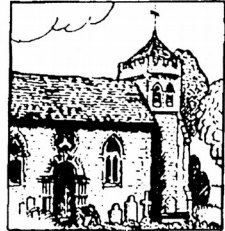
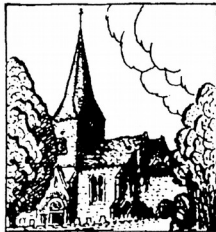


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Year A	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> March Second Sunday of Lent	8.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT: Rom 4.13-25 G: Mark 8.31-38
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> March Third Sunday of Lent	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion	NT: 1 Cor 1.18-25 G: John 2. 13-22
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT: 2 Cor 1.3-7 G: Luke 2.33-35
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March Passion Sunday	9.30 am Holy Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion  11.00 am Family Service & Baptism	11.00 am Mattins		NT: Heb 5.5-10 G: John 12.20-33 OT: Jer 31.31-34
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> April Palm Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT: Phil 2.5-11 G: Mark 15.1- 39(40-47)

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This March finds us in the midst of Lent as the four parishes in the Benefice continue to explore the theme of welcome and Christian hospitality both in the Lent Group and in sermons as we follow the Diocesan Lent Course. We are blessed to welcome and have licenced a second Associate Lay Minister (ALM) Mrs Beverley (Bev) Latham to the Benefice and specifically to Lower Hardres. Bev has completed a yearlong training course in leading worship and will be working with the other members of the ministry team who support me in leading the family service at St Mary's Lower Hardres. It's great that we now have a developing ministry team in the Benefice with Julia our Curate, Margaret our Lay Reader, two ALM's Pat and Bev and the three teams who help lead family worship at St Peter's Bekesbourne, St Peter's Bridge and St Mary's Lower Hardres. It is also important to remind ourselves that all Christian Ministry comes from our Christian calling through Baptism to share God's love. All Christian's are called to show through their lives God's transforming love in the world. Does warmth emanate from our churches (winter weather and antiquated heating systems aside!); can people joining us for worship glimpse something of God's grace and hope? Welcome is not simply the greeting at the church door, it involves relationships and feeling a sharing of God's Holy Spirit to the point it overflows beyond buildings into communities. As we prepare to welcome Bev and challenge congregations to welcome the stranger or visitor, let's also be aware of our own Christian calling through baptism to share in His mission to the world around us, about us and beyond the confines of a church building.

Yours

Simon

Bridge Group of churches includes the Churches of Bekesbourne, Patribourne, Bridge, Lower Hardres and Nackington. \*The church at Bekesbourne is normally kept locked but a key can be borrowed from Essentially Hops in Chalkpit Farm during shop hours.

## **Your Parish Matters**

### **Funerals**

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The Vicar will be having his 'Day Off' on a **Friday** each week. Please try not to disturb him unless absolutely necessary, but leave a message on the answer phone which will be responded to as soon as possible. The Curate, Rev Julia Pickles will also have her day off on Friday each week.

**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.

**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](http://www.yourchurchwedding.org)*

**Women's World Day of Prayer** - In St Peter's Church, Bridge on Friday 2nd March at 11 am. All are welcome. This service has been prepared by the Christian women of Malaysia. It is entitled "Let Justice PREVAIL ". It is an Ecumenical service with many participants. We welcome as preacher Rev. Barbara Heather.

## Dates for inclusion in Your Diary

### March

01/03	19.30	Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close
05/03	19.30	'Finding Welcome' Lent Group Bridge School
06/03	14.00	Church Mice at Bridge Church
	15.00	Holy Communion at New Close
12/03	19.30	'Finding Welcome' Lent Group Bridge School
13/03	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
14/03	10.00	Fish Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall
19/03	19.30	'Finding Welcome' Lent Group Bridge School
20/03	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
21/03	15.00	Hymns at New Close
26/03	19.30	'Finding Welcome' Lent Group Bridge School
27/03	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield


### Art in Bridge

The dates for the above are Saturday and Sunday, 6th and 7th October 2012.

**Porch Sale** - Mothering Sunday (Sunday 18th March at 9.30am) at Lower Hardres there will be a Porch Sale with cakes, jams etc after the service.

**Easter Arts and Crafts Workshop** - Good Friday (6th April) we shall be holding our Easter Arts and Crafts Workshop at the John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres from 9.30am until approximately 11.30am. Rev Simon will then lead a short service. Pick up time for children will be 12 noon. Please book your places now by phoning Julie Cox on 788316 or Margaret Clarke on 765598. If your child is under 4 years of age please stay with them. Hot cross buns and drinks will be provided for everyone. It would be appreciated if you could donate a minimum of £1 per child to cover the cost of hall hire and materials.

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The Cornelia Slavin Spring Outing will be on Thursday April 19th and details will be available at the Pop-In.

### **Electoral Roll**

The Electoral Roll is due to be updated shortly. If you are not already on the Roll and would like to be included, please complete a form (available in church during March) and return it to the Vicar or a churchwarden. If your name is already on the Electoral Roll you need do nothing.

### **Nailbourne League of Friends of the Kent & Canterbury Hospital**

On March 10th a coffee morning and AGM will be held in Bridge Village Hall at 10am with bring and buy, raffle and cakes. Everyone welcome.

### **Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion**

Not much to report this month - a quite time of year. We do have several unwell members and we would like to wish them well.

Can I take this opportunity to say that we always welcome new members - whether they are ex-service people or just ones interested in supporting the cause. We meet every second Tuesday of the month at Littlebourne Recreation Club at 8pm. Our next two meetings will be on 13th March and 10th April.

### **Bridge History Society**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 15 March at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. There were a number of 'hospitals' in Canterbury in medieval times, and Dr Sheila Sweetinburgh will be telling us about the role such institutions played in medieval society and how this changed over time.

Meriel Connor

From a Grateful Subscriber I just want to thank the Rev. Simon for giving my little book a plug in 'On The Nail' and to thank those in the parish who have also encouraged me concerning the contents of: 'THIS IS IT' by Maurice Fullard Smith which is available in Waterstones, St. Margaret's Street, Canterbury. Priced £5.95 Meanwhile at 85 years I am still scribing—and plugging! Maurice



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A reminder that our **Spring Show** is being held by way of a change this year on the morning of **Saturday 14 April in Bridge Village Hall**. For those who have not yet got one, show schedules are now available. Please contact Kathy Walder on 830057.

### **Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute**

The March meeting on Tuesday 20th at our usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall will be what promises to be a most interesting talk on "Owlers, Smugglers and Red Cappers" by the highly entertaining Mr Rob Masters. We are always delighted to welcome visitors to our meeting.

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# Bourne Vets News



Love has been in the air in February and some of our patients have been feeling a bit too romantic much to the horror of their owners and unfortunately accidents do happen occasionally!

Did you know that if your bitch has an unwanted romance we can help with a course of 2 injections of an anti-hormone drug 24 hours apart that can be given from 1 to 45 days after the event to prevent pregnancy, so there really is no need to have a litter of unwanted puppies.

Obviously it is better for your pet to have the injections as soon after the event as possible as after 20 days it will be much more distressing for the dog and there is more risk of a uterine infection developing. The injection also has a small risk of some unpleasant side effects such as vomiting, diarrhoea and anorexia and the bitches seasons can be irregular for a while afterwards so you wouldn't want to give it unless you knew for sure there had been a mating.

The alternative if you don't wish to breed from your bitch is to have them spayed early in the pregnancy. This means the problem won't happen again and you won't have to carefully manage your pet during her seasons anymore. It also means she has no risk of uterine infections and a greatly reduced risk of getting mammary tumours later in life.

Unfortunately there is no injection available for cats and it can be very difficult to know if your cat has been mated so the best option for cats is still to get them neutered so there is no risk of an unwanted pregnancy.

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SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Last year we had over 100 suppers taking part in England and Wales and we raised £6,000. In the three years we have been running the event we have raised £20,000 to support spinal cord injured people.

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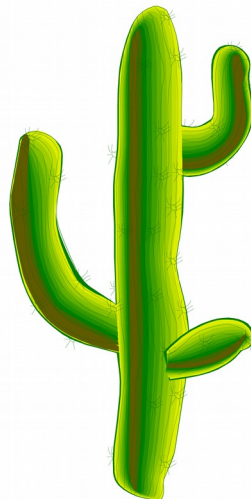
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**Mill Centre** – Cllr Simon Cook reported on a meeting held that morning between parish council representatives and city council officers to discuss the need to find premises for Bridge's youth organisations following the decision by the city council to sell the Mill Centre. The parish council discussed two possible options to retain the youth groups within the village. One option was to build a new scout and guide centre in the grounds of Bridge Primary School subject to the agreement of the school and KCC and funding being available. The use of the building would be shared between the school and youth groups. The advantage of this plan would be that it would take a relatively short time to implement. It was hoped that the city council could be persuaded to agree to extend the lease of the Mill Centre until a new building had been completed, perhaps within 2 years.

The second option was for a new community centre for the village incorporating facilities for the scouts and guides. The city council's Principal Valuer reported that Cantley Estates were in exploratory talks for a large housing development in Bridge. It was suggested that provision of a new Community Centre could be a *quid pro quo* for agreeing the development. The time scale for such a solution could be several years and the outcome was uncertain. The parish council rejected this option. It was noted that the Mill Centre Management Committee had already expressed an interest in buying the Centre but such an option had not been offered to the Committee.

It was agreed that Cllr Cook would put the option of a new youth centre at the primary school to Bridge's youth organisations. If agreed, this would be taken forward by the scouts and guides. Cllr Cook would inform the city council of the parish council's preferred scheme.

**Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations** - Cllr Alan Atkinson told the council that it was proposed to give a commemorative coin to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee to every child up to the age of 16 living within the parish of Bridge. It was planned to distribute order forms for the coins round the village, probably with the next Parish Council Newsletter. The council unanimously agreed to give the committee a loan of £1,000 for a period of eighteen months at zero rate of interest to enable early payments to be made to secure entertainers etc. This would be in addition to the £1,000 grant already approved by the parish council.

**Dog fouling**- The parish council deplored the increase of dog fouling in the village and urged all residents to use the litter bins provided to dispose of dog waste. It was pointed out by Cllr Bill Oakey that action could be taken against dog owners if residents were prepared to make witness statements when they saw dog fouling taking place.

**A2 slip road** –Cllr John Hill had thanked the Kentish Gazette for their publicity about the dangerous A2 slip road. It was agreed to write to the Highways Agency to thank them for taking action to prevent further accidents at the A2 slip road, which had so far proved to be effective.

**Ice on Pavements** – There had been complaints from residents about ice on the pavements. Specifically complaints had been received that the post office / pharmacy had not cleared ice from the front of the shop making the area dangerous. Cllr Bill Oakey volunteered to get salt for the pavements. In future the Emergency Planning Committee would include a contingency plan for volunteers to clear ice from Bridge pavements in their emergency plans. It was agreed to re-visit this matter at the September parish council meeting so that plans could be made in good time.

**Walkers are Welcome** – Cllr Alan Atkinson reported that the scheme would cost around £40 per year and would be good publicity and bring visitors to the village. Canterbury Ramblers had agreed to assist with setting up the scheme, which would require a petition of 25 signatures and a launch event. The local landlords had agreed to display stickers for the scheme. The parish council agreed to implement the scheme. Cllr Atkinson would make further enquiries and report back to the next parish council meeting.

**Annual Parish Meeting** – Ann Millington, Deputy Chief Executive of Kent Fire & Rescue Service had agreed to speak at the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> May and would bring two colleagues from the Service with her. It was agreed to ask representatives from the Bridge/St Andre Twinning Association, the Diamond Jubilee Committee and the Mill Centre Management Committee to give short reports.

**Affordable Housing** – The city council's list of successful applicants would be sent to the parish council and Southern Housing within the next few days. The parish council's only involvement in the selection process would be to verify claims of close connections by those applicants.

**Village Litter Pick** -Cllr Brigitte Ward agreed to postpone the litter pick she was organising until Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March because several councillors were unavailable on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Volunteers should meet at the post office at 9.30 am and all helpers would be very welcome.

**Recreation Ground Working Party** – Cllr Sue Hodges would organise a working party on the recreation ground on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 9.30am. Volunteers would be very welcome.

**Recreation ground rent increase** – The increase in rent for the recreation ground from £450 to £550 per annum with effect from 24<sup>th</sup>. June 2012, proposed by Savills, Agents for Cantley Estates, was agreed.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>.March 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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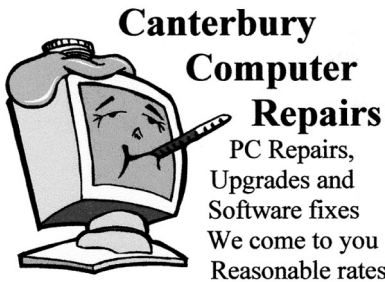
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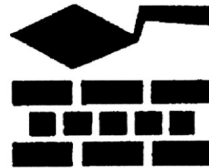
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