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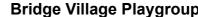
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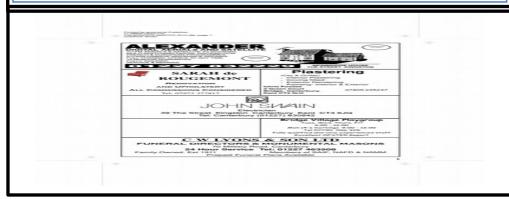
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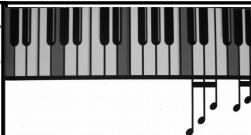


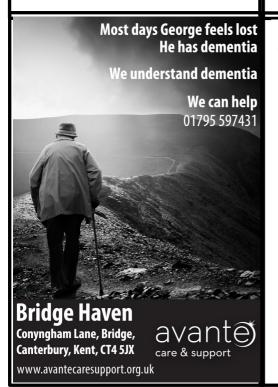
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The Bridge Group Services for the month of December 2013

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patrixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 1st	8.00 am	11.00 am	6.00 pm	9.30 am	9.30 am	NT : Romans 13
December	BCP Communion	Family Communion	Evensong	Sung Eucharist	Family Service	11-14
1st Sunday of						G: Matthew 24
Advent						36-44
Sunday 8 th	9.30 am	4.00 pm	9.30 am			OT : Isaiah 11: 1
December	Sung Eucharist	Carol Service	Family Communion			10
2 nd Sunday of						
Advent						G: Matthew 3: 1
						12
Sunday 15 th		3.00 pm	9.30 am	8.00 am	9.30 am	NT : James 5: 7
December		Crib Service	Sung Eucharist	BCP Communion	Sung Eucharist	10
3rd Sunday of						
Advent						G : Matthew 11
						2-11
Sunday 22 nd	9.30 am		6pm	11.00 am		OT: Isaiah 7: 10
December	Carol Service		Bridge Carol	Mattins		16
4 th Sunday of			Service.			
Advent						G : Matthew 1:
						18-end
Monday 23 rd				7.00 pm		
December				Carol Service		
Tuesday 24th	11.30pm		3pm and 5pm.		11.30pm	
December	Midnight Mass		Christingle		Midnight Mass	
Christmas Eve			Services			
			11.30pm			
			Midnight Mass			
Wednesday		9.30 am		9.30 am	11.00 am	
25 th December		Family Service		Holy Communion	Family Carol	
Christmas Day				with Carols	Service	
Sunday 29 th			Benefice Holy			OT : Isaiah 63
December		1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Communion			7-9
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Christmas						G : Matthew 2:
						13-end

The Bridge Group Services for the month of January 2014

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patrixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 5 th January Epiphany	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Feast of the Three Kings Family Service	OT : Isaiah 60: 1- 6 G : Matthew 2: 1- 12
Sunday 12 th January Baptism of Christ	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	3.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion			OT : Isaiah 42: 1- 9 G : Matthew 3: 13-end
Sunday 19 th January Epiphany 2 and Week of Prayer for Christian Unity		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT : 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 G : John 1: 29-42
Sunday 26 th January Epiphany 3	9.30 am Sung Eucharist		11,00 am Family Service	11,00 am Mattins		NT : 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18 G : Matthew 4: 12-23
Sunday 2 nd February Presentation of Christ in the Temple	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Candlemas Family Service	NT: Hebrews 2: 14-18 G: Luke2: 22-40



e, to Bethlehem'

Bridge, I've been invited to write a piece for the magazine this Pickles has moved on to her new job as Bishop's Chaplain in re we all wish her well in her new post).

still early in November, and I have not really got into a even though the adverts on TV have all started promoting the

am just back from a visit to Bethlehem just a few days ago.

Lesley and I regularly lead study tours in Israel and the West Bank, and we took a coach into the city to visit the Church of the Nativity - the oldest church building in the Holy Land because it survived attacks from Persians, Crusaders and Muslims down the centuries.

At the front of the church, beneath the altar, is a dark cave that is said to be the stable in which Mary gave birth to her first-born son. The actual place is marked by a silver star on the floor, and the whole place surrounded by marble and lanterns that have been placed there as acts of devotion.

The problem, however, was that we went on a particularly busy day, and we had first to negotiate the security measures that surround the city, and then queue for almost two hours before we could squeeze into the small enclosure. In fact, many of the visiting tourists were getting quite stressed with standing so long, and there was a bit of pushing and shoving in the entrance way - a far cry from the idea of 'peace on earth, good will to all men'!

But then it struck me - when Jesus was born, it was not into a peaceful setting at all! Bethlehem and all of Judea was an occupied country, with armed Roman soldiers on many street corners. Crowds had gathered for the census, and there was clearly pressure on the available accommodation. And because of the upheaval caused by the census, I bet there were a lot of stressed people around the place.

So that puts an end to a lot of our peaceful manger scenes on Christmas cards! But that's where the good news of Christmas really comes to life. Jesus did not come into an ideal situation, he came into a world of poverty, problems and stress the real world that we all inhabit. He came to be 'God with us', in a form that we could understand, and in the place where ordinary people were to be found.

So this year, don't worry to much about the food and the presents, and don't go getting yourself into debt as you search for the "perfect" Christmas. For a truly happy Christmas is to be found in the knowledge that in Jesus, God is with us, right in the mess of life, wherever we all are.

So have a great Christmas, and every blessing for the New Year.

Rev'd Stephen Hardy Area Dean, and Barham Downs Churches.

Your Parish Matters

Christenings

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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.

8 O'CLOCK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES IN BRIDGE AND BEKESBOURNE.

8 o'clock Holy Communion services in Bridge and Bekesbourne will not take place during December, January and February. This is temporary and due to a lack of service cover in these months

Prayers There is a book for prayer requests on the altar of the Lady Chapel in Bridge Church.

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

Church Mice. The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter's, Bridge **at the new time of 1.45pm-2.45pm** for preschool children (0-5) and their parents and carers - play, songs, bible story, craft and tea and coffee. The next meetings are on **Tuesday 3rd December and Tuesday 7th January 2014**. 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 10th December and Tuesday 14th January 2014, 7.30pm-9.00pm 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, Patrixbourne, Nackington or Lower Hardres please phone the Vicarage to make an enquiry: 01227 830250. Further information is also available at www.yourchurchwedding.org

Baptisms and Confirmations

As we are currently without a Vicar please get in touch with the Vicarage office on 830250 to register your details. There will currently be a few months wait, unless there is an emergency, for Baptisms and Confirmations until the new Vicar is in place.

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

Dates for Your Diary

December						
03/12	13.45-14.45 Church Mice at Bridge			Church		
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at Bridge Haven				•		
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Bridge School Hall.				•		
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19/12	15.00		Christn	nas Carols at Bridge		
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23/12	19.30		_	& Sharing		
24/12	14.30		Holy	Communion at		
Highfield						
January						
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John Shorrock - Priest

News of the death of John Shorrock at the age of 84 was received locally with great sadness, tinged with relief that he was at peace after debilitating illness. John's long stipendary ministry in Lancaster, Blackpool, Canterbury Cathedral, Chorley and 5 parishes near Sittingbourne all took place before many of us knew him, but his 8 years in Bekesbourne, following his retirement, left a lasting impression.

John and Jane arrived in School Lane in 1992 and immediately became involved in village life. Very keen gardeners, they took an active part in the Bridge horticultural society and won the cup for 'Most Picturesque Garden', with delphiniums taking pride of place. They were welcoming hosts – John prided himself on his cooking and love of good food, but used this talent as a way of expressing affection and cementing relationships.

During his retirement here, John helped many parishes in the Deanery, but was particularly active in our benefice (especially in Bekesbourne) and helped us through 2 interregnums. He was always ready to support the ministry of others — Pat Kusel remembers the help she received in connection with her leadership of the Bekesbourne Family Service and Chris Maclean describes him as a 'key player' in his own ministry. John and Jane encouraged the formation of the Friends of Bekesbourne Church and worked hard to raise its profile in the village.

They moved to Emsworth in 2006 to be near their daughter and family, where John continued his ministry in Warblington church. On 31 October, a full congregation there celebrated the long life of a much-loved priest.

Jane and the family thank their many friends in Bekesbourne and the Benefice, for the many cards and messages they received. It is a great comfort at this sad time.

JM

Wendy Margaret Pilgrim

Many of us will remember the headteacher of Bridge & Patrixbourne School from 1973-1982, namely Wendy Tomlin (latterly Pilgrim), who sadly passed away on 18th October 2013. She certainly made an impact during her strong leadership at the school and many of us have fond memories of her time with us.

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Another goodbye.....

Over the last few years, Ernie Feasey has been a very regular worshipper at all our churches, but has now decided to pursue his call to ministry at a church in Chatham, near his home.

Ernie has served as a sidesman at Bridge and lead intercessions at Bekesbourne, where he also conducted the annual Act of Remembrance in the churchyard – come rain or shine! Behind the scenes in the benefice office, Ernie will be greatly missed. He has served as treasurer of the benefice account, keeping track of all the central expenses and bringing order to the system.

We will be wishing Ernie well and thanking him for his time with us during the Bridge Carol Service at 6.00 pm on Sunday 22 December.

JM

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Candlelit Christmas Market

 ${\it 3:45pm}$ Bridge School Choir sing carols

5:30pm Community carol singing with Stuart Field

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2014 Markets

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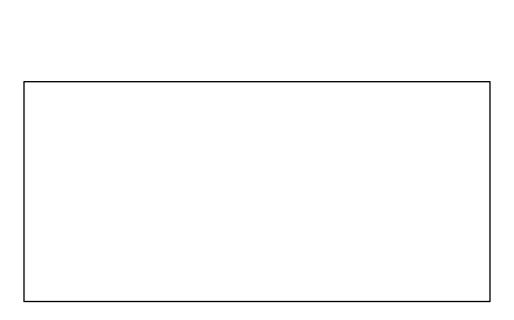
December 1st is our annual **ADVENT Gift Service** where we brings items to donate to British Humanitarian Aid, a local charity based in Canterbury which supports impoverished homes, families and many disabled children in the Chernigov region of the Ukraine. Good condition clothing for winter for adults 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.

Fish News

The December Coffee Pop-In in Bridge Village Hall_will be On Wednesday

11th when mince pies will be served and Jean Barber and stuart Field will accompany carol singing. There will also be a Hi-Kent rep there to help with hearing aid needs. Do come for a lovely morning. The January Pop-In is on Wednesday 8th an



Bridge & Patrixbourne Church of England Primary School

SALVATION ARMY AND BRIDGE SCHOOL CHOIR CAROL CONCERT

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

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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
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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

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After the business of the AGM, we are lucky to have local resident **Alan Barber** talk to us on the "**History of the Beaney** and its Owner". Alan has recently written a book on the subject and will be illustrating his talk with a presentation and video as well.

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

For our final meeting of 2013, Jonathan Fryer will be giving a talk on "The Humorous Side of Being an Actor". Please note that our meeting will be one week earlier than our normal evening meeting, namely on Tuesday 10 December at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. The talk will be followed by a Christmas Buffet prepared by the Committee and time to chat with friends.

Moving on to January, we start off our programme of events on **Tuesday 21 January**, at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall with a talk by Colin Garner on "**Hotter Shoes**".

If you are interested in finding out more about the WI, do please come along to one of our meetings. We are always delighted to welcome visitors.

British Humanitarian Aid News - October 2013

in December. This year on 1st Dec. 9.30am.

Dear Friends, this update is to thank you all sincerely for your support so far this year. However, we have to make you aware of the critical financial situation in which we find ourselves in both in UK and Ukraine. Our running expenses, both in UK and Ukraine, are greater than our current income. If we are to survive we desperately need to expand our group of donors to maintain the income we need. The situation regarding the loads in Ukraine has improved slightly as at last the Ministries are starting to communicate better. The many new documents that are required are detailed on their websites and we spent a lot of time, during our September visit, assisting Aratta to try to cope with the new demands. The problems will, we hope, be resolved shortly. Two more lorries with 23 tonnes of aid were loaded and despatched on September 23rd. We are extremely grateful for John Bushby, who led the team, and the management of Gist who continue to support us. The aid was delivered to Aratta in Chernihiv without any problems at the border or with the authorities in Chernihiv. The four lorries that have been sent so far this year have all been from Gist, partly because of the uncertain situation but also because of our desperate funding situation. It may be that some people were unsure of what BHA were going to do after the problems earlier in the year, but rest assured that if we receive sufficient support in UK we will continue to do all we can to support people throughout Chernihiv Region. At Bekesbourne Church we continue to support this local charity through our 'gift' service

Pat Kusel: 830272

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December at Bridge Farmers' Market

Just like stir-up Sunday and opening the first door on the advent calendar, a visit to Bridge Farmers' market is the perfect way to get into the true spirit of Christmas this year. The sights, scents and sounds of the season are all present as you mingle with other food enthusiasts, intent on selecting the best produce to enjoy at this special time of year, or simply soak up the atmosphere - it's all a world away from pushing a frenzied trolley round the supermarket.

The colder weather following on from a warm and settled summer and autumn means there is a real bounty of local produce available in perfect condition for celebrating. So why not make a feature of foods from the area for your Christmas entertaining this year? Whether it's turkey, goose, beef, pork, lamb or game, we really are spoilt for choice here in East Kent when it comes to truly superb meat. And at the close of the year every option is eating at or near its best. Locally produced meat from a known and trusted supplier like Laurie Wakeham is likely to have a finer flavour whatever you decide on this year – and you will be able to choose exactly what and how much you want and ask for advice on the best way to prepare and cook it straight from the horse's mouth!

Celebrating the winter solstice with feasts, frolics and fun goes back beyond Christian traditions. With the harvest all in and a long dark winter to face, folk needed a lift and many of the foods we associate with the season have been featuring on menus for centuries. Cranberries, turkey and pumpkins may have come to us from the New World but we can counter with chestnuts, celeriac, parsnips, Brussels sprouts, goose, pheasant, partridge, venison and so on. Plan your menu around these and you won't go far wrong. Don't forget the extras such as sausage meat and bacon for the trimmings, maybe a chicken liver pate or local smoked salmon to serve as a starter, and to round up, traditional Christmas pudding served with thick cream or ice cream, and a platter of local cheeses.

As well as all the traditional festive produce, there are plenty of specialty foods and dishes at the market to help save time and feed crowds over the holiday. A gammon or ham, pates and terrines, soups and curries, all are worth finding a space for in the fridge or freezer to bring out for unexpected guests or when you are just too overwhelmed to prepare yet another meal. Also don't forget to stock up on chutneys, preserves and relishes from Alkham Valley to go with your cold cuts. In fact why not go the whole way and serve a special local market spread on Boxing Day or for a party – platters of local meats, cheeses, with a couple of salads and the trimmings are excellent 'grazing' food. And a few extra loaves of good bread from Lyminge bakery tucked in the freezer for turkey sandwiches or to go with a bowl of soup will always be popular.

We have two markets in December, our regular Saturday market on December 14th and our special candlelit Christmas market on December 18th between 3:30pm-6:30pm. Bridge school choir will be starting off the festivities for us with some lovely carols and later on Stuart Field will be leading some community carol singing. Rene will be serving up mulled wine throughout the market – there may be a mince pie or two to go with that - and Alkham valley will be serving up delicious Bratwurst. Some of our favourite guest stalls are returning to this market alongside our fantastic regular stalls. Cottage Kitchen are returning with their sublime cheesecakes and desserts, Romney Marsh Wools will be treating us to their local woollen products and Boughton Alpacas, our regular alpaca wool stall, will be there too with perfect luxurious gifts for all the family. Handmade by Henry is also back with his marvelous chocolates and will be bringing his chocolate fountain for this market, and our regular marzipan stall Marchpane will have those delicious sweet treats – perfect for your cake. Something for everyone.

We look forward to seeing you there.

May we wish a very happy Christmas and a peaceful 2014 to all our customers, and also take this opportunity to thank you for your support during the year.

Mark, Pam and the Bridge Farmers' Market team

Bridge Parish Council www.bridgevillage.org.uk

Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 14th November 2013

<u>Christmas trees</u>; Mark Esdale reminded residents that the Christmas trees would be put up in the High Street on Saturday 30th November. All volunteers are very welcome for a variety of jobs, indoors and out, and should meet at the Village Hall at 9.30am.

Snow Clearance; Cllr Moon will hold a meeting of volunteer snow clearers on Wednesday 27th November at 6.30pm in the Hunter Room. All new and former volunteers very welcome.

<u>Budget for 2014-15 and Precept requirement</u>; Acceptance of the precept and budget requirements for 2014-15 was proposed by Cllr Hill, seconded by Cllr Wilmshurst and passed unanimously.

Kent Police: The Clerk had replied to Inspector Etheridge conveying the Parish Council's disappointment at his refusal to send a police officer to talk them about dog attacks. There had been no further response and it was decided to complain to the Kent Police & Crime Commissioner. Cllr Atkinson would attend the Police Conference at Maidstone on 6th December if possible and try to raise the matter there.

Community Assets; It had been discovered that the City Council had produced a policy on Community Assets, which required a form to be completed in respect of each proposed asset. It had been confirmed that although the parish council had submitted a list of Assets of Community Value in June 2012, none had been registered by the City Council. It was therefore agreed that Councillors would complete forms in respect of each of the listed assets.

Mill Centre-Representatives of the Mill Centre Management Committee and the Parish Council would meet Martin Bovingdon, CCC's Property Services Manager, on Wednesday 27th November at his request.

Nailbourne Pollution –. Cllr Atkinson would attend the next meeting of the Little Stour & Nailbourne River Management Group at the end of November. Work had started on relining the main sewer and it should soon be possible to get an idea of how the ground aquifers were filling. Cllr Atkinson would report again in December

Use of Kentish Stour Countryside Project Volunteers; Cllr Hodges would meet a representative of KSCPV on 4th December to discuss clearing work in the area near the school gate on the recreation ground. Anyone who had suggestions for other work should let Cllr Hodges know

<u>Safety inspection of trees on recreation ground</u>; It was agreed to ask a tree surgeon to carry out a safety inspection of the trees on the recreation ground.

<u>Bridge Down Steps</u>; Cllr Hodges reported that two steps had been repaired and that Kent Highway Services had said that the steps would be replaced entirely 'in the near future'.

<u>Higham Lane</u>; Kent Highway Services had advised that they would not resurface Higham Lane but would fill in the potholes as they appeared

<u>Higham Lane Bus shelter</u>; Cllr Edmonds reported that the roof of the bus shelter at Higham Lane was leaking. The wooden back of the shelter would also need replacing in the spring.

<u>Village Sign</u> – Cllr Hill reported that the post was now ready but there were problems over delivery to the site because of its weight

Remembrance Day; Cllr Hill thanked Cllr Hodges for laying a wreath at the war memorial the previous Sunday.

Resignation; Mike Burns- Stark resigned from the Parish Council.

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