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The Bridge Group Services for the month of October 2013

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patrixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 6 th October 19 th Sunday after Trinity	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Harvest Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Harvest Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Harvest Festival Family Service	NT : 2 Timothy 1: 1-14 G : Luke 17: 5-10
Sunday 13 th October 20 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion	OT : 2 Kings 5: 1- 3,7-15c G : Luke 17: 11-19
Sunday 20 th October 21 st Sunday after Trinity		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT : 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5 G : Luke 18: 1-8
Sunday 27th nd October Last Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Sung Eucharist		8.00 am BCP Communion 11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins		OT: Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-17 G : Luke 18: 9-14
Sunday 3 rd November All Saints	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm All Souls Evensong. Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30am All Saints Family Service	All Souls Readings OT : Psalm 94: 14-19 G : Luke 14: 1,7-11 All Saints Readings: OT: Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18 G : Luke 6: 20-31

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Rev Julia Pickles The Curate 21 High Street Bridge CT4 5JZ curate@bridgechurch.co.uk

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As summer has raced and autumn marched on apace, it's true isn't it that the smells around us change? The air is often crisper on the nostrils and our noses detect the damp and mist as the leaves on the trees turn hue. Meanwhile in the kitchen we abandon our sweet smelling salads and sizzling BBQs in favour of steaming bowls of soup or roasts that fill our noses with the comforting aromas of root vegetables or gravy!

It reminds me that smells are very evocative of people, place and time. We so easily remember people by their perfumes or aftershave and smile to ourselves in recollection if we pass someone in the street who whiffs the same as our loved ones. In a similar way, the smell of incense always takes me back to being 18 as a student at St Chad's College, Durham and the teenage religious thrill of worshipping in our college chapel, which was a very happy and holy community to be part of. Perhaps there is a smell for you, which reminds you of a certain time in your life? The odour of carbolic soap as a childhood memory perhaps or even the smell of seaside air!

Well, St Paul knew that smells were evocative, which is why in 2 Corinthians 2:14-16 he talks about how we Christians "are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved". We're to spread the gentle merciful scent of Christ as a sweet smell into the world by our loving actions and words that it might linger and draw others to Christ. But how can we let our lives be steeped in the aroma of Christ?

In 1996, the Church of England outlined 5 marks of mission as a kind of mission statement for our communion but I think they are very relevant to all breeds of Christian (Roman Catholic, Methodist, Baptist, the list goes on...) and they direct us in our attempts to fulfill the Great Commission and in this task of spreading the aroma of Christ. They are:

- 1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
- 2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers.
- 3. To respond to human need by loving service.
- 4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation.
- 5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

So as we encourage each other in mission and in spreading Christ's aroma in the world let me end with an extract from a prayer by John Henry Newman.

Dear Jesus, help me to spread Your fragrance everywhere I go.

Flood my soul with Your spirit and life. That my life may only be a radiance of Yours.

God bless, Julia

Your Parish Matters

20.07.13 Nicola Fisher	Nackington	Weddings Jordan Allen and
27.07.13 Joanne Hills	Bridge	John Cox and
24.08.13 Kelly	Bekesbourne	Matthew Moon and Nicola
31.08.13 Sabine Crestien	Lower Hardres	Jamie Hazlegrove and
06.09.13 Ffion Mari Edwards	Bridge	Mark Foster and
Disasian		Wedding
Blessing 06.07.13 de Arajngo	Bishopsbourne	Freya Seath and Vicente
10.08.13 Mackay	Patrixbourne	Renewal of Vows Matthew and Louise
22.07.13 22.07.13 06.08.13 21.08.13 30.08.13	Georgina Hagger Kathleen Mary Wells Winifred Ellen Calkin Jack Frederick Smith Kathleen Margaret Eyn	Funerals

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 1st October.

All welcome. Contact Rev Julia on 830265.

MOBY. Members of Bridge Youth or MOBY is the Bridge Benefice Youth Group for Year 7 plus. It aims to support young people in their Christian faith...and have fun. MOBY will meet again on Tuesday 15th October, 7pm-8.30pm, at Bridge Pavilion on the Recreation Ground.

Year 7's and up all welcome. For further information please contact Rev Julia on 830265.

Mid-Week Communion takes place on Tuesday mornings at 9.30am at Bridge Church. This is a short service (30 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.

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 <u>www.yourchurchwedding.org</u>*

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

October	Dates for Your Diary			
01/10		14.00	15.00	Church Mice at Bridge Church Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
			20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
03/10		19.30		Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close
08/10		14.30		Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
09/10 Village Hall		10.00		Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge
	14.00	Social Afternoon at John Baker White Memorial Hall, Lower Hardres		
14/10		19.30		Caring & Sharing
15/10	19.00- 20.30	15.00 MOBY. Br		oly Communion at Saxon Lodge vilion on Recreation Ground
	20.30	20.00	A	fter 8's at 7 Windmill Close
16/10		15.00		Hymns at Bridge Haven
22/10		14.30		Holy Communion at Highfield
28/10		19.30		Caring & Sharing

The Curate, Rev Julia Pickles has her day off on Friday each week. In case of an emergency on a Friday please contact the Rev Stephen Hardy on 01227 831340.

Bekesbourne Village Forthcoming Events

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church are organising the following events:

- ~ 7th November, 2013 Valuation Evening in the Village Hall
- ~ 7th December, 2013 Christmas Bazaar in the Village Hall
- ~ 25th January, 2014 Jumble Sale in the Village Hall

Details of the above events will be published in future Parish Magazines for the sale of tickets and timings.

In search of a new priest...update

Sadly, we are unable to appoint a new priest after the interviews in July so we are now advertising the post again, having slightly tweaked the parish profile (job description) and interviews will be held a second time in mid-late November. Please continue to pray for all our church wardens, retired clergy and ministers and for wisdom to appoint the right candidate. Many thanks, Rev Julia.

FOSM CONCERT AT PATRIXBOURNE

Our next FOSM event is at St Mary's on Sunday 17th November at 3pm. It will be a concert of sacred and secular music, conducted by Matthew Raisbeck, featuring local singers, followed of course by refreshments. Do come along and support them. Tickets are available from Pauline Pritchard.

Now that we have the funds to repair the Wheel Window, we have shifted our fundraising efforts to new heating for the church. Those of you who know St Mary's will realise how great this need is!

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed to our fund-raising efforts so far.

Poppy Appeal

"Remembrance Sunday will be the 10th of November this year with Poppy day preceding it and Armistice day following it. Despite the recession each year people in the parishes of Bridge, Bishopsbourne and Patrixbourne continue to be more and more generous. With this in mind we are keen to get more volunteers to act as house to house collectors during the preceding fortnight or as street collectors from the 2nd to 9th of November. Please contact John Shirley on 0708734842 or Emily Shirley on 07753779074, if you think that you could spare a couple of hours." Nailbourne Sewer. We have a meeting in Bridge Village Hall on October 12th regarding fat funnels which are devices to keep fat out of the sewer and reduce blockages which I would like to publicise.

Remembering Kathy Eynon, friend of Bridge Church and the Children's Society

Sadly Kathy passed away peacefully at home on 12 August 2013, to be reunited with her daughter, Jackie. Husband John and elder daughter, Lindsay, would like to thank all Kathy's friends and neighbours in Bridge for their kindness and support – in these sad times, and in the many years of Kathy's work for Bridge Church and fundraising for The Children's Society, where she instigated the Christingle services enjoyed by all generations. Particular thanks go to Margaret Clarke, who led the service at Barham Crematorium.

Bridge History Society

'A Dickens Film Evening' is our next event, to take place on Thursday 17 October at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. The opening scene of Dickens' 'Great Expectations' inspired the making of this short film 'Magwitch', which was made in Kent to celebrate Dickens' bicentenary celebrations. It was critically acclaimed as 'beautifully shot, brilliant direction, great ending'. We will also be showing another short film entitled 'Timebleeds'. This is a drama/documentary created to commemorate World War 1. In sombre contrast, perhaps, this film looks briefly at the central question 'What happens if we forget?'. A bit of a preview for our Society, this film is part of a larger project, which will receive its first screening by Turner Contemporary at the Royal Engineers' Museum in Medway next year. Something to stimulate thought ... All are welcome. We feel it might be popular, so come early to secure your place! *Meriel Connor*

1st Bridge Rainbow Unit

Bridge Rainbows has had two busy terms this year. They have visited Howletts, Farming World, Aire Trampolining, had a Teddy bears Picnic at Bekesbourne Rec and a Sports meeting at Bridge Rec. In June they did a sponsored walk from Bridge to Bishopsbourne and raised an amazing £210 for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Meetings in the hall have covered topics ranging from 'Getting Healthy' to "Sunflowers' and 'Earth Day'.

I should like to say a very big thank you to all who have helped me over the last 17 years. It has been great fun and I am most grateful to all who contributed to my wonderful array of gifts.

A new volunteer leader, Sharon Pritchard, has taken over the running of the unit. I wish Willow and her team the very best of luck for the future of Rainbows in Bridge. Sarah Wetherell/ Rowan

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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Join us on **Tuesday 29 October** and be transported by our speaker Heather Willis to "**The Isle of Arran in Autumn**". The talk, which promises to be a photographic delight, will be held in Bridge Village Hall, starting at 7.30 pm. There will be a small charge to include refreshments and, as always, we are delighted to welcome non-members.

In preparation for our **Spring Show**, we will as usual be giving out bulbs this autumn to be grown on and brought along to the Show for entry in the Chairman's Challenge class. Please contact Kathy Walder on 830057 if you would like to be included.

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

On **Tuesday 15 October** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, Gehad Homsey will be giving a talk on the charity known as "**Mercy Ships**". Non-members will be made most welcome at our meetings.

National Vegetable Society - Kent District Association

For the final evening talk of the 2013 programme, Neil and Bob Lawrence will perhaps inspire us to have a good rummage around in all corners of our garden after their talk entitled "Antiques in your Garden Shed" on Wednesday 9 October, 7.30 pm for an 8.00 pm start, in Bridge Village Hall. Non-members are, of course, very welcome to come along to the meeting too.

Fish News

The October Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 9th from 10 to 11.15. Everybody is most welcome to come along.

The number to ring for help with transport is 07935 966 080.

Christmas Puddings

L`Arche Christmas Puddings have arrived a little late this year as the makers in Kendal have been producing 65,000 of them for Fortnum & Mason.

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Many thanks, Anne

Forth coming Bekesbourne Family Services

At Bekesbourne we provide a warm welcome in a relaxed and informal setting. We use a sound system, have a small music group and now have a toilet! So don't be put off, come and join us. We look forward to welcoming you into our church and chatting with you afterwards over a cup of tea and biscuits.

October 6th is our annual **Harvest Festival**. The 'gifts' from this service will be donated to the Women's Refuge in Canterbury. This provides an emergency place of safety for women and their children who have had to flee from abusive homes and relationships. The families arrive often with nothing, having fled without any possessions. So donations of non perishable goods; food, toiletries, consumables, are ideal. Also spare quality clothing, toys etc. Do come and join our joyous celebration with lots of music making and possibly food to taste!

On **November 3rd** we will celebrate **All Saints Day** and explore saintliness and learn about some of our saints; famous and less famous.

December 1st is our annual **ADVENT Gift Service** where we brings items to donate to British Humanitarian Aid, a local charity based in Canterbury which supports impoverished homes, families and many disabled children in the Chernigov region of the Ukraine. Good condition clothing for winter for adults and children, simple toiletries, toys, books (especially simple story books for the children to learn English), stationery items for learning as well as recreation. Large items-bedding, furniture, household, old computers can be taken directly to the warehouse on the Barton Road Estate. Tel No.

Finally we have our Christmas Celebration! It is a tradition at Bekesbourne to hold **a Nativity Drama**. This is now combined with the feast of Epiphany and celebrated in our January service, **The Feast of the Three Kings on January 5th.** To achieve this we hold a rehearsal the day before, Sat. 4th, in the Church at 2.30pm. If there are any children who want to be part of this (do not have to be part of the regular congregation) then ring me, **Pat Kusel, on 01227 830272,** and come to the church on Sat. 4th Jan.



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Isle of Arran in Autumn

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News for 2013 from Elham Valley Vineyard (The Fifth Trust).

We continue to grow and develop our Work Centres at the Vineyard and Greenbanks and look forward to our Craft Fair on 9th November at the Vineyard Garden Centre (11-3). All departments are working to build up their stocks of craft items for sale and we are rapidly increasing the range of products made here.

Our Woodwork studio is now able to offer a bespoke service for clients wanting garden furniture and obelisks as well as the normal bird tables, boxes and feeders. They also are making chopping boards which are very popular.

Volunteers bring a wealth of new ideas into items made by our Pottery department and Art section so these are developing and evolving all the time, we produce and print our own Christmas cards and Calenders from drawings which students make in Design and Create.

An offshoot which has sprung from our Catering team called "Cook Club" are now making and selling in the Teashop, a range of pickles and jams which have their own distinctive labels and these have been flying off the shelves. The Student Canteen which has recently been refurbished with a Donation from our Charity "The Fifth Trust" now has duel use as a proper catering kitchen for "Cook Club" sessions which started as a small unit teaching students who found the teashop intimidating, simple cooking and this has lead to their own range of goods which will be available at the Craft Fair.

Of course we still have our Garden Centre and Teashop which are open 7 days a week to visitors from the local community looking for trees, plants, bird food and garden sundries and lovely lunches and cream teas. Our delicious roasts are available every Sunday now and from October we will have our "Winter Warmers" and Christmas lunches so book early!

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church

Antiques Valuation Evening

Bekesbourne Village Hall

Thursday, 7th November, 2013 From 7pm

Don't miss this opportunity to bring your items along to be valued by Mr. Tony Pratt and Mr. Michael Roberts from The Canterbury Auction Galleries *Limited to 1 item per person*

We will have a prominent local Guest Speaker

Tickets are £10.00 each to include the valuation of items and a glass of wine and savoury snacks

This is a limited ticket event, so please call to book your tickets:

Val Hey 01227 830678 or Christine Dutfield 0771 0170197

An Itinerary of the evening will be delivered with your tickets

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You can call them anytime on Freephone 0808 801 0102, alternatively email your enquiry to info@healthwatchkent.co.uk .

Talking about the service, Healthwatch's Charlie Fox said, "We are getting calls and providing assistance to people from all over the county. For example, one customer had been struggling to find a local dentist with a winch to lift him from his wheel chair. Our team tracked one down for him and provided all the information he needed to make an appointment. We know how complicated it can be to find your way around the health and social care system. Our team of trained staff can take the worry away and find the answers for you. I have no doubt that once people are more aware of our service then we can be of assistance to hundreds of people every week."

Healthwatch Kent also wants to hear about peoples' views and their experiences of local health and social care services. It will take your voice to the people who commission services in Kent and help to shape the future of health and social care services. To get involved visit our website at www.healthwatchkent.co.uk.

The team is based from, and supported by, Kent and Medway Citizen's Advice (KAMCA).

AUTUMN PROGRAMME



Creative Places is a new Community Interest Company that has been set up to provide a range of fun and friendly creative workshops and courses in a variety of locations for people to be able to try their hand at new things and develop new creative skills.

The first programme for Autumn 2013 will take place at Barham Village Hall:

Sewing for Beginners: 10 Week Course

Thursdays: 12th Sept – 21st November 7.30-9.30pm

Have you always wanted to sew but don't know how? Then grab you sewing machine (or someone else's) and let's go! This 10wk course will teach you how to use your sewing machine, starting with the real basics and will take you on a journey to provide you with the skills and confidence to get stitching at home. You will be invited to work on a project of your own choice in the final 2wks. **Cost: £120 for 10 weeks (not including half term)**

How to Hand Knit:

Thursdays: 12th Sept – 26th Sept 7pm-9pm

Itching to get knitting? Or can you knit already but it just gets out of hand? Don't worry! Join these workshops and learn how to cast on and off, how to increase (when you want to) and decrease stitches and by the end of the 3 week course you will have completed a beautiful hand-made hat for the winter. Needles, pattern and wool supplied.

Cost: £42 for all three workshops or £16 per workshop

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Thursdays: 10th Oct – 24th October 7pm-9pm

Fascinated by clay? Learn hand building techniques with our experienced tutor who will help you design and make your own clay objects. The price includes firing in the kiln.

Cost: £42 for all three workshops or £16 per workshop

Soap Making:

Thursday 14th November 7-9pm (FULLY BOOKED) Friday 15th November 7-9pm (NEW SESSION ADDED)

Achieve a perfect bath time soak by learning how to make pretty soaps and candles! In one evening you can make some beautiful soap creations using melt and pour soap base and additional perfumes and colours. Create Christmas gifts that are useful and unique. All materials supplied. Cost: £16

Candle Making:

Thursday 21st November 7-9pm (FULLY BOOKED)

Friday 22nd November 7-9pm (NEW SESSION ADDED)

Spend an evening melting wax, colouring and adding wonderful fragrances to create beautiful handmade candles. These are ideal as winter gifts. All materials supplied. Cost: £16

To book, or for more information, please contact:

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Committee members
→ The KFMA (Kent Farmers' Market Association) - The Market Manager will be self employed.

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- No previous experience required



If you would like to know more talk with Pam Dobson (832369) or Mark Esdale (832740) who jointly share the responsibility at present

Complete an Application form by 31 October 2013 Forms available from <u>www.bridgefarmersmarket.co.uk</u> or at the market Send to the Chairman of the Farmers' Market Committee at 47 High Street, Bridge, CT4 5JZ or by email to <u>philip.wicker1@gmail.com</u>

Bridge Parish Council www.bridgevillage.org.uk Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 12th September 2013

Dog attacks on PROW CB 300 – Cllr Atkinson reminded councillors of the events which had led to a Bridge resident being injured by dogs while she was walking with her dog on PROW CB300. In view of the danger these dogs still posed to Bridge residents walking along this public footpath, it was agreed to ask the Superintendent of Canterbury Police to address the next parish council meeting to advise on what protection the law provided in these circumstances.

<u>Neighbourhood Plan</u>. Prof Connor reported that a timetable of activities had been drawn up to the end of 2014. Committee members had had a training session on 'Public Engagement' arranged by Planning Aid. Local businesses and the Primary School would be asked about their future plans. A village consultation event on policies was being organised for October.

<u>Mill Centre-</u> Martin Bovingdon of the City Council's Estates Dept. had not yet provided a valuation for the site, promised last April. The plans to refurbish the Mill Centre had received planning approval from the City Council.

<u>Nailbourne Pollution</u> – Cllr Atkinson had circulated a report setting out the current position regarding Southern Water's plans for the area. Southern Water would be holding a meeting on 18th September in Bridge village hall at 7.00pm to outline these. The engineering work scheduled would inevitably cause substantial disruption in Bridge and it was hoped that residents might suggest ways in which the disruption could be reduced.

The Little Stour & Nailbourne River Management group would meet again on 25th. September and would then hold a public meeting in Bridge to hear the views of residents.

<u>Conyngham Lane</u>. After some discussion it was decided not to erect barriers on the corner of Conyngham Lane and the High Street. The parish council had no objection to flower planters being put on the grass on the corner if a local resident wanted to put them there and maintain them.

<u>Parking</u> – Councillors noted that illegal/inconsiderate parking was increasing in the village. It was agreed to discuss this at the next Parish Council meeting

<u>Recreation Ground Working Party-</u> There would be a working party on the recreation ground on Saturday 19th October at 9.30am. All residents would be very welcome.

Bridge Emergency Plan- The members of the Emergency Plan Committee; Cllrs Atkinson, Burns-Stark and Moon would meet to review the current Emergency Plan for Bridge.

<u>Village Sign</u> – Cllr Hill reported via email that a new post had been ordered. Cllr Wilmshurst said that arrangements were being made to dig out the remains of the old post once the new post had been delivered. It was estimated that the new post would take six weeks to arrive. It was also reported that Kent Highways had been asked to replace the Bridge sign and gate at the chicanes.

<u>Recreation Ground Tree Survey</u> Cllr Hodges together with Cllr & Mrs Corfield, Cllr Ward and Cllr Burns –Stark had undertaken a tree survey of the recreation ground. Mervyn Gulvin had created a new tree map using the survey data. Cllr Hodges thanked all concerned for their help

<u>Welcome Pack-</u> Cllr Edmonds asked that Councillors let her know of any new arrivals in Bridge so that they could be given a Welcome Pack. It was also agreed to up–date the letter in the Pack and review its contents.

<u>Weed clearance</u> - The Parish Council thanked several public-spirited residents of Bridge who had cleared the weeds from the pavements following weed spraying by KCC.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 10th.October at 7.30pm 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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