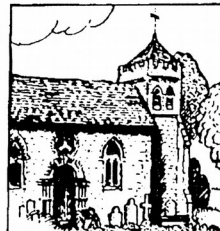


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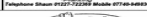
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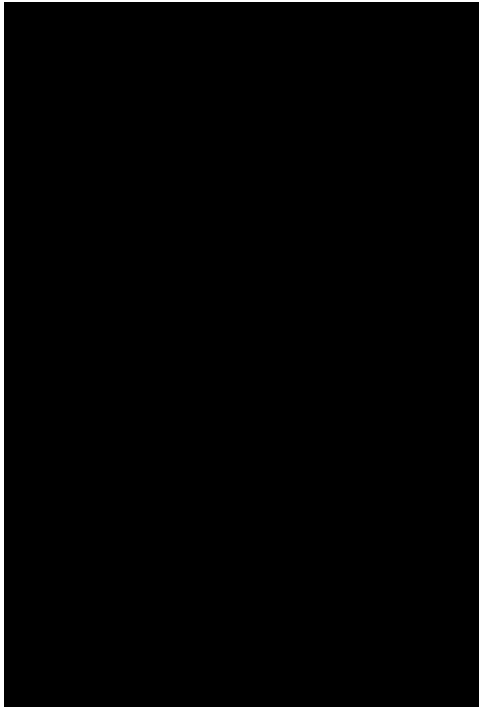


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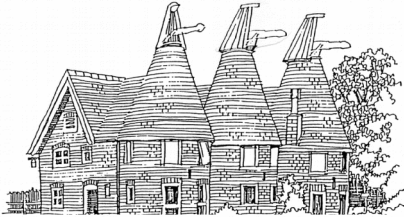
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Sunday 6 th May Fifth Sunday of Easter	8.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT: 1 John 4.7-21 G: John 15.1-8
Sunday 13 th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	11.00am Family Communion	9.30 am Family Communion	11.00am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	NT: 1 John 5.1-6 G: John 15.9-17
Thursday 17 th May Ascension Day			7.30pm Holy Communion			NT: Acts 1.1-11 G: Luke 24.44-53
Sunday 20 th May Sunday After Ascension		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT: 1 John 5.9-13 G: John 17.6-19
Sunday 27 th May Pentecost	9.30 am Holy Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion 11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins		NT: Acts 2.1-21 G: John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15 2 nd Reading: Romans 8.22-27
Sunday 3 rd June Trinity Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	10.00 am Family Service to Celebrate the Golden Jubilee 6.00pm Evensong	(See Bridge)	(See Bridge)	NT: Romans 8.12- 17 G: John 3.1-17



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s letter with a note of thanks to all those involved in the Benefice who worked so hard in preparing our churches for the Easter Celebration. It is easy to take for granted the time and effort taken in cleaning, flower arranging, photocopying, the preparation and rehearsal of music and this Easter for the first time bonfire building! In whatever way you may have been involved in preparing for the Easter festival thank you.

Easter is now past and two feast days, the first of Christ's Ascension and secondly Pentecost is fast approaching. When you look back at the gospel stories of Christ's ministry, after Jesus performs a particular miracle or healing he is seen going to a quiet place to pray with the disciples.

This year in the nine days between Ascension Day and Pentecost (Friday 18th May – Saturday 26th May), Bishop Trevor is offering each one of us an invitation to wait.....and pray for renewal in the gift of hospitality. The disciples who watched Jesus ascend, waited and prayed together. By waiting and praying together they were ready for what God wanted them to do next. So what are we invited to do? Our invitation to the Nine Days of Prayer is to wait. Our invitation to the Nine Days of Prayer is to share in prayer together, in confidence that we serve a risen and ascended Saviour. He invites us to wait together for the Holy Spirit, a gift beyond imagination.

The particular gift of the Holy Spirit we are praying for across the Diocese is to be renewed is the gift of hospitality. This gift characterizes our relationship with God. Hospitality is how we receive from and give to God, and to one another. Using nine stories of 'hospitality' from the Bible, resources including personal Pocket Prayers, and service sheets called 'Daily Waiting' are available to help individuals, groups and church communities see different facets of the way God gives himself to us, and invite us to be agents of transformation.

Please use these days to pray - however and whenever - alone and with others. Along with the Pocket Prayers and Daily Waiting, there is a twitter link, and worship service ideas and resources for children and young people's groups, available at: www.canterburydiocese.org/247liveit/novena2012

Can I invite as many of you who wish to be involved to use the resources available to share in this time of prayer.

Yours

Rev Simon.

Bridge Group of churches includes the Churches of Bekesbourne, Patrixbourne, 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

Baptisms

01.04.12 Bekesbourne Lucy Skye Turner-Chalmers

01.04.12 Bekesbourne Alyssa Beatriz Sommer

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, Patrixbourne, Nackington or Lower Hardres please phone the Vicarage to make an enquiry: 01227 830250. Further information is also available at www.yourchurchwedding.org*

The Easter Workshop.

On Good Friday over 40 children attended the workshop and had great fun. At the end of the morning after the children and helpers processed over the fields to Lower Hardres Church where the Vicar and Rev. Julia held a short Devotional Service. During the service Ben carried a large wooden cross into the church. It was very moving and a lovely ending to the morning. A big thank you to all who helped with the workshop.

Dates for inclusion in Magazine Diary

May		
01/05	14.00	Church Mice at Bridge Church
	15.00	Holy Communion at New Close
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
03/05	19.30	Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close
08/05	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
09/05	10.00	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall
14/05	19.30	Caring & Sharing
15/05	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
16/05	15.00	Hymns at New Close
22/05	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield
28/05	19.30	Caring & Sharing

BEKESBOURNE ROGATION SUNDAY WALK

Sunday 13th. May is the date for this year's Bekesbourne Rogation Sunday Walk. Meet at Bekesbourne Church lych-gate at 10.30a.m. for a leisurely walk through fields and orchards thanking God for his bounty and praying for those who provide our food and care for the countryside.

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Fish (Neighbourly Help) News –Tel no 07935 966 080

The May Coffee Pop-In in Bridge Village Hall will be on Wednesday 9th from 10 to 11.15.

Our all-important annual Bring and Buy will be on Saturday morning May 19th. It is a great source of plants and baking. Do come – you will be most welcome.

BRIDGE HISTORY SOCIETY

On Wednesday 16 May at 7.30, Jim Davies will be talking to us about Coal Mining In Kent. Jim Davies was a miner for 33 years at Betteshanger Colliery and was there at its closure in March 1990 - indeed he was employed in the overseeing of the infill of the shaft. He is well qualified, therefore, to talk about this interesting local industry. As usual, the meeting will take place in the Village Hall, Bridge, and is open to all: Members £3.00 and Non-members £4.00, including refreshments.

Meriel Connor

BRIDGE AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

We are looking for someone to transcribe on to Microsoft "Word," the oral history recordings we have made, of local people's memories of life in the Village in the past.

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Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

The meeting on Tuesday 15 May at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall is our Birthday and Resolutions Meeting which will include a supper, more details of which are to follow.

Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

Our April meeting was well attended, though several members are still having health problems. In particular we wish Bernie Guyatt and Ray Tupper a speedy recovery. We have our Coffee Morning in aid of the Poppy Appeal booked for Saturday, 8th September - more details later.

Anyone wishing to find out more about possibly joining the "Legion" are welcome to contact the secretary on 01227 472023. You do not need to be an ex-service person - just someone who would like to join us and support our valuable work.

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Tenneh says that 'when you are a group and work with focus and total commitment, you work at a faster rate; the stronger ones can help with work that weaker ones cannot do by themselves'.

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Many thanks to all those who supported the soup lunches during the five Wednesdays of Lent. They raised £273.47 for Christian Aid (which will be more with Gift Aid added). As well as raising funds they were enjoyable social events, so I hope our regulars will return next year, together with some newcomers.

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Please help to make this a very enjoyable and memorable event for Bridge. With fingers crossed!

I'll be waiting for your call 830514.

Barbara Binder

Nailbourne Horticultural Society Spring Show

The Nailbourne Horticultural Society's Spring Show was held in Bridge Village Hall on Saturday 14 April and members of the committee were pleased to note that holding the Show on a Saturday morning this year had succeeded in attracting more people.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Despite the unseasonably warm weather in March which had led to many daffodils having finished blooming, the judge Clive Godden from Bekesbourne was pleased to note a good standard in the exhibits on show. Whilst there were mixed fortunes for members in the bulbs section, Penny Spencer won all three floral art classes. The new Whitten Spencer Cup awarded to the winner of the Chairman's Challenge was won by Elizabeth Stewart, whilst Julia Cooper won the cup for the best flowering pot plant with her orchid and Kathy Walder was presented, for the third year in succession, with the cup for the best bloom in show.

The next evening event in the **Nailbourne Horticultural Society's** programme is on **Tuesday 22 May** at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall when Mr John Harvey from the **Woodlands Trust** will be giving an illustrated talk on the aims and history of the Trust with emphasis on their Diamond Jubilee Campaign. As always, we are pleased to welcome non-members to our talks. There will be a small admission charge to include refreshments.

The next event organised by the Kent branch of the National Vegetable Society, which meets regularly in Bridge Village Hall, will be on Wednesday 9 May. Paulo Arrigo of Seeds of Italy will be giving a talk entitled "From Seed to Plate". There will also be an offer on seed packs at the meeting. The evening starts at 7.30 pm with refreshments followed by the meeting at 8 pm. Non members will be most welcome.

BRIDGE IN BLOOM

It is that time of year, once again, when the Parish Council sends out a plea for you to hang up your baskets and fill up your tubs. Judging will be in late July and extra points will be awarded this year for insect attracting plants and a red, white and blue colour scheme. So let's celebrate the diamond jubilee with a colourful display around the village.

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Bekesbourne Explorers

If you enjoy walking in the East Kent countryside, you might like join our exploring group which gets together once a month to follow paths and byways in places we haven't been before. For instance, in April we explored the lovely hidden valleys around Sheldwich, near Faversham.

We walk on the first Wednesday of every month (unless the weather is awful in which case we adjourn to Mama Feelgoods). We meet at Bekesbourne Village Hall at 9.45am to get directions and share lifts. Our walks are circular and last approximately 3 to 5 miles - circa 1 and a half hours. We avoid very steep or difficult walks and go at a moderate pace. We aim to be back in Bekesbourne by lunchtime. Numbers vary: can be as many as fifteen but more usually six to ten, men and women. Well-behaved dogs are welcome and we usually have one or two.

Whenever possible we theme the walk to the season and in May that means bluebells. Contact Joan Atkins on 01227 831127 or e-mail Jill Thomas -

cobhamcourt@btinternet.com

Bekesbourne Village Hall The hall has vacancies for hirers, both residents and folk living out side the Village. Reasonable rates, apply to Joan Atkins 01227-831127

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This is a free service to the users and covers most of Kent.

Age UK Canterbury is very fortunate to have an enthusiastic, dedicated and hard working group of volunteers who help us in a wide variety of ways. It might sound a bit corny but we really couldn't manage without them, services would have to be cut or reduced and our clients would suffer. Many of our volunteers have been with us for a long time as they enjoy spending time with us and find volunteering a very rewarding experience.

Currently we are looking for some new volunteers to help us, if you have a little spare time, and would you be able to help with something listed below:.

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You can visit their website at www.nationalpetmonth.org.uk for lots of useful information on pet ownership and a chance to win a year's free food for your pet in the photography competition. There is also loads of useful information for schools about keeping school pets.

At Bourne Vet Practice we are getting involved by holding an Open Day on Bank Holiday Monday 7th May from 12pm to 4pm. There will be lots of animals to see and handle, an exciting Junior Vet Challenge for the children with prizes for everyone as well as a chance to have a look behind the scenes and see what we do. Please come down and join in, we'd love to see you there and will be available to offer help and advice if you are considering getting a pet.

Journeying to Wholeness A Day of Healing and Wholeness with Revd. Dr. Russ Parker Director of the Acorn Christian Healing Foundation on Saturday 9th June 2012 in Eastling Village Hall (ME13 0BA) 10am - 4pm (registration and coffee from 9.30am) Cost will be £9 per person. Tea and coffee provided, please bring your own lunch If you would like to book or need further information, please leave contact details on 01795 890487, email: eastlingchurch@gmail.com or go to www.eastling.co/uk

Bridge Parish Council www.bridgevillage.org.uk
Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 12th. April 2012

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations- The commemorative coins were being ordered. Bridge Post Office staff had kindly offered to help with their distribution. The bonfire would form part of the national chain of beacons and would be lit on Monday evening 4th. June at a time to be advised by the national organising committee. Access to the Star Hill bonfire site would be via the entrance opposite Higham Park and the gate and stile in Bourne Park Road.

Neighbourhood Plan The first meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee, which represents various village groups, had been addressed by Adrian Verrall of the City Council's Planning Dept. Local residents would be asked for their views on the proposals being put forward in city council's Local Plan, which was in preparation and, once adopted, would cover the next 20 years. It was important that Bridge had an input into where additional housing should be and where green spaces should be kept. There would be a report on this at the Annual Parish Meeting on 3rd May and it was hoped that Bridge residents would make their views known at that meeting and by writing or emailing the Neighbourhood Plan Committee initially via the Parish Clerk.

Report on Flood Risk in Bridge – Mervyn Gulvin presented maps and supporting documents concerning the flood risk to properties within Bridge. These had been compiled because some residents had had difficulty in obtaining household insurance because of the perceived flood risk in Bridge. It was agreed to put the maps on the village website and also to make them available at the Annual Parish Meeting so that any inaccuracies could be corrected.

Mill Centre- A potential site for a replacement for the Mill Centre had been agreed at Bridge Primary School. An indicative plan had been drawn up with costing. This would be discussed by the school governors in the first instance, later in the month.

Recreation Ground – Arrangements were being made to remove the broken roller and sell it for scrap. The repairs to the guttering were in hand. It was not known who had been responsible for painting the wall of the sandbag store and the pavilion doors. There was discussion about the wet pour on the children's play area, which was in need of attention. It was agreed this should be an agenda item at the next parish council meeting. A decision needed to be taken about replacing the entire play surface, which would have considerable cost implications.

Affordable Housing – The event to bury the time capsule would take place on Tuesday 1st May at the site. There would be a reception for invited guests in the Mill Centre, organised by Southern Housing Group, following the event. A group of children from Bridge Primary School would be invited to attend.

Tennis Club Proposals to extend their fencing and make an outside seating area. – Councillors did not object to this proposal. Cllr Alan Atkinson suggested that paving should be used instead of gravel because of the likelihood of small stones being washed away in any flood and also the problem of disabled access over gravel. Cantley Estates had written to the Clerk to say they did not object to the proposals.

Village Diary – It was decided to reinstate the Village Diary, which would be kept in a suitable public venue so that bookings for village events could be recorded in it. The purpose would be to prevent conflicting dates of local events and it would be the responsibility of those organisations making the bookings to record the dates in the diary. The possibility of using the village website for the same purpose was being investigated.

Parish Reserves – The council approved the current parish reserves. It was agreed to allocate £5,000 from the general reserve to the Neighbourhood Plan costs.

Recreation Ground Working Party – Cllr Sue Hodges reminded councillors that there would be a working party on the recreation ground on Saturday 21st April. All volunteers were very welcome and should assemble from 9.00am onwards with gardening equipment.

Village litter pick – Cllr John Hill thanked Cllr Brigitte Ward and her volunteers who had carried out a village litter pick in Bridge on Saturday 17th March.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held in the village hall on Thursday 3rd May at 7.30pm. The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 12th May 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.



Open Air Productions Summer 2012

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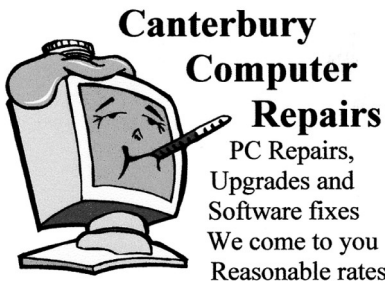
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