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BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

7th January, 1st Sunday after Epiphany

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

14th January, 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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

21st January, 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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

28th January, 4th Sunday after Epiphany

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

4th February, 5th Sunday after Epiphany

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

JUNIOR CHURCH

The Junior Church will meet on the following Sundays at 10.45am; January 21st and 28th, both at Bridge Church.

SENIOR CITIZENS

The Senior Citizens will resume meetings in March.

BRIDGE WITH PATRIXBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The January meeting will take place on Tuesday 16th at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The Speaker will be Mrs. M. McKilliam, who will talk about the work of the Consultative Council. The competition is for a home-made brooch.

We wish you a happy and holy Christmas and a peaceful New Year in 1979

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,

This letter comes to you with best wishes for the New Year.

I would like to express my personal gratitude to all those who worked so valiantly and loyally for the success of the Christmas Market. The result was quite outstanding and the takings were about £450 which is some £200 more than last year. The friendship and real goodwill that was expressed in this gathering was quite wonderful and very moving. May I also express my thanks to all those who gave gifts for the stalls and raffle, or who supported in any way.

The month of January is particularly associated in the minds of Christian people with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - which this year is from the 18th to the 24th January. Many of us in our villages are reaching out eagerly to take an active and full part in the world-wide movement for the unity of Christendom. This year the Roman Catholic Church are our hosts and have invited members of our congregation to their service of the Mass for the Unity of Christendom at St. Thomas's Church, Burgate, in Canterbury. Details will be found on page 8. I hope that many of you will go along to take part in this service of mutual prayer for each other. We all look to the Light which lighteth every man, the same light - but from different angles. Love and patience may achieve what we all desire.

I am commencing Confirmation classes at 6pm on Friday January 19th, at the Vicarage. Would those who wish to join the classes let me know as soon as possible. However I do not mind if you come on the 19th January without letting me know beforehand. I would also be most happy to know of any older person who is desirous of being Confirmed, and mutually convenient times for instruction could be arranged.

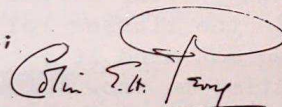
In our Calendar for this month there are two Christian festivals; the feast of the Epiphany on Saturday January 6th, and the Conversion of St. Paul on Thursday January 25th. First: the Epiphany. The cycle of Christmas is not yet closed. The liturgy of the sixth of January is a new climax. It is a feast which in ancient times was celebrated even more splendidly than Christmas. Even at the

present day it has the place in the Eastern Church which Christmas has for us. It celebrates a magnificent concept - that of the Epiphany or manifestation of the Lord. For this, three events of 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 of Cana - all initial manifestations of His glory. Since the time of the catacombs, paintings of the Magi with the gifts they bore of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the infant Jesus, have been one of the favourite ways of depicting Jesus' manifestation to the whole world. In some countries like Holland and Germany, Epiphany is called the Feast of the Three Kings.

The other event celebrated is the Conversion of St. Paul. In its far-reaching consequences his conversion is the most important event in the history of the early Christian church. His conversion was a real spiritual experience, and in his Epistle to the Romans and other letters St. Paul throws much light on the inner struggle which preceded his conversion. He was, too, unquestionably the greatest statesman of the primitive Christian church, and broad in his grasp of the world situation in which he lived, and influenced by the cosmopolitan city of Tarsus in which he was born.

Finally I trust that in the New Year of 1979 God will lead the political, economic, social and industrial life of our country to a more selfless and serving regard for our brothers and sisters, rather than the ever seeking of material gain at the expense of the suffering of others in our continuing strikes.

Yours, ever affectionately in Christ;


Colin E. H. Fry
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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

May They Rest In Peace

St. Peter's Church, Bridge

24th November 1978 Stephen Alfred Swain

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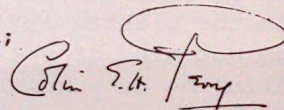
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riage has taken place within the context of the Mass. This is disappointing and we would have hoped that there was a strong case here for dispensation.

"Marriages between Anglicans and Roman Catholics-A Commentary," Church Information Office, Church House, Dean's Yard, London SW1P 3NZ. 45p.

Week of Christian Unity - 18th to 25th 1979

This year our Roman Catholic friends are the hosts. Lacking a Church in Bridge they have invited fellow Christians of other denominations to Mass for the Unity of Christendom at St. Thomas's Church, Burgate, Canterbury, at 8.00pm on Wednesday 24th January, to be followed by coffee and a get-together in the adjacent clubroom.

Members of the parish of Patricxbourne with Bridge and Bekesbourne and the Vicar will participate in the Service, and the address will be given by the Reverend R. Bradshaw of the Bridge and Canterbury Methodist Churches. Let us show, by our presence, that we wholeheartedly support the noble concept of Unity in Christ.

Transport to Canterbury will be arranged if required. Please contact Mr. A. Jackson - tel. 830489 - the Vicar, or any of the Parochial Church Council members.

C.E.H.P. A.J. D.H.



Brownies' warming gesture

The 1st Bridge Brownies Pack last Thursday presented District Commissioner Mrs. Judy Wiltshire with six blankets for the Guides and Brownies appeal (reporting to a W.A.S. appeal for blankets to replace stocks depleted after the January floods). Guides and Brownies in the area were asked to knit squares for blankets.

For the full story of the Bridge Brownies' achievement, see p12. We are sorry that pressure of space prevents a larger photograph.

BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE PCC CHRISTMAS MARKET - 9 Dec. 1978

1977		1978
£11	Gift Stall (Young Wives)	£38
25	Teas and Cakes (Mrs. Williamson)	37

-	Patricx. Pantry (Mrs. Allan)	50
24	Groceries (Mrs. Rose)	51
11	Produce Stall (Mr. Mummy)	18
-	Plants Stall (Mrs. Jackson)	10
42	Fancy Goods	-
3	Toys and Books (Miss Mason)	12
5	Christmas Tree Presents (Bridge School Children)	15
-	Christmas Tree Decorations (Bridge Brownies)	11
11	Christmas Cards	7
11	Jewellery Stall (Mrs. Johnson)	10
11	White-Elephant Stall (Mrs. Lawrence)	26
37	Bottle Stall (Mr. Hill)	81
64	Raffle (Mr. Barley)	90
37	Less: Cost of Tickets, and First Prize	20
10	Cake Raffle (Mrs. Hawkins)	4
11	Side Shows (Mr. Jackson)	15
<u>249</u>		<u>445</u>
2	Sundry Donations	37
<u>251</u>		<u>482</u>
7	Less: Hire of Hall	5
<u>244</u>	Profit	<u>£477</u>

In 1977 we were pleased with a profit of £244, so that this year we are delighted with a profit of £477. There were two new ventures this year, the Patricx. Pantry organised by Mrs. Allan, which made a handsome profit of £50; and Mrs. Jackson's Plant Stall. In addition, as can be seen in the above accounts, nearly all the stalls showed greatly increased profits compared with the previous year. This was a truly excellent effort on the part of all concerned, for which we are most grateful. C.A.P.

RESULT OF THE CHRISTMAS DRAW: Below is the result of the Christmas Draw. May we take this opportunity of thanking all who gave prizes and sold tickets. W.R. & J.B.

1. Hamper	1423	Mrs. Dawson, 21 Windmill Close
2. Whisky	0058	Mrs. P. Whigham, Bifrons Cottage, Patricxbourne
3. Whisky	1452	Mrs. Bedingham
4. Whisky	0545	A. West, c/o Mrs. Mallinder
5. Port	0420	J. Carpenter, Patricxbourne
6. Sherry	0896	Mrs. Wintle, Brewery Lane, Bridge
7. Table Lamp	0481	Mrs. Harrington, Bridge Down
8. Toast Rack	1810	Mrs. Mummy, Great Pett Farm, Bridge
9. Handbag	1133	K. Simmons, 17 Cedar Road, Sturry
10. Voucher (P. Jordan)	0128	K. Jagers, 16 Brewery Lane
11. Monopoly	0992	Mr. Hastings, 26 Shelley Road, Maidstone, Kent
12. Chocolates	0835	Mrs. Turpin, 6 Dering Close, Bridge
13. Box Soap	1518	Eric Hawkins, High Street, Bridge
14. Box Groceries	1398	Matron, The Close, Union Road, Bridge
15. Jig-saw	0799	Mrs. Morgan, 52 Union Road, Bridge
16. Crackers	0140	Mrs. Feitsma, c/o A. Jackson
17. Voucher	0362	Ms. Mould, 9 Dering Close.

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES

We start our New Year on Wednesday January 10th at 7.45pm in the Methodist Hall, with a Social Evening. Our next meeting will be on January 24th in the Methodist Hall when the Vesturer at Canterbury Cathedral, Mr. Ralph H. Brasier will be showing slides on vestments and silver treasures. I hope that all the Young Wives will make an effort to attend. E. Bevan, Hon. Sec.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

In March there will be a house-to-house collection for National Family Week, beginning on Mothering Sunday, 25th March.

May I have the names and addresses of five people willing to help cover Bridge (one living in Bridgedown if possible) and four people to cover Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne. I have one tentative offer, for Bridge. This will then enable the load to be spread and not fall too hard on one person.

The Christmas Sale in Canterbury realised £900. It was a marvellous effort on the part of all concerned. The Sweet stall made £16.75 plus 50p cash and some groceries from Bridge, the majority of the sweets being given by Bridge. Thank you all very much, including Miss Wraight who made so much for us. Mrs. Flynn made a handsome cardigan for a teenager and this has gone to one of the Children's homes. Clothes for teenagers are always welcome, but the Society does not accept second hand clothes in case the children think they are second-class.

BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

Mrs Gulvin regrets that she is unable to continue as caretaker-cleaner after the end of January, 1979.

The Committee thank her most sincerely for the good work she has done in the Village Hall over the past two years, and wish her every success in her new business.

The duties of caretaker-cleaner require five hours' work a week, at 90p an hour. Applications for this post should be addressed to Mrs. O. I. Knight, 5 Dering Close, Bridge.



BRIDGE YOUTH CLUB ENTERTAIN THE SENIOR CITIZENS

Forty-five Senio Citizens were entertained to tea at Bridge Village Hall on Saturday December 16th by the Bridge Youth Club. An address of welcome was given by the Vicar, the Reverend Canon Colin E.H. Perry.

Tea was followed by games and an entertainment. A vote of thanks is expressed to all parents and friends of Club members for the assistance given in respect of foodstuffs etcetera.

W.K.C.

BRIDGE PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

January 13th 1979 is the day booked for our annual "JANUARY SALE". We need clothes, books, toys etc. plus cakes and home-made preserves for the Cake stall. If you can help in any way please let us know - we will collect if necessary.

For *Bekesbourne* Mr. Rod Denne (tel. 830675)

For *Bishopsbourne* Mrs. Jan Lockwood (830569)

For *Bridge* Mr. David Sinnock (830841)

OR- deliver your goods to us on the morning of the Sale. BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL, (deliveries 10.00am-12noon), SALE starts at 2.00pm. Please do support us; we need your continuing help to make our functions a financial success. All proceeds go to the School. M.J.B.

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

In the Second Round of the Neame Cup Quiz our team is away to Sellindge on January 22nd.

Members of the Society have received an invitation by Messrs. Denne and Sons to *An Evening with Denne's* on Thursday January 15th at Jubilee Hall, Cow Lane, Wincheap, Canterbury at 7.30pm. There will be three films:-

In Search of an English Garden,

Tulip Fiesta (Spalding in Jubilee Year, etc.)

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Seating is limited, so if you are interested please contact John Anderson, 21 High Street, Bridge, as soon as possible. M.E.J.

PATRIXBOURNE

PATRIXBOURNE CHURCH FLOWERS - Rota for 1979

January	.. .. .	Mrs. Simmonds
February	(until March 3rd)	Mrs. Stacey
April	.. .. .	Mrs. Bell
May	.. .. .	Mrs. White
June	.. .. .	Mrs. Pratt/Mrs. Clarke
July	.. .. .	Mrs. Johnston
August	.. .. .	Mrs. Potter
September	.. .. .	Mrs. Fleming
October	.. .. .	Mrs. Johnston
November	Mrs. Bedingham

BROWNIES WARMING GESTURE - Kentish Gazette, 8.12.1978

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Bridge Brownies combined their effort with a sponsorship scheme and produced not only over a hundred squares from which they made three blankets (Mrs. Norah Ashdown sewing the squares together for two blankets and Mrs. Margaret Curtis for the other blanket) but also raised £24.85 with which four other blankets were bought.

The Brownie Guider, Mrs. Margaret Ashdown, said it was one of the best efforts the Brownies had made.

LOCAL TREFOIL GUILD

The Trefoil Guild is an Association for ex-members of the Guide movement. A local Guild has been formed holding meetings once a month at the Dominican Priory, St. Peter's Lane, Canterbury. Any ex-Brownie, Guide, Ranger or Guider wanting to find out more about this Guild should 'phone Mrs. H. Eales, Canterbury 710977 or attend the next meeting on Thursday January 11th at 7.30pm. M. Ashdown.

BEKESBOURNE

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE - Flower Rota

There is a new Rota for Flower arranging pinned to the Church door. Would anyone wishing to help St. Peter's in this practical way please fill in their names where they wish for the 1979 season. Thank you very much.

R.G.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, Cleaning Rota

January 6th	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mrs. Hogben
January 13th	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mrs. Watson
January 20th	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mrs. Grey
January 27th	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mrs. Hodgkiss
February 3rd	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mrs. Smith

The sincere thanks of the PCC is extended to all those who undertake the valuable services of Flower arranging and cleaning at our ancient Church during the year. J.P.

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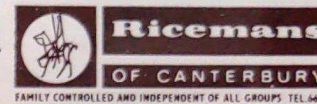


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11.45 H. Communion		
6.30pm Evensong		

11th February, Septuagesima Sunday

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

18th February, Sexagesima Sunday

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

25th February, Quinquagesima Sunday

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

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Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patribourne and Bekesbourne,

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, the last day of this month. There will be two celebrations of Holy Communion at Bridge Church at 7.30am and 9.30am. Do try to come to one of these services. Lent brings its challenge to us to take our religion seriously and faithfully. It brings its deep joys and peace but it also brings its steady discipline on which the serenity of our faith so much depends. The unique challenge of the Lenten season enables us to find new spiritual perspectives if we make it a sincere period of preparation for the blessings of Easter.

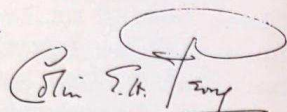
As I write Christmas is now just a happy memory and the newness of 1979 is perhaps beginning to wear a little thin. We are in the midst of fog, snow and frost, not forgetting the constant strikes and hurts which man inflicts upon man. February! A little tired of the winter and industrial disputes and not yet quite hopeful enough about the nearness of Spring. The zest with which we entered this year may have waned a little, our resolution a little tarnished and 1979 seems to be in danger of following much the same pattern as previous years. How easy it is to get a little disappointed with ourselves and our nation, and lose our sense of perspective.

But this is really a time for courage and hope. The worst of winter is nearly over and Spring is not far away. Beyond lies Easter and all the promise of victory - a victory which does not belong to one season of the year - but which is ours in Christ every moment of every day. New beginnings do not belong only to January 1st. Every day is a new day if we live it with God. The adventure of life is now - the immediate present. February may not be the brightest of months, but it is a month when Christian faith can shine brightly and effectively, when Christian love can radiate the wintry mists with holy light, and when a joyous abandon to the will of God can bring to each of us a calm realization of the unfolding of the Divine purpose in our lives.

February 16th is the sixteenth anniversary of my Induction to the benefice of Patribourne with Bridge and Bekesbourne. Sixteen years is a long time in one's ministry and it has been a most happy period of one's life. I am reminded of the ninth psalm: *Confitebor tibi* - I will give thanks unto thee

O Lord with my whole heart.

Yours ever affectionately in our Lord


Vicar

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 1979

- 2nd Friday. Purification of St. Mary the Virgin. Holy Communion 7.30am. Confirmation Class 6.00pm at the Vicarage.
- 4th FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. Preacher at 6.30pm Even-song at Bridge Church, Mr. Roger Smith.
- 6th Tuesday. Meeting of the Bridge and Patribourne Summer Fete Committee at 8.00pm at the Vicarage.
- 7th Wednesday. Bridge Church Young Wives Group, Social Evening 7.45pm at the Methodist Hall, Patribourne Rd.
- 9th Friday. Confirmation Class 6.00pm at the Vicarage.
- 11th SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY.
- 14th Wednesday. Discussion Group, 8.00pm at 20 Conyngham Lane, Bridge.
- 18th SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY.
- 20th Tuesday. Women's Institute Meeting, 7.00pm at Bridge Village Hall.
- 21st Wednesday. Bridge Young Wives Group Meeting, 7.45pm at the Methodist Hall, Patribourne Road, Bridge.
- 23rd Friday. Confirmation Class 6.00pm at the Vicarage.
- 24th Saturday. St. Matthias Day.
- 25th QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY. Scout, Guide, Cub and Brownie Service, 6.30pm at Bridge Church. Preacher: The Rev. Bruce Hawkins, Youth Chaplain.
- 28th Ash Wednesday. Holy Communion, 7.30am and 9.30am at Bridge Church.

March

- 2nd Friday. Confirmation Class 6.00pm at the Vicarage.

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"Are you Listening?" By arrangement with Radio Medway there will be five talks on Tuesday evenings with time for a "phone in". Commencing March 6th. Full details and study guides at 10p are available from David Ratcliff at Diocesan House. Apply early to avoid disappointment.

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Holy Baptism

St. Peter's Church, Bridge

28th January 1979 Hannah Mary Yardley Perry



O servant Lord,
teach us to serve.

**CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP AND
THE LAMBETH CONFERENCE**

At the Church's recent conference of Bishops, Stewardship was discussed in the light of the Gospel and, whilst the whole report cannot be reproduced in the limited space available, the following statements are particularly worthy of note:

"A greater degree of realism about what sacrificial giving means, and a wider sharing of knowledge, skills, and resources is called for. People will give according to the measure of their love for God and understanding of the Gospel. We need to study motivation and encourage Christians to give and serve for the right reasons."

"We therefore call on all members of the Churches of the Anglican Communion not only to recognise the duty and privilege of stewardship, but also to participate in the joy and fulfilment of giving with a cheerful and

willing spirit. Giving must be planned, realistic and sacrificial; but its spiritual source lies in the response of heart and mind to God's gratuitous and superabundant generosity in his creation, and in his redemption of mankind through Jesus Christ."

"Stewardship teaching must, therefore, be regarded as an essential element in all Christian education in parishes and training institutions."

"We commend the biblical principle of tithing, and call upon bishops to pledge themselves to accept it in order to give a lead to their clergy and people."

As stewardship covers the 'doing' part of our daily lives it is also very relevant to quote from the same report:

"We believe that prayer and reliance upon the Holy Spirit must be the spiritual basis of any plan of action in the Church."

D.W.

BRIDGE PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Having started the new year with our "January Sale" we now look forward to our future fund-raising programme. Our annual "Valentine Dance" will be held in the School Hall on Saturday February 17th, 8.00pm to 12 midnight. Tickets will be on sale in the local shops. As this event is an American Supper you may like to plan a table with friends - or perhaps a single couple might 'phone Sue Hopkins to arrange seating on a larger table. This event is great fun and very popular - do come.

Other dates for your diary:-

School Fete, Saturday June 30
Barbecue, Saturday July 14th.

Maureen J. Baker

Hon. Treasurer's Report on the PCC's Accounts for 1978

1978 proved to be a very successful year for the finances of the Parochial Church Council.

Dealing first with the **Revenue Account**, a net increase in expenditure of £721 compared with the previous year, was completely covered by a net increase in normal receipts of no less than £1,285. The rise in expenditure was largely due to an increase of £385 in the cost of "Repairs and Maintenance" for the two churches and a rise of £344 in the Quota.

On the "Receipts" side direct giving increased by £525, one of the most encouraging items being an increase of £220 in church collections. The increase of £400 in the profit on the Bridge Church Flower Festival over the 1977 Summer Fete could have been anticipated but the increase of £239 in the profit on the Christmas Market was an unexpected as it was welcome.

I should like to take the opportunity of thanking on behalf of the PCC the people who contribute to church funds by way of covenants or the "envelope scheme"; between them they gave a total of £1,601 in 1978, by far the largest item on the "Receipts" side. Because it is impracticable to thank them individually it does not mean that their valuable contributions are unappreciated.

Turning to the **Capital Account**, in 1977 we incurred expenditure of £1,889 on Bridge Church and £965 was carried forward into the current year towards this we brought forward a credit balance of £647. We also drew £700 from the accumulated interest on the *Anderson Fabric Fund* (a Bridge Church charity); in addition £351 was raised in Patricxbourne, a great effort on the part of all concerned. During the year we paid £450 into the General Reserve Account and it is proposed to transfer an additional £250 forthwith.

Looking to the future expenses are bound to continue to rise, for example the Quota for 1979 has been increased by £256 to £1,506 and everything points to even greater demands on the Quota.

The dramatic increase in funds available to the PCC in 1978 is most encouraging; it shows what can be done given the will and the purpose, moreover it is essential for this growth to be maintained in the future.

C.A.P.

WHAT ABOUT GIVING BY COVENANT?

Covenants provide a simple means by which Church members who pay income tax can increase their giving to the Church. The tax recovered on the covenanted gift increases its value by nearly 50% yet in few parishes is more than a fraction of giving to the Church made under Covenant. It is important that Church members should take advantage of this valuable means of giving to the Church - ask your Parish Treasurer to tell you more about it.

BRIDGE JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB

I should like to thank all those who braved the elements to attend our fund-raising Disco on December 30th, when £13.25 was our profit.

It was suggested by Barry Crick, at present serving on H.M. Collingwood, that a collection be taken for the Littlebourne girl, Fay, who is to go to America for a brain operation. The boys and girls responded to this idea warmly - most of them tipping the entire contents of purses and pockets into Barry's collecting box, so that £5.79½ was spontaneously raised from about forty-eight dancers. The Tennis Club will make up the difference, and a cheque for £10 will be forwarded to Fay's fund. H.J.W.

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES GROUP

On February 7th we shall be holding our Social Evening, which was to have been held on January 10th but had to be cancelled due to weather conditions. The Evening will commence at 7.45pm in the Methodist Hall, Patricxbourne Road.

February 21st. The Group will meet at 7.45pm in the Methodist Hall, Patricxbourne Road. Details of this meeting will be advised later. E.B. Sec.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PATRICXBOURNE, CHOIR FUND

There will be a Bring-and-Buy on Tuesday 13th February at Ardpriority, Bekesbourne Lane, from 10.30am to 12 noon, in aid of the Patricxbourne Choir Fund.

Tea and biscuits will be provided, and there will be no admission charge. Please support this effort as our kitty is empty. G.A.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE - Cleaning Rota

February 3rd	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mrs. Smith
February 10th	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mrs. Stickells
February 17th	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mrs. Hogben
February 24th	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mrs. Watson
March 3rd	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mrs. Grey

BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE W.I.

Our next meeting is on February 20th in the Village Hall. This will be a *Farmers Forum* and is an OPEN MEETING. Anyone interested in hearing the opinions and views of the farmers is very welcome to attend. I am sure we will have a most interesting and informative evening.

Members meet at 7.00pm and our visitors are invited to come along at 7.45pm. Hope to see you there. The competition is for a Limerick about Farming. G.S.H.

FOUNDERS DAY SERVICE

The co-Founders of the Scout and Guide Movements, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, shared their birthday - February 22nd - and a Church Service to mark the occasion will be held at St. Peter's Church, Bridge, for Bridge Cub Scouts, Brownie Guides and Guides, and 1st Littlebourne Scouts.

All parents, relatives and friends are warmly invited to join the regular parishioners for Evening Service at 6.30.

H.J.W.

1st LITTLEBOURNE SCOUTS

The core-membership of this Scout Troop are Bridge boys - which explains this brief report of their activities. The Scouter, Mr. C. Hopper of Ash, would like to obtain a Scout hut for use not only of Scouts, but by Cubs, Brownies and Guides in the Nailbourne area - which he sees as a long term objective in five years' time.

To start the ball rolling, he has asked the Fund-Raising Committee's help in organising wastepaper collections in Bridge and Littlebourne. This is advance warning of a three month experiment, which will run for May, June and July - and if it proves successful, it will be extended. Households will receive details of collections at a later date.

H.J.W.

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The entry in the January issue of the magazine regarding *An Evening with Denne's* was incorrect. The date is, in fact FEBRUARY 15th and not January 15th, starting at 7.30pm. If you are interested please contact me at 18 Conyngham Lane, Bridge. M.E.J.

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6.30pm Evensong		

18th March, 3rd Sunday in Lent

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

25th March, 4th Sunday in Lent

8am Holy Communion	9am Holy Communion	11am Mothering Sunday Service
6.30pm Evensong		

1st April, 5th Sunday in Lent

11am Matins	8am Holy Communion	11am Passion Sunday: <i>Cross of Christ</i>
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Dear parishioners of Bridge, Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne,

First I would commend to your prayers the young people of our parish who will be confirmed on Sunday April 1st at 10.30am at Wingham Church. To impose hands on someone in the name of God means to transfer him into the sphere of God. This is the gesture with which the Apostles gave the Spirit of God to Christians. Peter and John "laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit" (Acts 8: 17). Christians still receive this sign as they grow to maturity. Confirmation, strengthening, is the sacrament which in some ways perfects baptism. The gift bestowed in baptism is strengthened in Confirmation. The joy and strength of the Holy Spirit are celebrated once more very specially at Confirmation.

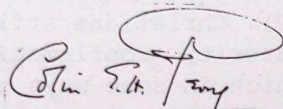
The Sacrament of Confirmation should be viewed, like baptism, only in the context of the whole life of the Christian. Confirmation should be viewed in connection with those gifts of the Holy Spirit which are related to Christian maturity: this power to forget one's own interests and to bear witness to Christ. Confirmation gives every Christian the mission of bearing witness and serving the world. It makes him responsible in his own state of life. In the light of this realisation of responsibility I bid you recollect your own Confirmation.

We are now in the season of Lent. The Church spends forty days in preparation for the events of the Passion, the Cross and the Resurrection which took place in Jerusalem. During this time a particularly urgent summons to repentance goes out to Christians. It is a time for trying to better our lives - a time of conversion. It is time too of penance, when we defend our inner freedom against all that curtails our attitude of service and love. Our repentance and renewal are not for our own sake alone but for God's sake and the world's sake too. On the First Sunday in Lent the Gospel of the Day tells of the temptations in the desert, where Jesus overcame the effort to turn him from his task in life - total service. The liturgy of Lent is remarkable for its choice of Scripture readings. It has three main subjects; penance to obtain forgiveness (specially in the first week), reflection on baptism (specially in the third and fourth weeks) and the Passion of Christ

(specially in the fifth and sixth weeks). Passiontide begins with the Fifth Sunday where the liturgy is centred on Jesus going to His Passion. The Passiontide meditation *The Cross of Christ* will be sung at 11.00am at Bekesbourne Church on Passion Sunday, April 1st.

Lenten boxes will be found in all our Churches and I trust that many will take one home so that our contribution to the missionary work of the Church may be large, and sacrificial.

Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord.


Vicar

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 1979

- 2nd Friday. Women's World Day of Prayer. See notice in Bridge Church porch. Confirmation class 6.00pm at the Vicarage.
- 4th First Sunday in Lent.
- 6th Tuesday. Senior Citizens Club reopens 2.15pm at Bridge Village Hall.
- 7th Wednesday. Inaugural meeting of the Bible Group Study Circle, 8.00pm at 20 Conyngham Lane, courtesy of Mr. Barry Whiting.
- 9th Confirmation class, 6.00pm at the Vicarage. Annual General Meeting of the League of Friends of Canterbury Hospitals - Bridge Group, at 7.30pm at Bridge Village Hall.
- 11th Second Sunday in Lent.
- 13th Tuesday. Bridge and Patricxbourne Church Summer Fete Committee meeting, 8.00pm at the Vicarage.
- 16th Friday. Confirmation class, 6.00pm at the Vicarage.
- 18th Third Sunday in Lent. British Summer Time begins. Preacher at 6.30pm Evensong at Bridge Church: Mr. Anthony Reader-Moore, Lay Reader.
- 20th Tuesday. Bridge with Patricxbourne W.I. meeting, 7.00pm at Bridge Village Hall.
- 23rd Friday. Confirmation class, 6.00pm at the Vicarage.
- 25th Fourth Sunday in Lent. The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mothering Sunday: Family Service 11.00am at Bekesbourne Church.
- 28th Wednesday. Young Wives Group visit to the Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury.

29th Thursday. Bridge Village Hall Management Committee, Annual General Meeting 8.00pm at Bridge Village Hall.

April

- 1st Fifth Sunday in Lent. Passion Sunday. Passiontide Music, 11.00am at Bekesbourne Church. Confirmation Service at 10.30am at Wingham Church.
- 3rd Tuesday. Bridge and Patricxbourne Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Election of Churchwardens at Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm.

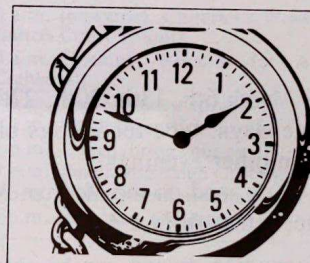
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Holy Baptism

St. Mary's Church, Patricxbourne
10th February 1979 George Thomas Henry Rooke
18th February 1979 Louise Holliday

May They Rest In Peace

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne
26th February 1979 Norah Harriett Hayes



Put your clocks and watches forwards one hour when you go to bed on Saturday March 17th 1979 - B. S. T. starts.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council of Bridge will take place at Bridge C. of E. Primary School, Conyngham Lane, at 7.30pm on Thursday 15th March.

A film, *Caring For The County*, is being shown - followed by the usual business of an A.G.M., and discussion on the new Village Hall project and other interesting subjects. Refreshments will be provided after the meeting to which all are invited. Items for discussion also include: Early morning 'bus services to Canterbury, Congestion of vehicles in Bridge High Street due to waiting vehicles, and the Cost of vandalism to lamps etc.

E.D.



LENT COURSE, 1979

Apart from Services and Special Events (like Coronations) we are not used to using Radio as an aid to Church teaching and discussion. But this Lent the two Dioceses of Canterbury and Rochester, together with other Churches, have co-operated with Radio Medway to produce a

Lent Course called "Are you Listening?". The idea is that on five Tuesdays Radio Medway will broadcast a talk on the basic theme of listening. Church members are then invited to discuss the subject of the talk. Later on, Radio Medway will have a 'phone-in to pick up any points that listeners want to make.

Obviously, anyone can listen in by himself, but here in Canterbury the Christian Council are organising House Groups made up of members of different Churches, so that this will be an oecumenical exercise. Already over twenty Groups have been set up in Canterbury, and many more will be needed. The programme each evening will be:—

- 8.00pm. Introduction (and Letters)
- 8.15pm. Speaker
- 8.40pm. Group discussion
- 9.15pm. 'Phone-in discussion.

The dates of these broadcasts are Tuesday March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th and April 3rd. For those unable to meet on Tuesdays, tape recordings of the talks will be available, and Groups may meet on other evenings.

Radio Medway broadcasts on VHF on 96.7 M/cs, and on the Medium Wave 290 K/cs. It is usually easily heard in Bridge, although in a dip.

Application forms to join the listening and discussion groups can be obtained from St. Mary Bredin Church in the Old Dover Road.

BOOK REVIEWS

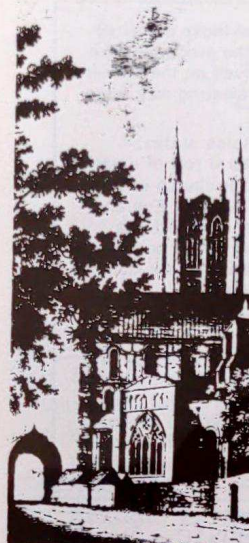
Experiences of a Verger. (G. J. Scriven, 40p). The book contains the experiences of a verger in a Parish Church for twenty-six years and is full of interest. The author intends to give any profits to the work of the Church Army. Available from Mr. Scriven, 8 Orion Road, Rodwell, Dorset.

The Church of St. Stephen, Proto Martyr, Hackington, Kent. (J. Hayes, 25p). This history of a very historic church is superbly illustrated and full of interest for all who love our parish churches. Copies, at the very



low price of 25p, may be obtained from The Revd. E. A. Pearce, The Rectory, St. Stephen's Green, Canterbury.

The Giver of Life. (M. Carey, S.P.C.K., 70p). This little book is to be warmly recommended to all for use in Lent. It comprises a series of Daily Lenten Meditations on the subject of the Holy Spirit which are at once inspiring and challenging.



CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

KIRCHENTAG Canterbury Cathedral

A day of Worship, Learning and Fellowship for Adults and Children designed around the theme of "Listening". Up to 1,000 participants are expected.

Speakers:

"Listening to God"—The Revd. Austin Williams, Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

"Listening to One Another"—Dr. Jack Dorman, a Consultant Psychiatrist and Author

"Listening to the World"—The Revd. Nicholas Stacey, Director of Social Services for Kent.

Preacher:

Dr. Walter Hollenweger, Professor of Mission, Birmingham University.

Children's Workshop

Mr. Percy Edwards of Radio and T.V. fame.



Saturday,
24th March,
1979



Programme

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| 9.30 a.m. (onwards). Children's Workshop (Barton Court School). | Chapter House. |
| 10.00 a.m. Opening Worship for Adults (Cathedral). | 4.00 p.m. Worship . . . Holy Communion, including presentation by children. |
| 10.30 a.m. Talks by guest speakers. | 5.00 p.m. (approx.) Conclusion. (Parents and children meet in Chapter House). |
| 11.15 a.m. Small Discussion Groups. | Full details, publicity and registration forms from: The Revd. David Ratcliff, Diocesan House, Lady Wootton's Green, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1NQ. Tel. Canterbury 64453. |
| 12.45 p.m. Lunch (bring your own). | |
| 2.00 p.m. Small Discussion Groups. | |
| 3.00 p.m. Plenary Session with Speakers. | |
| 3.30 p.m. (approx.) Children to Cathedral | |

MARCH AT THE CATHEDRAL

Throughout March a course of sermons will be preached in the Cathedral at the 11 a.m. Sung Eucharist and the 6.30 p.m. Evening Service. Those in the morning will be on the Prayer Book Gospel for the Day, and will be delivered by the Archdeacon of Canterbury (4th and 11th), the Dean of St. Albans, the Very Revd. Peter Moore (18th) and the Dean of Canterbury (25th). The Sunday Evening sermons have been arranged by the Diocesan Education Team under the umbrella title "Christians Respond!" and the individual preachers and themes are as follows:—

- 4th March *Response to God.* Canon C. F. Pollard.
 - 11th March *Response in the World.* The Revd. Bruce Hawkins.
 - 18th March *Response to Work.* The Revd. David Clift.
 - March 25th *Response in the Family.* Mrs. A. Schofield.
- At 3.15 p.m. Evensong on Sunday, 18th March, members of the team of bell ringers will be formally admitted.
- Saturday, 24th March is Kirchentag Day.

On Saturday, 31st March, at 7.30 p.m., Canterbury Choral Society is giving a performance of Bach's *St. John Passion* in the Cathedral Nave, as a result of which Evensong that day will be at 5.30 p.m., not 3.15 p.m.

Are you on the **CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL**? Ask the Vicar for a form.

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

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

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

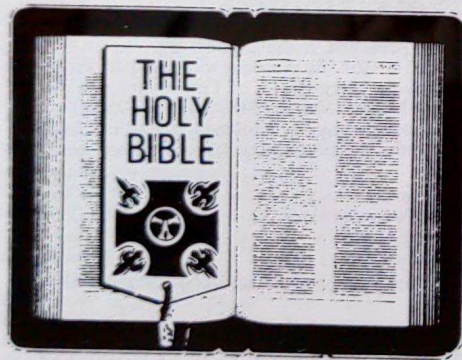
ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BRIDGE - EVENSONG AND MUSIC

We are shortening Evensong on Sunday 4th March, and the young people in the Choir are giving a short concert of instrumental music: if you come you will hear music for Violin, Recorder, Flute, Piano and Oboe.

The Choir is a very happy group, and it is good for them to be given the chance to offer yet another aspect of their music-making to the Glory of God.

There is no charge for entry, and there is no truth in the rumour that it will cost £2 per head to escape!

Roger Smith



The Inaugural Meeting of the Bible Group Study Circle will be at 8.00pm on Wednesday 7th March at 20 Conyngham Lane, Mr. Barry Whiting's house.

The Bible is not only the text-book for Christianity but the instruction-book for life - and repays all study a hundredfold.



From St. Thomas's Parish Magazine.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee will be held on Thursday 29th March at 8.00pm at the Village Hall, Bridge.
B.G.C.

VILLAGE HALL HIRE RATES GO UP

The Bridge Village Hall Management Committee regret that due to inflation they have been forced to raise the hire charges for the village hall with effect from 1st March, as follows:-

Dances and private parties (Village Residents)	.. .. .	£8.00 per session	
Dances and private parties (Non residents)	.. .. .	£12.00	..
Fund-raising activities (including Jumble Sales)	.. .. .	£6.00	..
Senior Citizens	.. .. .	£1.00	..
Cubs and Junior Badminton	.. .. .	75p	..
Children's parties	.. .. .	£5.00	..
Senior Badminton and all other meetings	.. .. .	£2.50	..

B.G.C.

BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE W. I.

The next meeting is on March 20th at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker is Mr. P. Webb from the Kent Nature Conservation group. The competition is for a snapshot of a Rural Scene.

G.S.H.

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES

On March 14th the Group will meet in the Methodist Hall at 7.45pm. On March 28th the Group will be visiting the Marlowe Theatre to see the Canterbury Amateur Operatic Society's production of *Die Fledermaus*

E.B.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY HOSPITALS - BRIDGE GROUP
 We invite you to our A.G.M. on Friday 9th March in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm. A short talk will be given by Dr. J. Appleyard, Children's Physician.

There will also be a Bring-and-Buy Stall and Raffle. Refreshments of Cheese and Wine will be served. We look forward to seeing all our Hospital Friends, and anyone interested.
 F.E. Apps, Hon. Sec./Treasurer

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PATRIBOURNE, CHOIR FUND SUCCESS
 A big Thank you to all those people who supported our Choir Fund Bring-and-Buy. We made £21 which will enable us to buy some new music and add to our Psalters and Hymn Books.

When you are doing your spring-cleaning (!!) should you come across a small locker type piece of furniture you no longer require, we would be happy to give it a new home in St. Mary's to hold our music and choir books. Colour does not matter as it will be painted to tone in with the church - but preferably with some shelves. Please look around. Thank you.
 G.A.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE
 On Sunday April 1st at 11.00am - Passion Sunday - the service will be *The Cross of Christ* which will be sung by Choir and congregation, with readings on Christ's Passion and Death.

We do hope that you will make a special effort on this day of days to attend.
 S.G.

MOTHERING SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE
 On Sunday March 25th at 11.00am at St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, the Service for Mothering Sunday will be held. We ask that mothers, fathers and children come to this lovely Service. It is *Mothers' Day* and we all owe so much to them, so let us have a great gathering to show our love.
 S.G.

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

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March 17th	Mrs. Smith
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March 31st	Mrs. Hogben

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR APRIL 1979

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

1st April, 5th Sunday in Lent, Passion Sun.

11.00am Matins Preacher: Rev. H. Rainbow 11.45 H.C. 6.30pm Passiontide Music	8am Holy Communion	11am Passion of Christ - with readings
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8th April, Palm Sunday

9am Holy Communion Series III 6.30pm Evensong	11am Matins and Sermon	8am Holy Communion
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15th April, EASTER DAY

See page 8 for details of Eastertide Services, etc

22nd April, Quasimodo or Low Sunday

8am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	9am Holy Communion	11am Matins
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29th April, 2nd Sunday after Easter

9am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong Preacher: Rev. J. Packer	11am Matins and Sermon Preacher: Rev. Canon J. Packer	8am Holy Communion
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JUNIOR CHURCH

The Junior Church will meet on the following Sundays at 10.45am: April 1st at Bridge Village Hall, April 8th, 22nd and 29th at Bridge Church.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS AND ELECTION OF CHURCH-
WARDENS

The Annual Meetings will be as follows:-

Bridge with Patricxbourne PCC: APRIL 3rd at 7.30pm in the
BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL.
Bekesbourne St. Peter's PCC: APRIL 17th at 7.30pm in the
BEKESBOURNE VILLAGE HALL.

It is important that all those whose names are on the Church Electoral Roll should try to attend these meetings. After each meeting there will be an extra-ordinary meeting of the newly elected council to elect officers for the year.

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,

As we approach the commemoration of the Passion we think of our Lord making his last journey to Jerusalem in the knowledge that He was going to die. Passing through Jericho He gave sight to a blind man, and we read that this man saw and subsequently followed Jesus in the way. If we are to follow in this way of the Cross our own blind eyes must be opened, and we need deliberately to ask God of His goodness to open them for us. What do we need to see in our keeping of Holy Week and Good Friday in this year of our Lord 1979? We need to see something of the picture of suffering which goes on in the world: the hungry and the oppressed, the refugees, the homeless, those who are unjustly imprisoned, those without medical care, the lonely, the aged and those under the constant shadow of wars. If, like the blind man of Jericho, our eyes are opened we can bear just a little of the world's need upon our hearts as we try to pray near the Cross. As we do so we may forget our own needs, value more greatly our freedom and give thanks to God for our blessings. Also there should be penitence that to achieve material gain we have used, and still use, the sufferings of our brethren.

So this month brings us to the very heart of our religion - our thoughts are centred on the meaning of the Cross in the light of the empty tomb of Easter. The Cross is the symbol of our faith as the way of redemption of the soul of man, which was accepted by our Lord as the will of the eternal Father. The truth of the Cross is the way which leads to eternal life: "I am the way, the truth and the life". We all need the assurance of Easter Day to set the seal on what we believe. It is the triumph of good over evil, life over death, love over hatred. These are the imperishable realities of our revealed Christian faith. When it was yet dark, the women and the disciples visited the tomb. All was black, there was no light, human possibilities were exhausted, hope was under ground. But with God all things were possible - that is the ultimate meaning of Easter.

You will see from the magazine the many opportunities that will be provided for Communion on Easter Day, and we shall look forward to services crowded with joyful worshippers.

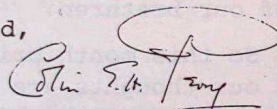
On Sunday April 1st the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place at Wingham Church. The service commences at 10.30am and I hope that there will be many representatives of our parishes present. Please remember in your prayers those young people who are to be confirmed, and pray that it will be an unique experience of spiritual enrichment and enlightenment.

We are so sorry that Mr. Stanley Grey, our Churchwarden and Organist at Bekesbourne Church has been ill, and we assure him of our prayers and affection, and look forward to his return in full recovered health at Eastertide.

You will find noted on page 4 the times of our Annual Parochial Church Meetings and Election of Churchwardens of our two parishes. I do trust that many people will set aside the time to come. Full reports will be given on the spiritual and financial activities of the churches, and of their fabric.

May this Eastertide bring you a great and joyful renewal of your life in Christ our Risen and Ascended Lord. That life is ours already; our task is to discover increasingly the joy and strength of living it.

Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord,



Vicar

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 1979

March

31st Saturday. Spring-clean of Bridge Churchyard, 10.00 am onwards.

APRIL

1st PASSION SUNDAY, Fifth Sunday in Lent. Confirmation at 10.30am at Wingham Church. Passiontide music: *Cross of Christ* 11.00am Bekesbourne; 6.30pm Bridge Church.
3rd Tuesday. Bridge with Patricxbourne Churches Annual Parochial Church Meeting, and Election of Churchwardens, 7.30pm at Bridge Village Hall.
8th PALM SUNDAY: distribution of Palms at all services.
8th-14th: HOLY WEEK: See page 8 for details of Holy Week and Good Friday services.

12th Thursday. Patricxbourne Parish Meeting, 7.30pm at the Old Vicarage, Patricxbourne.

13th GOOD FRIDAY.

15th EASTER SUNDAY: details of services again on page 8.

17th Tuesday. Bekesbourne Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Election of Churchwardens, 7.30pm at Bekesbourne Village Hall.

19th Thursday. Bridge and Patricxbourne Church Summer Fete Committee meeting, 8.00pm at the Vicarage.

22nd Low Sunday, Sunday after Easter.

24th Tuesday. Joint Discussion Group Meeting with the Methodist and Roman Catholic Churches at 8.00pm at the Methodist Church, Patricxbourne Road.

25th Wednesday. Holy Communion, 9.30am at Bridge Church. Bridge Church Young Wives Group Meeting at 7.45pm at the Methodist Hall, Patricxbourne Road. (St. Mark's Day).

29th Second Sunday after Easter.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BRIDGE

10th March 1979

James Batchelor

Gay Batchelor

Joy Helen Batchelor

A SERVICE FOR PASSION SUNDAY

A Service for Passion Sunday will be held at St. Peter's Church Bridge, on Sunday April 1st at 6.30pm.

We ask you to meditate with us upon St. Luke's account of aspects of Our Lord's Passion, using more simple choral music by the Choir, and the lively maningful words and music of *100 Hymns for Today*.

CHURCHYARD SPRING-CLEAN

A Spring-clean of the churchyard of St. Peter's, Bridge, is planned for Saturday 31st March, starting at 11.00am. (Weather permitting). Volunteers will be most welcome - please bring whatever gardening tools you can, in particular rakes, secateurs, small saws and wheelbarrows. Gloves are also recommended.

"Many hands make light work" !

C.J.



SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK

BRIDGE CHURCH

Monday 9th April 9.30am Holy Communion
 Wednesday 11th April 9.30am Holy Communion
 Maundy Thursday 12th April 7.30am Holy Communion
 9.30am Holy Communion
 Good Friday 13th April 8.00am Ante-Communion and Litany
 2.00—3.00pm Devotional Service

PATRIXBOURNE

Tuesday 10th April 8.00am Holy Communion

BEKESBOURNE

Good Friday 13th April Matins and Sermon



Decorating the Churches for Easter

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BRIDGE

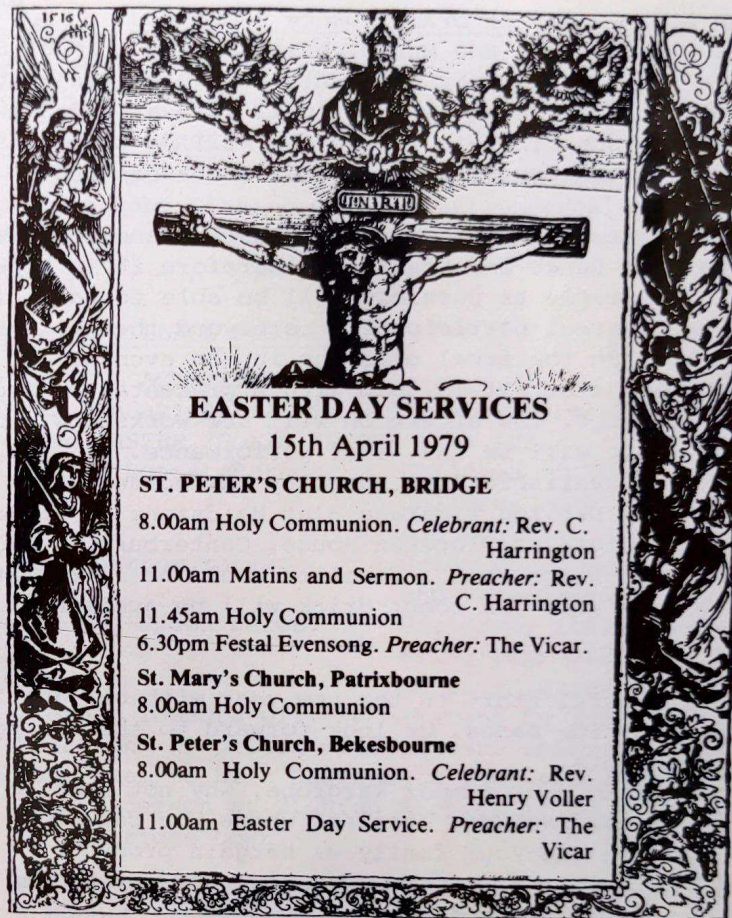
This will take place on Saturday April 14th at 10.30am. Any offers of help or gifts of flowers will be most welcome. Donations for the purchase of Easter Lilies to Mrs. Roger Hunter or Mrs. Elsie Apps, please.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PATRIXBOURNE

The decoration of this church for Easter will take place on Friday April 13th from 2.00pm onwards. Offers of help and gifts of flowers would be most appreciated. Donations for the purchase of Lilies to Mrs. Charles Potter, please.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE

The decoration of Bekesbourne Church will begin at 10.30am on Saturday April 14th. We should be most grateful for help, and gifts of flowers to make the church as beautiful as possible for this great Festival.



EASTER DAY SERVICES

15th April 1979

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BRIDGE

8.00am Holy Communion. *Celebrant:* Rev. C. Harrington

11.00am Matins and Sermon. *Preacher:* Rev. C. Harrington

11.45am Holy Communion

6.30pm Festal Evensong. *Preacher:* The Vicar.

St. Mary's Church, Patrixbourne

8.00am Holy Communion

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

8.00am Holy Communion. *Celebrant:* Rev. Henry Voller

11.00am Easter Day Service. *Preacher:* The Vicar

SICK AND PRIVATE COMMUNION

The Vicar would be glad to know the name of anyone who wishes to receive Easter Communion at home.

EASTER DAY RUBRIC

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

EASTER OFFERING

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.

PAUL FOR ALL - a day of Drama, Dance and Music

A day of Drama, Dance and Music, based on the life of St. Paul, has been arranged by the Canterbury Diocesan Education Committee on Saturday 28th April 1979 at All Saints Church, Maidstone. The aim of the day will be to demonstrate and teach the use of these media in worship and Church life.

Much enthusiasm has been shown in the Diocese for the development of Dance and Drama and therefore it is hoped that as many people as possible will be able to participate. Those who feel participation is beyond them will be welcome to watch the final offering in the evening.

The day will start at 10.30am with a presentation and basic performance, the afternoon will see workshops, and at 7.00pm there will be the final performance.

Details are available from Rosemary Hawthorne, the Organiser - of Detling Vicarage - at Maidstone 30796, or from Ann Schofield at Diocesan House, Canterbury.

There is no charge, but a donation would be appreciated. Finally - take your own food; drink will be available.

P.T.A. NEWS

After a successful start to the new year with our Jumble Sale and Valentine Dance, we look forward to the Spring and Summer events.

To brighten up your summer wardrobe, why not come to one of our 'Burbrook Fashions Parties' where you can buy clothes for you and your family at bargain prices?

Monday April 9th, at Maureen Baker's, Gorsley Lodge, Bishopsbourne

Thursday May 3rd, at Wendy Durell's, Beech Lea, Aerodrome Road, Bekesbourne

Tuesday May 8th, at Karen Wynyard's, 3 Park View, Mill Lane, Bridge

Wednesday May 16th, at Brenda Crouch's, 6 Bridge Down, Bridge.

Forthcoming events: A car treasure hunt and ploughman's supper is being held on Friday June 8th; Saturday June 30th a Bar-B-Que to be held at Bishopsbourne; Saturday July 11th, the School Fete will again take place in the School Grounds. We look forward to seeing you.

M.J.B.



BABY SITTING CIRCLE

Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart is hoping to gain new members for the Bridge Baby Sitting Circle. All interested persons please 'phone Bridge 830344 (4 Meadow Close, Bridge).

BRIDGE NEW VILLAGE PROJECT

FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES:

Easter Monday, April 16th 1979 at 10.30am.

A GRAND EASTER FROLIC IN THE HIGH STREET.

1. Easter Bonnet Parade: Children up to age 5
Children aged 5 to 16
And Adults
2. Wheelbarrow races: Bring your own wheelbarrow and passengers
3. Egg-and-Spoon races: Children, ladies and gents.
Bring your own egg & spoon.
No glues allowed!
4. A great TOMBOLA will be arranged in the 'bus shelter. Donations of prizes will be very welcome. Please deliver them to Eric Hawkins at the Newsagent shop, to John Anderson at 21 High Street, or to Peter Lawrence at 72 Bridge Down.

This project needs your support. Enjoy the fun - dress up! Make a bonnet - get into training for the races. Remember, you must join in to win!

Future events: details later -

July 7th - Fete on Bridge Recreation Ground.

September 21st - Dance at Westgate Hall, Canterbury.

Fund-Raising Committee, Bridge, 16.3.1979

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES

A Games Evening has been arranged for our meeting on Wednesday April 25th at 7.45pm in the Methodist Hall. Members may bring along any games of their choice. This will be the Group's only meeting for April.

E. Bevan, Hon. Sec.

BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE W. I.

On April 5th from 2.45pm there will be an afternoon for Scrabble enthusiasts at 5 Dering Close, the home of Mrs. O. Knight. Anyone who enjoys a game of Scrabble is invited for 25p.

On April 17th we will be holding our Diamond Jubilee Birthday meeting in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. Members are asked to bring a small plate of refreshments. The competition is for six home-made sweets. Do not forget the celebration Dinner on May 5th. G.S.H.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS - further reminder

Bridge and Patribourne: Tuesday April 3rd, 7.30pm at the Bridge Village Hall.

Bekesbourne St. Peter's: Tuesday April 17th, 7.30pm at the Bekesbourne Village Hall.

N.B.:

Nomination forms for the election of members of the Parochial Church Councils may be obtained from the Hon. Secretaries of the P.C.C.s or from the Vicar. It is essential that the nominee's consent shall be obtained and that his or her name is on the Parochial Electoral Roll.

PATRIBOURNE PARISH MEETING

The Annual Assembly of the Patribourne Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday April 12th at 7.30pm at the "Old Vicarage", Patribourne, by kind permission of Dr. and Mrs. D. G. Pratt.

C.A.P.

It should be stressed that a 'Parochial' meeting is concerned with the church, and that a 'Parish' meeting is that of the local authority in the parish - Ed.

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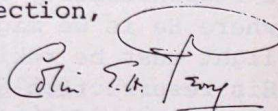
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Annual Parochial Church Meetings to serve our churches as Churchwardens, Officers of Secretary and Treasurer, Members of the Deanery Synod, Parochial Church Councillors and Sidesmen. They indeed carry out the eternal work of Christ in this particular part of God's world.

You will know by now that I shall be retiring from the Benefice of Bridge, Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne on August 31st 1979. I too ask your prayers during the closing months of my ministry with you.

Yours most sincerely and ever with affection,


Vicar

CALENDAR FOR MAY 1979

- 1st Tuesday. Ss. Philip and James' Day.
3rd Thursday. Election day for both Parliamentary elections and Canterbury City Council elections, 7.00am-10.00pm.
5th Saturday. W.I. Silver Jubilee Celebration Dinner, in Bridge Village Hall at 7.00pm.
6th Third Sunday after Easter. Preacher at 11.00am Matins at Bridge Church, Dr. Anne Plumptre; at 6.30pm Evensong, Rev. Canon John Packer.
9th Wednesday. Bridge Church Young Wives Ramble, commencing at 7.30pm from the Methodist Hall, Patricxbourne Road.
13th Fourth Sunday after Easter. NB. Methodist Church Anniversary Service 11.00am.
17th Thursday. Methodist Church Anniversary Service at 7.30pm, followed by Refreshments.
19th Saturday. Bekesbourne Church May Fayre, 2.30pm at the Village Hall, Bekesbourne.
20th Fifth Sunday after Easter.
22nd Tuesday. Coffee Morning, 10.30am to 12 noon at the Vicarage, Bridge, proceeds going towards new carpets in Bridge Church. W.I. meeting at 7.00pm at Bridge Village Hall.
24th ASCENSION DAY. Holy Communion 7.30am and 9.30am at Bridge Church.
27th Sunday after Ascension.
28th Monday. Spring Bank Holiday.

June

3rd WHIT-SUNDAY

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Peter's Church, Bridge

27th March 1979 David John Cheng
Susanne Cheng
15th April 1979 Elizabeth Mary James

May They Rest In Peace

St. Peter's Church, Bridge

11th April 1979 Dorothy Cowell

Barham Crematorium

2nd April 1979 Edith Margaret Baker
3rd April 1979 Walter Knowles
24th April 1979 Daisy Wright

COFFEE MORNING AT THE VICARAGE

There will be a Coffee Morning on Tuesday May 22nd from 10.30am to 12 noon at the Vicarage, in aid of a new carpet for the centre aisle at Bridge Church. One is rather ashamed of the present state of the matting covering the aisles of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins have given me details of the history of the present carpeting. It was laid down in the Silver Jubilee year of King George V in 1936 at a cost of 5/11 a yard (approx. 30p a yard!), so it has had forty-three years' use. It really is about time we had a new carpet. If you are unable to come, donations would be most welcome. If the weather is fine, the Coffee Morning will be held in the Vicarage gardens - if wet, in the Vicarage.

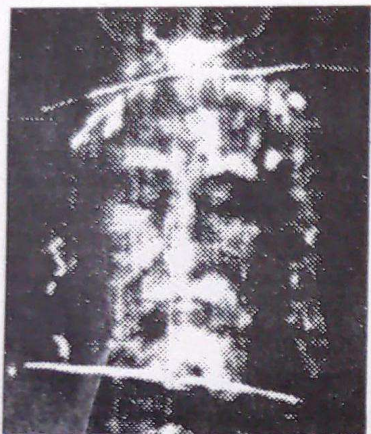
Audrey Perry

BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH, EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Anglicans at Bridge have been kindly invited by their brethren at the Methodist Church, Bridge, to celebrate with them the Eighty-fifth Anniversary of the Methodist Church. The Services to which you are invited are on:-

SUNDAY May 13th. 11.00am
THURSDAY May 17th. 7.30pm - followed by refreshments.

The Churchwardens of St. Peter's Church have sent their kind acknowledgement of this invitation and have wished the Methodists a very happy Anniversary.



La Santa Sindone

The face that stares out from the Shroud reveals the final mystery,
 God's face, compassionate yet proud,
 who on his throne above the clouds
 will judge us on that wrathful day,
 yes, he who stares out from the Shroud,
 that day on which all cry aloud
 "O Virgin, intercede for me
 with God, compassionate yet proud.

On that Good Friday through the crowd
 you trod the way to Calvary
 alive, not staring from a shroud.

With body bloody but unbowed
 you later rose triumphantly,
 your face compassionate yet proud.

To all who have allegiance vowed
 you promise life eternally,
 you who stare out from the Shroud,
 you, God, compassionate yet proud.

R.H.

BROWNIES RECEIVE PRIZE

Brownies from the Bridge and Waltham packs who came joint first in a recent competition, received their award last Thursday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Montgomery, president of the Canterbury Brownie Rural District, presented them with the Jessica Trophy, which she donated a few years ago on the birth of her grand-daughter, Jessica.

The ceremony, at Bridge Primary School, marked the two packs' achievements in compiling the best songbooks in the district. They could also have made a poetry or prayer book.

The Brown Owls who organised the books were Mrs. Jean Bidwell (Waltham) and Mrs. Margaret Ashdown (Bridge).

Also at the presentation were the Canterbury Division Commissioner, Mrs. Gwen Day, and the Canterbury Rural District Commissioner, Mrs. Judy Wiltshier.

From The Kentish Gazette March 15th 1979.

MAGAZINE COMPETITION

The results of the Diocesan Magazine Competition are as follows:

First (over all)—St. George's, Deal.
 Best (Home Produced)—Detling.
 Best (Professionally Produced)—Folkestone Parish Church.

Runners up:

Home Produced—Appledore, St. Andrew's, Croydon.
 Professionally Produced—Whitstable, Benenden.



WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY 1979

World Children's Day is observed in the United Kingdom on **June 15th**, in response to the U.N. Resolution of 1954 recommending that all nations should set aside a day each year to encourage friendship and understanding among the children of the world and to make the general public more aware of the needs of children.

1979 is the International Year of the Child and this brings greater significance to the celebration of World Children's Day and a greater opportunity for us all to renew our concern for children everywhere. The theme for the Day this year will be the child's "Right to adequate nutrition and medical care", part of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child.

During 1979 millions of Third World Children under five will die. Most of these deaths are quite unnecessary, caused as they will be by malnutrition and disease. Sufficient food of the right kind, and even the most basic medical care can help these children to survive to enjoy a better future, and adequate pre-natal and post-natal care for mothers can ensure a better start in life for their babies.

All over the Third World the United Nations Children's Fund is helping govern-

ments to provide health services for their people in places where they can reach them easily and at times when they need them, to immunise children against disease, to provide clean water for communities where a tap is unknown and a pump a luxury, to provide special weaning foods, and to teach mothers the importance of vegetables and protein foods to their children and how to provide them. We now know that a child's mental development depends on how it is fed from the beginning of its life. Proper nourishment in these early years is of vital importance if children are to grow up healthy and able to play a proper part in the life of their communities.

All money raised through World Children's Day this year in the United Kingdom will help UNICEF to continue to carry out this vitally important work. The lives of millions of children are at stake.

We are convinced that co-operation of the Churches is most important and suggest that reference to the day should be made during the Sunday preceding the day.

Details, literature and information from U.K. Committee for UNICEF, 46-48 Osnaburgh Street, London, NW1 3PU. (Tel. 01-388 7487).

KIRCHENTAG ("CHURCH DAY") 1979

"Through each perplexing path of life
 Our wandering footsteps guide . . ."

So the congregation sang in the opening worship at the Kirchentag on March 24th 1979. On a beautiful sunny morning over eight hundred people from around the dioceses gathered in Canterbury Cathedral. We divided afterwards into three groups according to the aspect of study we had selected in advance. The ideas put forward in these study groups were interesting, searching, reflective and new, so time was allowed for meditation on what we had heard.

However this was not a day of passive participation only - as the Kirchentag Prayer said: "You sent your Word, Jesus, to take our flesh", that is "energy" - and the later

morning and early afternoon were given to small group discussions or, for some, a music workshop.

The atmosphere was one of happy, creative thought, an exchange of experiences (some hilarious, some profound), and altogether this was a worthwhile endeavour for anyone interested in 'listening' in 1979.

At the end of the day we came together in our three groups for plenary sessions, then all joined together for Holy Communion in the Cathedral Nave.

A.J.W.

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES

On May 9th, weather permitting we will be going on a Ramble. Members please be at the Methodist Hall by 7.30pm. If the weather is unsuitable, please bring your knitting.

The Group is making a visit to the Conservatory at Wye College on WEDNESDAY MAY 23rd. As we have some spare seats if there are any adults (men or women) who would care to accompany us on this visit, would they please contact any of the following members as soon as possible: Mrs. Eileen Bevan (Tel. 830449), Mrs. Brenda Wood (Tel. 830296) or Mrs. Dot Talbot at 68 High Street, Bridge. The fare will be £1.00 per head. The coach will leave "Vanity Fair", Western Avenue, at 6.30pm sharp. It may be possible for visitors to purchase plants if they so wish.

E.B. Hon. Sec.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The House-to-house Collection in March realised £85.05 for Bridge, Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne. A very satisfactory effort and I thank all who assisted me; Mrs. Allan, Mrs. Apps, Mr. and Mrs. Beckett, Mrs. Bevan, Miss Coton, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Packer, Mrs. Purchase, Mrs. Stevenson and Mrs. Wimpory. An extra thank-you to Mrs. Packer who spent an afternoon helping me to check the contents of the envelopes, and who also took me to the Bank in her car. £45 in silver and £7 in nickel is quite heavy and there were notes and 50p pieces as well. Thank you all very much for your support.

The boxes realised about £20 on their annual opening. We will have a coffee morning later on, and in the autumn I hope a film show on the Society's work.

F.V.B. Mason, Hon. Sec.

BRIDGE NEW VILLAGE HALL PROJECT

On Easter Monday morning in warm sunshine, over three hundred people arrived in the High Street, and in just under two hours the sum of £203 was raised for the fund.

The Committee would like to thank all those who gave prizes, spent money, took part in the competitions, or gave help (or encouragement!). It was a remarkable combined effort.

M.E.J.

BRIDGE WITH PATRICXBORNE W.I.

On May 5th we are holding our Silver Jubilee Celebration Dinner in the Village Hall at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

On May 22nd we will be discussing the Resolutions for the Annual General Meeting to be held in the Albert Hall.

The competition is for an Apron made from used materials.

There are still several subscriptions outstanding and the Treasurer will be pleased to receive these at any time.

G.S.H.

THE CLOSE

May I thank everyone who kindly sent messages, cards and gifts to me whilst I was in hospital; it is good to be home again though I cannot work.

During 1979/80 we hope to raise enough money to purchase a minibus to take our residents out. We now have weekly Whist Drives, Mondays 7.00pm - 15p admission includes refreshments - why not join us? Everyone welcome.

Again, we are collecting jumble, we can collect from you if necessary if a call is made to Bridge 830265.

Due to lack of Green Shield stamps, we were unable to buy our chair-lift, but the stamps have been used to obtain our weekly raffle prizes for this year - the proceeds of which go to our amenity fund.

If you have any spare seedlings or plants we would be very grateful to receive them as we are trying to build up a garden at the back of the Home for residents to sit out in during the summer.

I often get asked about our work here - later in the year there will be several open days and everyone will be welcome to come and see.

D. Upton, Matron

BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE SUMMER FETE 16th June 1979

UNDER-THE-HAMMER!

At this year's Summer Fete to be held on June 16th it is intended to introduce an Auction of useful and attractive articles. The Auction will be conducted professionally. It is hoped that this will add both to the enjoyment of the afternoon and to the church funds which are being called on to meet the high cost of electrical and stone work, and maintenance of the roof timbers at St. Peter's.

We have a Christian duty to maintain our churches and to pass them on to the next generation in a sound condition. With this in view we are calling on our parishioners who are willing to provide suitable articles for auction. Details will be circulated later about collection, but we ask your co-operation in making this an outstanding success.

S.F.C.

ST. PETER'S, BEKESBOURNE, MAY FAYRE

We do hope that you will give us your support at the May Fayre on Saturday 19th May at Bekesbourne Village Hall from 2.30pm, as I must say you have always done.

We should be very grateful for gifts for the Raffle prizes, jumble, produce, gift-stall, books and cake stall. Please would you bring them to the Village Hall on the morning of the Fayre, where we shall be there to receive them from 10.30am onwards. If collection is necessary would you please telephone Bridge 830522.

S.G.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE, P.C.C.

Would all members of the new Parochial Church Council please note that there will be a meeting of the Council on Tuesday May 29th at 7.30pm, at Mulberry Cottage, Bekesbourne, by kind invitation of Mr. W. Mowll.

J.P.

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3rd June, WHIT-SUNDAY

11am Matins 11.45 H. Communion 6.30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Communion
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10th June, TRINITY SUNDAY

9am Holy Communion Series III 6.30pm Evensong	11am Matins and Sermon	8am Holy Communion
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17th June, 1st Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	11am Matins
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24th June, 2nd Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	9am Holy Communion	11am Matins 11.45 H. C.
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1st July, 3rd Sunday after Trinity

11am Matins 11.45 H. 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: June 3rd at Bridge Village Hall, June 10th, 17th and 24th at Bridge Church. July 1st at the Hall.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Deanery Mothers' Union Corporate Communion will be held on Thursday June 28th at 7.30pm. This will be followed by light refreshments in the Village Hall.

THE METHODIST CHURCH, BRIDGE

Morning Service is held at the Methodist Church in Pat-rixbourne Road, Bridge, every Sunday morning at 11.00am.

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,

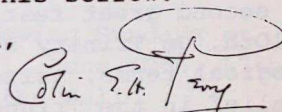
During this month of June we celebrate two of the great festivals of the Church. The first is Whitsunday which falls on June 3rd. It is the festival of the Holy Spirit. Just before the Ascension our Lord promised to send the Holy Spirit to comfort and sustain His Church, and ten days after the Ascension the Holy Spirit descended on the assembled Church to remain with it for ever: this is the great event we celebrate at Whitsuntide. The Church, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit comes into contact with the world. This is a great act of charity: the Church during Whitsunday will think of all humanity. To this end it will seek to be poor, simple, humble in its language and manner. The Church will seek to make itself understood. It will give to the people of today the opportunity to hear its voice, and to itself the opportunity to speak to men with ease in the language of its times. To all it extends the proclamation of hope! To all it offers the light of truth, of life and of salvation, since it is God's will that all we should be saved, and be led to recognise the truth. The Church is ever a mystery. It is a reality imbued with the divine presence, and for that reason it is ever capable of new and deeper investigation. To the living Christ the living Church responds.

The second great festival we keep is Trinity Sunday, on June 10th. On Trinity Sunday at Matins we proclaim in strong theological terms, using the words of the Athanasian Creed our belief in the Triune God. This is the Catholic Faith and that Faith in full sequence has been made to pass before us in its orderly course since Advent Sunday. The Love of God in sending His Son; the Love of the Son in coming; the Love of the Holy Ghost - first in cooperating in the work of man's redemption, then in its perpetual indwelling in the Church of the redeemed. All this has been set forth amongst us. God Three, and God One: One in unity of Being and of Love; of infinite Power, Wisdom and Goodness; the Maker and Preserver of all things visible and invisible. God in His holy Church is ever teaching us of Himself; teaching us the supreme lesson that "God is Love". The Father is Love, the Son is Love, and the Holy Ghost is Love. Such is the revelation we have been taught, such is the truth we have learned.

The Summer Fete of Bridge and Patricxbourne Churches this year will be held on Saturday June 16th at Bridge C.of E. School grounds. A full list of stalls will be found in the middle of this magazine. I do encourage everyone to take their full part in helping with the stalls, by gifts to the stalls, and by coming personally. This is an opportunity for us to come together as a family. I am confident that we will combine to make this a pleasant and financially successful occasion.

It has been a particularly sad month with the deaths of Fred Tyler, who served the village and Church of St. Peter, Bekesbourne for over forty years; and Lionel Williams, one-time Secretary to the Bridge-Blean R.D.C., serving the village and Church of St. Peter, Bridge for thirty-three years. It is the close of lives of great singleness of purpose and devoted service of our Lord. May God bless and comfort those who mourn their loss. May God the Holy Ghost shed abundantly His love in their hearts. We extend also our deepest sympathy to Mr. Peter Williams, who was a member of Bekesbourne Choir for many years, on the loss of his parents Joan and John Williams - within four days of each other. John Williams taught for over twenty years at the old Bridge School in Patricxbourne Road. We assure Peter of our Love and prayers at this time of his sorrow.

Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord,


Vicar

CALENDAR FOR JUNE, 1979

- 3rd WHITSUNDAY.
- 6th Wednesday. Young Wives Group Meeting, 7.30pm at 3 Western Avenue. Bring-and-Buy Coffee Evening.
- 7th Thursday. Summer Fete Committee Meeting, 8.00pm at the Vicarage.
- 10th TRINITY SUNDAY
- 11th Monday. St. Barnabas the Apostle. Holy Communion, 9.30am at Bridge Church.
- 16th Saturday. Bridge with Patricxbourne Churches' Summer Fete, 2.15pm at Bridge School Grounds.
- 17th 1st Sunday after Trinity.
- 19th Tuesday. W.I. Meeting 7.00pm at Bridge Village Hall.

- 21st Thursday. Bring-and-Buy Sale, 10.30-12 noon at Mrs. Becket's, 3 Riverside Cottages, in aid of Patricxbourne Choir Fund.
- 24th 2nd Sunday after Trinity. Feast of St. John Baptist.
- 26th Tuesday. Bridge and Patricxbourne Churches' PCC Meeting, 7.30pm at Bridge Village Hall.
- 28th Thursday. East Bridge Deanery Mothers' Union Holy Communion Service, 7.30pm at Bridge Church.
- 29th Friday. St. Peter, Apostle and Martyr. Holy Communion 7.30am at Bridge Church. NB. Our Roman Catholics in Bridge are celebrating Mass at Bridge Church at 7.30 pm.

July

- 1st Third Sunday after Trinity.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

<u>St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne</u>	
29th April 1979	Daniel Adam Pearson
20th May 1979	Zara Claire Bannerjee
20th May 1979	Mark James Thornby

Holy Matrimony

<u>St. Peter's Church, Bridge</u>	
19th May 1979	Raymond William Harrison Smith and Judith Margaret Gordine

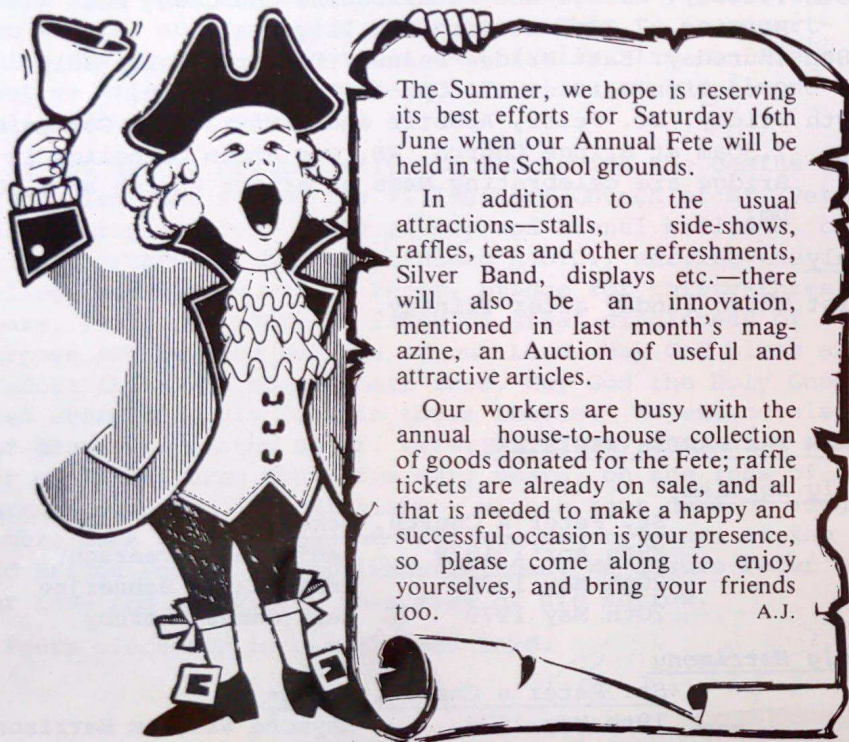
May They Rest In Peace

<u>St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne and Barham Crematorium</u>	
17th May 1979	George Frederick Tyler

<u>At Barham Crematorium</u>	
11th May 1979	Harold Jordan Leslie Talbot

<u>St. Peter's Church, Bridge and Barham Crematorium</u>	
29th May 1979	Lionel James Williams

BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE SUMMER FETE



The Summer, we hope is reserving its best efforts for Saturday 16th June when our Annual Fete will be held in the School grounds.

In addition to the usual attractions—stalls, side-shows, raffles, teas and other refreshments, Silver Band, displays etc.—there will also be an innovation, mentioned in last month's magazine, an Auction of useful and attractive articles.

Our workers are busy with the annual house-to-house collection of goods donated for the Fete; raffle tickets are already on sale, and all that is needed to make a happy and successful occasion is your presence, so please come along to enjoy yourselves, and bring your friends too. A.J.

SATURDAY JUNE 16th from 2.15pm
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FESTIVALS

Bapchild

June 15th-17th, Flower Festival. Information from Mrs. Terry, 31 Fox Hill, Bapchild, Nr. Sittingbourne. Sittingbourne 72805.

Ripple, St. Mary

Festival of Praise in Flowers, July 20th-22nd. Information from Mrs. Ledger, Ripple Farm. Deal 4997.

Westwell, St. Mary

Flower Festival, September. Details from Mrs. Humphreys, Cumberland, Westwell Lane, Westwell.

Boughton Monchelsea

Flower Festival, June 29th-July 1st. Information from Mrs. W. G. Warriner, Lime Tree Cottage, Boughton Monchelsea.

MUSICIANS— please note . . .

After many years of devoted service at St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, Mr. Stanley Grey is retiring as Organist and Choirmaster in the Autumn; and at St. Peter's Church, Bridge, Mr. Roger Smith, Organist and Choir Master, is retiring as well at the end of the year to prepare for entering the Church as an Ordinand. He, too, has done a great deal to encourage church music at Bridge. Both will be sorely missed. Would the readers of the Magazine please help to advertise the vacancies which are created?

An appreciation of the life of Mr. Fred Tyler of Bekesbourne, who died recently will be published in the next issue of the Church Magazine. Our sympathy is extended to his widow, Marjorie, and his family. R.I.P.

THE CAMBRIDGE BIBLE COMMENTARY ON THE NEW ENGLISH BIBLE

The right of the University of Cambridge to print and sell all manner of books was granted by HENRY VIII in Royal Letters Patent of 20th July 1534, and the first Cambridge Bible was published on 29th May 1591. Since then, the University Press has published a long line of Bibles and Commentaries down to the *New English Bible* completed in 1970 and the Cambridge Bible Commentaries completed on 1st May 1979.

It has been a great privilege to be one of the three General Editors of the Commentaries for the last twenty years. The Press chose Professor P.R. Ackroyd of London University, Professor A.R.C. Leavey of Nottingham University and myself to plan the series. This was back in 1960, and the task was first to invite scholars from all over the world to write commentaries on the books of the New Testament for the use of teachers and students in schools and colleges, and for the minister and layman. Such a wide field of readers presented the writers of the commentaries with a difficult job, and the general editors with the problem of keeping the standard of each volume at the level of the rest. All the text of the *New English Bible* was to be printed with sections of commentary alternating with the biblical text. Beside the commentaries on the New Testament books, we also published an introductory volume *Understanding the New Testament* and a volume of maps and plates, *New Testament Illustrations*. The seventeen volumes were completed by the end of the sixties and the Press found our work sufficiently acceptable to ask us to continue with the much larger task of similar volumes on the Old Testament and Apocrypha in the *New English Bible* translation published in 1970. This series was to have two introductory volumes, *Understanding the Old Testament* and *The Making of the Old Testament* as well as the volume of *Old Testament Illustrations*. The three general editors also wrote the commentaries for three of the volumes; Bob Leavey, *The Letters of Peter and Jude*; Peter Ackroyd, *The First and Second Books of Samuel*; and I, *The Acts of the Apostles*.

The total number of volumes produced in the twenty years is fifty-four, the work of fifty men and women from universities in England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, the United States, Canada, Australia, India and New Guinea. Already many of the volumes have been reprinted three or four times, and translations have appeared in countries as far apart as Spain and Japan.

On May 1st 1979 the Cambridge University Press invited all who had contributed to our series to a lunch-party at Bible House in London, and the chief guest was the Archbishop of Canterbury, who had chaired the original N.E.B. Joint Committee when he was at York.

The three General Editors have met with wonderful co-operation from the Cambridge Press officers and printers, from the volume contributors, and have found working together a real inspiration. Perhaps the subject has contributed to this.

I am happy to say that our threefold association has not ended with the completion of the series, as we have now been asked by the Cambridge University Press to edit a series on the *Writings of the Jewish and Early Christian World from 200 B.C. to A.D. 150* — works which are not in the Bible.

J.W. PACKER

(Congratulations! — Ed.)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S, BRIDGE WITH ST. MARY'S, PATRIBOURNE

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Sidesmen: Dr. N. Allan, Mr. G.D. Millyard, Mr. N.H. Cruse, Mr. D. Farbrace, Mr. J. Purchase.

The above appointments were all made at the Annual Vestries of the Churches, 1979

PATRIBOURNE COFFEE MORNING FOR THE CHOIR

Mr. and Mrs. Beckett of 3 Riverside Cottages, Patribourne, are kindly having a Coffee-Morning with a Bring-and-Buy Stall on Thursday June 21st from 10.30-12 noon to raise funds for Patribourne Choir. It is hoped at a future date to robe the junior members of the choir, and this will be the first contribution towards the children's robes.

As our choir has grown during the year we are now short of psalters with music, and would appreciate a gift of a psalter from any member of the congregation.

LIONEL J. WILLIAMS - an appreciation

On Sunday May 20th Mr. Lionel J. Williams died at the age of eighty-four years, and so ended a life of service to the community.

He came to Bridge in 1926 as Clerk to the former Bridge Council and Board of Guardians, also the office of Registrar of births, marriages and deaths. In 1935 he became Clerk to the newly-formed Bridge-Blean Rural District Council, a post he held until he retired in 1959.

He was Honorary Secretary to the Patribourne with Bridge Parochial Church Council for more than thirty years, and served under five Vicars - the Rev. H. Knight, Rev. W.H. Gregory, Rev. Geoffrey Church, Rev. Robert Penney and the present Vicar, the Rev. Canon C.E.H. Perry. He sang in the Choir; he was a Governor of Sturry Secondary School, and Chairman of the Managers of Bridge and Patribourne School for over ten years, and was involved in most aspects of village life.

He left Bridge in 1965 after the death of his wife, and spent his last years in Herne Bay. His sons, Robert and Dennis, and their families live in the Canterbury area.

Harry Hawkins

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES

The Young Wives' programme for June:- June 6th. The Group will be holding a Coffee-Evening and Bring-and-Buy at 3 Western Avenue, Bridge, 7.30pm to 9.00pm. All are welcome. June 20th. Weather permitting, we will be having our annual Bat-&-Trap Evening commencing at 7.30pm. Details as to the venue will be given later. E.B.

BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE W.I.

The meeting on June 19th at 7.00pm in the Village Hall is a demonstration of Supper Dishes by SEGAS. The competition is for a Scotch Egg.

On June 28th Mrs. N. Turpin will be having a Coffee-Morning at 6 Dering Close from 10.30am in aid of funds. Please make every effort to attend. G.S.H.

SUCCESSFUL COFFEE-MORNING AT BRIDGE VICARAGE

We would like to thank very much Mrs. Elsie Apps and all the helpers at the Coffee Morning on May 22nd at the Vicarage, and to extend our gratitude for all the wonderful support we were given by donations and gifts, and the presence of so many people. It was a very happy morning.

The excellent result was £120.50 towards the provision of new carpeting for the aisles of Bridge Church.

LITTLEBOURNE PLAYGROUP

This well-established playgroup is looking for a new supervisor from September. Anyone interested should contact the Secretary, Mrs. Coleman (Littlebourne 78-675) for details.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

A reminder that any interesting local news items or society reports can be telephoned or sent to Mrs. M. Gabbé, 4 Newport Cottages, Bekesbourne (830-007) - who collects and writes local news for the Kentish Gazette.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE

The distribution of the Parish Magazine has been kindly undertaken by Mrs. Millyard of School House. She will be grateful for your co-operation I know, and we are most grateful to her for undertaking this monthly job.

After Mrs. Sandall was unable to distribute the Parish Magazine, it was for quite a time taken round by Mr. Fred Tyler - who continued, with help from Dr. Nigel Allan, up to his recent death. We would like to note our appreciation of this work as well. S.G.

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

Mrs. HODGKISS	June 2nd
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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR JULY 1979

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

1st July, Third Sunday after Trinity

11am Matins 11.45 Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Communion
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8th July, Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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

9.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	11am Matins
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22nd July, Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

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: July 1st at Bridge Village Hall, July 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th at Bridge Church

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

There will be a Coffee Morning in aid of the above (with of course, Bring-and-Buy and Raffle and any other novelty I can think of) on Friday July 27th at 33 High Street, Bridge, 10.00am-12.30pm. I do hope you can all come.

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

THE METHODIST CHURCH, BRIDGE

Morning Service is held at the Methodist Church in Patribourne Road, Bridge, every Sunday morning at 11.00am.

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,

Our Summer Fete was an outstanding success and we all had a very lovely day. We obtained well over £500, which is twice as much as our previous record. Our gratitude to all who worked so loyally, gave gifts so generously and the many of you who supported us with your presence. You have always supported the Church magnificently.

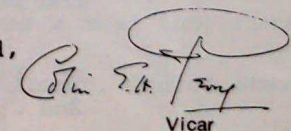
Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. Stewart Shorey on the death of his dear wife Alice. Mr. Shorey was our Churchwarden at St. Peter's, Bekesbourne for many years and he and his wife celebrated their Platinum Wedding some years ago. We assure Mr. Shorey of our love and prayers.

With Trinity Sunday over, we have come to the end of the first half of the Church's year, and we have started on the long list of the Sundays after Trinity. The great festivals of the first half of the year remind us of the main Christian truths and dogmas, and during Trinity-tide we should consolidate this teaching by studying the theme for each Sunday suggested by the Collect for the day and amplified in the teaching of the Epistle and Gospel.

We are so deeply sorry that Mr. Wilfred Mowll, our Vicar's Warden at Bekesbourne Church, is ill. He has the assurance of our love and continuing prayers.

Finally - the need and value to this world of our own personal faith. Our faith is ever the beginning of a new life. Our faith is necessary, our faith is *necessary*. Without faith in Christ our life does not have the true interpretation, it is just epilogue. Our faith is our certainty; it is our foundation. It is our light, our comfort, our hope. So it is necessary for the hope of the world. It is always a question of putting the faith - religious and spiritual values - in first place. Christianity is not a privilege for some, but a gift for all. So it speaks of the universality of our own personal faith. The deeper it is, the greater does it shine upon the world.

Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord,


Vicar

CALENDAR FOR JULY 1979

- 1st Third Sunday after Trinity. Petertide Ordination at Canterbury Cathedral.
- 3rd Tuesday. East Bridge Deanery Synod meeting at 7.30 pm. at St. Augustine's College.
- 4th Wednesday. Young Wives Annual General Meeting 7.45 pm. at the Methodist Hall.
- 7th Saturday. Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas Beckett. Village Fayre: Flag Day for the Friends of Canterbury Hospitals.
- 8th Fourth Sunday after Trinity. The Gardens of Cobham Court, Bekesbourne, open under the National Gardens Scheme, in aid of the District Nurses. The Church of St. Peter's, Bekesbourne, will also be open nearby.
- 10th Tuesday. Bekesbourne PCC meets at 7.30pm at the Old School House, School Lane, courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. D. Millyard.
- 15th Fifth Sunday after Trinity.
- 18th Wednesday. Last Meeting of the Season of the Young Wives, 7.45pm at the Methodist Hall.
- 22nd Sixth Sunday after Trinity. Feast of St. Mary Magdalene.
- 25th Wednesday. Feast of St. James the Apostle. Holy Communion at 9.30am at Bridge Church.
- 27th Friday. Coffee Morning and Bring-and-Buy Sale in aid of the Church of England Children's Society, 10.30-12.00 noon at Miss Mason's, 33 High Street, Bridge.
- 28th Saturday. Patricxbourne Dog Show at Wingham Village Hall, starting at 1.30pm.
- 29th Seventh Sunday after Trinity.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Peter's Church, Bridge
3rd June 1979 Louise Anne Larkins

Holy Matrimony

St. Peter's Church, Bridge
2nd June 1979 Peter Jackson and
Gillian Jagers

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne
2nd June 1979 Peter Michael Hull and
Pauline Dorothy Stevens

May They Rest In Peace

St. Peter's Church, Bridge, followed
by Barham Crematorium

29th May 1979 Lionel James Williams

Barham Crematorium

1st June 1979 Constance Daisy Clements

6th June 1979 Alice Mary Shorey

15th June 1979 George James Key

BRIDGE CHURCH CARPETING

As we did so well as the recent Coffee Morning at the Vicarage in aid of carpeting for the aisles at St. Peter's Bridge, we have sufficient money to pay for the centre aisle and the Lady Chapel - which would leave only the north aisle still to be done. I have decided to guarantee the £50 needed to complete the work.

I am wondering if there is anyone who would still like to give a donation. If so would they kindly send it to Mrs. Elsie Apps, 34 High Street, Bridge. It is hoped that there will be a further effort between now and Christmas to raise this money. Any efforts of help will be appreciated by Mrs. Elsie Apps.

Audrey Perry

I think we would like to thank Mrs. Perry for guaranteeing the money, which we will do our best to repay by Christmas 1979.

Frances E. Apps

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Canon Perry,

I am writing on behalf of our Church Council held last evening to express our sincere appreciation of the support given by yourself and your parishioners who joined in our anniversary celebrations.

Would it be possible please, to insert a note in the Parish Magazine, to let everyone know how much this support and attendance meant to us. Also to apologise for the overcrowding! The Thursday evening was a most inspiring evening. With sincere thanks,

P.A. Grant, Church Steward

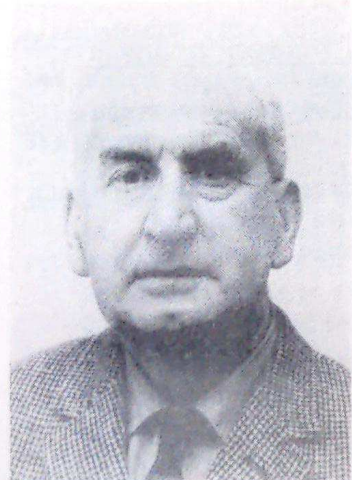


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MR. FRED TYLER

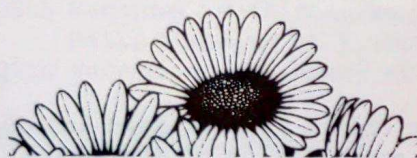
George Frederick Tyler was born at Sturry and was educated locally. At the age of 16 he went into the Royal Flying Corps as a Boy Entrant just before the outbreak of the First World War. He rose to the rank of Sergeant, and was concerned with the engineering side, servicing the aircraft of the day. He went overseas with his Squadron and spent some three years in India.

In 1928 he left the Royal Air Force, and met his future wife through his cousin, who had been a school-time friend of Marjorie. On their marriage in 1930, Fred and Marjorie moved to Chota, Bekesbourne, where they stayed.

He set up a poultry farm and became an accredited breeder from that time until he ceased business in 1966, working under difficult circumstances through the Second World War when supplies were difficult and the countryside alive with troops.

After the War he was elected on to the Bekesbourne Parish Council in 1946, where he gave great service to the community for thirty-three years. He was elected Chairman of the Council on the death of Mr. Bill Wallis, his predecessor, in the middle of 1971—and was due to finish his term of office only in the Spring of this year. Unfortunately illness prevented his attending the last meetings of the Council. Up until the reorganisation of local government he was also the Bekesbourne representative on the old Bridge-Blean R.D.C. The Secretary of the Parish Council said of Fred: "Nothing was too much trouble for him, he served the community for many years, and certainly played his part in local affairs".

Fred and Marjorie had one daughter, Ruth; and we offer them our sympathy in their loss, as we in the community feel the loss of a good man.



FESTIVALS

July 20-22 at St. Mary, Ripple. Details from the Revd. N. Gallagher, The Rectory, Great Mongeham.

September 14-16 at All Saints, Stanford. Details from Evonne Reed, 2 Yew Tree Close, Stanford, Nr. Ashford. Phone Sellindge 3384.

June 29-July 1 at St. George, Deal. Details from the Revd. Peter Bowers, The Vicarage, St. George's Road, Deal. Phone 2587.

STAPLE

July 21 and 22, Flower Festival in St. James the Great. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. each day.

Details from Mrs. Cave, Chalk House Farm, Barnwole, Staple.

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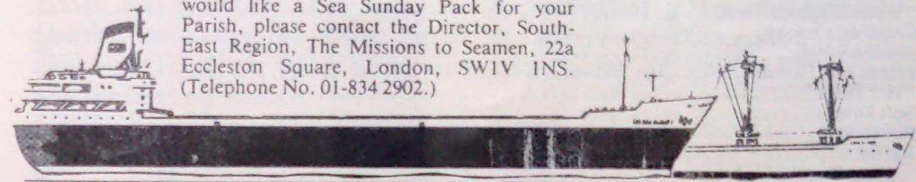
Festival, July 20-23. Proceeds towards Restoration Appeal. Information from The Rector, The Rectory, 13 Ersham Road, Canterbury. Canterbury 62686.

BIDDENDEN

Flower Festival, July 14-15. Details: The Rectory, Biddenden. Phone, Biddenden 291454.

SEA SUNDAY—JULY 8th, 1979

In many Churches throughout the world Sunday, July 8, will be observed as a day of prayer for seafarers and those who serve them. If you have not already ordered but would like a Sea Sunday Pack for your Parish, please contact the Director, South-East Region, The Missions to Seamen, 22a Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1NS. (Telephone No. 01-834 2902.)



A reminder of the Gospel Message:

The Resurrection is an integral part of our faith.

The following is an extract from "Letters to Young Churches" by J. B. Phillips—an up-to-date translation from the Greek of 1 Corinthians 15, and appropriate to Ascensiontide.

For I passed on to you Corinthians first of all the message I had myself received—that Christ died for our sins, as the Scriptures said He would; that He was buried and rose again on the third day, again as the Scriptures foretold. He was seen of Cephas, then by the Twelve, and subsequently He was seen simultaneously by over five hundred Christians, of whom the majority are still alive, though some have since died. He was then seen by James, then by all the Special Messengers and last of all, as if to one born abnormally late, He appeared to me! I am the least of the Special Messengers, and indeed I do not deserve that title at all, because I persecuted the Church of God. But what I am now I am by the grace of God. The grace He gave me has not proved a barren gift. I have worked harder than any of the others—and yet it was not I but this same grace of God within me. In any event, whoever has done the work, whether I or they, this has been the Message and this has been the foundation of your faith.

Now if the rising of Christ from the dead is the very heart of our Message, how can some of you deny that there is any resurrection? If Christ is not risen then neither our preaching nor your faith has any meaning at all. Further it would mean that we are lying in our witness for God, for we have given our solemn testimony that He did raise up Christ—and that is utterly false if it should be true that the dead do not, in fact, rise again! For if the dead do not rise neither did Christ rise, and if Christ did not rise your faith is futile and your sins have never been forgiven. Moreover those who have died believing in Christ are utterly dead and gone. Truly, if our faith in Christ were limited to this life only we should, of all mankind, be the most to be pitied!

But the glorious fact is that Christ *did* rise from the dead: He has become the very First to rise of all who sleep the sleep of death. As death entered the world through a man, so has rising from the dead come to us through a Man! As members of a sinful race all men die: as members of the Christ of God shall all men be raised to life, each in his proper order, with Christ the Very First and after Him all who belong to Him when He comes.

Then, and not till then, comes the End when Christ, having abolished all other rule, authority and power, hands over the Kingdom to God the Father. Christ's reign will and must continue until every enemy has been conquered. The last enemy of all to be destroyed is death itself.

BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE CHURCH FETE

Teas - cakes	£	60
Grocery stall		77
Produce stall		34
"White Elephant" stall		42
Children's books		13
Jewellery stall		10
Plants and Flowers		15
"Hot Dogs"		31
Soft Drinks		5
Bottle Stall		119
Raffle	98	
Less: Prize	10	88
Various side shows		58
Donations		22
		574
Less: Expenses		
Band	30	
Hire of School	9	
Raffle Tickets	12	51
Profit		523

This was a most successful day in every way. The profit of £523 was a record for this Fête (the average profit for three years 1975-77 was £213).

We are most grateful to the stall-holders and the many other helpers, and above all to the large number of people who attended the Fête and supported it so generously. C.A.P.

BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE CHURCH FETE

Below is a list of winning ticket numbers in the Raffle. May we take this opportunity of thanking all those who gave prizes and bought tickets.

TICKET NO	PRIZE	NAME	ADDRESS
1573	£10 grocery hamper	Mrs. F. Ennis	4 Lynton Place
1710	Prestige carving set	Mrs. M. Hodgson	Patribourne Road
1907	Whisky	S. Hammon	Trenalls, High Street
0451	Sherry	Mrs. Fox	Chalk Pit Cotts, B'bourne
0745	Sherry	C. Wallis	St. Martin's Hospital
1805	Sheaffer pencil	Shorter	6 Ford Close, Bridge
0158	Chocolates	Mrs. Cowie	c/o. P. Lawrence
0205	Wine	Anne Taylor	33 Crown Point, London
0708	Wine	Mrs. Crutwell	1 Western Ave., Bridge
0125	Chocolates	Steve Hollis	N. C. B.
0886	Food canisters	B. Tomlin	Choir
0276	Christmas Pudding	Mrs. Paton	Jocks Lodge, Barham
0317	Fruit cake	John Ash	Parsonage Farm
1568	Tin Shortbreads	Mrs. Fairbrass	Churchill House
0099	Gateaux	J. Griffiths	Bridge Hill House
0780	Hair spray	Mrs. E. Giles	Filmer House, Bridge

DRAW FOR BOTTLE OF WHISKY. Will the holder of pink ticket No. 205 please contact Mr. W. Rose at Church Cottage, Bridge, to claim the prize.

NEWS FROM THE CLOSE

A Stall will be manned at the Village Fayre on Saturday July 7th, and the Christmas Sale will be held on November 30th 1979.

B. Hayes, Matron

BRIDGE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Our Summer Fete this year will be held in the School Grounds on Saturday July 14th.

Our main attraction will be a performance by the Betteshanger Colliery Welfare Band. We are very fortunate to get the services of this Band and know many of you will enjoy the stirring music.

Other events will include a display by a Scottish Country Dancing Team. There will also be the usual children's fancy dress, side shows, competitions and refreshments.

For those of you who do not have children at the school but feel you would like to contribute in some way, we are having 'Village Stalls' whereby everyone has a chance to give to their own village stall and thus to the school.

For details of these stalls please contact:-

Bridge: Mrs. Diane Hopper, Nonington 841156

Bekesbourne and Patribourne: Mrs. Jill Gillanders

Bishopsbourne: Mrs. Helen Beer 830240. 830894

The Summer Fete is our major money making event. All profits go to the school, to help buy new equipment not supplied by the County. The P.T.A. also finances the upkeep and running costs of the school swimming pool. Without your help none of this is possible. Please support us. We look forward to a happy sunny day!

Maureen J. Baker

ST. MARY'S, PATRIBOURNE, CHOIR FUND

The Coffee Morning at 3 Riverside Cottages on June 21st raised a sum totalling £29.65 at the time of going to press, and this is to form the nucleus of a fund to provide robes for the Patribourne Choir. Mr. and Mrs. Beckett wish to express their gratitude to all those helpers and contributors who made this excellent result possible.

COBHAM COURT GARDENS

Under the auspices of the National Gardens Scheme, Mrs. L. Whigham is opening the Gardens at Cobham Court on Sunday July 8th - when the nearby Church of St. Peter's will also be open - from 2.00pm to 6.00pm. Additionally, the Gardens will be opened for the same hours on the following Wednesday July 11th. The Gardens are always well worth a visit.

YOUNG WIVES

On July 14th the Young Wives A.G.M. will be held in the Methodist Hall at 7.45pm. All members are asked to make an effort to attend.

On July 18th we shall hold the last Meeting of the Season, when we hope to have our annual outing. Details to be given nearer the time. E. Bevan.

LITTLEBOURNE SCOUT GROUP

The Littlebourne Scout Group are holding a TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC on Thursday 19th July at 6.30pm at Lower Garrington. Part of any profits made will go to the Year of the Child Fund. We are promised fun for everyone, with Games Races, Sideshow, Barbeque, Pop Corn and Soft Drinks. Directions: Go to the 'Private' road just past the Village Green, Bekesbourne Lane, and then follow the Teddy Bear signs. The Teddy Bears' Picnic is for the under-14s. Charge for the over-14s: 5p. All enquiries please to Mr. Barry Whiting.

PATRIXBOURNE DOG SHOW HAS COME ROUND AGAIN-

Doesn't time fly! We shall be holding it on Saturday 28 July in Wingham Parish Hall, starting at 1.30pm. We look forward to your support.

There will be a Stall run by Mrs. Apps and Mrs. Hulyer. Mrs. Goodwin is looking after teas which will be on sale throughout the show.

The Judge is coming down from London, and the 'Special Class' will be judged by one of the foremost personalities in the Advertising World in London - Mr. Warren Goodwin.

As you know, it takes money to pay for the hall, roses, prize money etc., so we would appreciate any donations towards funds from anyone who has not yet already given, in order that we can hand over to Church funds our entire takings. Looking forward to seeing you all on July 28th. Entry forms will be available in early July at all three Churches. G. Allan

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR AUGUST 1979

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

5th August, 8th Sunday after Trinity

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

12th August, 9th Sunday after Trinity

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

19th August, 10th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Eucharist	8am Holy Communion	11am Songs of Praise
6.30pm Evensong		

26th August, 11th Sunday after Trinity

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

2nd September, 12th Sunday after Trinity

11am Matins	8am Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Communion
11.45 H. Communion Canon J. Packer	Canon J. Packer	Canon J. Packer
6.30pm Evensong Rev. C. Harrington		

JUNIOR CHURCH

The Junior Church will be on holiday during the month. It begins again in September - have a pleasant break!

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union Corporate Communion will be held on Wednesday August 1st at 9.30am.

THE METHODIST CHURCH, BRIDGE

Morning Service is held at the Methodist Church in Patribourne Road, Bridge, every Sunday morning at 11.00am.

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,

August is always a quiet month in the cycle of the months and the great events and festivals commemorated in the course of the Christian year. It is a time to meditate on the fundamental truths of our faith.

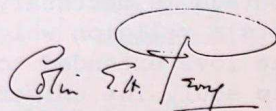
To every person who accepts the Christian faith an act of courage is necessary, for every professing Christian accepts a religion which manifests itself as a mystery of divine love extended to the whole of mankind and to each single soul. The universality of the redemption of Christ is among the greatest truths that ever have been announced to mankind. It is at the very soul of this concept that seeks the unity of the world, the equality of all races of people and the brotherhood of man.

Most of you will be taking your holidays during this month. Wherever you go I hope you will visit the parish church, and give to the people there our universal love. May your holiday be a time of refreshment and restoration in body, mind and spirit. We must ever 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; just because we know that we all stand in the same relationship to God and are of equal value to Him. What then is the Church? To me the Church is the blessed company of all faithful people - and, as the countless cells in the human body are held together in one living body, so the Church is a spiritual body of which the Head and Mover is Christ and each human soul that is united to Him by faith and baptism is a spiritual cell and part of the living whole.

As I write this last but one letter I am conscious of what we owe Mr. John Purchase who now for a number of years has printed and illustrated our monthly magazine so competently and presented it so professionally. I am profoundly grateful to him for this work he has done for our parishes in this way, and it has been a great blessing to me personally. You may know that in recent months he has taken over as Secretary of the East Bridge Deanery Synod, to which our Churches belong.

I cannot end without saying that our continued prayers are offered for Mr. Wilfrid Mowll, Vicar's Warden of St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne. I know how keenly he has, in his many years as Churchwarden, cared for and loved the Church. Let us, at this time, remember him and his family with the same love he has shown.

Yours sincerely and affectionately in our Blessed Lord.



Colin R. H. King
Vicar

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 1979

- 4th Saturday. The Nailbourne Horticultural Society Annual Show at the Conrad Hall, Bishopsbourne, from 2.30pm.
5th Eighth Sunday after Trinity.
6th Monday. The Transfiguration of Our Lord.
12th Ninth Sunday after Trinity.
16th Thursday. Farewell Party to Canon and Mrs. Perry in Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm.
19th Tenth Sunday after Trinity. Songs of Praise at St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, at 11.00am.
21st Tuesday. W.I. Meeting at Bridge Village Hall at 7.00pm.
24th Friday. St. Bartholomew the Apostle. H.C. at 7.30am at Bridge Church.
26th 11th Sunday after Trinity.
29th Wednesday. Kent Chorale at St. Mary's Church, Patricx-bourne at 7.30pm.

September

- 2nd 12th Sunday after Trinity.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

- St. Peter's Church, Bridge
25th March 1979 Matthew Simon Keith Dice
- St. Mary's Church, Patricxbourne
8th July 1979 Robert Thomas Govier
- St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne
1st July 1979 Lee Michael Carpenter

May They Rest In Peace

At Barham Crematorium

6th July 1979

Florence Evelyn Aplin

PRAYER FOR OUR PARISHES

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of us Thy servants, and grant unto our Parishes all things that are needful for their spiritual welfare.

A school wherein to bring up the young in Thy faith and fear,
Ministers to labour in this portion of Thy vineyard.
A Church restored to the beauty of holiness.

Strengthen and increase the faithful: visit and relieve the sick: turn and soften the wicked: rouse the careless: recover the fallen: restore the penitent: remove all hindrances to the advancement of Thy truth: bring us all to be of one heart and mind within the fold of Thy holy Church, to the honour and glory of Thy holy name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BRIDGE AND PATRICXBOURNE W. I.

Our next meeting is on 21st August at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Mr. Awberry will give a talk on Wine Making. The competition is for a bottle of home-made wine.

On September 3rd at 4.00pm Mrs. N. Turpin invites you to 6 Dering Close for a cup of tea and a chat; this has been arranged specially for those members who were unable to attend her recent coffee morning, but all members are welcome.

G.S.H.

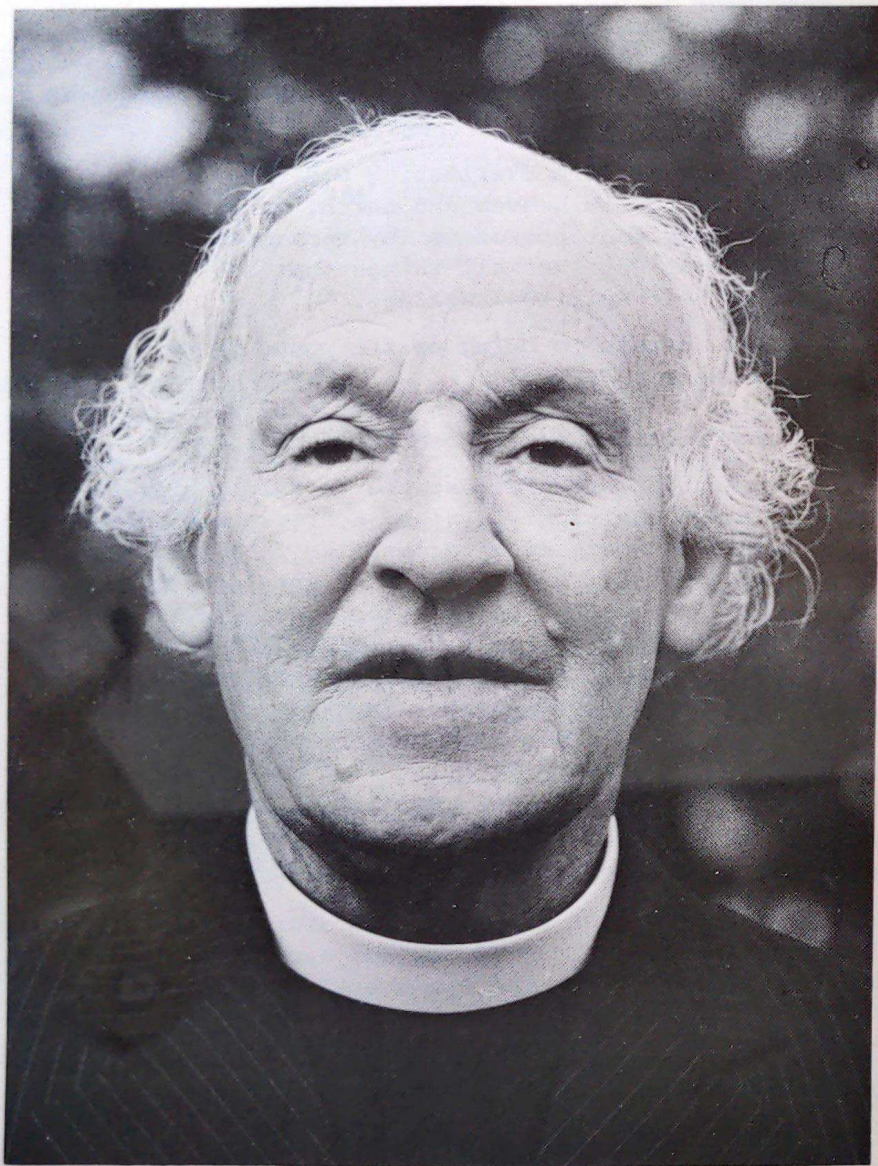
KENT CHORALE

Please note that Kent Chorale will be at St. Mary's Church, Patricxbourne on Wednesday August 29th at 7.30pm.

A Recital of English Church Music from Elizabeth I to Elizabeth II; choral and organ music from Byrd to Walton.

Admission: 50p

Refreshments.



THE REVD. CANON COLIN E. H. PERRY, *Vicar*

RETIREMENT OF THE VICAR

The Revd. Canon Colin E. H. Perry, Vicar of the Benefice of St. Mary's, Patixbourne, and St. Peter's, Bridge, with St. Peter's, Bekesbourne, retires on August 31st this year to commence a well earned retirement after a lifetime devoted to his calling, of which the past sixteen years have been spent in our Parishes.

The Churchwardens of the three Churches have arranged for an informal Party to be held in Bridge Village Hall on Thursday 16th August at 7.30pm for members of the Church in the Parishes to say farewell to Canon and Mrs. Perry on the eve of their retirement.

It is sincerely hoped that all who can will attend this Party, for the sixteen years of Canon Perry's ministry have proved to us what his previous parishioners must have known when he left them—that no parish could have had a more hardworking pastoral leader.

It was said at the Easter Vestry at Bekesbourne, where Colin Perry was the 71st recorded priest of the Church, that Vicars leave their mark in many ways. Some are administrators who gain an efficient church group, some are great restorers such as the Revd. Henry Wardell a century ago, and some will be known and loved for their dedication to the spiritual needs of their flock. Certainly, anyone in the three villages who has experienced illness, bereavement or personal difficulty, will know that Canon Perry was a great pastoral priest. And so he will be remembered: we hope that he will visit us from time to time, and we wish him and Mrs. Perry, and their grown-up family, every happiness in the future.

THE ARCHBISHOP COMES TO BRIDGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Revd. Raymond Gilbert, Precentor and Minor Canon of Canterbury Cathedral; Priest-in-Charge of Patixbourne with Bridge and Bekesbourne.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Patron of the Benefice, will be coming to Bridge Church on Monday 29th October 1979, to licence as Priest-in-Charge, the Revd. Raymond Gilbert—currently Precentor and Minor Canon of Canterbury Cathedral. Full details of this great evening will be published nearer the date, but we mark the Gazetted appointment by offering a sincere welcome to the Revd. Raymond Gilbert and his wife and family.

There will be a Interregnum of some eight weeks, and the Services during that time will be taken by the Revd. Canon John Packer, and the Revd. Charles Harrington, both of whom we know well in the villages, and whom we thank sincerely in advance for their great help. Anyone, during the Interregnum, who needs the services of a priest should contact them directly, or through the Churchwardens.

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BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

● Cllr Chapman reported at the July Meeting that the Village Hall Committee had decided to send a printed letter to village organisations regarding the failure of many of them to send representatives to meetings of the Village Hall Committee. The offending bodies were in the main those that did not use the Hall. The letter would indicate that in future any organisation not attending would be charged the rate appropriate to bodies from outside the village when they wished to use the Hall. It was also proposed to require organisations using the Hall to pay a deposit, and sign a new form agreeing to the cost of any damage or unpaid gas bills being set off against the amount of the deposit. The Parish Council noted these proposals with approval.

● Regarding the New Village Hall Project, Cllr Hawkins reported at the same meeting on the Fête held on July 7th. It had been a community effort, and had realised a nett profit of some £200—a very satisfactory result, especially in view of the number of similar events held at that time of the year. So far as the new Hall itself was concerned, the Committee had decided to work for a completion date of September 1981. Outline planning permission would be applied for in September next. The Council noted this with pleasure.

● Some of the other points discussed at the July meeting were: complaints regarding teenagers using the lane facing Bourne Park Cottages for the riding of motorcycles to the annoyance of villagers: several poor sections of pavement were noted and the County Council were being told of the problems: the City Planning Department were preparing a Development Plan for the District, and unable to deal with Bridge for some five to ten years, thought it would be helpful if the village produced its own development proposals.

● *Which all look like good reasons for attending the next meeting of the Parish Council, which is to be on Thursday 13th September at 7.30pm.*

BEKESBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

● The suggested Appraisal for the Village had been drawn up, printed and distributed to the houses. The main bulk of completed questionnaires had been collected back by the Councillors, and the results of this direct questioning of the Bekesbourne folk would be discussed at the Council's next meeting on Tuesday September 11th at 7.30pm at Bekesbourne Village Hall. The full results from the Appraisal will be published in due course in *Parish Pump*.



FURTHER AFIELD

PILGRIMAGE TO BEC

Forty members of Canterbury Cathedral congregation returned on Sunday (June 24th) from a pilgrimage to Bec that strengthened the historic ties linking this French abbey with Canterbury Cathedral.

One of the results could be a covenant between the Benedictines of Bec and Canterbury Cathedral, committing both to pray for one another and intensify their efforts for Christian unity. This possibility is to be looked at in the coming months.

The pilgrimage was led by Canon A. M. Allchin and Canon Derek Ingram Hill, and organised by the Cathedral Vesturer, Mr. R. H. Brasier. Looking back at the pilgrimage, Canon Allchin said this week that he was impressed by both the warmth of the welcome and the dignity and the depth of the worship there.

He said: "We were given many opportunities to meet and talk with the monks and nuns, who live 1½ miles apart. Their warm caring for us and the real interest they showed in Canterbury and the Church of England left us feeling that they truly made us part of their lives for the four days that we were there.

"On certain occasions the monks and nuns worship together, with beautiful singing in harmony as well as in the more traditional plainchant."

Added Canon Allchin: "They have a particular concern for Christian unity and as three Archbishops of Canterbury came from Bec—Lanfranc, Anselm and Theobald—they try to foster links with Anglicans. Our present Dean has visited Bec with his family, and other past visitors have included Archbishops Michael Ramsey and Donald Coggan.

"Monks and nuns from Bec have twice visited Canterbury in recent years and their Prior, Dom Philibert Zobel, is coming to the Anselm Conference in Canterbury next week."

The Cathedral party presented the Benedictines with records and books about Canterbury and the Anglican Church. The nuns were also given a large fruit cake baked by Mrs. Sheila Brasier and decorated with the shields of Canterbury and Bec, a gift that proved a novelty to the nuns.

"They had never eaten a similar cake before and asked us if it was a pudding!" said Canon Allchin.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

The Week of Prayer for World Peace is being observed this year from Sunday, 21st October to Sunday, 28th October, dedicated this year to the International Year of the Child. Leaflets for individual and parochial use, including those for peace in Ireland are now available, and may be ordered from the Organising Secretary, The Revd. Gordon Wilson, St. John's Vicarage, 14 Dane Bank Avenue, Crewe, Cheshire CW2 8AA.

Posters are also available. There is a choice between Standard Posters and Posters with space for local announcements.

FESTIVALS

St. Laurence-in-Thanel. August 7th-12th. Festival and Exhibition including church documents, vestments, photographs and flowers. Details from the Revd. P. G. F. Norwood, The Vicarage, Newington Road, Ramsgate. Phone Thanet 52478.

Hollingbourne. Flower Festival, August 31st-September 2nd. Information from Miss B. Solomon, 3 Upper Street, Hollingbourne 415.

Westwell. Flower Festival, September 28th-30th. Details from Mrs. Humphris, Cumberland, Westwell Lane, Westwell.

Selling, St. Mary. September 7th-9th. Details from Mrs. Dunnett, Little Trafalgar, Selling. Selling 219.

Hawkhurst, St. Lawrence. Flower Festival, August 9th-12th. Details from the Revd. W. Leah, The Vicarage, Hawkhurst. Hawkhurst 3397.

PATRIXBOURNE FESTIVAL

Please note in your diaries September 15th and 16th for Festival Time in Patrixbourne. From 2.00pm to 6.00pm we are holding a Fete and at 6.30pm, a Concert in the Church on Saturday 15th. On Sunday 16th we have our Harvest Thanksgiving which takes the shape of Festal Evensong at 6.30pm.

We still need articles for inclusion in the Arts and Crafts exhibition either for sale or on loan. There is an exhibition of Antique Clothing from the 1920's, and if you have anything you can lend we would be grateful.

We also would be glad of articles for various stalls - everything welcomed. Please contact any member of the PCC if you have anything of interest to offer. J.G.

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Annual Show is being held at the Conrad Hall, Bishopshourne, on Saturday August 4th. We look forward to seeing members of the public from 2.30pm.

Teas, Raffle, Produce Stall. (If any member would like to contribute a prize for the raffle, I would be happy to receive it at 18 Conyngham Lane.) M.E.J.

SONGS OF PRAISE RETURN TO BEKESBOURNE

We are holding a Service of Songs of Praise at St. Peter's on August 19th at 11.00am.

As our Vicar, Canon C.E.H. Perry, is leaving us at the end of the month, let us make this an especially happy service for both him and us.

If you have a favourite hymn you would like, please let me know, or telephone 830522. S.H. Grey

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 1979

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

2nd September, 12th Sunday after Trinity

11am Matins
11.45 Holy Communion
Canon Packer
6.30pm Evensong
Revd. Harrington

8am Holy Communion
Canon Packer

9.30am Sung Communion
Canon Packer

9th September, 13th Sunday after Trinity

9am Holy Communion
(Series III)
Canon Packer
6.30pm Evensong
Revd. Harrington

11am Matins and Sermon
Canon Packer

8am Holy Communion
Revd. Harrington

16th. September, 14th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 Parish Eucharist
Revd. Harrington

8am Holy Communion
Revd. Harrington
6.30pm Harvest Festival
Canon Packer

11am Songs of Praise
Canon Packer

23rd September, 15th Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion
Revd. Harrington
6.30pm Evensong
Canon Packer

9am Holy Communion
Canon Packer

11am Harvest Festival
11.45 Holy Communion
Revd. Harrington

30th. September, *within the Octave of Michaelmas, Sept. 29th.*

9am Holy Communion
Canon Packer
6.30pm Evensong
Revd. Harrington

11am Matins
Revd. Harrington
At 'The Close', 4.15pm.
Harvest Festival
Canon Packer

8am Holy Communion
Revd. Harrington

JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will commence again on Sunday September 23rd at 11.00am and will also meet on September 30th. New members will be most welcome.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union Corporate Communion will not be held during the interregnum, but we would draw your attention to the fact that the 9.30am Wednesday Holy Communion does continue as a service.

THE METHODIST CHURCH Morning Service is held at the Methodist Church in Patricxbourne Road, Bridge, every Sunday morning at 11.00am. Holy Communion is celebrated at 9.30am on Wednesdays at Bridge Church. The Friday morning Holy Communion services are suspended. Evensong is at 4.30pm at The Close every Sunday—except the first Sunday in the month when there is a celebration of Holy Communion.

LETTER FROM CANON COLIN E.H. PERRY

Dear Churchwardens, Officers, Members of the PCC and Parishioners of Patricxbourne, Bridge and Bekesbourne,

My last month as Vicar was saddened by the death of my Churchwarden at Bekesbourne Church, Wilfred Mowll. He was disciplined in the keeping of his deep faith, and his so difficult work as Coroner for East Kent was touched by a sensitivity and gentleness that could only have come by grace received through his worship. It is indeed a sorrowful gap in the life of St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne. However, we have gained so much in our knowing him. May God the Holy Spirit shed abundantly His comfort and love in the hearts of those dear to Wilfred.

It is with both a feeling of sadness and yet of joy that I am writing my last letter to you as Vicar of Bridge with Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne. The sadness must always be personal when a sphere of one's ministry comes to an end. I remember as of yesterday my first sermon which I preached at St. Cadoc's Church, Raglan, in Monmouthshire. It was on the *Magnificat*, "My Soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour!". I still have the sermon, and by a strange coincidence when I looked it up, it was on August 20th 1933. It is now August 20th 1979 that I am writing this letter. Exactly forty-six years have passed. At the end of that sermon I said, "As we stoop to pick up the fragments — as we grope blindly about on our knees, suddenly in humility, understanding comes . . . As Christ was born of Mary, so He can be born again in us". So I perceive dimly maybe, and by God's good grace, an understanding of one's ministry. Each day is a *fragment* of the whole of one's ministry.

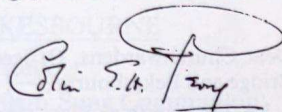
I believe it was Father Stanton who once said in a sermon on the feeding of the five thousand: "Treasure up the fragments. Gather up the fragments. Keep them in your heart". So in my over sixteen-and-a-half years with you there are so many "fragments" that I treasure and will keep in my heart, and so many of you, and those who are now at rest in our Lord, in those fragments that I treasure. So you will understand me when I speak of this feeling of inner spiritual joy. When one comes to a benefice, there is first (in our case) an offering from the Archbishop, as it has come to my successor, Raymond Gilbert. It requires the consent of both; and there must be a response to God's will, an acceptance — and an active acceptance — of God's gift, for it is God's gift on our side. This follows from the freedom of our will, in the sense of our power of choice. God influences our will in a thousand ways, but He does not compel it, for to do so would be to destroy the personality which He has created. The Old and New Testaments alike accumulate every motive that may persuade us, and then appeal to us to make our choice. "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." And this method of divine dealing with us is confirmed by the inner experience of Christians. So, from the first priest or incumbent, Walter de Burne, who came to the parish in 1189 and became a Crusader, this choice has been made. (*Walterus, accepta cruce, profectus est Jerusalem*).

Each priest down the ages contributes uniquely to those he serves that which he alone can give. For none of these fragments is ever lost "for Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and for ever".

My wife and I would like to convey to you our so grateful thanks for the so many kindnesses we have received from you. I was overwhelmed by the gift of the cheque, and the charming gift from The Close, which I received from you. It was a lovely party that you gave us which I shall always remember amongst the "fragments". It has been a most happy sixteen years. I know that you will welcome and give the same wonderful support and affection to Raymond Gilbert who will follow me — together with his family. I ask God's blessing on his ministry with you.

Always with my love and my prayers for the parishes of Bridge, Patricbourne and Bekesbourne.

The total sum raised for the farewell gift to Canon and Mrs. Perry from 253 of their friends was £555. Thank you very much.



Hon. Canon of Canterbury Cathedral

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 1979

- 2 12th Sunday after Trinity
- 4 Tuesday. Senior Citizens' opening meeting at 2.30pm at Bridge Village Hall.
- 9 13th Sunday after Trinity.
- 11 Tuesday. Bekesbourne Parish Council meet at 7.30pm at Bekesbourne Village Hall.
- 12 Wednesday. Young Wives Group meeting recommences at 7.45pm at the Methodist Hall, Patricbourne Road, Bridge.
- 13 Thursday. Bridge Parish Council meet at 7.30pm at Bridge Village Hall.
- 15 Saturday. Patricbourne Festival *See elsewhere for details.*
- 16 14th Sunday after Trinity. *Songs of Praise* at St. Peter's, Bekesbourne at 11am. Harvest Thanksgiving at St. Mary's Church, Patricbourne, at 6.30pm.
- 18 Tuesday. Bridge and Patricbourne W.I. meeting at Bridge Village Hall at 7.00pm.
- 19 Wednesday. Bible Study Group meets at 20 Conyngham Lane at 7.45pm.
- 23 15th Sunday after Trinity. Junior Church recommences at 11.00am at Bridge Church.
- 26 Wednesday. Young Wives Group meeting at 7.45pm at the Methodist Hall, Patricbourne Road.
- 30 16th Sunday after Trinity.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY MATRIMONY

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| St. Peter's Church, Bridge
11th August 1979 | Antony Addison and Carey Mercer |
| St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne
28th July 1979 | Joseph France and Shirley Elizabeth Patterson |

HOLY BAPTISM

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| St. Peter's Church, Bridge
29th July 1979 | Andrew Seary
Mark Kenneth Jennings |
| St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne
11th August 1979 | Samantha Jane Williams |
| 19th August 1979 | Debbie Deal |
| 26th August 1979 | Steven James Sawyer
Matthew Moon |

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

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| St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne
8th August 1979 | Wilfred Rutley Mowll |
| St. Peter's Church, Bridge, and afterwards
at Barham Crematorium
10th August 1979 | Harvey George Price |

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BRIDGE

The Service at 6.30pm on Sunday October 7th, and it will be taken by the Revd. Canon John Packer.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PATRICBOURNE

The Service will be at 6.30pm on Sunday September 16th, and will be taken by the Revd. Canon John Packer.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE

Harvest Festival will be on Sunday September 23rd at 11.00am, and it will be conducted by the Revd. Charles Harrington. Please bring your gifts to the church on Saturday morning after 10.30am.

The Churchwardens at all the Churches welcome gifts to help decorate the Churches for Harvest Festival. We are lucky to live in the countryside and know the special importance attached to a service thanking God for his bounty.

BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

Harvest Festival Services will be held on Sunday September 9th at 11am, conducted by the Revd. Wilfred J. Hill M.C., BSc.; and on Tuesday September 11th at 7.30pm by Mr. D. W. Dunn.

There will be a Coffee Morning at 2 Dering Close on Tuesday September 18th from 10.30am. There will also be a Stall with some useful items for sale. All friends will be welcome.

THE YOUNG WIVES

September 12th. We start off our new year with a Harvest Supper which will be held in the Methodist Hall, Patricbourne Road, commencing at 7.45pm. I look forward to seeing you all again.

September 26th. A films' evening will be held in the Methodist Hall, commencing at 7.45pm, entitled "Housewives Choice". E.B.

BRIDGE AND PATRICBOURNE W.I.

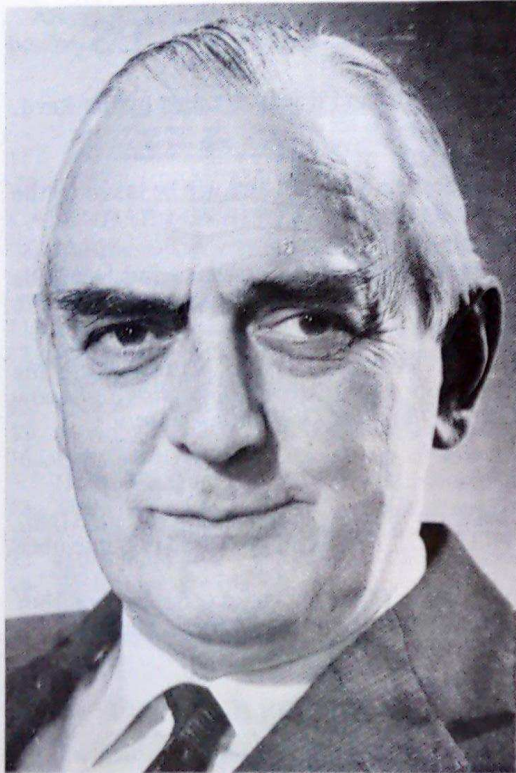
The Harvest Supper is on September 18th at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Mrs. Thelma Greenstreet and friends from the Canterbury Amateur Operatic Society are coming to entertain us.

The competition is for a Harvest Table Decoration. G.S.H.

BIBLE DISCUSSION MEETINGS

The Bible discussion meetings resume on September 19th, at 20 Conyngham Lane, Bridge, starting at 7.45pm. This month's group will be discussing the *Epistle to the Colossians* and its relevance to life today. The discussions will be led by Canon John Packer. The organisers would be very pleased to see anyone who has an interest in learning about the Bible. The invitation is extended by Hilary and Barry Whiting to members of the Methodist or Roman Catholic Churches.



WILFRED RUTLEY MOWLL

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of the Vicar's Warden at Bekesbourne, Mr. Wilfred Mowll. But with this sadness we couple thanks for having known the man.

At the funeral held in his parish church of St. Peter's with a crowded congregation, his son the Revd. William Mowll said:—"This is an opportunity to pay a short farewell, a tribute, to my father, Wilfred Rutley Mowll. But first, before I do that, a word about funerals. They are not quite what they appear to be—that is to say, centred solely on the burial of earthly shells, cast aside for something better and much more versatile, as a caterpillar is to a butterfly. Rather, funerals are about those who gather and are brought together because of what was given to them in terms of love, affection or respect during that person's lifetime. A funeral ought to be an unashamed group of people who savour what was good about the man and forgive anything less.

Wilfred's death leaves a hole in the heart of all of us. . . his natural inclination was to be captured by what St. Paul lists as 'the fruits of the Spirit', truth, justice, beauty and kindness. His good fortune was to find a partner and also a job in which these inclinations fitted well, and enabled him to live a life of great responsibility with *enviable*—that's the word—*enviable*, and fulfilling happiness. May his soul rest in peace, and the courage of faith be given to us at his passing, I ask you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

The Vicar, the Revd. Canon C.E.H. Perry, and Canon Derek Ingram Hill, Residentiary Canon at Canterbury Cathedral, also helped to take the service after which Wilfred was laid to rest in the churchyard near to friends and almost within the shadow of the church he had loved and served for so many years. *Resquiescat in pace.*

FAREWELL PARTY FOR THE VICAR

Over one hundred parishioners crowded the Village Hall at Bridge on August 16th to say a fond farewell to their Vicar for the past sixteen years.

The Revd. Canon C.E.H. Perry, who had been Vicar of St. Mary's, Patrixbourne, with St. Peter's, Bridge, and St. Peter's, Bekesbourne, and his wife Audrey were greeted by the Churchwardens.

Following refreshments of wine and cheese, Mr. Charles A. Potter, Vicar's Warden at Bridge and Patrixbourne, said there were three reasons why Canon Perry's stay had been so successful.

"Firstly, Colin Perry has served for the greater part of his ministry as a prison chaplain. No-one who was not compassionate could possibly carry out such an assignment, and the virtue of compassion had been evident in his work in the parishes."

Secondly, he remarked amid amusement, Colin Perry had not attempted to impose new forms of services on the parishes. He had a great love for the Book of Common Prayer, added Mr. Potter.

The third benefit had been the Vicar's good health, which was more than a personal advantage—it benefited the parishes.

The Matron at The Close, Mrs. Upton, then thanked Colin Perry for his work as Chaplain to The Close.

Mr. Stanley Grey, People's Warden at Bekesbourne, then passed over a cheque to the Vicar, saying that it was a gift from the parishioners. It was a substantial sum and he hoped that Mr. and Mrs. Perry would find it useful in the trip to Australia that they planned in their retirement to visit their married daughter.

Replying, Canon Perry said that he felt overwhelmed by the kindness shown by everyone. Beginnings and endings, as with birth and death, were emotional and dramatic times in one's life. He recalled bicycling round the parish before his appointment, feeling very lonely as an unknown figure on a bicycle in a new area. But, with a third of his ministry in the villages along the Nailbourne, he had had many friends. He recalled two of his Churchwardens now at rest, Captain Farish Sandbach (Bridge) and Mr. Wilfred Mowll (Bekesbourne), and he thanked the present officers of the churches for their great help and friendship. He thanked his wife Audrey for her support, and ended by saying he would like to drink to all who had been so kind to him and his family. He blessed all the parishioners.

FIRST LITTLEBOURNE SCOUTS

The Scouts, who supported the Church Fête in June with their bowling stall, also ran a raffle for the International Year of the Child. The Raffle was continued at their July Teddy Bears' Picnic, held in Littlebourne, to raise funds and provide entertainment for the younger children.

Mr. Hopper would like to thank all those who supported and helped at the Teddy Bears' Picnic, and he announces the winners of the Raffle as follows:—

First Prize — Green ticket — David Howland

Second Prize — Pink ticket 186 — Mrs. Foster

Third Prize — Green ticket 194 — Peter Martin.

The waste paper collection has raised several tons and improved Scout funds by over £100, and many thanks are due to Bridge residents who willingly put aside newspapers and magazines for Scouts to collect. They will keep calling until further notice — probably until the winter weather sets in!

EAST BRIDGE DEANERY MISSIONARY FESTIVAL

A special service will be held at Wingham Church, at which the Archbishop of Canterbury will preach, on Sunday 9th September at 4.00pm.

If anyone requires transport please 'phone Mr. C.A. Potter (Bridge 830218). We will be back in time for Evening Service at Bridge Church. C.A.P.

PARISH PUMP

Parish Council
News



BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

The Council did not meet during August, but this did not prevent a start being made on the clearance of the land which will form the extension to the Recreation Ground, and which will enable the cricket pitch to be moved away from the houses in Riverside Close. The Club members have now been asked to choose the grass seed they want, and it is hoped that the new ground will be ready for play next season.

The result of the Best Kept Village Competition for this year is not yet available but the Council is always concerned with the general appearance of the village, and at its next meeting will deal with complaints regarding the dumping of rubbish in Mill Lane, and with the question of further repairs to vandalised street lamps. Vandalism represents a continual burden on the village rate-payers, and the Council hopes that all residents will do what they can to restrain damage of this sort, particularly if they think that their own children may be involved.

The new housing development by John Knight & Sons at the rear of the White Horse, which the Council approved at its April meeting, is already well under way with the first four houses virtually completed. The access road should be ready by the time that the occupants move in, next month. The second phase is just starting, with expected completion early in the New Year.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Thursday September 17th, and is open to members of the public. Why not look in and observe your representatives at work.

BEKESBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

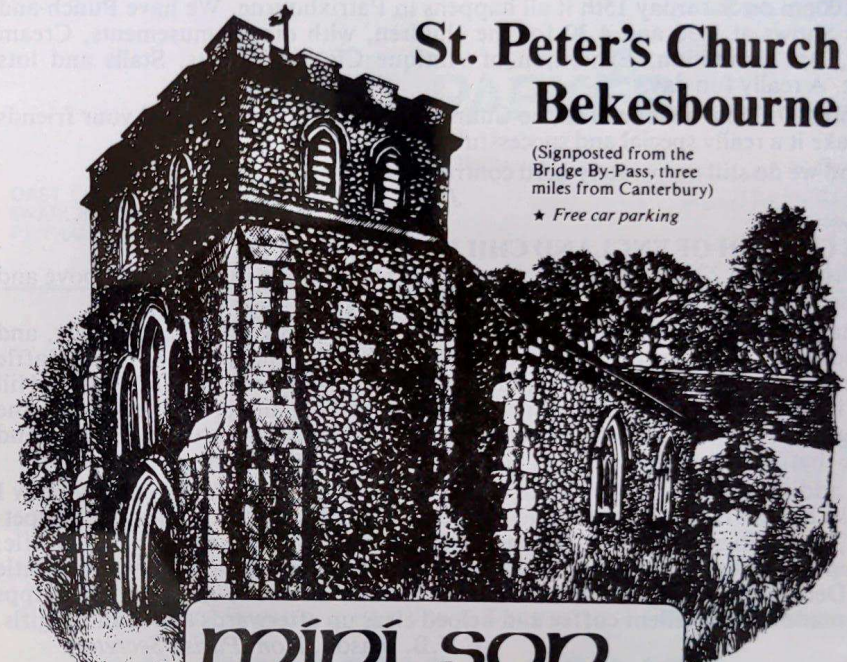
The next meeting of the Bekesbourne Parish Council will be on Tuesday September 11th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Bekesbourne.

The analysis of the returned forms in the questionnaire for the Village Appraisal has now been completed in time for discussion at the meeting. It was gratifying to see the number of people in the village who were prepared to sit down and fill in the details which will help the Council in its work to improve life in the village. There were many varied suggestions made by residents as to the ways in which life could be made pleasanter, and it will be interesting to see which of these suggestions prove practical and are put into effect. Do come to the meeting, and see your councillors at work.



BATTLE OF BRITAIN SUNDAY September 16th

The Archbishop wishes the attention of Parishes to be drawn to the observance of Battle of Britain Sunday on September 16th.



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PATRIXBOURNE—SEPTEMBER 15th. NOTA BENE!

At 2.00pm on Saturday 15th it all happens in Patricxbourne. We have Punch and Judy Shows at 2.30 and 4.30 for the children, with other amusements, Cream Teas, Art Exhibition, Exhibition of Antique Clothes, Crafts, Stalls and lots more. A really fun day.

And at 7.00pm a Concert in the Church. Make a note to invite all your friends to make it a really special and successful day.

And we do still desperately need contributions for stalls PLEASE ...

J.G.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

On Friday July 27th we held our Annual Coffee morning in aid of the above and realised £39.78.

Thank you everybody, very much. It was a splendid effort on your part, and included £13.50 in cash, to which the Junior Church contributed £5. The Raffle realised £6 and the coffee £3.56, and guessing-the-cake-weight £1.15. Mrs. Hill won it, being within 1oz of the correct figure. The remainder was realised by the Bring and Buy, and I do realise that everything 'brought' costs more today and those that 'buy' spend more.

In addition to the cash given for which I thanked individuals personally, may I thanks Miss Wright for the raffle prize contributed and the cake for the competition, also other gifts; and Mesdames Pierce and Hill for running the Raffle; Alison and Erica for running efficiently the Bring-and-Buy; and Wendy, Katie and Debbie for taking round coffee and biscuits — not to mention Mrs. Apps who made such excellent coffee and helped clear up afterwards as did all the girls.

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

BRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS

The Senior Citizens will meet on Tuesday September 4th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. New members will be very welcome.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE—CLEANING ROTA

Mrs. Smith	September 1st
Mrs. Stickells	September 8th
Mrs. Hogben	September 15th
Mrs. Watson	September 22nd
Mrs. Grey	September 29th
Mrs. Russell	October 6th

SONGS OF PRAISE TO ENLIVEN TRINITY AGAIN

There will be the second service of "Songs of Praise" at St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, on Sunday September 16th at 11.00am. Do come and join us again at this popular service.

S.G.

THANKS FROM "THE CLOSE"

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Would Secretaries of Organisations and others with copy for the October and November issues of the Parish Magazine please send it to John Purchase, Mill Cottage, Bekesbourne, by the 20th of the month preceding publication.

During the interregnum, parishioners wishing to contact Clergy for private services should get in touch as follows:— For BAPTISMS and WEDDINGS, please telephone Canon J. Packer (Bridge 830368); for FUNERALS, the Revd. C. Harrington (Bridge 830783). For any matter concerning the running of the Churches please contact a Churchwarden as listed above. The Revd. Raymond Gilbert will formally take over the Parishes following a service on October 29th, to be conducted by the Archbishop.

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Rev. Harrington
6.30pm Harvest
Festival
Canon Packer

8am Holy Communion
Rev. Harrington

9.30am Sung Communion
Rev. Harrington

14th October, 18th Sunday after Trinity

9am Holy Communion
(Series III)
Rev. Harrington
6.30pm Evensong
Rev. Harrington

11am Matins
Rev. Harrington

8am Holy Communion
Canon Packer

21st October, 19th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Eucharist
Rev. Harrington
6.30pm Evensong
Canon Packer

8am Holy Communion
Rev. Harrington

11am Matins
Canon Packer

28th October, 20th Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion
Rev. Harrington
6.30pm Evensong
Canon Packer

9am Holy Communion
Canon Packer

11am Matins
11.45 Holy Communion
Rev. Harrington

SERVICE OF LICENSING AND INSTALLATION

The Churchwardens and Parochial Church Councils of St Mary Patricbourne with St Peter Bridge and St Peter Bekesbourne invite all parishioners to the Licensing by the Most Revd. and Right Hon. The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and Installation by the Ven. The Archdeacon of Canterbury, of the Revd. Raymond Gilbert, A.K.C., as Parish Priest, at the Church of St Peter, Bridge on Monday 29th October 1979 at 7.30pm, and afterwards for refreshments at Bridge Village Hall.

Please come along to welcome the new Parish Priest, and join in the Service of Licensing and Installation. The living is in the gift of the Archbishop, and we are honoured that he should be coming to Bridge himself to License the Revd. Raymond Gilbert—who has been Precentor at Canterbury Cathedral for some years.

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Meet the Family

by

Raymond Gilbert

It is not easy writing about yourself, nevertheless, in response to a particular request here goes.

Your next vicar comes to you via a circuitous route that found him for a while on the staff of a large chemical works in the Midlands, a radiographer in the army, a 'bus conductor, and a pen-pusher in a Rural District Council office. The call to holy orders came while I was taking x-rays in the RAMC, and it was with a tinge of regret that I abandoned chemistry for theology. Three years at King's College, London, were followed by a fourth at a college in Wiltshire and ordination at Derby Cathedral. I began as a curate of a large parish on the edge of the Peak District, which had just about everything from a farm to a steel works and only lacked an aristocrat to have a population covering every stratum of society!

Leaving Newbold was like leaving home, even though it was to join the high-powered team at Southwark Cathedral. I went there at the time South Bank religion was all the rage. *Honest to God* had just appeared and almost everything we did was branded as trendy and off-beat. For a priest who was still green it was all very stimulating, but for me Southwark will always be significant as the place where our family got together. Rosemary and I had both been widowed with two children each when we met in the Spring of 1968, fell in love and married in the cathedral four months later. We left London soon after the wedding, moving from a tiny house on the banks of the Thames opposite St Paul's to a big house in the shadow of Ely Cathedral. I was Precentor there for five years, at the same time being priest-in-charge of a small parish on the outskirts of the city. The move to Canterbury came in February, 1974.



Enough about me: now meet the family.

Rosemary as well as looking after the house and family works as a research assistant to an historical writer and does free-lance secretarial work. In this latter capacity she was the Enthronement Secretary when the present Archbishop assumed office and last year served as secretary to the Lambeth Conference Bishops' Wives Office, both onerous tasks though interesting. At the end of last year she appeared on Southern TV in a series of late night religious discussion programmes on *Praying Today*.

Rosalind and Simon, (*second left and far right*), are 15, though not twins, and are at the Archbishop's School getting ready for 'O'-levels next June. Andrew is 13½ and also at Archbishop's, having finished as a Cathedral chorister last July. Rebecca at almost 13 has just started at Bedebury Lower School, Hawhurst, and luckily will be home for half-term on the day of my Licensing.

Now you know something about the next inhabitants of the vicarage. Here's to our better acquaintance!

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union Corporate Communion will not be held during the interregnum, but we would draw your attention to the fact that the 9.30am Wednesday Holy Communion does continue as a service.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parochial Church Council of St Peter's, Bekesbourne, will meet on Tuesday 16th October at 7.30pm at School House, School Lane, Bekesbourne, by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs D. Millyard. This meeting is principally to arrange details of the Christmas Market, and will be chaired by the Churchwarden, Mr S. Grey.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 1979

- 7 17th Sunday after Trinity. Harvest Festival 6.30pm at Bridge Church.
- 10 Wednesday. Coffee morning in aid of the New Village Hall, 10.30—12 noon at 82 High Street, Bridge.
- 11 Thursday. Bridge Parish Council meets at the Village Hall at 7.30pm.
- 13 Saturday. Jumble Sale at Bekesbourne Village Hall, from 2.15pm.
- 14 18th Sunday after Trinity.
- 16 Tuesday. Bridge and Patricxbourne W. I. meet in the Village Hall at 7.00pm.
- 17 St Ethelreda
- 18 St LUKE
- 21 19th Sunday after Trinity
- 28 20th Sunday after Trinity
- 29 Monday. Service of Licensing and Installation of the new Parish Priest, 7.30pm at Bridge Church.



THE CHILD IN THE CHURCH

A Conference entitled *The Child in the Church in the Year of the Child* is being held at Christ Church College, Canterbury on Saturday 20th October. Anyone interested in attending this day-long conference should contact Mrs Ann Schofield, Assistant Director (GFS and Children), at The Canterbury Diocesan Education Committee, Diocesan House, Lady Wootton's Green, Canterbury. Telephone: Canterbury 64453.

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The Notes are issued three times a year and cost £1.75 but if we have a group of eight we can receive them at a special rate of £1.05 each. It is hoped to commence taking the Notes next January and perhaps to tie them in with the monthly Bible Study Group. If anyone would like to subscribe or have further information about the many other excellent publications of the BRF I shall be very pleased to help—my telephone number is Canterbury 62695.

Nigel Allan



OCTOBER AT THE CATHEDRAL

The cathedral's perpetually busy life is invariably stepped up this month by the addition of a bevy of special services, most of them annual. This year's list comprises a Eucharist in the Quire on Monday 1st to mark the beginning of a new academic year for Christ Church College, the regular service for the elderly on Thursday 4th, the Archbishop's School Service in the Nave on Friday 5th at 2.30 and the St. Luke's-tide Service at 6.30 on Sunday 21st at which the Bishop of Ely will preach. The recently revived service for members of the teaching profession is on Friday 19th at 5 p.m. Evensong that day will be said at 4 p.m. and the preacher at the Teachers' Service will be the Bishop of Lewes, Brother Peter, C.G.A. The next day the first of two annual Festivals for diocesan supporters of the Royal School of Church Music will be held at 4.15, Cathedral Evensong being sung at 5.30 that day. In connection with One World Week there is to be a Meditation on Sunday 21st at 7.30 p.m. in the Eastern Crypt and a twenty minute service on United Nations Day (Wednesday 24th) starting at noon, also in the Crypt. On St. Luke's Day (Thursday 18th) there will be a Sung Eucharist in the Eastern Crypt at 10.15 a.m.

Evensong on Wednesdays 17th and 24th will be broadcast on B.B.C. Radio 4, and will be at 4 p.m. The cathedral will have to be closed both of those afternoons for necessary preparations to be made, but worshippers will be able to attend the services and should enter between 3.40 and 3.50 via the South Door only.

The Choir's half-term break falls on the weekend 27th and 28th and during its absence services will be sung by Rusthall Parish Church Choir (27th) and Croydon Parish Church Girls' Choir on 28th at 11 and 3.15. A 6.30 Evening Service will not be held on Sunday 28th.

The exiled Bishop of Darmaaland, the Right Revd. Colin Winter, is to give a talk in the Crypt at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 30th. The theme is Anti-Apartheid.

Radius, the religious drama group, celebrates fifty years with a three-day Festival at Canterbury from 26th to 28th. Following an opening Eucharist the Festival commences on 26th with a performance of *Watch at the World's End* in the Nave at 7.45, which is followed on 27th by *Super Skyscraper* in the Nave at 3 p.m. and *Living and Giving* in the Eastern Crypt at 7.30 p.m. On Sunday 28th there will be two readings from Charles Williams' *Cranmer* in the Crypt at 4.30 and 7. Tickets for all these, together with further details, can be obtained from the Friends Office, 8 The Precincts.

Now that the cathedral organ is restored to working order again, and to show its paces, a series of organ recitals is being given. They are on Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m., those in October being given on the following dates by the organists named:

- 2nd Stephen Darlington, Organist of St. Alban's Cathedral and a former Assistant Organist at Canterbury.
- 9th Christopher Dearnley, Organist of St. Paul's Cathedral.
- 16th Philip Moore, Organist of Guildford Cathedral and a former Assistant Organist at Canterbury.

Wymondham Abbey

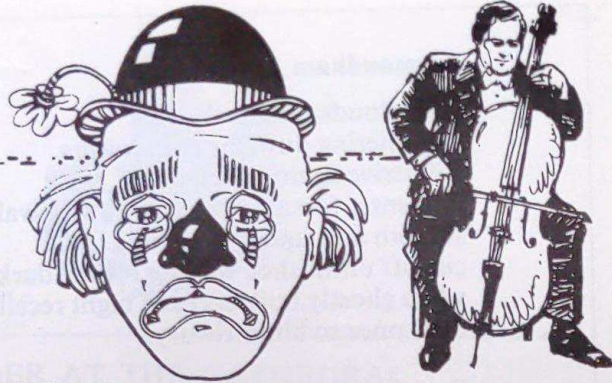
Low clouds darken the sky,
in gathering dusk the twin towers
still strive against each other, stark
immense, forsaking elegance, with walls
smooth and square, summits so flat
cut-off unfinished waiting for the dark
when ghostly builders each night recall
their once so bitter rivalry.

Benedictine Albini laid it down
as church for both priory and town.
East and West, so Pope Innocent
assigned to each their part, in vain,
dissension grew, in Maniote or Tuscan style
the towers thrust up competing battlements
that ended incomplete, never to attain
final supremacy, ultimate renown;

A blank wall sundered the two sides,
and now against that wall a miracle,
the God descends in Dan e's shower of gold,
below the roof the gilded eagles' wings
open in triumph above a surging throng
of saints ascending striving to enfold
the crowned Madonna and her child, the reredos sings
in glowing colours to the heavenly bride.

That building dominates the scene
from every angle. Crooked fir trees
in the churchyard twist against the misty sky.
As you depart a clear image remains
of benediction, of a hand raised
in secret gesture against the evil eye.
The mind, thoughtful and quiet, retains
the memory of all those stones have seen
caught as in the confines of a dream.

R. H.



PATRIXBOURNE FESTIVAL

The following is a list of the various stalls and entertainments:—

Exhibition at Sones House	£71
Teas at the Old Vicarage	34
<i>Stalls</i>	
New Goods	68
Flowers and Plants	41
Nearly-new Goods	30
Children's Stall	19
Cake Stall	18
Jewellery	8
Books	7
<i>Sideshows</i>	
Bottle Stall	48
Raffle	20
Punch and Judy Show	5
Guess the Currants	2
Car Park	4
Collected in the Church	10
Concert in the Church	39
Donation	25
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HON. TREASURER'S NOTE

The Patrixbourne Festival was a great success. It was a lovely day, a lot of people attended it and it was much enjoyed by those who took part. A considerable sum of money was raised for the unified parish of Patrixbourne with Bridge.

Patrixbourne Church was beautifully decorated by Mrs Diana Potter and her team of ladies, and has never looked better.

We are most grateful to Mrs Joyce Goodwin for organising the Festival. She was ably supported by Mrs Grace Allan, who was also responsible for organising a most successful Concert in Patrixbourne Church. We must also thank Mr and Mrs A. Godman for so kindly allowing the Exhibition to be staged in Sones House.

C.A.P.

PARISH PUMP

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News



BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

The September meeting of the Parish Council heard that the village had failed to win a place in the Best Kept Village Competition, and that although the judges had made a number of favourable comments on the appearance of the village, they were also very critical of the amount of litter they had found. Though they were impressed with the Council's initiative in providing skips for rubbish, the Council decided to defer a decision on the future provision of skips until the next Annual General Meeting.

Concern was expressed at the possible danger presented by the steep angle of the stairway from Bridge Down to Bridge Hill, and that because of this those residents for whom it ought to be most valuable were often unwilling to risk using it. It was decided to look into the possibility of making alterations which would meet at least some of the present problems.

The meeting was a long one, and amongst many other matters discussed were a number of amenity questions; the state of the recreation field; the work to the extension and the provision of a screen of trees; road signs; and hooliganism at the 'bus shelter.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 11 October at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, and your councillors would like to see as many residents as possible there.

BEKESBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Play was high on the agenda for the last parish council meeting when councillors discussed more ways to improve facilities for children. The Parish Council is determined to make the area by Downside Villas both safe and suitable again for children to play on. To this end a grant has been applied for from the City Council's Lottery Fund. The new climbing frame is now in use at the Recreation Ground and the other equipment is in the process of being mended.

Ways of cleaning footpaths and of hurrying up the building of the Bifrons Road—Station Road footpath link were also discussed.

The Council made a grant towards the cost of the new mower for the churchyard.

The Village Appraisal was discussed and already the Council has written, arising from the Appraisal, to the 'Bus Company asking for a possible redirection of some Bridge 'bus services to cover Patrixbourne. Other meetings are to be held to get the facts assembled by the Appraisal into a useful document.

The next meeting is on Tuesday November 13th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

All villagers are most welcome to attend and put their points of view on matters concerning the village.

BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE W. I.

Our next meeting is on October 16th at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Mrs Sutton will give a demonstration on making Christmas Decorations.

The competition is for a decorated stone suitable for a paper-weight. Nominations for the new committee will be taken at this meeting.

G. H.

BRIDGE NEW VILLAGE HALL PROJECT

A coffee morning and bring-and-buy will be held at 82 High Street, Bridge, by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Eric Hawkins on Wednesday 10th October from 10.30am to 12 noon.

Do come and support us.

GET-TOGETHER DISCUSSION

The Inter-Church Discussion Group will meet at the Methodist Church, Patribourne Road, on Tuesday October 2nd at 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome. This session will be led by Mr John Sullivan.

METHODIST SUCCESS

Bridge Methodist Church coffee morning was a tremendous success raising the fine sum of £103.50. This will go towards the replacement of two windows in a very bad state of repair. We would like to express our sincere thanks to all who helped to achieve this total by their support, whether by donations, gifts for the stalls, drinking coffee, buying goods and just for being with us. Our thanks also to those who worked so hard to make this event such a success.

SON-ET-LUMIÈRE

I would like to express our appreciation and thanks to Mr John Purchase for his work in presenting the Son-et-Lumière in St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, not forgetting Mr John Grey who wired the church up for the lighting effects.

We also thank the four organists who rendered such lovely music and made each evening so very enjoyable.

S. G.

I think that thanks should also be extended to Mr and Mrs Stanley Grey and Mr Norman Cruse who acted as Stewards each night of the production—which raised £160.00—and helped to put Bekesbourne on the map yet again for an original entertainment.

Ed.

ST PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE—Cleaning Rota

October 6th	Mrs Russell
October 13th	Mrs Hodgkiss
October 20th	Mrs Smith
October 27th	Mrs Stickells
November 3rd	Mrs Hogben

JUMBLE SALE

There will be a Jumble Sale at Bekesbourne Village Hall, in aid of Church Funds, on Saturday October 13th, starting at 2.15pm. Admission 3p.

There is some very good jumble being offered!

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Would Secretaries of Organisations and others with copy for the October and November issues of the Parish Magazine please send it to John Purchase, Mill Cottage, Bekesbourne, by the 20th of the month preceding publication.

During the interregnum, parishioners wishing to contact Clergy for private services should get in touch as follows:— For BAPTISMS and WEDDINGS, please telephone Canon J. Packer (Bridge 830364); for FUNERALS, the Revd. C. Harrington (Bridge 830783). For any matter concerning the running of the Churches please contact a Churchwarden as listed above. The Revd. Raymond Gilbert will formally take over the Parishes following a service on October 29th, to be conducted by the Archbishop.

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 1979

BRIDGE

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4th November, 21st Sunday after Trinity

11am Matins
11.45 Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Sung
Communion

11th November, 22nd Sunday after Trinity

9am Holy Communion
(Series III)
6.30pm Evensong

11am Matins
Short Service of Remembrance by the
War Memorial prior to 11.00am Matins

8am Holy Communion

18th November, 23rd Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm Evensong

8am Holy Communion

11am Matins (and
Welcome)

25th November, Sunday next before Advent

8am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

9am Holy Communion

11am Matins
11.45 Holy Communion

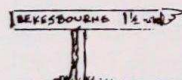
WELCOME SERVICE

A Service of Welcome to the Revd. Raymond Gilbert and his family will be held at St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, on Sunday November 18th, commencing at 11.00am. (The actual Service is Matins, as listed above.)

We ask all that can to attend the service to get to know our new Priest and his very nice family.

We do hope that you will all stay for a short time after the Service when coffee and biscuits will be available. Please do give us your full support.

S.G.



MIND MY BIKE!

If anyone has a secondhand bicycle for sale, the Vicar would be pleased to hear. Please contact the Revd. Raymond Gilbert at the Vicarage, telephone Bridge 830250.

Holy Communion is celebrated at 9.30am each Wednesday, and at 7.30am every Friday, at St. Peter's Church, Bridge.
The Methodist Church Morning Service is held at the Methodist Church, Patribourne Road, Bridge, every Sunday morning at 11.00am.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 1979

1st Thursday. All Saints Day. Holy Communion at St. Peter's, Bekesbourne at 6.30pm.

3rd Saturday. Bonfire Party and Firework Display, at Great Pett Farm, 7.00pm. (See Parent Teacher Association report on page 10)

4th 21st Sunday after Trinity.

8th Bridge Parish Council meets at Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm.

11th 22nd Sunday after Trinity. *Remembrance Sunday*.

13th Thursday. Bekesbourne Parish Council meets at Bekesbourne Village Hall at 7.30pm.

16th Friday. Bridge Parent Teacher Association Film Show at Bridge C. of E. Primary School at 7.00pm. (See P.T.A. report on page 10)

18th 23rd Sunday after Trinity.

22nd. St. Cecilia's Day. Nailbourne Horticultural Society Film Show at Bridge Village Hall at 8.00pm.

23rd Friday. Church of England Children's Society Christmas Fête at The Deanery, Canterbury, 10.00am to 12 noon.

League of Friends Christmas Bazaar, Village Hall, Bridge, 7.30pm.

24th Saturday. St. Peter's Bekesbourne Christmas Market, at the Village Hall, Bekesbourne, 2.15pm onwards.

25th Sunday next before Advent.

30th St. Andrew's Day.

PATRIXBOURNE CHOIR FUND

A Coffee Morning and Bring-and-Buy will be held in Court Cottage, Patribourne on Friday 16th November from 10.00am to 12 noon.

Proceeds for Patribourne Choir Fund. Please keep this date free. We look forward to seeing everyone. G.A.

From the New Man

It is not every day that our Archbishop pays us a visit, and far be it from me, a very new Parish Priest, to upstage him. Nevertheless before handing over to him I cannot let the opportunity pass of thanking you on behalf of my wife and family for giving us such a warm and loving welcome to Bridge as residents and to all the villages as Parish Priest. If these past few days are anything to go by we are in for a delightful, rewarding time among you all. We have a lovely house in which to make our home, and although it is well tucked back off the road I hope that you will not feel its secluded position is not a barrier to you. Please come and see us anytime; though my sense of humour prompts me to add, not all at once!

A number of people, I know, are puzzled as to what to call me, seeing I am not the Vicar. Titles are only technical niceties which need not worry anyone. I live in the Vicarage so I reckon that must make me the Vicar, and I shall be perfectly happy to be called that. Rather than "Hi! You!" in any case: sorry, that's the humour again.

What the Archbishop said in his sermon at my Licensing Service was intended for all the villagers of Patribourne, Bridge and Bekesbourne, and as by no means all of you were able to get into the church for the service I thought it might be worthwhile printing his sermon so that you can read it for yourselves and perhaps keep it by you for future reference.



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Apostles, Pioneers and Perfecters

(The Address given by The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury at St. Peter's Bridge)

You would, I know, want me to pay a tribute tonight to the ministry of Canon Perry who served in these parishes for some sixteen years — a remarkable ministry spent for many of its years in prison ministry, and then as a Chaplain in the R.A.F., and then — let me tot up, thirteen and sixteen; what's that? — twenty-nine years in this area of Canterbury and Bridge. We wish him well in the years of his retirement in this area which he loved so much.

And now, tonight, what a joyful service to welcome Raymond Gilbert and his family. I needn't tell you his story because you have got it in that excellent parish leaflet. And what a good idea to have a picture of the family as well; because we welcome them, Rosemary — Mrs. Gilbert — has been a great strength to my wife and to me, in the Lambeth Conference particularly. And the family we know well, and value them. So it's good, very good, to start this new chapter with this new family. We shall miss Raymond Gilbert at the Cathedral where his steady efficiency has meant much to the Dean and Chapter and to the rest of us, and we're glad that they are fairly near neighbours still.

Now I bring you two texts tonight, both from the letter to the Hebrews; and the first runs like this: 'Think of the Apostle and High Priest of the religion we profess'. And the second: 'Eyes fixed on Jesus, pioneer and perfecter of our faith'.

There are some titles that mean very little. In fact we'd be better without them. Back in March I was in West Africa, and I found that the clergy there were making such a to-do about the ecclesiastical titles of various people that I found myself saying to them at a lunch

one day that no title was worth anything at all really in the long run, except one, for a Christian, whatever his position in the Church may be, and that is Paul's title, a slave of Jesus Christ. And there, I think, made them think a bit. And we all need to think of that from time to time who have any kind of handle to our name.

But there are other titles that mean a very great deal, and I want to talk to you tonight for it's very relevant both to him who is being licensed tonight, and to every one of us who profess the name of Christ. I want to speak to you a little bit tonight about certain of the titles of Jesus which come in this strange book from which I have taken my two texts. But first of all the briefest word about the book. It's called of course a letter, an epistle; it isn't really that. The only thing that makes it look like an epistle is the ending where some greetings are sent. But it is really a treatise aimed at a very special group of people, and the group were people who were having a very rough time as Christians. It might have been addressed, for example, to Russians — Christians under a Communist regime — who just because they confess the name of Christ Crucified are likely to lose their job or go to a concentration camp. That would have been a very good kind of congregation to whom to address this thesis. They were people who put up a fight for it. 'Not yet' says the writer, 'Not yet to blood'. You haven't actually lost your lives, but you are having a rough time. The winds are contrary.

Now, what would you do if you were writing to people like that? Well, in a sense here in England things are too easy. You can work for a year in your office and nobody would know if you were a Christian or not. And when you do confess it you may get no persecution for it; who knows? You may, you may not. Probably if you are at school or university you will have a roughish time, I remember that very well. And I sometimes think that a touch of persecution would be jolly good for our discipleship here in England. But, if you *were* in that position, if I could transport you to some of the countries where I have served. If you could have been a Christian in Uganda under Idi Amin, what would you have needed most as a word in season for you — disciples of Jesus when the winds are contrary? Well, this man, whoever he was who wrote this letter and we don't know — this thesis — Origen used to say, 'Who wrote the letter to the Hebrews? — God alone knows', and how wise he was; but whoever wrote that saw quite clearly what Christians in difficulty needed. A right estimate of Christ, and a right relationship to Christ. Given that they could stand firm.

Now, perhaps, if we here in England don't have active opposition and could do with a little more, we have the even more difficult situation of apathy. How are we going to bear our witness in these parishes here; clear, distinct, powerful witness to Christ; what do we need in the apathy that surrounds us like a November fog? I believe that the answer is precisely that which this unknown writer gave to these people in difficulty. A right estimate of Christ, and a right relationship to Christ. Given that, you can stand and you can witness. Now, it's very interesting that the picture that he gives us of Jesus in this thesis is not of the Risen Christ — he takes that for granted, he wouldn't have anything to write about if the crucified Christ hadn't risen, that he assumes — he goes as it were one stage further, and his whole interest is taken up with the *Ascended* Christ. The Christ who took our humanity up into deity, and who knows our — and understands our — position and our difficulties because He knew and went through it all. And I find this enormously stimulating. I find in this book an emphasis on the *humanity* of Jesus stronger than in any other epistle. Listen to this: 'It was clearly fitting that God in bringing many sons to glory, should make the leader who delivers them perfect' — how? — 'through sufferings'. Listen to this: 'Seeing that we have a great high priest, Jesus the Son of God, He is not a high priest unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but One who because of His likeness to us was tested every way, sin apart'. And listen to *this*: 'Son though He was, He learned

obedience in the school of suffering'. This is real humanity. The Greeks had a pun for that theme, they said 'Pathos mathos' — If you suffer, you learn. But they never anchored that to a person of flesh and blood, but this man does! And he says that our Lord went through that painful stretching process of learning, and he did it through suffering. That's why He understands, and why we should consider Him and have our eyes fixed on Him.

And I want just to touch tonight, very briefly, on three of the titles that this man gives to the risen, and ascended, and ever-present Christ. First he speaks of Him, and he is the only New Testament writer to do so, as the Apostle. For we think of our Lord as the *sender*, don't we? But the *Apostle* means the one who is sent, and nobody else in the New Testament actually gives Jesus that title. St. John, of course, gets very close to it near the end of his Gospel where he makes our Lord say, 'As the Father *sent* Apostle, Me, so I, Apostle you.' Ours is an inherited apostleship, because the Father apostled Him, He apostles us. That's a marvellous thing, isn't it?! You Christians ought to go out with your heads higher tonight, you are apostles sent by God to bear witness to His Son and to do His work. And if our ministry — I speak to clergy and laity alike — if our ministry is to be truly apostolic, it will only be so as something of the beauty and the strength and the tenderness of Jesus comes within us.

Then he speaks of Him as the Pioneer of our faith, the one who, as it were, took the first step and opened up the way. The leader. It is, I believe, used of a man who, when a ship is ship-wrecked some distance from shore, being a strong swimmer, ties a rope around him and heads out to the land; thus making it possible for others to follow from the wreckage and the peril to safety. This, says the writer, is what our Lord has done. Crucified, risen, ascended, understanding, ever-present, He has led the way — and you follow, Him. That's good!

And lastly, the Perfecter of our faith. Again, the only time the title is used in the New Testament of Him. 'The goal' says Phillips, 'the One towards whom we move'. The One we always keep in our mind's eye. His will, our will. Our eyes fixed on Him. One on whom faith depends from start to finish, as the New English Bible puts it. I like that word 'Perfecter'. It suggests that He will never let me go. I'm a poor, shaky disciple, not much of a disciple at all. But *He* has set His hand to the plough to make something of me after the likeness of Himself. And he's not going to abandon what He's started, He will see it through, he will *perfect* it.

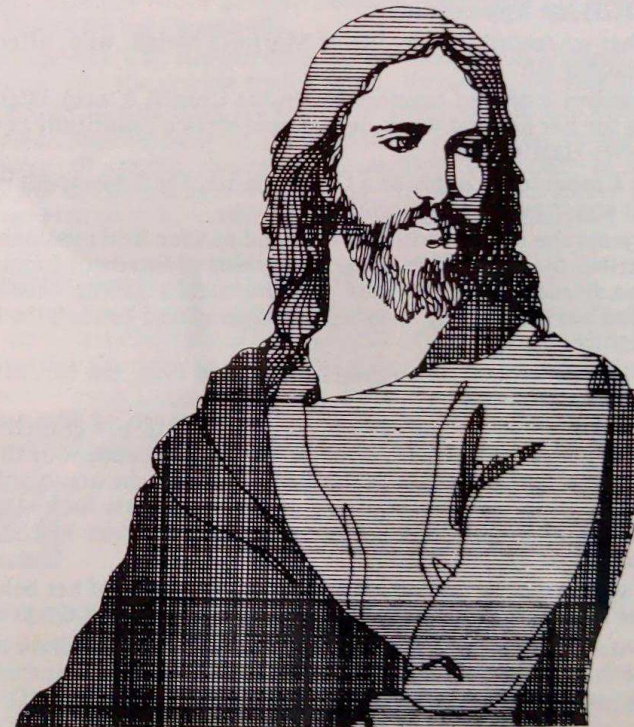
Could I send you away tonight with those three words to think about, to read about, to pray about, to talk about amongst yourselves? The Ascended Christ; Apostle, Pioneer and Perfecter. Think! says this writer to these rather trembling, uncertain Christians. Think of Him! Eyes fixed on Him. For that's the secret of endurance, that's the secret of joy in ministry, whether it be clerical or lay. That is the secret of abundant spiritual life — eyes fixed on Apostle, Pioneer, Perfecter. It is, of course, a lesson not learned overnight, indeed it cannot be learned hurriedly at all; but there are ways and means to learn it. That first thing in the morning, and that last thing at night, before you slip into unconsciousness and just as you come out of it in the morning: eyes fixed — where? On what the day holds and all the problems you took to bed with you last night? No! Eyes fixed on Jesus. And the problems and the opportunities of the day as they recur. My particular job gives me a great many interviews, and I am sitting at my desk at Lambeth or Canterbury here, and the buzzer goes and they say 'Mr. So-and-So is here to see you'. Chance for a prayer — 'No wisdom here, all the wisdom is yours. Give me some for this particular problem'. And you can do this in your office, and you can do it by your kitchen sink, and you can do it as you make the beds, and you can do it in your study.

And the patient study of scripture, what a source is here. The reading of those few verses systematically day by day, and the turning of them into a prayer. That's the fixing of your

eyes on Jesus. And the Eucharistic sharing, when you come with empty hands to receive the strength of the given and the giving Lord. And then all the wealth — and how rich we are — of the Saints who have gone on ahead. People you have known in the flesh, and who have known and loved and served our Lord; what an army of those I have got, people I have known down the years, and how they have enriched my ideas of discipleship because their eyes were fixed on the goal. And the great library, if you are readers as I hope you are, of great men and women of God who have gone on ahead and constitute the Church Triumphant, but who have had their eyes fixed on the Perfecter of their faith. All the riches of the Church are ours; we don't stand alone.

You will be praying for Raymond Gilbert, that his will be a ministry so Christ-centred that something of the joy and the radiance of this will be imparted to you to share with others. I had nothing to do with the choice of the hymns tonight, but how splendid that the first words you sang — I was out in the churchyard waiting to come in and I heard you sing them — and they were these, 'Christ is our corner-stone, on Him alone we build'. If that's the mark of the new ministry beginning tonight, what a ministry it will be! Eyes fixed on Jesus!

And soon we shall be singing, 'Jesus, confirm my heart's desire to work and speak and think for Thee'. So, pray for your new incumbent, that God the Holy Spirit will make him a man increasingly with a Christ-centred ministry. You yourselves help to hold him to that, and to nothing else, and you yourselves hold to that vision and so prepare the day which soon will come when His servants will see Him, and worship Him — seeing Him face to face.



BRIDGE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The 1979/80 Committee have been elected, and we would like to thank all the retiring members for their hard work, and also to thank all of you who have helped and supported us during the various functions.

The fund-raising events this year have raised £720—a bumper year financially—and we hope the coming year will match this!

Dates for your diary:—

November 3rd. Bonfire Party and Firework Display, to be held at Great Pett Farm, Bridge, commencing at 7.00pm. Hot soup, Sparklers, Coke and Crisps for sale. Tickets: £1.50 per family, or 50p at the gate, single.

November 16th. Film at Bridge School, commencing at 7.00pm. "The Flying Sorcerer" and Mickey Mouse cartoon. 30p for children, 50p for adults, to cover the cost of the film. Coke and Crisps on sale.

We look forward to seeing you all.

B.M.T. Hawkins (Sec.)

DONATION TO ST. PETER'S, BRIDGE

A donation has been sent to the Hon. Treasurer in affectionate remembrance of dear Mrs. Meigh, from the Members of the Mothers' Union, Bridge—as thanks for all her good work as the Enrolling Member of our Branch over so many years, March 1961 to March 1977. We shall all miss her very much. C.B.

MARJORIE MEIGH, an Appreciation

It is with regret that we record the passing of Marjorie Meigh, who, after a short illness, died on October 4th.

Friends and relatives gathered together in Bridge Church a week later to give thanks and praise for her life and work, in a simple service beautifully conducted by the Revd. Charles Harrington.

Marjorie's was a splendid example of a Christian life, for it was spent in service to others, without any thought of material reward.

For fourteen years she worked with her husband as a medical missionary, with a remote Indian tribe, the Bhils, high in the mountains of Southern India; a place accessible only on horseback or on foot. Her husband's failing health forced them to give up the work, and they returned to England and he took the living of Baddesley in Yorkshire.

After twenty-five years there they retired to Bridge in 1958, but Mr. Meigh was now a complete invalid and he died in January 1960.

But Marjorie did not retire. She became very active in the church and the village. She was very fond of children, and became Superintendent of the Junior Church. She also took a great interest in the elderly people; she organised and led the Senior Citizen's Club and the Mothers' Union. Marjorie looked after the Library at The Close, and often took the Sunday Evening Service when the Vicar was unable to do so.

Her faith was very strong, even the sudden and tragic death of her beloved son in a road accident five years ago she meekly accepted as the will of God.

One of her favourite hymns was sung at her funeral, "O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end."

Marjorie certainly kept her promise.

O.K.

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BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Members of the Parish Council were concerned to learn from Press reports that it was proposed to close the Old Persons' Home at *The Close*, and remove the residents to a new Home in Canterbury, and they therefore invited County Councillor Shirley to the meeting on October 11th to outline the reasons which has led the County Council to decide upon the closure. He told members that repairs and improvements could cost as much as £100,000, and even then the Home would remain unsatisfactory by modern standards. He thought, however, that alternative accommodation should be provided in the village. The Council emphatically agreed with this view, both in the interests of the old people and to continue to provide local employment, and it was resolved to make strong representations to the County Council that a new Home should be built in the village, preferably adjacent to the present building, thus ensuring a continuation of the present links with the community.

It was reported that the extension to the Recreation Ground had been levelled and seeded, and the cricket club should, therefore, be able to establish a new playing square further from the houses in Riverside Close in time for next season.

A considerable number of other matters of interest to the residents of the village were, of course, discussed. Councillors hope that as many residents as possible will attend the next meeting on Thursday, November 8th, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall in order to hear the discussions for themselves.

BEKESBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The Brownies have been 'wombling' down the Wappings footpath—they have taken it on as a useful task for the benefit of the village. Thank you! So, please don't drop any litter there and take your dog for a walk somewhere else!

The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday November 13th at 7.30pm. Transport will be on the agenda, as it was one of the major items raised by villagers in the Appraisal survey. M.G.



NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The first event of the Winter programme will be a Film Show by Messrs. Denne's of Canterbury on Thursday, 22nd November at 8.00pm at **Bridge**. The Annual Supper/Dance is being held at Bishopsbourne on Friday November 30th. Members will receive further particulars soon. M.E.J.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Annual Christmas Fête of the Canterbury branch will be held at The Deanery on Friday November 23rd, 10.00am to 12 noon.

All gifts for the stalls will be welcome, particularly sweets.

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

CHURCH CARPETING AT BRIDGE

I would like to acknowledge the anonymous gift of £36.00 to complete the cost of the new aisle carpets at St. Peter's Church, Bridge. This was a most generous donation and I appreciate the kindness.

Audrey Perry

PATRIXBOURNE FESTIVAL

The proceeds of the Sponsored Walk held in Bifrons Park (by kind permission of Sir James Mount) amounted to £77.00, and of this £41.00 was contributed by the children from Bridge School.

We are most grateful to all those who took part in the Walk, their sponsors, and those who collected the money.

A total of £526.00 was raised at the Patribourne Festival in mid-September.

C.A.P.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BEKESBOURNE

The Jumble Sale was very successful and our grateful thanks go to all who gave us things to sell; and to all those friends who gave of their time to get everything ready, and finally to those who manned the stalls during the afternoon. We thank you all very much indeed.

The total raised was £121.00 gross, £117.00 nett.

S.G.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

On Saturday November 24th we are holding our Christmas Market at the Village Hall, Bekesbourne; the proceeds of which will be in aid of St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne. We should be most grateful for gifts for the gift stall, cake stall, book stall, tombola, raffle prizes etc.

We look forward to seeing as many as possible on November 24th at the Hall.

S.G.

ST. PETER'S, BEKESBOURNE — Cleaning Rota for November

Mrs. Hogben	November 3rd
Mrs. Watson	November 10th
Mrs. Grey	November 17th
Mrs. Russell	November 24th
Mrs. Smith	December 1st

BRIDGE NEW VILLAGE HALL PROJECT

At the Coffee Morning held at 82 High Street, Bridge, £60.00 was raised for the Fund.

The Committee would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Eric Hawkins for their hospitality and all those who supported the event.

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Would Secretaries of Organisations and others with copy for the Parish Magazine please send it to The Editor by the 20th of the month preceding publication. He would always welcome articles and photographs of general interest for inclusion in the Magazine which has a circulation in the three villages of Bridge, Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne.

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Sunday Services in December

BRIDGE	PATRIXBOURNE	BEKESBOURNE
2nd: 11am Matins 11.45 Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Communion
9th: 9am Holy Communion (Series 3) 6.30pm Evensong	11am Advent Carol Service	8am Holy Communion
16th: 9.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	11am Matins
23rd: 8am Holy Communion 6.30pm Carol Service	9am Holy Communion	11am Matins 11.45 Holy Communion
30th: 9am Holy Communion (Series 3) 6.30pm Evensong	11am Matins	8am Holy Communion

For your diary

- 2nd *First Sunday in Advent*
- 4th Inter-Church Discussion Group at the Methodist Church, 8pm.
- 5th Young Wives Jewellery Party, 8pm. *See page 12.*
- 8th Patrixbourne with Bridge Christmas Market from 2.00pm.
- 9th *Second Sunday in Advent*
- 11th Bekesbourne Parochial Church Council Meeting at School House, Bekesbourne, at 7.30pm.
- 12th/13th School Christmas Celebrations, 7.00pm.
- 15th School PTA Family Party at Bekesbourne Village Hall.
- 16th *Third Sunday in Advent*
- 17th School's Senior Citizens Party
- 19th Young Wives Social, Methodist Hall, 8.00pm. *See page 12.*
- 21st *St. Thomas the Apostle.*
Patrixbourne Carol Service at 7.30pm.
- 23rd *Fourth Sunday in Advent.*
- 24th *Christmas Eve*
The First Communion of Christmas will be celebrated at St. Peter's, Bekesbourne and St. Peter's, Bridge, commencing at 11.30pm.



25th **CHRISTMAS DAY**
 Bridge: 8am Holy Communion
 11am. Special Family Service with Carols.
 Patrixbourne: 8am Holy Communion.
 Bekesbourne: 11am Carol Service.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated at 9.30am each Wednesday, and at 7.30am every Friday, at St. Peter's, Bridge.

A short informal service is held each Thursday afternoon for the residents of the Close.

Holy Communion is celebrated in the Common Room at Churchill House on the first Wednesday of every month at 10.15am.

Morning Service at Bridge Methodist Church is at 11am each Sunday.

All unsigned articles are by the Parish Priest, who is also the Editor. He offers:—

A WORD IN SEASON

"Christmas is coming" says the old jingle, but what with the tinsel-bedecked shops, the Christmas Bazaars, Father Christmas in the multiple stores and advice to POST EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS, we might be hoodwinked into thinking it has arrived. But any celebration that is to be a success needs long and careful preparation, which is why the business premises decorate a long time beforehand. They know it is not Christmas, but they also know that their customers are getting ready for Christmas and that they provide the very materials that are going to make that Christmas. So, to put us in the right frame of mind they hang up decorations and erect trees well beforehand, and it seems to work. We see the Christmas cards and realise we must get *them* well before the day. We are faced with gift-wrapped boxes and streamers and reminders of all that shopping that has to be done, and we determine that we are not going to leave it till the last minute again *this* year, so we get out our money and start to prepare.

If our Christmas is to be a good one it needs lengthy preparation, and this is true not only of what is called the secular Christmas (the Xmas) but of the religious Christmas also. With that in mind the Church gives us the season

of Advent, which includes the four Sundays before 25th December and the days in between. For Church Choirs this of course will involve carol practices and for schools getting the Nativity Play going again. For all of us, however, the traditional Advent is as far removed from Christmas as you could possibly imagine. We are encouraged to ponder the four last things: death, judgement, heaven and hell.

Death is a subject we tend to sweep under the carpet nowadays, and even the medical profession prefers to leave it out of the reckoning, yet it is the only certainty facing us all in life. Judgement reminds us that we are not here just to make the world a better place for those who come after us, but that each of us will be called to account for ourselves one day to God. It makes us realise that God is ever present as a loving father and that he cares about each of us. Heaven is a way of speaking about the presence of God. It is not a geographical location, but a state of existence in which God reigns supreme. Hell is the complete absence of God and is thus a constant reminder that nothing is cut and dried, that a place in heaven is only a hope, not a cast-iron certainty, that it is possible to cut oneself off totally from God.

Perhaps you could wish for something more cheerful to take you up to the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, but Advent is also the beginning of the Christian Year, and it is good for us at the start of anything to be confronted with the goal at the end.

But having said all this, let me wish you all a blessed, joyous, happy Christmas, in the hope that we shall meet to celebrate the great day in true style when it arrives, at one of the services listed on page 5.

And is it true? And is it true,
This most tremendous tale of all,
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue
A baby in an ox's stall?
The Maker of the stars and sea
Become a child on earth for me?



And is it true? For if it is,
No loving fingers tying strings
Around those tissue fripperies,
The sweet and silly Christmas things,
Bath salts and inexpensive scent
And hideous tie so kindly meant,

No love that in a family dwells,
No carolling in frosty air,
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells
Can with this single truth compare—
That God was Man in Palestine
And lives today in Bread and Wine.

From *Christmas* by John Betjeman

On the Nail. . .

Question: What, apart from their Parish Priest, have Patrixbourne, Bridge and Bekesbourne in common?

Answer: The Nailbourne.

Not exactly a raging torrent, certainly not a mighty seaway, scarcely a real river at all; yet it is there, and our three villages are spread in a line along it, their beauty considerably enhanced by its trickling presence.

Yes, we are all on the Nailbourne, but I like to think we are on the nail in more ways than one. We each have a thriving village life, inter-village relationships are good and the Church is gathering its own momentum daily.

We are also on the nail when it comes to a parish publication, this Magazine finding its way into very nearly 500 homes each month. The success that it has always enjoyed has been due largely to our own friendly-neighbourhood printer, and we all know how on the nail John Purchase is in whatever he sets his mind and skills to. What we did not know until very recently was that the small amount we each pay for our monthly copy of the magazine meant he was losing hands down, to such an extent that if everyone gave annually to the Church what Mr. Purchase has been giving by undercharging over the past few years, the banks would be coming to us for loans. (*Mr. Potter gives all the facts in a following article.*)

Perhaps you don't think a community of our size can produce enough material for a monthly magazine of this calibre. If so—read on!

Starting with the January issue the magazine is to have a face-lift, with the intention that it will have a more general appeal than of late. We plan to include more articles of common interest both from a village and a church standpoint, and we want you to write them. There is a lot going on in all three villages that ought to have a wider circulation but hasn't for the want of telling. It is your magazine: please make use of it! There will also be articles of a more national, even international nature to help us remember that not everybody lives along the Nailbourne. And what about a correspondence column? Why not send me a letter for publication? Last of all the magazine will have a name, which is something it has never had before. It will be known—how did you guess?—as *ON THE NAIL*.

And don't think you are not going to recognise it, for all the existing items will be there; details of the Sunday services in all three churches, which we hope you will patronise, notes from village organisations and the latest from The Parish Pump. The local Methodist Minister, the Revd. Raymond Bradshaw has been invited to contribute material of his own, and has accepted most readily.

Make sure of your copy in the future. Existing readers can place their orders with the distributors as usual, and new readers can soon be added to the list. Just hand your name and address to anyone who you know is connected with the churches, or bring it to church with you. The more readers we get the merrier, and please get those letters and articles pouring in to the Vicarage. The deadline is the twentieth of the month prior to publication.

Here's to *ON THE NAIL* and a flourishing future all round!

FACTS AND FIGURES CONCERNING THE Parish Magazine

The magazine has been produced by A. & J. Purchase Limited of Canterbury since 1972.

Four hundred and eighty copies are printed each month, of which sixty copies have been sold to Bekesbourne PCC at cost price.

The charge for producing the magazine this year will be £377, and at the current price of 5p a copy it is estimated that there will be a loss of some £50. The price we have paid Mr. Purchase for producing the magazine has risen very slowly over the years; for example in 1974 it was £250. It has now become apparent that Mr. Purchase has been producing it at a very considerable loss and from January 1980 the price will have to be increased to £888 per annum.

In fact, so far as the magazine is concerned we have been living in a "fool's paradise" for many years at Mr. Purchase's expense.

Faced with reality the PCC had to make a difficult decision. It was unanimously agreed that the standard of the magazine should not be lowered, but in order to produce it at the new increased cost it will be necessary to raise the price to 15p per copy commencing with the January 1980 issue. This is the general price charged today for parish magazines of comparable quality.

The reasons for this rise in price are as follows:—

The proceeds from the sale of the magazine at 5p amount to approximately £235 per annum. Were we to increase the price to 10p, we estimate that this would produce approximately £450 plus advertisement revenue of £120, realising £570 which would involve a loss of more than £300 per annum.

At 15p per copy we anticipate a total return of some £800 and even this would show a small loss. However, if we are to continue to produce the magazine in its present form there is no choice but to raise the price to 15p per month; copies of the popular press cost 10p *per day*.

C.A.P.

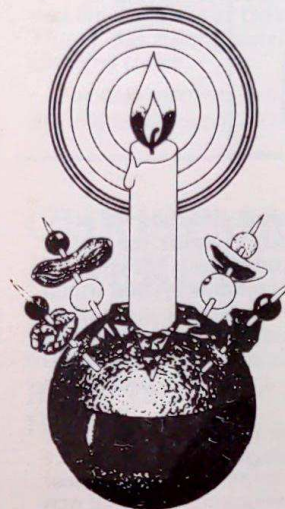
I am sorry that the Magazine costs so much to produce. In the past I have been very happy to help things along, and privileged to produce it, but the savage twists of inflation in recent times have meant that it has become no longer possible. The December issue of St. Thomas's Magazine (in Canterbury) is 20p.

John Purchase

That they may be one

Amongst the many activities in Bridge the Interchurch Discussion Group should rank high on the list of priorities, for it encourages us to think outside our own particular denominational boundary. Anyone with the cause of Christian Unity at heart is invited to the Group's next meeting on Tuesday, 4th December at 8.00pm in the Methodist Church, Patribourne Road; the main theme for discussion being the January United Service in the Week of Prayer for Unity. Whatever your denomination the meeting is for you. Do come!

THE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



Church of England Children's Society

A Christingle is made from an orange (representing the world) into the top of which a candle (the Light of the World) is fixed. Around the orange is a red band (Christ's blood shed for the world) and into it four cocktail sticks (the four seasons) are stuck, with fruit and nuts (the fruits of the earth) impaled upon them.

Before receiving a Christingle the children present purses of money to some distinguished person (this year the Bishop of Maidstone). The money in these purses is collected from a number of sources, be it Christmas collections, carol singing or what-have-you. The purses, in gaily coloured Christmas paper, are provided by the Children's Society according to demand from the parishes, and they ask this year that each purse shall contain no less than £4.

Come on then, children! Who would like to attend this service and do a bit of good to needy children at the same time? If you are interested let me have your name and address pretty quickly and I can do the necessary arranging for you to get a purse and also a ticket to the service. It shouldn't be too difficult to raise £4, which the Children's Society would be only too glad and grateful to receive. Having attended the past five services I can assure you it is tremendous fun and not a bit stuffy.

Also on Holy Innocents' Day, Canterbury and District LIFE Group have arranged for Solemn Evensong and Sermon at 8.00pm at St. Mildred's Church, Canterbury. For further information contact:—

Matthew Young, (Tel: Ash 812280) — or John Purchase.

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BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting of the Parish Council on 8th November, members discussed the preparation of a Village Appraisal. It would, Cllr Gulvin said, examine the social, economic and environmental condition of the parish, and study how it has changed over the recent past. It should involve and interest the whole community, and would aim to show ways in which the Council could help to make life better for the inhabitants, as well as guide the City and County officials in making decisions about the future. The Council decided, as a first step, to invite an official of the City Council Planning Department to speak to them on the preparation and presentation of an Appraisal.

Cllr Chapman told the meeting that a recent examination had revealed that the roof of the Village Hall was in a very poor state, and though limited emergency repairs had been carried out, complete re-slating would be required in the fairly near future. He could see no likelihood of the roof remaining serviceable until the new Village Hall was built. The Village Hall Committee had insufficient funds for a job of this magnitude, though Cllr Hill pointed out that, situated as the Hall is in a Conservation Area, the work should qualify for a substantial grant.

The results of the 1979 *Trees in your Village* competition was reported to the Council. Bridge had secured a fairly creditable 11th place, and the report of the Judge praised the efforts and interest shown by Cllr Mrs. Young, and said that Miss Tomlin was creating in the children of the school a love and respect for trees.

Other matters discussed at the meeting included the care of the Recreation Ground, and the planting of trees on the boundary of the Recreation Ground extension. The attendance of village residents was disappointingly small, but it is hoped that more people will be able to attend the next meeting on Thursday, 13th December at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall.

BEKESBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council was pleased to welcome the Vicar to their November meeting at which there was much to discuss.

Top of the list was the Village Appraisal; a rough draft has now been printed and final report will be distributed to all households in the (civil) parish early in the new year, when a meeting will be called to discuss the results. All the suggestions have been printed in the Appraisal, so this will be everyone's opportunity to come and follow up their own idea.

It was a great disappointment to hear that the footpath from Bifrons Road to the Village Hall has been postponed indefinitely by the Highways Department—just when the Parish Council thought they were getting some action on this matter. As the road is one of the most dangerous in the parish, the Chairman, Cllr Johnston, and the Council are determined not to let the matter rest and have asked City Cllr Tim Hoare to see what can be done. The necessary land has been purchased and a new water main is soon to be laid along the valley, taking in the same line as the proposed path.

Danger on this road (from Bridge to Littlebourne) is likely to increase through extra traffic using the route as a short cut whilst the bridge linking the by-pass and

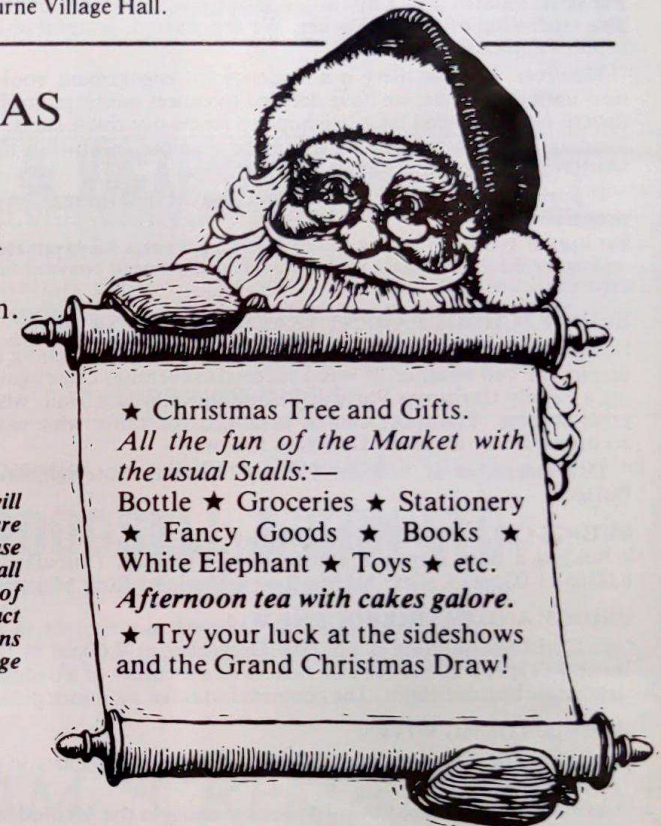
ring road is built. The Traffic Police have been asked to consider the problems of children crossing this road to the primary school 'bus in the mornings.

No reply has yet been received from the City Council regarding financial aid for making the space at Downside Villas into a play-area, but it is under consideration. Money has been granted to add a slide to the Patricbourne Recreation Ground climbing frame.

The next meeting, probably to discuss the Appraisal, will be on February 5th 1980 at 7.30pm in Bekesbourne Village Hall.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

SATURDAY
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Gifts for the Stalls will be received with pleasure at any time. Please deliver them to the Hall on the morning of Market Day or contact the Churchwardens beforehand to arrange for collection.

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Next Month — in ON THE NAIL

A Special Report on the work of the Volunteer Bureaux in aiding the handicapped and elderly. They plan to extend this work into Bridge. Read all about it in our next issue.

BRIDGE CHOIR GOWNS—any ideas?

Bridge choir has a problem concerning gowns for female choristers, in that, if there is a full turn-out on any Sunday we have insufficient gowns to go round.

It has been suggested that some girls could go into cassocks and surplices, and in

fact that has happened on several occasions recently; but despite the move towards 'unisex' and legislation for equality, the girls do not really like having to don male garb.

Adults in the choir feel that a fund-raising activity would be one way of obtaining the necessary money to buy more blue gowns, and would welcome *any* ideas from parishioners—and, of course, donations to the fund!
Hilary Whiting

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP

For some months now a discussion group has met at 20 Conyngham Lane under the able leadership of Canon Packer. We are, indeed, grateful to him for his continued support and encouragement.

However, because there is a tendency for engagement books to fill rapidly from now until Christmas, we have decided to cancel meetings until January. Then, on a date to be announced later, we hope to renew our discussions, basing them on Bible Reading Fellowship notes; these may be obtained meanwhile through Nigel Allan of 'Ardpriory', Bekesbourne Lane, Canterbury.

It goes without saying, that members would find these notes an excellent means of preparation.

Barry Whiting

Ed: Even if you don't belong to this group BRF notes are invaluable for that careful Bible reading we should all engage in. I thoroughly recommend everyone to use them. They are not expensive.

BRIDGE SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Our thanks to all of you who supported our Bonfire Evening and Firework Display despite the bad weather. It was a successful evening. Once again the PTA is organising a Family Christmas Party at Bekesbourne Village Hall, which last year proved a great success. Transport can be arranged for those who wish. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Details as follows:—

15th December at 7.00pm. Tickets 75p each. Entertainment, Disco, Raffle and Buffet.
B.M.T.H.

BRIDGE COUNTRY DANCE GROUP

is holding a Barn Dance at Bridge Village Hall on Thursday 20th December, from 8.00 to 11.00pm. Caller: Alf Matthews; Music by Ruth Matthews. Admission 50p.

BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE W. I.

Our Christmas meeting is on 18th December at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Mrs. Webb will speak about her experiences as a member of a dancing troupe, and we will sing carols by candlelight. The competition is for six mince pies.
G.S.H.

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES

December 5th. The group will be holding a Jewellery Party in the Methodist Hall at 8.00pm. All are welcome.

December 19th. We are having a social evening in the Methodist Hall commencing at 8.00pm. I do hope members will come to this evening, which will be our last meeting until the New Year. Our new season will start on 16th January 1980.

E. Bevan, Hon. Sec.

ST. PETER'S, BEKESBOURNE—*Cleaning Rota*

December 8th, Mrs. Stickells; December 15th, Mrs. Hogben; December 22nd, Mrs. Watson; December 29th, Mrs. Grey; January 5th 1980, Mrs. Hodgkiss.
R.G.

CHRISTMAS AT BEKESBOURNE

On Monday December 24th Holy Communion, with carols, will commence at 11.30pm. We do trust that very many of you will come to the service and fill this lovely old church.

On Christmas Day a Carol Service with Lessons will be held at 11.00am. Do come, and bring your children with you to add to the joy of this very special day to us all.

S.G.

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