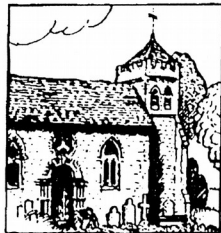


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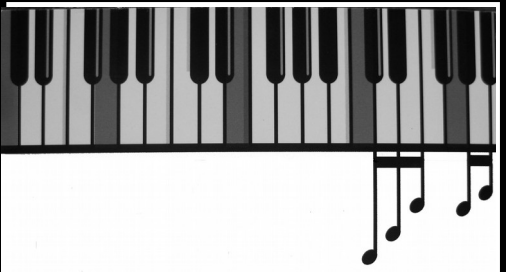
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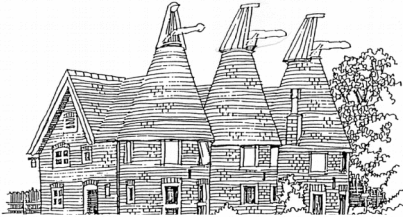
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Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 3 rd November All Saints Day			9.30 am Benefice Family Communion and Farewell Service for Rev Julia and Rev Chris Pickles. 6.00 pm All Souls Evensong. Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.			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
Sunday 10 th November Remembrance Sunday	9.30 am Sung Eucharist 10.50 am Act of Remembrance	3.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion 10.50 am Act of Remembrance	10.50 am Remembrance Day Service	8.00 am BCP Communion	NT : 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-end G : Luke 20: 27- 38
Monday 11 th November					10.45 am Act of Remembrance	
Sunday 17 th November 2 nd Sunday before Advent		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	OT : Malachi 4: 1-2a G : Luke 21: 5-19
Sunday 24 th November Christ the King	9.30 am Sung Eucharist		8.00 am BCP Communion 11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins		NT: Colossians 1: 11-20 G : Luke 23: 33- 43
Sunday 1 st December First Sunday of Advent	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong.	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Advent Gift Family Service	NT : Romans 13: 11-14 G : Matthew 24: 36-44



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In the last couple of weeks, a lot of people have asked me what being Chaplain to the Bishop of Dover and Local Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury will involve. I can't really answer this without looking at the origins of the term 'chaplain', which come to us from France and the legend of St Martin of Tours, who was at one time a member of the Roman army. On a very cold day, so legend goes, he was passing Amiens and saw a nearly naked beggar freezing on the road side. Martin had compassion for him and took his most prized possession, his cloak, and cut it in half; he gave one half to keep the beggar warm and kept the other half to shelter himself. Later that night, Martin had a dream and in it saw Christ wearing the half of the cloak he had given away. After this experience he became a monk and later Bishop of Tours in 372 AD.

So the word chaplain comes from the Latin 'cappellanus' – keeper of the cape – a chaplain is someone who shares God's love and care for those around them and those in need. In my new role, this will involve praying for and with the Bishop and Archbishop and exercising pastoral care in the Diocese by being a Christ-like liaison person who, with the rest of the team at the Old Palace in Canterbury and Diocesan House, helps to facilitate the Bishop's ministry and the Archbishop's ministry when he is in Canterbury. On a day to day level, this will involve accompanying the Bishop of Dover on some of his parish and county visits, being a glorified hat stand in services! (holding his mitre and crozier) and being a pastoral contact for those who are in touch with the Bishop's office with a considerable amount of diary planning added into the mix! I will also be attached to one of the churches in Canterbury, where I will help out once a month on their rota. It will be a different priestly ministry to the one here in Bridge Benefice but Chris and I are excited about the new opportunities it will offer us.

Chris and I would at this point like to say an enormous thank you for all your friendship, support, generosity and warmth over the last three and a bit years. We have both thoroughly enjoyed living in Bridge and being a part of your communities in Bridge, Bekesbourne, Patrixbourne, Lower Hardres and Nackington. We will miss you very much – thank you for being such a blessing to us and such a channel of God's grace. We'd like to invite you to say farewell to us on Sunday 3rd November at St Peter's Bridge at 9:30am – a family communion service followed by lots of tea and cakes, which will be our leaving service. We also pray for you as you continue to seek a new priest and we pray that it won't be too much longer for you to wait. God bless now and always,

Revds Julia and Chris Pickles

Your Parish Matters

Farewell Service for Rev Julia and Rev Chris Pickles - Sunday November 3rd 9:30am St Peter's Bridge - benefice family communion followed by tea and cakes (if you would like to bake a cake please just bring it along!). All other morning services will be cancelled in the benefice to allow people to come to Bridge and say goodbye. All welcome.

Christenings

22.09.13	Bekesbourne	Soul Harrison Hubbard
29.09.13	Bridge	Nicholas Stewart Frederick Sands
29.09.13	Bridge	Olivia Sands
29.09.13	Bridge	Chloe Sands
29.09.13	Bridge	Oscar Sands
29.09.13	Bridge	William Sands
29.09.13	Bridge	Poppy Sands
29.09.13	Bridge	Jack William Williams

Weddings

28.09.13	Nackington	James Moreno and Rosie Partington-Omar
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Funerals

08.10.13		Maureen Jones
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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.

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 5th November.**

All welcome. Please contact Andrea Nicholson on 830947 for further information.

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 19th November, 7pm-8.30pm, at Bridge School Hall.**

Year 7's and up all welcome. Please contact The Vicarage on 830250 for further information.

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*

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In case of an emergency please contact the Rev Stephen Hardy on 01227 831340.

LOWER HARDRES CHRISTMAS FAIR

We shall be holding our Christmas Fair on November 23rd from 10 -12.30 in the John Baker White hall Christmas shopping ,refreshments ,Father Christmas cakes ,jams and fun for the children .If you have any contributions for collection please contact Margaret 765598 .Please come along .

BENEFICE CHILDREN & apos;s Workshop

This will take place on Saturday December 7th 9-30 till 12 in the John Baker White Hall , Lower Hardres .Please book your place by contact Julie Cox 788316 or Margaret 765598 . Parents please stay with your preschool child .It would be appreciated if each child could bring £1 towards materials .Do come along -it will be fun & apos;

Pre-Christmas Church Cleaning at St. Peter's Bridge.

On Saturday 7th December 10:00 to 12:00.

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Editors Note.

The next edition of ON THE NAIL will be the combined DEC/JAN edition.

Could all contributors please let me have items for both months by TUESDAY 19th NOVEMBER.

You are warmly invited to
Come and Sing Carols

at St Peter's, Bridge on Sunday, December 22nd

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 congregation-al 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 *Make Straight the Way!* (Reger), *A Hymn to the Virgin* (Britten), *When from His Throne the God-head Bowed* (Walford Davies), *I Woke, from my Couch Uprising* (Provençal Trad.), *Noël Nouvelet* (French Trad. arr. Miles) and *All my Heart this Night Rejoices* (Ebeling).

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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p.m.

Sunday, December 22nd

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With thanks & best wishes Martin Miles



Fish News (tel. no.07935 966 080)

The Annual General Meeting of the Fish Scheme will take place during the Coffee Pop-In on Wednesday November 13th. Everybody is very welcome.

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The Nailbourne Scouts will be providing a Christmas Post delivery in Bridge as they do each year.

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Thank you for your support. The Nailbourne Scout Executive Committee

BRIDGE HISTORY SOCIETY

Our talk next month takes place on Thursday 21 November in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 pm. The subject of the talk is 'Bourne Park House' and will be given by Avril Leach. Avril will tell us about the history and fabric of the house, the lives of its owners and residents, and the roles they played in local and national affairs.

All are welcome.

Meriel Connor

BRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN committee would welcome a few new committee members to assist in formulating a Neighbourhood Plan for the village. The committee meets approximately once a month, usually on Fridays at 5.30pm, for a maximum of one and a half hours. Please contact Mervyn Gulvin, Vice-Chairman, in the first instance (01227=830881).

Littlebourne and District Royal British Legion

We are coming up to our busiest time of the Legion's year - the Poppy Appeal. We have some new helpers with the Branch Poppy collection and we are grateful to them for their assistance.

Our Branch Remembrance Service will be held at Ickham Church this year on Sunday 10th November, forming up outside the Lychgate, where we will be accompanied by the junior uniformed organisations. All are welcome to join us.

Our Branch AGM will be held on Tuesday 12th November when we will be electing our Branch officers for the coming year. The next meeting after that will be on Tuesday 10th December - which will have a Christmas "flavour" to it! Both these meetings will be at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm as usual.

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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Thank you to everyone who supported the Society's stall at the Farmers Market on 28 September and to all those who volunteered to help. It was a most enjoyable morning and raised a total of £71 for the Society's funds.

The final event in this year's programme is our **Social Evening on Tuesday 3 December**, as always being held in Bridge Village Hall. Our Chairman has devised a quiz, not too difficult he has assured us, to be tackled in tables of 4 or 5 and this will be followed by a light festive supper prepared by the committee. Needless to say, there will also be a raffle. The cost of the evening will be £5 per person. Please make a note of the date and come along to start off your Christmas celebrations.

Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute

The **Annual Meeting**, when officers and committee are elected for the coming year, will be held on Tuesday 19 November at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. Because it is a business meeting there will be no guest speaker but, instead, members will have the opportunity to catch up with others over refreshments.

Art in Bridge

Report 13th Annual Open Exhibition October 2013

This was another very successful exhibition with 176 exhibits covering paintings, photographs, sculptures and craftwork from people of all ages living or working in a rural parish within a five mile radius of Bridge. Bridge School contributed several exhibits illustrating camouflage. The exhibition favourite was a painting by Val Jones entitled 'Serenity'.

Refreshments were available and the record number of visitors were encouraged to sit and talk. On Saturday evening piano music was played by Michael Chandler which added to the enjoyment of the event. There was a presentation by Peter Hodges, Secretary of the South Canterbury Decorative and Fine Arts Society, one of this years' sponsors. Gift tokens, generously donated by Chromos were awarded in a non-competitive draw to two artists, one junior under ten years of age and one senior up to the age of eighteen years. The person awarded the senior gift token was Samuel Dobson who produced two lino cuts of a very high standard. Grateful thanks are also due to our other exhibition sponsors The Bourne Gallery, Picture Framing Service at Chalkpit Farm. As always the successful weekend was due to the many talented exhibitors and loyal helpers.

Sue Hodges

Countdown to Christmas

Want to lose weight before the festive season?

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November at Bridge Farmers' Market

The clocks have gone back, we are heading into short days and cold nights, and we all crave a little comfort from the kitchen. Slow-cooked casseroles, satisfyingly starchy creamy mashes, rich flavoured roasts and warming puds all fit the bill perfectly so wrap up and head out for a trip to Bridge Farmers' Market for inspiration. It's a treat for all the senses at this time of year especially if we get some late autumn sunshine to set off the hues of the season.

Game is the meat of choice for cooks in November as the season is well under way for birds such as **pheasant, partridge and wild duck**. **Venison** is available both farmed and wild in many markets, and makes a healthy choice as most wild game has 5% to 7% fat, compared to red meat such as lamb with 25% or more, depending on the cut. The lower fat content means careful cooking to avoid the meat drying out, so the old traditional slow cooking methods in stews and casseroles should be reserved for older game birds. Most game is very carefully selected and prepared by your game dealer and no longer hung to quite the same stage of 'gameyness'. Less strong and much more tender, it calls for more modern, time-friendly techniques such as flash frying, grilling or even home smoking are better suited to lean, tender cuts. Look online for ideas as plenty of chefs are discovering the joys of cooking with game and of course ask Stour Valley Game at the market. If you want to slow cook for great comfort eating, look out for the cheaper cuts of beef, lamb and pork – **shin of beef, belly pork, or lamb neck** all cook down to meltingly wonderful mouthfuls of flavour, perfect for colder days.

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Our three local churches want to support this initiative and are asking for your help to provide food for us to take to the Food Bank. A yellow bin is being placed in each church for your donations of food, and these collections will be delivered to the Food Bank by church volunteers.

The Food Bank asks for donations of tinned and packaged non-perishable food, such as breakfast cereals, tinned vegetables, baked beans, jam, canned soup, tea bags or coffee, long life milk and other such items from your weekly shopping list. All they ask is that all donated goods have at least a three month ahead sell by date. Please help us to help those less fortunate than ourselves in our society. Hunger is no longer just a third world problem!

For further information please refer to the website: canterburyfoodbank.org. On the site you will find further details of the food required, (shortage items are highlighted in red), and other ways you can help, such as making a financial donation to enable them to buy in food when needed. Thank you.



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This has now become an annual event, this year it is to be held on
Thursday 5th December 2013 at 7.30pm
In Bridge School Hall



Entrance £3.00 – pay on the door (school children free)

Refreshments will be served after the concert

Join us for an evening singing carols – all money raised will go
to the Salvation Army fund

We also invite all Senior Citizens to an Afternoon of Entertainment
On Wednesday 18th December 2013 at 1.30pm – 3.00pm in the
School Hall

Come along and listen to the children sing their Christmas songs
Year 6 will serve refreshments during the afternoon

If you would like to come please ring the school office on 830276
We can arrange local transport for this event if you require it

Bourne vets news

As the temperatures start to drop and the nights draw in, it is time for tortoises to start their hibernation. This can be a traumatic time for tortoise owners as it is a stressful time for tortoises to hibernate.

Consideration is that your tortoise is healthy and big enough to hibernate. If your tortoise is less than 3 years old, has a shell length less than 10 cm, is underweight or at all unwell then we would recommend not hibernating it but keeping it awake over winter in a heated vivarium.

It is also important to ensure that your tortoise does not hibernate with undigested food in its stomach as this can make them very poorly. As the temperature drops and the tortoise cools down they will start to slow down and will stop eating. They shouldn't eat for 2-4 weeks before hibernation to ensure their stomachs are fully empty.

During hibernation the most important thing is to try and maintain the tortoise's body temperature between 3 and 7 degrees C and not allow it to fluctuate which is easier said than done!

Tortoises hibernate best in strong plastic boxes with ventilated lids about half filled with soil. The tortoise will bury himself in the soil and this will help keep his temperature constant much more than using straw or paper. They are best kept in brick outbuildings as these stay cool but protected from frost. It's a good idea to use a min-max thermometer underneath the soil in the hibernating box which you can check every couple of weeks.

Tortoises tend to start waking up again about March when the weather becomes milder and at this stage you should move the box to somewhere warmer and allow them to gradually wake up naturally. Once they are awake they should be placed in a bath of luke warm water for about 10 minutes to help them rehydrate as it is dehydration rather than starvation that most affects them as they come out of hibernation.

Our other big concern at Bourne Veterinary Practice at this time of year is that fireworks season is underway and many pets get very frightened by the unusual loud noises and bright lights. We can help with various techniques to ensure your pet is able to cope when the scary noises start. Ask us at reception or call us on 01227 266838 for more details and we can discuss the options with you as we know this is a stressful time for many pets and their owners.



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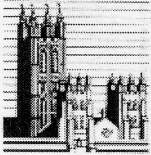
The Canterbury & District branch of Cats Protection is appealing for foster homes for stray cats.

The branch relies on volunteers to foster cats in their own homes as we do not have a shelter. But we can't take in more waifs and strays as we don't have enough foster homes.

Anyone with a spare room can become a fosterer. It costs you nothing apart from your time – you need to love cats and have endless patience, it is not just a case of feeding and emptying a litter tray, you must be prepared to spend time with your foster cat.

Cats Protection provides food, litter, bedding and pays for all veterinary bills. It helps if you have a car as you may need to take a cat to the vet occasionally.

If you would like more information please see our website www.canterbury.cats.org.uk or call 01227 266838.



**CANTERBURY CHORAL SOCIETY
CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL
Friday 13 December 7pm
FAMILY CAROLS**

al Society's 2013/14 season starts with the Family Carols at
edral on Friday 13th December 7.00 pm. The choral Society are
delighted that Pharon Independent Financial Advisers continue to support the event.
Concerts for the 2014 season will be Handel Massiah on the 25th January, J.S Bach
St John Passion on the 22nd March and Beethoven's Missa Solemnis on the 21st
June.

The Choral Society Youth Choir will again join the Choral Society for the traditional
Family Carols. The youth Choir are now regular performers with the choir at major
concerts. The Family Carols are now a great part of the Christmas Season and
Richard Cooke ensures that everybody, whether they be the young people who join
him on the podium or the audience enjoying the singing many of the most popular
carols. A Brass Ensemble will accompany the choir.

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**Bridge Parish Council www.bridgevillage.org.uk
Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 10th October 2013**

Nackington Solar Farm – Arthur Bell of Green Energy gave a presentation of the plans for a solar panel installation in Nackington covering 200 acres around the edges of the Kent Downs AONB. The project was being promoted by a local farmer and Carillion plc and would generate 39 megawatts of electricity. He subsequently answered questions from parish councillors. The application would be submitted to Canterbury City Council and Bridge Planning Committee would then have an opportunity to comment on it.

Parking in Bridge; There was a continuing problem with illegal and inconsiderate parking in Bridge. This was particularly evident around the school and Bridgeway Stores. Requests to our PCSO for more enforcement visits had had no effect. It was therefore agreed to ask the City Council to send out Parking Enforcement teams to Bridge, particularly at school times, to enforce the existing parking restrictions.

Mill Centre-. There had been no response from Martin Bovingdon regarding the City Council's long-promised valuation of the Mill Centre site. A meeting of current Centre users had taken place to enable them to respond to the redevelopment plans. Members of the public would have an opportunity to comment on the proposals at a later date.

Nailbourne Pollution –. Cllr Atkinson reported that a public meeting had taken place in the village hall the previous month. Work was about to commence to seal the sewers in several areas in the village. It was hoped to give adequate advance notice of the work, which would inevitably cause some disruption. . It was hoped that Southern Water would donate a substantial sum of money for the youth groups as a result of their involvement in distributing fat funnels. Another meeting was scheduled with Southern Water in early November.

Christmas trees; Councillors agreed that Christmas trees should again be put up in the High Street. Mr Esdale proposed that the trees should go up on Saturday 30th November and be taken down on Saturday 4th. January. It was hoped that many volunteers would be available to help on both these days

Dog mess; There had been more complaints about dog mess in Bridge and the problem seemed to be increasing. Dog owners were reminded that it was an offence to let their animals foul the pavements and again asked to behave responsibly and clear up after their dogs. There were several bins in the village that could be used for bagged dog mess._

Neighbourhood Plan –. Prof Connor reported that Planning Aid would be conducting a training session on 'Objectives' for members of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee the following day.

Missing bins – Cllr Edmonds reported that two litter bins had gone missing; one at the corner of Riverside Close and Bifrons Path and the other half way up the lay by at the recycling point. The Clerk would ask for replacements

Wreath for War memorial; Councillors approved a proposal from Cllr Hill that the Parish Council should lay a wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony in November.

Planter for the corner of Conyngham Lane & High Street; It was agreed to buy a planter for the corner of Conyngham Lane and the High Street.

Recreation Ground Working Party; Cllr Hodges reminded volunteers that the Autumn working party would take place on the recreation ground on Saturday 19th October at 9.30pm. All volunteers were very welcome and should bring gardening tools. Children from Bridge Primary School would be planting bulbs along the banks of the Nailbourne on Friday 18th October.

Completion of Parish Audit for 2012-13; Councillors noted that the Parish Accounts had been approved by the external auditor

Art In Bridge – Cllr Hill thanked Cllr Corfield for organising a very successful Art in Bridge exhibition the previous weekend.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 14th. November 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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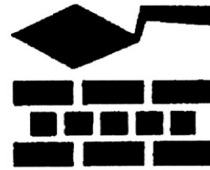
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