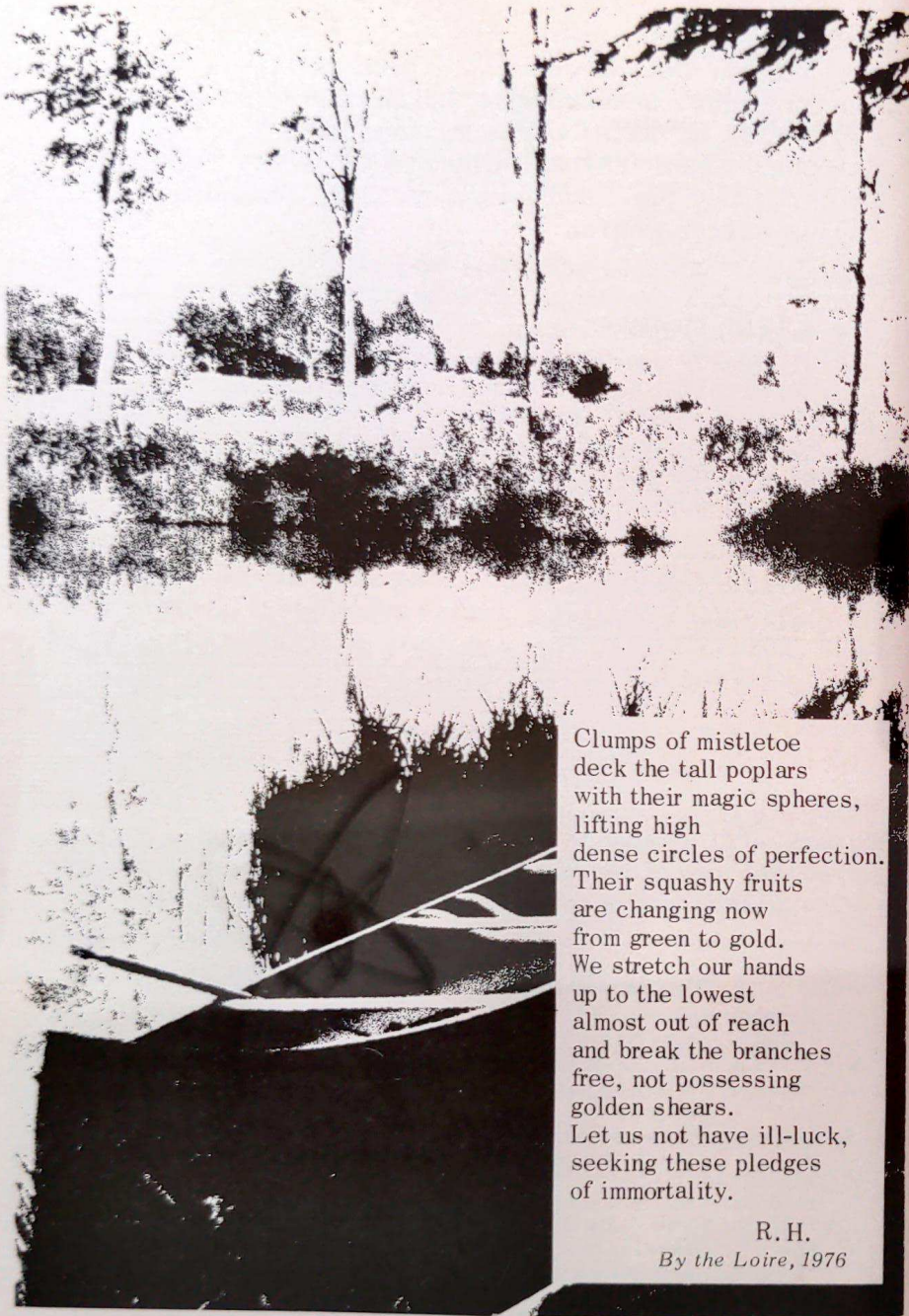
23rd October 1978 Ronald John Horner  
30th October 1978 Sydney Burt

Clayson

Readers will remember that Mr. Clayson for many years both pumped the organ by hand at St. Peter's (before electricity was supplied) and was one of the Bell Ringers. R.I.P.

#### NOVEMBER AT THE CATHEDRAL

1. *All Saints' Day*  
10.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist in the Eastern Crypt.  
*Services 2nd to 5th inclusive will be sung by Boys' Voices.*
4. 7.30 p.m. Whitstable Choral Society will give a performance of Handel's *Messiah* in the Nave.
9. 3.00 p.m. Service of Thanksgiving for the East Kent Federation of Townswomen's Guilds. *Preacher:* Canon D. Ingram Hill.
12. *Remembrance Sunday*  
10.50 a.m. Service of Remembrance in the Nave.  
11.45 a.m. Sung Eucharist in the Quire.
16. *Feast of St. Edmund of Abingdon, Archbishop*  
4.30 p.m. Evensong will be attended by St. Edmund's School.
30. *St. Andrew's Day*  
10.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist in the Eastern Crypt.



Clumps of mistletoe  
deck the tall poplars  
with their magic spheres,  
lifting high  
dense circles of perfection.  
Their squashy fruits  
are changing now  
from green to gold.  
We stretch our hands  
up to the lowest  
almost out of reach  
and break the branches  
free, not possessing  
golden shears.  
Let us not have ill-luck,  
seeking these pledges  
of immortality.

R. H.

*By the Loire, 1976*

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

BEKESBOURNE



# Christmas Fayre

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25th at BEKESBOURNE VILLAGE HALL,  
starting at 2.15pm. ● STALLS INCLUDE CAKES, PRODUCE, GIFTS, NEARLY-  
NEW, STATIONERY and other goodies. Any gifts for the Stalls will be most welcome by  
the Churchwardens; and collection can be arranged. Otherwise, if you can bring items, we  
would be grateful to receive them at the Hall at 10.30am on the day.

● REMEMBER: EASY PARKING, AND SOMETHING DIFFERENT AT OUR FAYRE.



## BRIDGE PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The Committee for 1978/9 are:-

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<i>Vice Chairman</i> .. .. .	Mr. Rod Denne
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<i>Bekesbourne Representatives</i>	Mrs. Durell, Mr. Peason
<i>Bishopsbourne Representatives</i>	Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Lockwood.

We have a new and enthusiastic committee elected at our A.G.M. in September and we are looking forward to a full and successful year. Our first fund-raising event is our annual Bonfire Party on Saturday November 4th. Do come!

It has been decided to discontinue the 200 Club. Unfortunately higher costs and lower ticket sales have made it a less profitable proposition. The winners of the 200 Club Draw at the A.G.M. were:- £60.00 Mrs. Bodger, £20.00 Mrs. Reeves, £10.00 Miss Dawson.

Maureen Baker.

## LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

On Sunday, 8th October, there was read in all our churches a Pastoral Letter from myself and the Archbishop of York. In case any of you missed hearing this letter, or would like to have it to keep by you for reference, I print it here. The importance of its contents needs no emphasising:

The Archbishop of York and I are taking this opportunity of writing directly to you about the ordained ministry.

We wish to share with you our sense of thankfulness for the signs of renewed life in many parishes in our Church. We believe that these are encouraging days in which the People of God are recovering confidence in their mission and ministry.

"If we are to maintain and increase this momentum, our need for a dedicated, well-qualified and full-time ordained ministry will be even greater than in the past.

The House of Bishops and the General Synod have recently given most careful consideration to this subject. We are united in welcoming experiments in new forms of ministry, in taking full advantage of them, and in preparing men for them. At the same time we are totally convinced that the full-time ordained ministry must be maintained at least at its present size. In recent years we have been ordaining too few. This means that we now need to increase the number of men ordained each year by at least half as many again. In 1977 three hundred and one new deacons were ordained: we wish to see this figure steadily rise to between four hundred and four hundred and fifty a year.

To train and provide for them will make great demands on our financial resources. It will also make greater demands on our spiritual resources, for vocations to the ordained ministry rise out of a Church which has a lively understanding of and commitment to the Gospel.

We therefore ask you:

1. to make sure that the vocation to the sacred ministry is the subject of regular teaching and prayer;
2. to accept responsibility for encouraging and, where necessary, supporting in practical ways any who become aware of a vocation to the ministry;
3. to think about the work of the ordained minister in your own parish and to discuss ways in which his ministry may be more effectively used;
4. to ask yourself what form your own service should take as a member of Christ's body and an instrument of God's loving purpose for the world.

May God bless you in His work and make you a blessing to others.

DONALD CANTUAR:  
STUART EBOR:"



### BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE

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### CHRISTMAS MARKET on SATURDAY DECEMBER 9th

- \*GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW \*CHRISTMAS TREE  
\*MARKET STALLS \*AFTERNOON TEAS AND TAKE-HOME EVENING MEALS! (A speciality this year!)

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

The Christmas Draw Prizes will be on view at LOCKWOODS THE PRINTERS in the High Street, Bridge.

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BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL - SATURDAY DECEMBER 9th at 2.15 p.m.

## BRIDGE

### CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Further to the notice in last month's issue, donations and gifts for the Christmas Fayre may be left with me and I will pass them on to Miss Churchill.

Home-made sweets are very popular and we never have enough, so can I have some please; also groceries, produce cakes and suitable articles for Christmas gifts.

Thank you very much. F.V.B. Mason, Soc. Parish Sec.

### BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Annual Meeting takes place in the Village Hall on Tuesday November 21st at 7.00pm. There will be an election for President and Committee, and afterwards Mrs. C. Down will show coloured slides of Gardens and Flowers. The Competition: "My most useful household item".

M.E.J.

### NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Please note that the NEAME CUP COMPETITION QUIZ against Sheldwich will take place on Monday November 20th at the Conrad Hall, Bishopsbourne, starting at 7.30pm.

J.A.

### APPRECIATION TO MR. AND MRS. TURNER

I am sure that like so many others, we would like to wish Mr. and Mrs. Turner many happy years of retirement, and to thank them - and their assistants - for all their help and kindness given down the years. We will miss them very much.

C.E.H.P.

### LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY HOSPITALS: BRIDGE GROUP

We are holding our Christmas Evening Sale on Friday 17th November in Bridge Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. There will be Stalls for Cakes, Gifts and Jewellery, Bric-a-Brac, Near New (including children's clothes). There will also be refreshments and a raffle. We do hope that you will come, and bring a friend! The Hospitals need all our help. Frances E. Apps, Hon. Sec/Treasurer, Bridge Group, 34 High Street, Bridge

### BRIDGE VILLAGE PROJECT: PUBLIC MEETING

A Public Meeting is to be held at the Bridge Village Hall on Thursday November 23rd 1978 at 8.00pm for the purpose of electing a fund-raising committee for the New Village Hall and Sports Facility proposed to be built next to the existing Recreation Ground.

It is therefore vital for all interested parties and village organisations to be present or to send their representatives to this meeting.

Come and support your village project and let as many of your friends as possible know about it.

This opportunity will only occur once!

J.A.

### ACTIVITIES AT THE CLOSE

The Matron reports the following dates for your diaries. There will be a Jumble Sale at The Close on November 4th at 10.30am - you need to queue early for the best items! The Christmas Fayre will be held on December 1st at 7pm. Offers of gifts to help swell the items on sale will be much appreciated and most welcome.

These fund-raising activities are to help obtain six Mecan aids for toilet areas, to help residents and staff alike.

### ROTAS FOR ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE: NOVEMBER Cleaning:

November 4th .. ..	Mrs. Smith
11th .. ..	Mrs. Stickells
18th .. ..	Mrs. Hogben
25th .. ..	Mrs. Watson
December 2nd .. ..	Mrs. Grey

### Flowers:

November 5th .. ..	Mrs. Whigham
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### ST. PETER'S JUMBLE SUCCESS

To help fund preparations for the Christmas Fayre a Jumble Sale was held at Bekesbourne Village Hall on October 14th. The sale realised a profit of over £30 from the brisk two hours of trading; and we would like to thank sincerely all those who gave their time and effort to help raise this money. It should mean that there will be interesting and fresh goods on sale at the Christmas Fayre.

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

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

*Hon. Treasurer:* Mr. C. A. Potter, Field House, Bridge (Bridge 830218)

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Lydden, Nr. Dover (Shepherdswell 830781)

*Organist (Patricxbourne):* Mrs. G. Allan, Ardpriory, Bekesbourne Lane,  
Canterbury (Canterbury 62695)

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

BEKESBOURNE

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PATRIXBOURNE

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10th December, 2nd Sunday in Advent

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17th December, 3rd Sunday in Advent

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24th December, 4th Sunday in Advent

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Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patribourne and Bekesbourne,

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And yet: "He was made flesh and dwelt among us...He was made man". He took upon Himself not merely one man's nature, but took our nature, the nature of humanity. As His God-head was real, so was His manhood. Faith, illumined by the Holy Ghost, bows in humble adoration before the manger at Bethlehem - in which we behold the mystery of God made Man.

The spirit in which we ought to approach the Christmas season is:-

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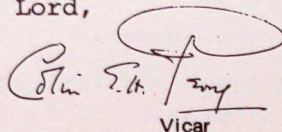
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You will find on page 8 full details of the Advent and Christmas-tide Services, and the social events in the villages.

Finally, may I remind you that the Patricxbourne and Bridge Christmas Market will be held in Bridge Village Hall on Saturday December 9th.

To you and your loved ones, I wish a Holy and Blessed Christmas Day.

Yours ever sincerely in our Blessed Lord,



Colin F. H. T. Vicar

#### CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 1978

##### November

- 25th Bekesbourne Church Christmas Fayre at 2.30pm at Bekesbourne Village Hall.  
26th 27th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.  
28th Tuesday. Consultation Meeting at 8pm at the Vicarage.

##### December

- 1st Friday. The Close Christmas Fayre, The Close, Union Road, at 7.00pm.  
3rd ADVENT SUNDAY. Advent Carol Service at Bridge Church at 6.30pm.  
5th Tuesday. Meeting at the Methodist Church, Patricxbourne Road, at 7.30pm, to discuss the Christian Unity Week programme.  
7th Thursday. Annual Christmas Whist-drive of the Bridge Group of The Friends of Canterbury Hospitals, 7.15pm at Bekesbourne Village Hall.  
9th Bridge and Patricxbourne Churches' Christmas Market, 2.30pm at Bridge Village Hall.  
10th 2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT. Advent Carol Service at Patricxbourne Church.  
12th Tuesday. Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner at Elham.  
16th Saturday. Recital of music at 7.30pm at Bridge Church. Retiring collection in aid of the Christmas Market funds.  
17th 3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT.  
22nd Friday. Patricxbourne Church Carol Service at 7.30pm.

24th 4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT. CHRISTMAS EVE. See page 8 for details of the Midnight Eucharists and Christmas Day Services.

25th CHRISTMAS DAY.

26th Tuesday. St. Stephen's Day. Holy Communion at 9.30am at Bridge Church.

27th St. John The Evangelist's Day. Holy Communion 9.30am at Bridge Church.

28th Thursday. Holy Innocents' Day.

31st 1st SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

##### January, 1979

1st Monday. New Year Day, The Circumcising of Christ. Holy Communion at 9.30am at Bridge Church.

#### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

##### Holy Baptism

###### St. Peter's Church, Bridge

29th October 1978	Paul Tony Gore
12th November 1978	Douglas Guy Woodward Claire Frances DeCent

###### St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

28th October 1978	Adam Charles Wilfrid Geering
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###### St. Mary's Church, Patricxbourne

23rd November 1978	Katie Vivien Potter
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##### May They Rest In Peace

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

30th October 1978	Sydney Burt Clayson
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###### St. Peter's Church, Bridge

14th November 1978	Mark Batchelor
17th November 1978	Ethel May Carpenter

###### Canterbury Cemetery

15th November 1978	Kate Hinton
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## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

BRIDGE  
PATRIBOURNE  
BEKESBOURNE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 17th:

BRIDGE. Evensong 6.30pm – with Aylesham Primary School Recorder group.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 22nd:

PATRIBOURNE. Carol Service, 7.30pm.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24th:

BRIDGE: Evensong 6.30pm – Carols by candle-light. 11.30pm, Midnight Eucharist, Celebrant, the Vicar, Rev. Canon C. E. H. Perry.  
BEKESBOURNE: 11.00am, Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. 11.30pm, Midnight Eucharist, Celebrant, Rev. C. Harrington.

MONDAY DECEMBER 25th:  
CHRISTMAS DAY

BRIDGE: Holy Communion 8.00am. Celebrant, Rev. H. Voller. 11.00am. Family Carol Service, followed by at 11.45am by Holy Communion, Celebrant, Rev. C. Verity.  
PATRIBOURNE: Holy Communion 8.00am., Celebrant, Rev. Canon C. E. H. Perry.  
BEKESBOURNE: 11.00am, Service of Carols and Readings for the family; please bring your children. 12.00 midday, Holy Communion.

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BEKESBOURNE SOCIAL CLUB

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday December 9th, 2.30pm onwards. Entrance 5p: children free.

VARIOUS STALLS \* JUMBLE \* TOMBOLA \* RAFFLE \* CAKES etc.

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AND A REMINDER...

ST. PETER'S, BEKESBOURNE – CHRISTMAS FAYRE November 24th.



BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE

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CHRISTMAS MARKET on SATURDAY DECEMBER 9th

- \*GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW \*CHRISTMAS TREE
- \*MARKET STALLS \*AFTERNOON TEAS AND TAKE-HOME EVENING MEALS! (A speciality this year!)

*This year Patribourne are making their debut at the Christmas Market. You will hardly fail to notice our stand in the Hall proclaiming "PATRIB PANTRY TAKE-AWAY". Good people, may we appeal to you **not** to make your evening meal – just relax and let Patrib Pantry do the job for you. There will be a vast variety of cooked dishes – hygienically wrapped of course – just to be popped into the oven for twenty minutes or eaten cold. These will have been cooked in the best kitchens and by the best cooks of East Kent! You will also find sumptuous sweets to suit all tastes. All these will be very moderately priced. For the children, Fudge and Toffee Apples, so make a beeline for Patrib Pantry when you arrive or we may be sold out.*

G. A.

The Churchwardens will be pleased to accept your donation of prizes for the Grand Christmas Draw – or – Cakes, Produce, Bottles, Groceries, Toys (old or new), Christmas Decorations, White Elephants, Stationery, Sweets, Fancy Goods, Books etc. for sale on the Stalls.

BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL – SATURDAY DECEMBER 9th at 2.15 p.m.

### CHRISTMAS MUSIC AT BRIDGE

Sunday December 3rd There will be an Advent Carol Service, with carols and lessons, at 6.30pm as usual.

Saturday December 16th at 7.30pm:-

A RECITAL OF MUSIC

Roger Smith – Organ

Violet Sullivan – Soprano

Christopher Price – Tenor (Mr. Price is a Lay-Clerk at Canterbury Cathedral)

With a group of Trebles from St. Saviour, Folkestone. The Music will be for the Advent and Christmas Season, and there will be a retiring collection to swell the Christmas Market funds.

Sunday 17th December After Evensong, there will be a short concert of Recorder Music by pupils from the Aylesham Primary School.

Sunday 24th December The Christmas Carol Service at Bridge will be by candle-light. Roger Smith, Organist



#### CANTERBURY AND DISTRICT MARRIAGE GUIDANCE COUNCIL

The Chairman, Mr. Julian Carlisle, writes to us of the very valuable work done by the Council in promoting marital harmony.

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## BRIDGE

#### BRIDGE ENGLISH FOLK DANCE GROUP

This group meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month in Bridge Village Hall. Mr. Alf Matthews is the leader and teacher of the dances.

Beginners, men and women of all ages, are always welcome. Our next meeting is on Thursday December 7th at 7.45pm.

Our "Christmas Dance" is on December 21st, 7.45pm to 10.30pm, and members are asked to bring refreshments.

O. I. Knight

#### BRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS

The next meeting is on December 5th.

The Christmas Dinner will take place on Tuesday December 12th at Elham.

The Club will then close down for the winter months, re-opening some time in March 1979.

The members of the Committee of the Senior Citizens would like to thank all who gave and worked so hard to make the Annual Sale in October such a success. The total, including a donation was £115.

I would like to thank the members of the Mothers' Union for their very kind gift of a pot-plant on my resignation as Leader of the Branch in Bridge.

M. Meigh

#### MRS. MARJORIE MEIGH

With the termination of the Patricxbourne with Bridge branch of the Mothers' Union, many of us in the parish wish to express to Marjorie Meigh our appreciation of the devoted service she has given and continues to give.

Marjorie was born in Essex and with her parents for many years attended the church of Holy Trinity, South Woodford, teaching in the Sunday School from the age of fourteen, training as a nurse to become an S.R.N. and C.M.B. She married in 1923 and went with her husband as missionaries to India, where they stayed for fourteen years.

Returning to Haddlesea, Yorkshire, she became Enrolling Member of the Mothers' Union for two parishes and Presiding Member for the Selby Deanery. Following twenty-two years in Yorkshire she came to Bridge in July 1959 with her invalid husband, as by this time their son, Donald, was doing work at the Research Station, East Malling. In 1961 found her Enrolling Member of Patricxbourne with Bridge Mothers' Union, and to this activity of the church she has given the deepest care; regrettably, failing eyesight compels her to give up the work.

## PATRICXBOURNE

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PATRICXBOURNE

During the last three years the donations in the wall-box in Patricxbourne Church have averaged £57.00 per annum. In order to encourage the many visitors to the church to give more generously some minor alterations have been made to the area below the tower onto which the South door opens.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Goodwin have obtained and had enlarged a signed message from Sir John Betjeman; this they have had framed and presented to the church.

Dr. and Mrs. D. Pratt have presented a table on which the church 'guides' and postcards can be displayed to better advantage.

Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Potter have presented a table-cloth, a simple light fitting has been installed above the table.

I am very grateful for these gifts which I hope will increase the donations from visitors to this ancient church.

Colin E.H. Perry, Vicar



### THE ARCHBISHOP'S SCHOOL, CANTERBURY

We are asked by the Headmaster, Mr. Derek S. Hadman, to draw your attention to their Christmas Fair on Saturday December 2nd, where it is hoped to raise sufficient funds to buy a mini-bus for the school. The School is at St. Stephen's Hill - please visit it if you can, and help to make the school more mobile.

### BEKESBOURNE

#### ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE - Cleaning Rota

December 2nd	..	..	..	..	Mrs. Guy
December 9th	..	..	..	..	Mrs. Hodgkiss
December 16th	..	..	..	..	Mrs. Allan
December 23rd	..	..	..	..	Mrs. Smith
December 30th	..	..	..	..	Mrs. Stickells
January 6th	..	..	..	..	Mrs. Hogben

#### ST. PETER'S BELL-TEAM

The bell-ringing team at St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne has resumed practices on Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm for an hour. The Captain of the Bells, Mr. Harry Collard, would be pleased to welcome any newcomers that wish to learn the subtle arts of change-ringing. Bekesbourne is the only church of the three in the plurality that has a full ring - so we are keen to have a full team available.

#### CHRISTMAS AT BEKESBOURNE

The decorating of the church will be on Saturday December 23rd starting at 10.00am. Any help that can be given will be most welcome, as will gifts of holly and flowers.

The Service on Sunday December 24th at 11.00am will be a Christmas Service of Nine Lessons and Carols; and the Midnight Service that evening, Christmas Eve, will start at 11.30pm. The Celebrant will be the Reverend Charles Harrington, to whom we extend a warm welcome.

On Christmas Day there will be the usual Christmas Day Family Service of Carols and Readings at 11.00am. A very warm welcome will be given to all who can attend - please bring your children.

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