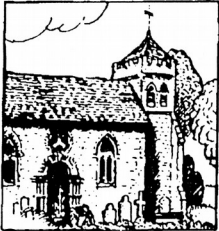


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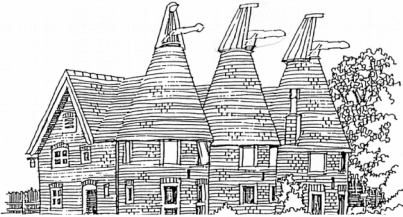
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12 October

19 October

Deut 8:7-18

Isaiah 25: 1-9

Acts 16:6-12a

Luke 17:11-19

Matthew 22: 1-4

Luke 10:1-9

26 October Bible Sunday

2nd November All Saints Day

Colossians 3.12-17

Revelation 7:9-17

Matthew 24:30-35

Matthew 5: 1-12



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Dear friends

September has been a very full month, as children return to school and a new term starts. It's been a full month for our churches too. Weddings and baptisms, and at Bekesbourne we had the wonderful Flower Festival which welcomed over 300 visitors and told the story of this remarkable village through the beauty of flowers. At Patrixbourne we welcomed the Dean of Canterbury and the choristers of Canterbury Cathedral to an uplifting Festal Evensong. This was to give thanks to God for the restoration of the historic Norman wheel window. It was good to do so with such musical excellence, and to celebrate our pilgrimage link between Patrixbourne, Rome and Canterbury along the way of the Via Francigena. On Friday 3 October there will be the next walking pilgrimage from Patrixbourne to Canterbury and all are invited to join us (gathering at 10am).

I am most grateful to all those who have worked so hard to organise the Flower Festival at Bekesbourne, and the Window Restoration Project at Patrixbourne, and all the generous donors.

I have a small group of adults who have expressed an interest in exploring their Christian faith and possibly being confirmed. To join this group, please get in touch with me.

We will have our first meeting one evening at the end of October. It will be informal and relaxed, and a good way to ask important questions of faith and life.

Harvest is a special time of year, and we are surrounded in our villages by the beauty of God's creation. Please join me at the Benefice Harvest Lunch which will be after the 11.00am Harvest Service on Sunday 5 October at Lower Hardres Church, in John Baker White Memorial Hall, Lower Hardres. Tickets are available from Margaret Clarke 01227 765598. All the family are warmly invited.

Please let me know if you know of any housebound members of the community who would like a visit from their Vicar.

I am pleased to report that all the dangerous headstones at Lower Hardres churchyard have now been professionally repaired and are safe, and that Canterbury City Council is soon to repair the 17th century headstone their mower damaged at Bridge churchyard.

Grace and peace,
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Canon Jonathan LLOYD.

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Your Church Matters

HOLY BAPTISM

George Oliver White (at Bridge on 14 September)

Ellie Elizabeth Sayle (at Bekesbourne on 7 September)

HOLY MATRIMONY

Peter Durrell and Charlotte Slade (at Bridge on 13 September)

Wayne Lawson-Innes and Sarah Hills (at Lower Hardres on 30 August)

Demis Farley and Leanne Lewis (at Lower Hardres on 2 August)

Eleanor Page and Christopher Hey (at Bekesbourne on 26 July)

Alastair Fell and Emily Wicks (at Bridge on 19 July)

FUNERALS

Joyce Garlinge (3 Sept)

GOLDEN WEDDING BLESSING

Phyllis and Rod Denne (at Bekesbourne on 6 September)

Prayers

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Marriage, Baptism, Confirmation, Funeral

Please speak to Jonathan after a Sunday service.

Jonathan, your Vicar, is available at The Shepherd's Hut Chalk Pit Farm on Wednesday 1 Oct and Wed 29 October (not the other Wednesdays of this month)

Dates for your diary-October 2014

Wednesday 1 October 2-4pm Jonathan your Vicar at Shepherd's Hut Chalk Pit Farm. Please pop in.

Wednesday 1 October at 7.30pm Patrixbourne with Bridge PCC meets

Thursday 2 October at 7.30pm Health and Healing at 7 Windmill Close

Friday 3 October at 10am, Pilgrimage Walk from Patrixbourne Church to Canterbury

Friday 3 Oct Friends of Nackington Church. Illustrated talk by Dr Leonie Seliger, head of Stained Glass Studio of Canterbury Cathedral, at Nackington Church.

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Sunday 5 October Harvest Festival Service at 1100 at Lower Hardres followed by Benefice Harvest Lunch at John Baker White Hall at 1215. Tickets from Margaret Clarke 01227 765598

Tuesday 7 October at 9.30am Holy Communion at St Peter's Bridge

Tuesday 7 October at 3.00pm Holy Communion Bridge Haven

Tuesday 7 October After 8s at 7 Windmill Close

Wednesday 8 October at 10am FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall

Wednesday 8 October Social Afternoon at John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres

Monday 13 October at 7.30pm Caring and Sharing

Tuesday 14 October at 9.30am Holy Communion at St Peter's Church Bridge

Tuesday 14 October at 2.30pm Holy Communion at Mansfield Court

Wednesday 15 October at 3pm Hymns at Bridge Haven

Tuesday 21 October at 9.30am Holy Communion at Bridge

Tuesday 21 October at 3pm Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge

Tuesday 21 October at 8pm After 8s at 7 Windmill Close

Monday 27 October at 7.30pm Caring and Sharing

Sunday 26 October at 1200noon Bridge Parish Lunch at *Plough and Harrow*, tickets £10 from Margaret (01227 765598)

Tuesday 28 October at 9.30am Holy Communion at St Peter's Bridge

Wednesday 29 October 2-4pm Jonathan your Vicar at Shepherd's Hut Chalk Pit Farm. Please call in.

Wednesday 29 October at 7.30pm Bekesbourne PCC meets

Fish News

The October Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday October 8th in Bridge Village Hall from 10 to 11.15. Everybody is most welcome.

The Annual General Meeting of the scheme will take place at the November Pop-In on Wednesday 12th. To find out more please ring 07935 966 080 History Society

The next meeting of the History Society will be on Thursday 16 October at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. David Lewis will give an audio-visual presentation entitled Canterbury Curiosities A-Z. Members £4.00 non members £5.00. Littlebourne and District Royal British Legion Some members are busy this month with the World War I commemoration exhibitions mounted in the local churches etc. The branch has some unwell members who we wish a speedy recovery - Heather Leaves who has had a bad fall. Also Betty Welch who has recently been in hospital. We are (as always) looking for help with the Poppy Appeal - anyone interested please ring 01227 472023. Our next 2 meetings will be on Tuesdays 14th October and 11th November (Branch AGM) both at 8pm in the Recreation Club, Littlebourne. Bridge Recreation Ground Working Party There will be a working party on the recreation ground starting at 9.30am on Saturday 18th October. Everyone is welcome. We will be tidying up the flower beds ready for the winter. Please wear warm clothes and bring your own gardening tools. Refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you. Sue Hodges. S.S.A.F.A (Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen Families Association) Canterbury S.S.A.F.A is pleased to announce that the band of the Coldstream Guards will be playing for a fund raising event on the 15th November at 7.30pm. The performance will take place in the glorious Colyer-Ferguson Concert Hall at the University of Kent. Tickets are £19 and can be obtained at the Gulbenkian box office. Come along and support our charity and also enjoy an evening of wonderful music. Hope to see you there. Barbara Beinder. Ascent of Everest the Hard Way On Friday Oct. 24th. Ian Hobson will be giving a video presentation in Kingston Barn on his attempt to climb Everest from the Chinese side, which is considered to be the most difficult route. Apart from the mountaineering, there is a chance to see the countryside life en-route, and should appeal to non-mountaineers. Doors open at 7.30 for 8.00p.m. Tickets at the door cost £5.00, in aid of the Friends of Womenswold church, to include tea or coffee.

Completion of Wheel Window Project at St Mary's Patrixbourne.

On Sunday 21st September a Festal Evensong service was held at St Mary's Patrixbourne to give thanksgiving for the completion of the project to restore the Norman Wheel window, in the East wall of the Chancel. The Festal Evensong was led by Canon Jonathan LLOYD, the Preacher was the Dean of Canterbury, the Right Rev Robert Willis DL, and the congregation was joined by a choir of choristers from Canterbury Cathedral, directed by Dr David Flood.

The project to repair the Wheel window also included repairs to the North Valley gutter and much needed redecoration of the chancel. Repairs were necessary on the Wheel window as the beautiful Norman stonework was showing signs of cracking and movement; holes had appeared in the window between the stonework and the glass inserts and the central 'axle' of the wheel was flattened downwards with the glass bowing outwards. The damage had been discovered when scaffolding in place during the restoration of the Swiss glass windows, below the wheel window, in 2010, allowed a close up inspection of this important Norman feature of the church.

The work, which was completed this summer, was funded by generous grants from organisations such as Viridor Environmental Credits, the Friends of Kent Churches and the Matthiesen Trust. The Friends of St Mary's Patrixbourne held concerts and talks to raise funds and generous donations were received from many individual Parishioners. Without such generosity the project would not have been possible.

The work was carried out by skilled craftsmen, and during work on the stained glass, by the Cathedral Stained Glass Studio, a maker's mark and the date 1837 were discovered etched into the glass. This dates the window glass with the same date as the donation of the Swiss glass by the Marchioness of Conyngham, in 1837. It is likely that the brightly coloured glass of the Wheel window was made by the same craftsman, as the one who made the coloured surrounds around the 10 panels of Swiss glass, in the three lancets below.

If you are passing the church, please drop in and view the restored window. The stonework is now clean and structurally sound, with details of the carved head and cat masks clearly revealed. From the inside the glass looks bright and clean, especially so in early morning sunshine which streams directly through the window. A wonderful sight!

Thank you to all who helped this project reach completion.

The Churchwardens, St Mary's Church Patrixbourne

Bekesbourne Flower Festival

The PCC was very grateful for a grant from the Big Lottery Fund Awards for All programme, (towards the cost of the Flower Festival), given to encourage a sense of community in the village. The weekend of 12-14 September more than justified the award! Over 35 volunteers helped in some way towards making The History of Bekesbourne in 20 Objects a most resounding success!

More than 450 visitors marvelled at the imaginative interpretation of the 'Objects' in stunning displays of flowers, before taking the new Churchyard Trail and then enjoying delicious homemade cakes in the tea tent. The Friends of Bekesbourne Church organised activities for the children and the Bekesbourne Brownies brought their hand bells to ring to us. Produce and plants sold well and lots of books found new homes. Many of the Ride and Stride visitors on Saturday were delighted to stop a little longer than usual to enjoy the festival and several cycled on with pots of jam and flowers in their rucksacks. For those of you who missed it, photos can be found on the church website.

The weekend came to a final climax with a well-attended Evensong, with singing led by the Bridge Church choir, at which the Vicar preached below a floral aircraft, floating above his head in the pulpit.

Jill Gillanders and I would like to thank EVERYONE who helped in any way to make the festival such a success.

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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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It may also be of interest that at one time we had a very unusual book-keeper at our company: Kemal Pervanic author of "The Killing Days", about his time in a Bosnian concentration camp in 1992. He now spends his time trying to assist in conflict resolution.

These notes have been written with an eye to attracting your attention. This November we are in need of more volunteers to assist with the Poppy Appeal. It does not take up more than a couple of hours to go collecting during the fortnight preceding 11.11.14. If you feel that you help please call me on 07808 734842 or during office hours on 01304 210010.

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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

The evening meeting of the Society on **Tuesday 28 October** in Bridge Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm will be in the form of both a talk and practical session on the **"Pruning of Fruit Trees and Bushes"** with **Malcolm Withnall**. So, if you are unsure what to do and need advice, this is the opportunity for you to find out how you should tackle this gardening task. As always non-members are most welcome at our talks. There will be a small charge to include refreshments.

Bridge with Patixbourne Women's Institute

We have two events taking place in October.

Firstly, on the morning of **Saturday 18 October** we are holding a **coffee morning** from 10 until 11.30 am in **Bridge Village Hall**. As well as refreshments available all morning, we shall have stalls selling cards (including Christmas cards), crafts, plants and produce, cakes and books. Please make a note of the date in your diary and pop in to the hall to support your local WI.

On **Tuesday 21 October** in Bridge Village Hall at the usual time of 7.30 pm, our guest speaker is **Jacqueline Aviolet** who promises to amuse and entertain us with a talk on the **"History of the Victoria Sponge Cake"**. Please note that we are always delighted to welcome visitors to our meetings.

National Vegetable Society - Kent District Association

For the final evening talk of this year's programme, Darren Everest, a local Kent expert on the growing and showing of sweet peas and dahlias and who has appeared on BBC Gardeners World, is making a return to the Society. He will be talking on his special subject of **Dahlias** on **Wednesday 8 October** in Bridge Village Hall, 7.30 for 8.00 pm start. Non-members are most welcome to come along and enjoy and share in his knowledge on this subject.

October with Christian Aid

Each October Canterbury Christian Aid has an event for fun! Those of you who remember our Celebrating Africa Evening two years ago in the URC Hall will vouch for that.

This year we are celebrating **Latin America**, with an event on Saturday October 10th(-see advert on page 16)

We are also holding a Concert on Friday 10th October in the Old Synagogue in King Street when local musicians will entertain us with a mixture of classical and light music. This concert is to help raise money to fund better health care for women in Kenya, particularly as they give birth. Suggested donation is £10.

On Saturday October 25th there will be a Garage Sale in the Forecourt of the Master's Lodge, St Peter's Street. Donations of good quality goods to sell welcome; please bring along from 9am. Proceeds to the Maternal Health Project.

Elizabeth Davie

Canterbury Food Bank – Appeal for Food Donations

In 2013 Canterbury Food Bank gave out almost 2000 parcels. In the first six months of 2014, we have provided in excess of 1650 parcels. Whilst it is amazing that we have managed to help so many who find themselves in crisis, our food donations are not keeping up with the demand. As such, the Charity spent £1500 last month on food, in addition to the donations we received. With the colder weather coming, it is vital that we replenish our stock levels so that we can provide for those individuals and families who have to make the difficult decision between heating and eating.

Not since January 2014 has the warehouse been so empty. As such, I am appealing to you as supporters to spread the word and ask friends, family and work colleagues if they would be prepared to donate an item of food to the Food Bank.

Venues for donations can be found on the 'giving' page of our website www.canterburyfoodbank.org. Below is a list of the food items that we are particularly short of. A full list food items can be found on the website.

All items are tinned or long-life:

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Tinned Sweetcorn, Tinned Peas, Biscuits, Baby formula, Disposable Nappies

Coffee, Baked beans, Pasta, Potatoes, Tuna/Fish, Coffee, Shampoo, Shower gel

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Saturday 8th November

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Elham Valley Model Railway Club The club's first full model railway show is being held in the Elham Village Hall on 15th November between 10am and 4pm. The show, besides work by its members, will include visiting layouts and demonstrations. A variety of scales from the quite small to the definitely large will be in evidence as well as examples of models from the UK and abroad. Bring along your own 'oo' gauge stock to run on a club layout. Refreshments will be available.

Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting

11th. September 2014

Neighbourhood Plan – Prof Joe Connor reported that the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan had been collated and was being formatted. It would be printed and distributed to every household in Bridge for comment. There would be an event in the village hall on 1st November at which residents would be invited to discuss the draft.

Bridge Emergency Plan – Cllr Kate Wortham said that an outline plan would be presented to the Parish Council in October. This would be an on-going document subject to amendment as situations changed. The Committee were contacting other services so that plans could be coordinated. A database of vulnerable residents would be compiled and this would be subject to Data Protection Legislation. It was agreed that the current location of the sandbag store was not appropriate. A decision on whether to purchase a new store would be taken at the October meeting. The best location for such a store was under consideration

Community Flood Warden- It was agreed to appoint a Community Flood Warden for Bridge. Richard McCarthy agreed to undertake the role. Others could be co-opted to assist in an emergency. Cllr Sue Hodges thanked Mr McCarthy for taking on the role.

Nailbourne Pollution –Kent County Council were planning to resurface Brewery Lane and Bridgeford Way in the autumn. While this work was going on the City Council would install the mechanism for floodgates at the ford. Non-return valves were being installed in some properties in Patixbourne and it was hoped some would be installed in Riverside Close._

Amendment to Standing Orders – It was agreed to amend Standing Orders to comply with the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulation 2014.

Review of Polling District & Polling Places- Councillors did not wish to recommend any changes either to the polling district or location of the polling station following the electoral boundary changes.

Recreation Ground – Cllr Brigitte Ward reported that the annual safety inspection report had been received. There were no significant risk factors identified. The Recreation Committee would consider whether any of the minor items mentioned in the report needed immediate attention. Cllr Hodges reported that volunteers from the Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership had cleared the area near the top gate. Children from the primary school would be planting 100 plug plants in the next few days.

Recreation Ground Working Party –Volunteers were asked to join the working party on the recreation ground on the morning of Saturday 18th October.

Bridge in Bloom – It was agreed to spend up to £50 on vouchers, flowers and engraving of trophies for 'Bridge in Bloom'. Cllr Hodges thanked Cllr Ann Edmonds and Mrs Vicky White for judging the competition. The presentation of awards would take place in Mansfield Court residents' lounge on 24th September at 2.30pm.

Planning Committee – Cllr John Hill agreed to sit on the Planning Committee when Cllr Robert Moon stood down temporarily from November until early 2015_

Date of 2015 Annual Parish Meeting The Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Thursday 30th April 2015.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 9th 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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News from The Fifth Trust @ Elham Valley Vineyard.

This year has been quite eventful in the life of the Vineyard with much of the site flooded during February and March. We had to build a temporary bridge to connect the classrooms sited at the lower end of the site and at one point our pond became part of the river so our fish escaped and headed off in the direction of Canterbury, never to be seen again. Luckily having wet feet does not seem to have affected the vines at all. This is their third season so we look forward to a full harvest this year with wines for sale in 2015. We do have some from last year which has just matured but the crop was limited as vines take some years to get to the size needed for a proper crop.

Our Garden Centre is now fully established and very popular for logs, bird and dog food as well as plants and fruit and vegetables in season. The Woodwork sessions have proved so popular with the students that we now have 2 experienced tutors for the group. They are asking for any unwanted old wooden furniture which we can use to produce a whole variety of items which are sold in our Café and Garden Centre. They have recently acquired a van so can come and pick them up. Just telephone the office on 01227 832022. One of the most popular things they make are bespoke wood stores. Whatever size you need, just pop in to the Woodwork Shop at the Vineyard and give your order.

We had a Saturday in May as guests of the Whitefriars Shopping Centre in Canterbury where we did teas, coffees and cupcakes and sold plants, pottery and wooden craft items and also leafleted the shoppers about our organisation. Some of our students gave up their day off to join us and we had a really enjoyable day and met some lovely people.

We have also attended several local fetes and have some more booked to do before the end of the summer. Our team did well in Herne Bay at "It's a Knockout" and another team are attending one in Ashford in early September.

Because of the dreadful weather we have had for the past 2 years at our Craft Fair which is our main fund raising event, we have decided to move to October 11th for 2014. We open at 11 a.m. and will have all the usual stalls, cakes, cards, pottery, jewellery and craft items including woodwork. Please come along and support us on the day, we will be delighted to see you.

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