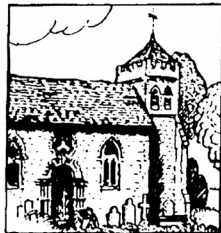


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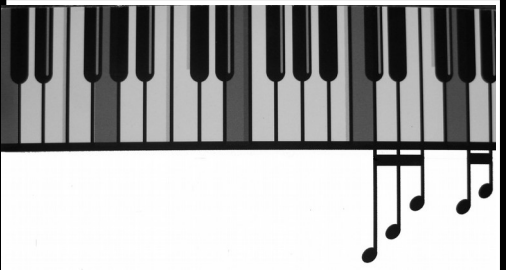
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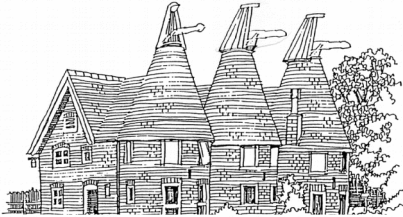
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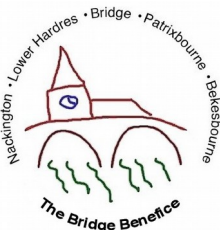
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Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patrixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	OT : 1 Kings 18: 20-21,30-39  G : Luke 7: 1-10
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion	OT : 1 Kings 17: 17-end  G : Luke 7: 11-17
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT : Galatians 2: 15-end  G : Luke 7: 36 -8: 3
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Sung Eucharist		8.00 am BCP Communion  11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins		OT : Isaiah 65: 1- 9  G : Luke 8: 26-39
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	8.00 am Benefice BCP Communion				11.00 am Pet Service at Chalk Pit Farm	NT : Galatians 5: 1, 13-25  G : Luke 9: 51-end
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 6 <sup>th</sup> 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	OT : Isaiah 66: 10-14  G : Luke 10: 1-11,16-20



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### **God is ready to welcome!**

Waiting! It's one thing that at some time or another we've all done. Our Benefice at the moment is waiting for a new priest and in the news often, we hear about the time people spend waiting at airports or in hospitals. We've all done it and do it. Have you ever sat, for example, in a waiting room wondering when you will be seen to? Or in casualty in the wee small hours as the dawn begins to break on the horizon or in a queue at the bank or post office or waiting for exam results? It's all sounding rather familiar isn't it? When we're waiting we may get frustrated and those all too common thoughts start rushing through our minds: How much longer? Will we be seen at all? Is there some kind of problem? When will the wait be over?

Imagine too, the child waiting outside the headteacher's office, having committed a misdemeanour (not that any of us would know, eh)! What sort of reception will we get? What kind of punishment will there be in store for us this time? Well, some people approach God like that, like sitting outside an angry headmaster's office with a sense of foreboding and dread...wondering whether God will receive them and worse still, being afraid of the consequences if he does. How can God possibly forgive my mistakes? Surely God can't have time for someone like me?

If you've felt like that, then take heart. Time and time again in the New Testament, we are shown a picture of God that isn't like that headmaster. God waits to greet us with his arms wide open on the cross, or like the father who runs to meet the prodigal son and we're shown that God is ready too to forgive us and restore us like he did with Peter on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. With God there is no question of being kept outside and being made to sweat and suffer. On the contrary, we need only to make the first tentative step of approach and God is there waiting to receive us, longing to welcome us home. So why not give it a go?

With prayers as ever, Revd Julia.



## Your Parish Matters

### Weddings

19.04.13	Nackington	Christopher Barleycorn and Natasha Hayes
27.04.13	Lower Hardres	Ben Buet and

Louise Weatherstone

### Christenings

05.05.13	Bridge	Poppy Marie Moon
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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 4th June.**

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 June meetings are on Tuesday 4th June and Tuesday 18th June, 7pm-8.30/9pm. For further information please contact Ruth & Tony on 831156.

**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](http://www.yourchurchwedding.org)*

*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.*

## Dates for your Diary

### June

04/06	14.00	Church Mice at Bridge Church
	15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
	19.00	MOBY. Meet at Pavilion for Games on the Field
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
06/06	19.30	Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close
10/06	19.30	Caring & Sharing
11/06	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
12/06	10.00	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall
	14.00	Social Afternoon at John Baker White Memorial Hall,
	Lower	Hardres
18/06	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
	19.00	MOBY. Trip to Deal Beach
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
19/06	15.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven
24/06	19.30	Caring & Sharing
25/06	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield

## Forthcoming Events

7th September	Bekesbourne Boot Fair
5th/6th October	Art in Bridge

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.

## Vacancy Update

By the time you are reading this note, the profile (job advert) for our next priest will have been written and we are hoping the post will be advertised in early June with a view to interviewing candidates in mid to late July. If all goes smoothly and a candidate is selected, it would usually be about 3 months from the point of selection to the new person's arrival. A **huge** thank you to all those who have been working so hard on the process. Revd Julia Pickles

## **THANK YOU to YOU!**

At the end of April in all our Churches, we had the annual parish church meeting - a chance to look back over the year, to reflect and say thank you to God and all the people who have supported us throughout the year. This April it became abundantly clear to us that there are more people we would like to thank than just those who come to church on a regular basis or those who serve in official capacities. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who lives in Bridge, Patricbourne, Lower Hardres, Nackingon and Bekesbourne for all their support and encouragement to me and to us in the churches - so many people offer their time, their resources and talents in the background in quiet ways often unnoticed....you know who you are.... perhaps you help us inside church or outside it....maybe by unlocking on a daily basis, maintaining the fabric of our church buildings, clearing and weeding the churchyards or vicarage and beautifying them, cleaning, flower arranging, keeping the website up to date, donating items for church fundraisers...the list goes on. Thank you very much - we really appreciate your gift to us. May God bless you richly. Revd Julia Pickles

### **Patricbourne with Bridge Annual Church Meeting.**

The Annual Meeting took place on 25th April **at Bridge School. It** was *dis*appointing that *o*nly 12 pe**Ope** attended.

**the** meeting received **re**ports on the services and **a**ctivities of both churches in the parish **ov**er the **last** year. It was **no**ted that whilst **so**m



## **Bekesbourne Annual Church Meeting**

At the annual meeting of St Peter's Church on 24 April, the PCC reported another successful year in terms of church attendance and special services. The accounts for 2012 showed a small profit. Thanks were given to all those who had generously donated. The Friends of Bekesbourne Church were thanked for all their hard work in raising funds to keep the church building and churchyard in good repair. This year we have installed a composting toilet and put in cupboards and storage facilities in the old choir vestry.

Jill Gillanders and Jane Millyard were re-elected as churchwardens for the coming year, Pat Kusel continues as vice chairman, Nicky Fry as PCC secretary and Zan Clifford as treasurer. Graham Duplock was re-elected to represent The Friends of Bekesbourne Church. The remaining members of the PCC are Amanda Barker (Deanery Synod representative with Pat Kusel), Jonathan Cowans, Lindsay Sharp-Kinsey and Maggie Field. Nicky Fry

## **Thank you**

Carole, Katie and James Mounce would like to thank all their friends in Bridge for their comforting cards, letters and gifts during the last few weeks.

It is at a time such as this that we realise how fortunate we are to live in such a lovely village.

## **Fish Scheme (Neighbourly Help) News Tel no:07935 966 080**

The June Coffee Pop-In in Bridge village hall will be on Wednesday 12th from 10 to 11.15. Do ring the Fish number if you would like to come but need a lift. We hope that a representative from Hi-Kent will be there to help with any hearing-aid problems.

## **RNLI House-to-House Collection**

Many thanks go to the loyal band of collectors in Bridge, who raised the splendid sum of £722.93. The overall amount collected for the Canterbury area was £9,600. RNLI relies totally on voluntary donations and thanks go to all those who collected and all those who contributed, to such a worthwhile cause.

Joan Hill Village Co-ordinator

## **Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride**

Following the sad death of Derek Prior, Bridge does not have an organiser for the annual Ride and Stride on the second Saturday in September. The organiser needs to find cyclists or walkers to raise money for your church, find people to sit in the church on the day to sign in visitors and send off the sponsor money when it has been collected. If you think you could be the person to take that job on, why not have a chat to Pauline Pritchard from Patricxbourne or Jill Gillanders from Bekesbourne, who have both been organisers for their respective churches for years and can tell you all about it. Alternatively, let your Churchwardens know.

The Ride and Stride is an easy and enjoyable way of raising money for the church and almost organises itself, so it would be a real shame if Bridge were to miss out on it.

## Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

We had a lovely evening at the Hay Wain with our Beef Pudding Supper in April. We were entertained with 1940's songs and enjoyed a quiz. The raffle realised just over £100 in aid of the Poppy Appeal. Thanks to Kevin, the landlord and all those who helped.

We have, sadly, lost a member - Fred Barnett - recently. Our thoughts go to his wife and family.

We are still seeking a new Poppy Appeal Organiser for our area and would be glad if somebody - or maybe a couple - who could take on this important role. Tel: 01227 472023 (Branch Secretary) if you feel you might be the person or persons to do it.

Our next two monthly meetings will be at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne on Tuesdays 11th June and 9th July, both at 8pm.

## **Bridge Benefice Pet Service**

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## **Rogation Walk**

A small group of parishoners and almost as many dogs enjoyed a wonderful walk in warm sunshine on Sunday 5th May lead by Jill Thomas following the family Service at St Peter's Bekesbourne. Our annual Rogation walk of boundaries started from the church and followed the Nailbourne north to the boundary with Ickham parish passing the depleted stand of elm trees up to the Boundary Cottage, Aerodrome Road, along Carter's Road and down Keeper's Hill to Church Bank and the finally the Oasts. Prayers thanking God for the countryside, for the crops, farm animals and wildlife were said at the Elms, top of Keeper's Hill and on Church Bank from where most of the parish could be viewed.

Thanks to Jill and all who participated, dogs included!  
Duplock

Graham

## **SSAFA**

I work for a very worthwhile charity SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen Families Association) which supports and helps those who serve have served in the armed forces. I hope to have a pitch at the Bridge Village Fete on 15th June—so if you would like to know more about the charity come for a chat. We always need new volunteers and fund raisers.

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Barbara Binder

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# June at Bridge Farmers' Market



Summertime at the market at last!

With the sun up at 4am and setting at 10pm growers and producers are in full stride now and the fruits of their labours should be in evidence at the market. So make the most of all this wonderful bounty and fill your basket (or better still your 'dog's' Market jute bag) with the very best that the Kentish countryside has to offer. For growers one of the biggest indicators of the late spring was the delay in the asparagus season. Asparagus is now here and the season will be shorter than normal so don't miss out on one of the joys of our climate - sweet tender spears of asparagus picked and cooked on the same day. Other vegetables to look forward to are crisp radishes, spring onions, spinach and of course new potatoes. If the weather is right there may be early cucumbers, runner beans and courgettes, alongside all kinds of salad leaves now in season. It's also the ideal time to plant out herbs and summer bedding plants.

The long days and the warmth also heralds the start of the great English soft fruit season with strawberries in abundance and also fine Kentish cherries - justifiably world famous.

Spring lamb is now at its very finest and a boned out shoulder or leg is perfect on the barbecue or simply roasted and served with baby new potatoes and minted broad beans and peas.

Henry of *Handmade by Henry* is sadly not attending the market regularly anymore, as he has moved further away, but the good news is that he hopes to attend our special markets - so you'll need to stock up on his delicious chocolate then. Henry specialises in handmade, high quality moulded truffles and chocolates. All his chocolate is handcrafted with attention to detail and made from a specially selected range of chocolates and natural ingredients without artificial enhancers or additives. Catch him when you can.

Our June dates are the 8th and the 22nd, and the 22nd is our special summer market celebrating all things summer, and the best of al fresco dining. Come along and sample the best of the market at our tasting table, try and buy some really local cider at our new cider stall and fill your own picnic basket with locally made cheeses from *Laurie Wakeham*, scotch eggs from *Penny's cakes* ( Have you tasted them? They are fantastic!), a loaf of *Tobi's Slow bread*, chutney or relish from *Alkham Valley preserves*, cherries or strawberries from *Nethergong Nurseries*.....and you are all set. We are running our pumpkin growing competition again this year and this will be the market to pick up your pumpkin if you fancy a try. Why not have a go? The pumpkin seedlings are coming along nicely so should be ready for you to plant in June and reap the rewards in the autumn. Some of our special guest stallholders will be at this market, Karen Francis with her gorgeous silk prints, *OlivesRGood4U* with those delicious marinated olives for your picnic and *Nicola from Blue Egg Hens* promoting chicken keeping at home. *Canterbury City Council* will be coming along to this market to give us more information on the new recycling scheme too. Come along if you can.

We really look forward to seeing you at the markets in June.

Pam Dobson



## **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

In the expectation of some warm sunny weather by then, the Horticultural Society have organised an evening visit to the **Gardens of Old Bladbean Stud** on **Thursday 20 June**. We shall meet at our usual place (Green Court/Western Avenue area of Bridge) at 6.00 pm to arrange car sharing in order to arrive at the gardens for our visit at 6.30. Admission for evening visits is £7.50 each, which includes a short tour and tea/coffee and cakes, and a bag of home grown dried strawberries to take home. Sounds good!?

I am informed by the owners that you are welcome to bring cameras and that they have a range of plants for sale grown from seed or cuttings taken from the garden. Sadly the paths are too narrow for wheelchairs, but fine for walking frames.

Please also make a note of the date of our **Annual Summer Show**. It is being held on the morning of **Saturday 13 July** in Bridge Village Hall. More details will follow in the July edition but, in the meantime, if anyone requires a show schedule, please contact Kathy Walder on 830057/07791 656539.

## **Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute**

June is a busy month for our WI. The regular monthly meeting is on **Tuesday 18th** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall when we will be having an illustrated talk by **Helen Kendall-Tobias** on "**Pearls and Princesses**".

Prior to that we are going to **Sissinghurst** on **Wednesday 12th** to meet up with Offord WI, our West Kent sister WI.

And finally, our annual fund raising **Garden Party** will be held on **Wednesday 26th June** from 2.30 until 4.00 pm at 17 Union Road, Bridge. Do come along to support us on this day and relax with friends over a cup of tea in the pleasant and peaceful garden (weather permitting!). We will be serving tea and home-made cakes, with the opportunity to purchase gifts made by our craft group, or something from the bring and buy or plant stalls, and, of course, there will also be a raffle. Entry will be £2.50, to include refreshments. See you then!

## **National Vegetable Society - Kent District Association**

The local Association are delighted to welcome back **Sherie Plumb**, one of the top exhibitors in the show world, to speak this time on "**Runner Beans**" on **Wednesday 12 June** in Bridge Village Hall. The evening starts at 7.30 with refreshments followed by the talk itself at 8.00 pm. The Association are delighted to welcome non-members to their meetings.

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**Bridge Parish Council [www.bridgevillage.org.uk](http://www.bridgevillage.org.uk)  
Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 9th May 2013**

**Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman** – Cllr Sue Hodges was nominated as Chairman by Cllr John Hill, seconded by Cllr Brigitte Ward and elected unanimously. Cllr Hill was nominated as Vice Chairman by Cllr Terry Wilmshurst, seconded by Cllr John Corfield and elected unanimously.

**Parish Council vacancy** – As no election had been called, the vacancy would be filled by co-option. Notices asking candidates to come forward would be posted on the parish council notice boards. The deadline for applications would be 31st May with interviews to be held, if possible, on 7th June.

**Local District Development Plan** The draft District Development Plan had been published. A development of 4,000 homes and other associated building was proposed for South Canterbury. City Councillor Cllr Simon Cook said that he would be holding surgeries in Bridge Village Hall on 22nd June and 6th July and urged residents to come and make their views about the Plan known to him. Residents could also write or email the City Council direct with their opinions. The consultation process would last for 8 weeks over the summer.

**Neighbourhood Plan** – The Committee would meet again on 24th. May before holding a Consultation Event in the village hall on 1st June. This would seek the views of residents about the most important issues to be addressed by the Neighbourhood Plan. Draft issues would also be available on the website. There would be an opportunity for residents to give feedback at the event, on line and by paper response forms. The City Council's website did not yet show the required information about Bridge's Neighbourhood Plan.

**Mill Centre**- Cllr Hill and Mervyn Gulvin had met David Kemp and Martin Bovingdon of the City Council to discuss the possible purchase of the Mill Centre. The officers had undertaken to consult with city councillors and advise on a price for the site.

**Nailbourne Pollution** – Cllr Alan Atkinson reported on the latest situation. Southern Water was now putting cameras through the sewers to assess the situation. The river level was falling but tankering would continue after the Nailbourne had stopped flowing.

**Audited Accounts for 2012-13** The internal auditor's report was noted and the Parish Accounts for 2012-13 were signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council and the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer

**Recreation Ground** – Cllr Hodges reported that 28 children from Bridge Primary School had helped to plant snowdrops, sowed wild flower seeds and cleared leaves from the recreation ground the previous week. The remains of the last picnic table had been removed from the recreation ground. All the 4 tables had now been destroyed by vandalism. It was agreed to purchase two more tables as soon as possible at a cost of about £400. Although vandalism could well be a problem again, councillors thought that the picnic tables were enjoyed by many Bridge residents so it was important to provide them.

**Skateboard Ramp**- Following comments from a resident at the Annual Parish Meeting, councillors again discussed the possible provision of a skateboard ramp. It was decided not to go ahead with this. The initial cost was prohibitive and routine maintenance costs would also be high. At present there was insufficient time left on the recreation ground lease to have any prospect of fund raising. It was agreed that available funds should be directed to the purchase and refurbishment of the Mill Centre, which would be of benefit to all the young people in Bridge.

**Illegal Parking on Conyngham Lane** - This was something over which the parish council had no control. Complaints should be addressed to Cllr Simon Cook and Larissa Reed at the City Council. Parking enforcement was the responsibility of the City Council.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 13th. June 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. \_

**Bridge Tennis Club** would like to thank everyone who supported their recent Charity Open Day at the club in Patricbourne Road.

Club Coach Stewart Bristow staged an incredible 12-hour Marathon Tennis Match against club players and families in aid of Cancer Research at the courts in Patricbourne Road. He won an amazing 215 games to a cumulative total of just 26 from his opponents. The club also hosted an Open Day and together with Stewart's sponsorship, a raffle, fantastic cake stall and BBQ the Club raised £600 for Cancer Research. Katie Brooks and family of Bridge won the draw for 3-Months Free Family Membership. For more enquires about joining Bridge Tennis Club contact Membership Secretary Martyn Hewett: 01227 831321 (evenings) or visit [www.bridgetennisclub.org](http://www.bridgetennisclub.org)



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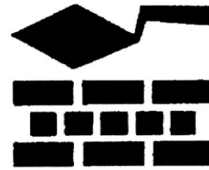
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