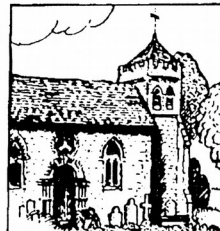


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Year B	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 1 st July Fourth Sunday after Trinity	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT : 2 Cor 8.7-15 G : Mark 5.21-43
Sunday 8 th July Fifth Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion	NT : 2 Cor 12.2-10 G : Mark 6.1-13
Sunday 15 th July Sixth Sunday after Trinity		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am BCP Communion	NT : Ephesians 1.3- 14 G : Mark 6.14-29
Sunday 22 nd July Seventh Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am BCP Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion 11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am BCP Mattins		NT : Ephesians 2.11-22 G : Mark 6.30-34, 53-56 OT : Samuel 7.1- 14a
Sunday 29 th July Eighth Sunday after Trinity				9.30 am Benefice Holy Communion Service		NT : Ephesians 3.14-21 G : John 6.1 - 21
Sunday 5 th August					9.30 am Holy Communion	NT : Ephesians 4.1- 16 G : 6.24-35

BCP – Book of Common Prayer a traditional service. Eucharist – Holy Communion. Mattins – Morning Prayer



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July 11th is the date in the church calendar when we remember St Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino and Father of Western Monasticism.

The idea of monasticism may seem completely alien to our modern daily living. Early Christian monasticism originated in the Middle East from the desert fathers and mothers who flourished particularly in the 3rd Century. They lived a pilgrimage of self-discovery about themselves in relationship with God and the world and people around about them. From their writing and wisdom a message comes of learning to live and be honest about yourself in relation to God. This is the life long journey that these people undertook. In looking on themselves and the world around about them they recognised quickly that it was unhelpful and damaging to all to fall into the temptation to look at others and find fault. Accepting and struggling with their humanity, how God wanted them to be in there ordinary and extraordinariness was central to their lives. In doing this, as monastic communities do today, brings about a closeness and appreciation of humanity.

Last Autumn I had the joy of driving with a good friend Route 66 in America. A trip I had thought about undertaking for many years. As part of the journey I took a diversion off the route to visit the Abbey of Gethsemane in Kentucky. The abbey was home to Thomas Merton (1915-1968) a monk and spiritual writer. The religious community he was part of is still flourishing and coupled with a road trip was a spiritual pilgrimage in itself (not to mention the bourbon whiskey distilleries). Any pilgrimage is not so much the final destination as the journey and the meeting of people and process of self-discovery this nurtures.

What I found on my trip and plenty of others have found on their pilgrimages is how we are all so interconnected / reliant upon each other and the world around us. When I look at another and do not understand their culture or life style it should force me to relook at my own understanding of self and my relationship with God through Christ rather than immediately saying you are wrong because you are not like me or this is how we have always done it so change must be wrong.

Consequently it is with sadness that I look upon my own church as it struggles with women's ministry (Women Bishops) and same sex marriage. I'm neither a women nor gay, so how can I be suitably qualified to speak for another's experience which is not my own. Rather it is a call to engage non-judgementally, as someone who fails continually, to learn about myself and those who live around about me in community. Through love we should hope to grow from hearing other people's stories and in them come closer to God. We live

lives of pilgrimage if we seek to learn about ourselves and the people who live around us through the love of Christ. I will strive to model a church which allows a safe place for all people to enter upon such a journey, knowing my own brokenness and celebrating the supremacy of Christ' love.

Yours in Christ.

Rev Simon

Vicar to the Bridge Benefice.

Dates for Your Diary

July

<i>03/07</i>	<i>14.00</i>	<i>Church Mice at Bridge Church</i>
		<i>15.00 Holy Communion</i>
<i>at New Close</i>		
<i>10/07</i>	<i>14.30</i>	<i>Holy Communion at Mansfield Court</i>
<i>17/07</i>	<i>15.00</i>	<i>Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge</i>
<i>18/07</i>	<i>15.00</i>	<i>Hymns at New Close</i>
<i>24/07</i>	<i>14.30</i>	<i>Holy Communion at Highfield</i>

Queens Diamond Jubilee

Wow what celebrations. Can I offer my personal thanks to all those involved within all the local communities in the Benefice who worked so hard to foster a great sense of community spirit as people came together to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee. Even the rain could not dampen spirits!

Rev 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

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 3rd July. All welcome.

Church Weddings. *If you, or anyone you know would like to explore the possibility of getting married in church in Bridge, Bekesbourne, Patixbourne, Nackington or Lower Hardres please phone the Vicarage to make an enquiry: 01227 830250.*

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SATURDAY JULY 7TH – Something at the Vicarage.

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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.

Fish (Neighbourly Help) News - telephone 07935 966 080

The July Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 11th in Bridge Village Hall and everybody is welcome.

Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

Sadly, we have lost two valued members in the past month - Mrs June Ferris and Mr Ron Bates. Our thoughts are with their families.

On a happier note - we have several members recovering from recent operations and able to join in with our activities again.

As this is a quiet time of year for the Branch - could we mention again that we welcome new members. You don't have to be ex-service - just somebody who is interested and sympathetic to the Legion's aims and wants to support this worthwhile cause. We meet every first Tuesday of the month at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne. For more information call the Branch Secretary on 01227 472023.

Our next two meetings will be on Tuesdays 10th July and 14th August both at 8pm.

Queens Diamond Jubilee

On behalf of the Bridge Diamond Jubilee Committee, I would like to thank all those who assisted with the events and who helped to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee either on the Recreation Ground on Sunday or atop Star Hill on Monday evening.

Alan Atkinson
Chairman

A Special Thank you

I was simply overwhelmed with the generosity of the cake/biscuit makers! A big "thank you" for all the delicious donations. I do have one or two cake tins uncollected—please give me a ring and I will return them to you. A special thanks to Bridgeway Stores who kindly gave us refreshments which enabled us to offer complimentary tea/coffee.

We are indebted to all the volunteers who helped on the day, particularly the effort needed to set up and clear away tables, chairs, gazebos etc. a big job well done. On Monday evening the Fireworks Team worked hard to give a splendid end to the celebrations. Many appreciative comments have been made.

It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the celebrations and bringing the community together for a successful event—even in the rain!

Would anyone be interested in making a "Village Picnic" an annual event? If so please contact Alan 830629/louise@tasou.fsnet.co.uk or me 830514 with your ideas. We still have Commemorative Coins for sale £2 each from the Post Office or 17 High Street.

A mystery for you to solve

Who was the lovely man who continuously swept the grass from the Pavilion for more than two hours?

Barbara Beinder and the

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Jubilee Committee

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WOULD ALL CONTRIBUTORS PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT 'ON THE NAIL' WILL BE THE COMBINED AUGUST/SEPTEMBER EDITION.

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The Nursery are now looking forward to their Jubilee celebrations and all the events and activities arrange for next term before some of the children move on to School. Mrs Sheppard, Nursery Manager, would like to thank everyone for all their efforts and support towards the fair and to all who donated prizes. Special thanks must also go to the great staff team for working so hard to achieve such a fantastic Ofsted report.

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We would really like to encourage more people to take part in our shows and to come along to view the exhibits and to this end we are inviting entries from non-members in certain of the classes.

We have a children's section, open to all, with a cup awarded to the winner. In addition, each child entering will receive a small prize. There are two classes in this summer's show:

A picture – A4 size – using torn paper

and

A container of cress – 4 inch (10cm) maximum diameter.

In each class the children will be divided into over and under eights. We would really love it if you would encourage your children to take part. Entries should be brought to the hall before 10.00 am on the morning of the show.

This year we have opened up two classes to non-members in addition to our usual official "Open Class". In the vegetable section there is a class entitled "**Any Other Vegetable**" (use common sense on numbers). Those veg already included in the schedule are spring onions, onions, potatoes, carrots, French beans, broad beans, peas, courgettes, shallots, lettuce, tomatoes and cucumber. So, we would welcome your entry of any vegetable that you have grown other than those listed above.

Likewise, in the flower section the open class is for a container (we supply this) of **mixed flowers** (anything in flower).

Do have a go! Bring your entries to the hall before 10 am on the morning of the show. We will be there to receive them from 8 am onwards. If you would like any further information or the full schedule of classes, please contact me, Kathy Walder, on 01227 830057/07791 656539 or email kath@askwalder.com

We are also looking for entries for our three garden categories - Most Picturesque Garden, Prettiest Small Garden and Best Kept Vegetable Garden - with a handsome trophy to be won in each class. Please don't be shy in putting your garden forward. Contact Kathy Walder (details as above) by no later than Wednesday 27 June. Judging will take place in early July prior to the Summer Show.

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

On **Tuesday 17 July** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, **Geneve** will be returning by popular request to do a follow-up evening to her visit last year when she was encouraging us to "**Make the Most of Ourselves.**"



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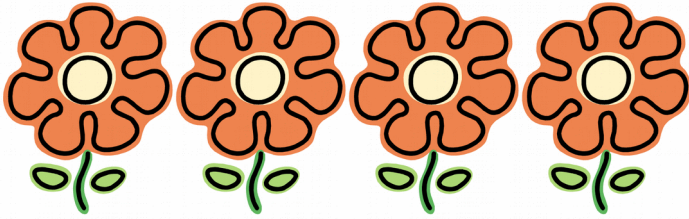


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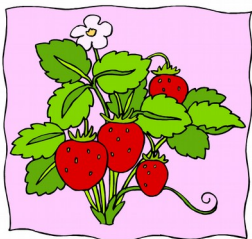


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this opportunity to warn you about a new disease that we have practice recently.

On our first case of Erlichiosis at the practice. We have been with a gorgeous 2 year old Pyrenean Mountain Dog for this dog is very poorly indeed but is fortunately, gradually improving. The disease which is very rarely seen in the UK. It is more common in the USA and it can be fatal. It is caused by rickettsial bacteria which are transmitted by ixodid ticks. These ticks are not normally seen in the UK but have been reported in Kent and the New Forest.

Symptoms of the disease include coughing, weakness and spontaneous bleeding which can lead to lameness and paralysis and in severe cases the disease. If caught early enough the disease can be treated and we are confident that your pet will make a full recovery. There is no vaccine to protect your pets against this disease, the most important thing you can do is protect them from ticks by using an effective tick repellent spot-on or collar. Ticks are very prevalent in the wet weather we are having at the moment so we highly recommend preventative treatment. If you would like further information or advice speak to your vets or call Bourne Veterinary Practice on **01227 832322**.

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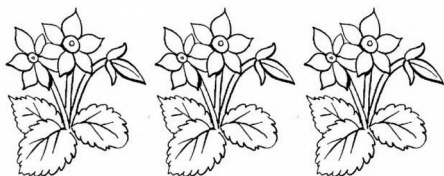
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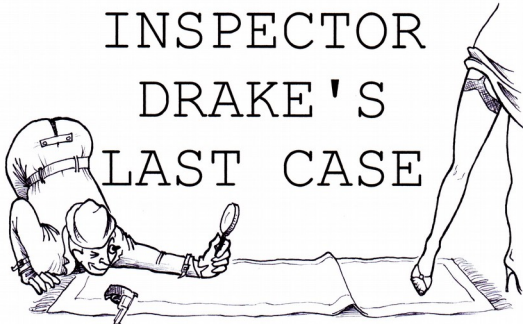
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Neighbourhood Plan – Joe Connor, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee, reported that 335 questionnaires had been returned out of 705 distributed. The data was being processed and it was intended that the Neighbourhood Plan would be completed by August in time to present to the City Council before the end of that month. It was agreed that a special meeting of the Parish Council would be held in August to consider the Neighbourhood Plan when it had been completed.

List of Assets of Community Value – The Parish Council drew up a list of assets of value to the community, which would form part of the Neighbourhood Plan. The list would be lodged with the Development Management Department of the City Council. Under the Localism Act, the Parish Council would have a right to bid for a designated community asset and would have six months to prepare a bid to buy it before an asset could be sold.

Mill Centre – Cllr Simon Cook reported that the proposal to build a new facility in the school was no longer viable. Funding conditions would have meant that the school would have had to donate the land to the Parish Council and the school governors had not considered this acceptable. A report on the future of the Centre would be presented to Canterbury City Council Executive on Thursday 21st June. It would outline three alternatives; a. to extend the lease for a further two years, b. to secure vacant possession of the site in September c. to transfer the Centre to the community. Cllr Hill would speak on behalf of the Parish Council at the Executive meeting.

It was pointed out that the main halls were in good condition but the kitchen and smaller rooms needed renovation. The estimated cost of this was £200,000. None of this would be a cost to the City Council as, provided a 25 years + lease could be secured, grants would be available.

Diamond Jubilee – – Cllr John Hill thanked the Diamond Jubilee Committee for their hard work in producing a superb celebration for the village, both on the Sunday at the recreation ground and at the Monday bonfire and fireworks. Cllr Alan Atkinson also thanked all the helpers who had made the celebrations a success. He announced that there were still some Jubilee coins available for purchase. They would be on sale at the village fete.

Methodist Chapel- It was reported that the Methodist chapel had been sold. The parish council's bid to buy it had been unsuccessful.

Recreation Ground – The guttering round the pavilion had again been damaged and there had been some damage to the plants near the pavilion. Anti climb paint had been put on the roof of the sand bag store to try to prevent more damage to the pavilion guttering. The fencing by Riverside Close had been damaged. Cllr Sue Hodges thanked the volunteers who had planted the Jubilee oak and had helped with the planting on 23rd. April. Cllr Bill Oakey and Mervyn Gulvin had taken sacks of rubbish from the pavilion to the local tip after the Jubilee celebrations.

Request for double yellow lines at junction of Patricbourne Rd and Riverside Close- It was considered that asking the City Council to agree to the use of double yellow lines would serve no purpose, as they would not be enforced. The Parish Council requested Cllr Cook to ask the City Council for more frequent visits by parking attendants to enforce existing parking restrictions in Bridge.

Summer football training for Bridge FC- It was agreed to refuse a request from Bridge Football Club to begin training on the recreation ground in mid-July rather than after 1st August, as stated in their contract. This was because of undertakings given to residents living next to the ground who had previously complained about disruption during the summer months.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 12th.July 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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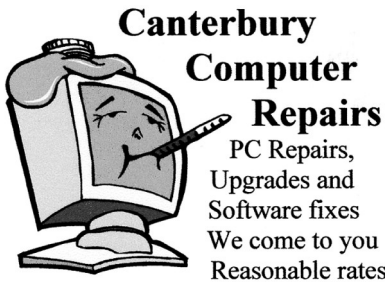
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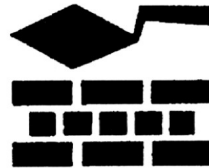
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