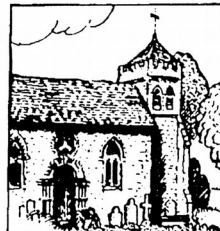


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Sunday 7th October Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT: Hebrews 1.1- 4, 2.5-12 G: Mark 10.2-16
Sunday 14th October Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion	NT: Hebrews 4.12-16 G: Mark 10.17-31
Sunday 21 st October Twentieth Sunday after Trinity		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT : Hebrews 5.1-10 G : 10.35-45
Sunday 28th October Last Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Sung Eucharist		8.00 am BCP Communion 11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins		NT: Hebrews 7.23-28 G : Mark 10.46- 52 OT: Job 42.1-6, 10-17



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Sometimes it's lovely not to have to do anything, just sit and 'be' especially if the sitting and the being is further enhanced by a glass of something. But life generally is not spent in relaxed reflection and even in the country idyll of the Vicarage looking at the number of e-mails requiring reply in my in-box and the ever ringing telephone, today like yesterday is not going to be a day of prayerful contemplation! Life can have a habit of requiring never ending sessions of hard slog, or more simply getting on with the ordinary. In the simple repetition of life one can easily be deluded into thinking that God exists not in the everyday ordinariness but rather in what seems on the surface as the extraordinary other life of holiness.

This 'other life' is the sort of life inhabited by holy people who live in a place of other worldliness. These people we imagine know nothing of the realities of frustrated relationships, caring for crying babies who wake at two in the morning in need of a feed with a partner who could sleep through the Blitz happily unaware of your need for sleep and work in the morning. The holy person never has to, deal with/ remonstrate / negotiate with (delete as appropriate) the teenage creature that was once your beloved child but age seems to have transformed them into something parenthood never really prepared you for. As life deals with the ordinary, God happens to other people who have the time and temperament for such things.

Yet in the ordinariness of life God is there, sadly we tend to look for him in the yesterday of failed possibilities or the urgency of the tomorrow which holds the prospect of what might be. We live lives of looking into the yesterday or racing around coping with the next day to come and all of its needs. The few wise and holy people I know are fully aware of the world around them, much more aware than the busy people who rush by caught up in the hubris of life. They are grimly in touch with the hurt and pain of life whether caused by human action or the onset of age and disease. Yet they see life in the present of today, the life lived in the moment of now where God exists and yearns for us to share in as well. So please give what you think religion might be a miss and instead stop and celebrate the present moment with God.

Yours in Christ.
Rev Simon

Vicar to the Bridge Benefice.

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Your Parish Matters

Christenings

01.07.12	Bekesbourne	Jessica Jane Tunbridge
08.07.12	Bridge	Olivia Rose Matthews
29.07.12	Bekesbourne	Mia Louise Benzies
05.08.12	Bekesbourne	Charlie Thomas Ellis
19.08.12	Bekesbourne	Max Harvey Paskell
19.08.12	Bekesbourne	Ellis Friend
26.08.12	Bekesbourne	Marco Gabriele Jopling

Weddings

07.07.12	Lower Hardres	Colin Stratton and Ellie Russell
14.07.12	Bridge	James Pottle and Rachel Hornibrook

Funerals

03.09.12 Mrs Daisy Evelyn Watson

Mid Week Communion takes place on Tuesday mornings at 9.30am at Bridge Church. This is a short service (20 minutes) and I hope this will provide an opportunity for those who drop children off at school to have time for themselves with God in a quiet atmosphere.

Morning and Evening Prayer. Morning and evening prayer take place at Bridge Church, from Monday to Thursday at 8.30am and 5pm respectively. All are very welcome to attend.

Prayers There is a book for prayer requests on the altar of the Lady Chapel in Bridge Church.

Church Mice –The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter's, Bridge from 2pm-3pm for preschool children (0-5) and their parents and carers - play, songs, bible story, craft and tea and coffee. The next meeting is on Tuesday 2nd October. All welcome.

Church Weddings. *If you, or anyone you know would like to explore the possibility of getting married in church in Bridge, Bekesbourne, Patribourne, Nackington or Lower Hardres please phone the Vicarage to make an enquiry: 01227 830250. Further information is also available at www.yourchurchwedding.org*

For Baptism and Funeral enquiries please feel able to contact the Vicar .The Church of England seeks to serve the community not just those who go to church.

Dates for inclusion in Magazine Diary

October

02/10	14.00	Church Mice at Bridge Church
	15.00	Holy Communion at New Close
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
04/10	19.30	Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close
08/10	19.30	Caring & Sharing
09/10	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
10/10	10.00	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall
16/10	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
17/10	15.00	Hymns at New Close
22/10	19.30	Caring & Sharing
23/10	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield

The Vicar try's to have his 'Day Off' on a **Friday** each week. Yes we know he's invisible six days and incomprehensible on the seventh but on a Friday please leave a message on the Vicarage answer phone which will be responded to as soon as possible. The Curate, Rev Julia will also have her day off on Friday each week.

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Our next two monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays, 9th October at and 13th November (A.G.M.) both at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

Wild Flower Project Recreation Ground

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Sue Hodges

You are warmly invited to
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and, more particularly, to join us in the **Bridge Choir**, which will be specially augmented as usual for the occasion of the Carol Service!

As in previous years, the choir will be supporting the congregational singing, and also adding another dimension to the familiar Christmas Readings with a varied, but not unfamiliar selection of short carols of their own. The present intention is to perform *What Adam's Disobedience Cost* (Jeremiah Clarke), *Comfort Ye, my People* (Nössler, arr. Miles), *Make We Joy Now in this Fest* (William Walton), *He Smiles Within His Cradle* (Trad. arr. Martin Shaw), *O Leave Your Sheep* (French Trad. arr. Keyte & Parrott) and *The Little Drummer Boy* (arr. Miles).

We are looking for all voices (SATB) from all age groups, and hope to welcome back many old friends as well as gain a few new enthusiasts. Some experience and/or ability to read music is necessary for the harmony parts, but not vital for the top line.

We will again keep rehearsals to a minimum, but for that reason it is crucial that most people can make *both* the main rehearsals as well as the Sunday! The rehearsals will almost certainly be held in Bridge Church as follows:

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Martin Miles

Bekesbourne 100 Club

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Mrs Daisy Watson Although Daisy Watson, who died recently shortly after her 100th birthday, never lived in Bekesbourne, she had a long association with the village. Born Daisy Friend in August 1912 (sister of David, Olive and Lily), she was brought up in Shepherdswell, where she met her future husband Ern. Daisy worked as a nurse at Pembury Hospital during the war, while Ern served in the Royal Marines. They married after the war and lived in Adisham, where they brought up their two sons and a daughter. Daisy would walk from Adisham with the children to attend Bekesbourne Church and was a member of the Bekesbourne Mothers' Union and the Women's Institute. Ern, who worked for Mounts, was then offered a house in Worcester Lane and Daisy lived there until shortly after his death in the late 1970s, when she moved to Bifrons Gardens in Patixbourne. There she tended her garden, producing quantities of plants for every village sale, willingly helped with all Bekesbourne church activities and was a familiar sight smiling behind the cake stall at church markets. She was a lady of the 'old school' always preferring to be called Mrs Watson and addressing others as Mr or Mrs. Sunday observance was very important to her. She would never work in her garden on a Sunday and preferred to cook on a Saturday, rather than Sunday. She continued to walk well into her 90s - to church, to the station, to Bridge to collect her pension, always correctly dressed and wearing her hat. Five years ago she moved to sheltered accommodation in Canterbury, where she lived until shortly before her death. After she celebrated her birthday with a family party which included her sons from Germany and Australia, her daughter and three grandsons, her long life reached a peaceful end.

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Saturday 6th October

4.00 – 6.00

**School drive at rear of The Vicarage,
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£5 per car

***This will be followed by a BBQ in
The Vicarage garden 6.00 – 8.00***

@ £2.50 per person

Everyone welcome



National Vegetable Society

(Kent District Association) has a talk on "**Collections**" by **John Branham** on **Wednesday 10 October**, 7.30 for 8.00 pm start, in **Bridge Village Hall**. All are welcome.

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

The October meeting of the WI sounds fun with an active evening of "**Belly Dancing for Fitness**" planned for **Tuesday 16 October** at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. We are always pleased to welcome visitors to our meetings. Do come along if you are interested.

Come along and support a Charity Event and Enjoy Indian food prepared by well known local chef Paul Babra **CURRY NIGHT** at Lower Hardres Village Hall On Saturday 24 November 2012 7 for 7.30 p.m. Tickets £15 each (admission by ticket only) from Christine Barnett 01227 832447 Raffle Traidcraft Stall Proceeds to the Children's Liver Disease Foundation

Family Day St Lawrence & Highland Court Cricket Club would like to thank friends and supporters who helped make the Family Day on Sunday 26th August such a success. The weather was certainly kind to us which helped make the day that bit more enjoyable and raise some much needed funds for the Club. Please keep a lookout for similar events next season and if you would like to get involved with the Club in any capacity please contact the Club Secretary, Peter Turrell on peter_turrell@hotmail.com or 07974 965046. In particular the Club would like to thank: Laurie Wakeham Butchers Woodlands Beauty Club Alpine, Canterbury Kent County Cricket Club Cafe Maresque, Canterbury The Marlowe Theatre

News from Elham Valley Vineyard – September 2012

Hi everyone – we hope you all had a good Summer. We have had a fantastic few months – our new vines are all doing well now and one of the varieties has a lovely crop of grapes in spite of the fact that it is only 1 year old. Grapes normally take at least 3 seasons to settle and produce so we are really pleased that we can make a little wine ready for next year. It will help to eke out what we have left in our store from previous years.

In the Teashop, Sunday lunches are shortly to be available every weekend as they are getting more popular and we will soon be offering our Winter Warmers and a special Christmas menu. We have also prepared buffets for various recent events i.e. a Christening and also a lunch party for 150 people at Faversham.

Our new Woodwork Studio is producing some really innovative wooden items which are sold in the Plant Centre. Horticultural students decorated the Mayor's Marquee for Canterbury Cricket week and Music students are to visit the Marlowe in November to see "The Marriage of Figaro" which they are really looking forward to. Collectively the students and staff are busy making items for sale at our Crafts for Christmas event on Saturday November 24th which starts at 11 a.m. with the Mayor of Canterbury in attendance. We hope to have all the usual stalls, cakes, craft work, woodwork, cards, plants etc and plan to get students and staff to demonstrate some of the crafts actually being made. If anyone would like to donate unwanted gifts for our raffle or tombola, they would be greatly appreciated. They can be left in the Teashop or Plant Centre. Many thanks for the fantastic support we get from the local community, our students really benefit from chatting to people who visit us here.

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Friday 12th October 7.30pm Adults £10 Students £8

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October 13th and our *'Birthday Special'*
on **October 27th** with a pumpkin theme

—bring along a pumpkin you have grown for judging by
10am – prize for the biggest in Bridge!

*Watch out for posters for more details of our October 27th birthday
market – lots of stalls, demonstrations and free birthday cake!*

1st Bridge Guides have spaces for girls aged 10-11 who have participated in synchronised swimming, a penny challenge at Howletts and a get wet night on the beach. We will be complete with salsa dancing, and alcohol free pinball. We will have PGL on an activity weekend near Hastings and had the opportunity to do canoeing, climbing, zip wires, abseiling and many more.



Girlguiding UK

1st Bridge Guides

girls in the lead

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This term we are planning to make chocolate ghosts and spiders, a sleepover and a moonlight safari with real animals and infra red torches!

If your daughter would like to come and join in the fun, please contact Carol Walker on 01227 830940 or email: bridgeguides@btinternet.com for more information.

Bridge Tennis Club Opens New Patio Social Area At Annual Tournament Finals Day,

The culmination of Bridge Tennis Club Summer Tournament took place on Saturday 15th September with matches to determine the winners of the Men's and Ladies Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles titles. Winners' cups were presented by John Hill, President of the club and Chairman of the Parish Council. Winners were Rhona Jardella, Katrina Bromfield, Penny Morgan, Karen Lawson, Patrick Dear and Andy Rice. The successful afternoon of impressive tennis concluded with a celebratory drink and BBQ to mark the recent completion of the new outside patio social area which enhances the club's already well equipped pavilion and three well maintained hard courts. Club coach Stewart Bristow was in attendance with some of the increasing number of juniors he coaches. The event was blessed with perfect tennis and BBQ weather and it is hoped that the new patio will facilitate more socialisation and similar events will take place in the future.

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Saturday 13th October 2012 10am	"Bridal Bouquet"	£65 per person
Saturday 20th October 2012 10am	"Corsage & Buttonholes"	£35 per person
Saturday 8th December 2012 11am	"Christmas Wreath"	£45 per person

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Saturday 25th August 2012 2pm	"Hops"
Saturday 1st December 2012 2pm	"Deck the halls....."

**Private tuition is available at £25 per hour plus materials
Group tuition of 4-6 people £15 per person plus materials**



We will be serving bacon rolls and hot drinks. There will also be the opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping. Traidcraft, and Phoenix Cards will have stalls. There will also be a cake stall, a book and puzzle stall, a gift stall and a chocolate tombola. There will also be a raffle with a prize of luxury Christmas hamper.

You can support us in several different ways.

1. Come along on the day and enjoy our hospitality and cheery faces!!
2. Search out any good quality unused gifts (toiletries, jewellery, gloves, scarves etc - any items suitable for Christmas gifts) that if you are like me you have lurking in the back of a cupboard 'just in case'
3. Search out any books and puzzles in good condition
4. Make a cake, mince pies or sausage rolls
5. Donate a box of chocolates.....large or small, or any other item containing chocolate for the tombola
6. Donate us something for our luxury Christmas hamper e.g. posh coffee or tea bags, some marmalade, a box of crackers, a Christmas pudding or Christmas cake, some Christmas napkins, unusual biscuitsuse your imagination and find something out of the ordinary
7. Make some Christmas decorations e.g. bunting, dried flower arrangements that we can sell

All items can be dropped off at The Vicarage at your convenience.

As with all church events, we rely strongly on support from the village and we really do appreciate this. We couldn't do it without you. This is a social event with the opportunity to eat, drink and shop; what could be better!!!



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LILLE CHRISTMAS MARKET – SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2012

Come and experience a French Christmas market in a winter wonderland, within the beautiful city of Lille.

Departs 07.30 from Bridge School

Arrive back 21.00hrs

Approximate time of arrival in Lille 11.15 giving you plenty of time to enjoy all the City has to offer.

Cost of the trip

£20.00 Bridge Twinning Association

£25.00 Non members

70 seater coach through the Channel tunnel.

First come first served. Full payment required for seat reservation which will be non refundable.

NB Non-EU passport holders are responsible for checking and obtaining appropriate visa/entry requirements in advance of the trip. The Bridge-St-André twinning committee does not accept liability for this.

To book your place please go to Bridge School Office to complete the booking form and make payment. *Please note that under-18s **must** be accompanied by an adult.*

Don't forget to bring Euros on the day, as some stalls may not accept credit cards.

For details of the Lille Christmas market see

<http://www.christmasmarkets.com/France/lille-christmas-market.html>

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WINE & WISDOM:

Saturday October 6th, 7.30pm in Adisham Village Hall. In aid of Holy Innocents' Church. After a few years break, David and Mary Rance have dusted off their quizzing skills and are all set to host another of their highly popular Wine & Wisdom evenings. Intriguing questions, fun for all, and in great company for a good community cause.

Tables up to 8 people, £5.00 per person. Nibbles provided, bring your own food and drink. Tell all your friends and book your table now to avoid disappointment.

Call David and Mary (01304 840569) or Valentine Stevens (01304 840229).

Potential Housing Development sites

Bridge Parish Council held an extra-ordinary meeting on 15th August to discuss in detail the report from the Neighbourhood Plan Committee on the proposed development sites for Bridge. The report had been compiled from an analysis of data obtained from the recent village questionnaire. It was noted that 50.5% of respondents had said that they did not think Bridge needed any more housing. There was a general consensus that Church Meadow should not be developed at all. On the proposals for the A2 site and Brickfields, the report showed that opinion was almost equally divided with a slight majority considering the A2 site more suitable. After considerable detailed debate, a majority of councillors voted for limited development shared between the Brickfields and A2 sites. A map showing the extent of the area on which development could be acceptable, together with the report, would be submitted to the city council for inclusion in the draft Local District Plan.

Play area surface

Having considered the four quotations for the renewal of the wet pour surface of the children's play area, it was agreed that the quotation from Wicksteed Leisure was the preferred option. Councillors agreed to contribute approximately 51% of the cost of the renewal from parish reserves. The Clerk would seek funding from Canterbury City Council under their Capital Grant Scheme.

Boundaries for possible housing development sites – It was agreed to draw the boundary of the area acceptable for housing development on SHLAA site /201 (land west of the A2) alongside the present boundary of Bridge Health Centre, to finish level with the Centre's perimeter fence and approximately 1/3rd of the proposed site wide. A maximum of 10 houses for families to be built on this site during the period of the District Plan.

It was agreed to draw the boundary for SHLAA site /186 (Brickfields) along the top of the field, to follow the line of the existing affordable housing and extend it as far as necessary to accommodate a maximum of 8 affordable housing units to be built during the period of the Local District Plan. A map showing the extent of the two areas for development would be submitted to the city council with the parish council's formal response to the SHLAA site proposals.

Neighbourhood Plan – Mr Connor reported that an exhibition showing the results of the analysis of the questionnaire up to that date had been held in the village hall on 25th. August. A decision would be taken by the Committee as to whether to use the services of a volunteer professional planner. It was expected that the Neighbourhood Plan would take about 2 years to complete.

Bridge in Bloom – Cllr Edmonds announced that the presentation of awards for 'Bridge in Bloom' would be held on Thursday 27th. September at 3.00pm in Mansfield Court. Flowers would be presented to Mansfield Court, which won the Community Garden award again, Penny Spencer would be presented with a garden token and the Red Lion would be awarded a shield, which was being engraved. Cllr Edmonds thanked Viv Brazier for her help in judging the competition. Cllr Hill thanked Cllr Edmonds for organising the competition again.

Recreation Ground- Cllr Hodges thanked people who had donated plants and seeds to the wild flower project. She announced that a working party would take place on the recreation ground on Saturday 20th October. Volunteers should meet at the pavilion at 9.00am. The fence by the pavilion had been damaged. It was agreed to decide how it should be replaced at the next parish council meeting. An application for funding for the renewal of the play area safety surface had been made to the city council's Capital Grant scheme. An application would be made to Viridor for funding as soon as all the required documentation had been obtained.

Volunteers for the recreation ground – Cllr Hodges would be setting up a task force of volunteers to work on the recreation ground. She would welcome offers of help from anyone who was able to give some time to this on a regular basis. Cllr Hill thanked Cllr Hodges for her work on the wild flower project

Overhanging branches It was agreed that in future a letter would be sent by the parish council to residents who failed to cut back overhanging branches which impeded pedestrians, asking them to remove the branches. It was pointed out that if Kent Highway Services had to cut back overhanging trees from private property they charged the householder for the work.

Audit of Parish Accounts 2011/12 – Councillors noted that the Audit Commission had completed the audit of the parish accounts without qualification

Resignation of Cllr Simon Cook – Cllr Hill thanked Cllr Cook for his work as parish councillor.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 11th. October at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. The Planning Committee will meet prior to the Council Meeting at 7.15pm. All Bridge residents are welcome to attend these meetings. _

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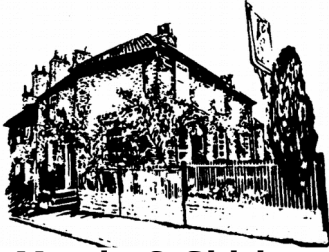
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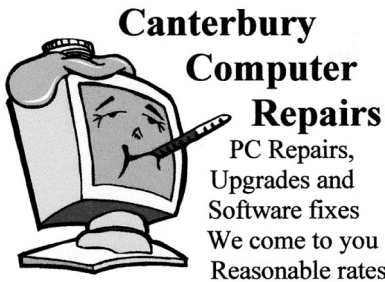
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