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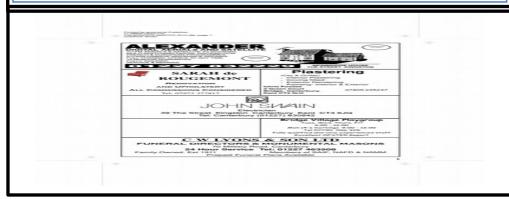
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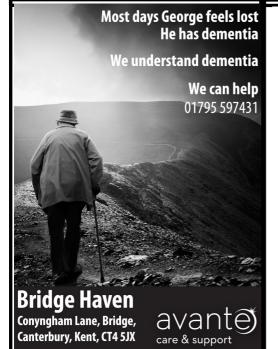
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CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER	St Mary NACKINGTON	St Mary LOWER HARDRES	St Peter BRIDGE	St Mary PATRIXBOURNE	St Peter BEKESBOURNE
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7 December	8.00am BCP Holy Communion V	11.00am Family Communion V&MC	6.00pm Advent Evensong V	9.30am Sung Eucharist RH	9.30am Family Service PK
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 14 December	9.30am Carol Service V	4.00pm Carol Service MC	11.00am Family Communion with Children's Talk V&MC	all welcome at our other four churches	8.00am BCP Holy Communion V
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 21 December	all welcome at our other four churches	3.00pm Family Crib Service MC	11.00am Choral Eucharist V 6.00pm Carol Service V	8.00am BCP Holy Communion V TUESDAY 23 Dec at 7.00pm Carol Service V	9.30am Sung Eucharist RH
CHRISTMAS EVE 24 December	11.30pm Midnight Mass RH	all welcome at our other three churches	3.00pm Christingle for younger children 5.00pm Christingle for older children 11.30pm Midnight Mass V	all welcome at our other three churches	11.30pm Midnight Mass JB
CHRISTMAS DAY 25 December	all welcome at our other four churches	9.30am Family Christmas Service MC	8.00am BCP Christmas Eucharist V	9.30am Christmas Eucharist V	11.00am Family Carol Service V
HOLY INNOCENTS 28 December	3.00pm Christingle at Canterbury Cathedral (with Bridge School Choir)	3.00pm Christingle at Canterbury Cathedral (with Bridge School Choir)	3.00pm Christingle at Canterbury Cathedral (with Bridge School Choir)	9.30am Benefice Service: Communion Service. V.	3.00pm Christingle at Canterbury Cathedral (with Bridge School Choir)

CHURCH SERVICES FOR	St Mary NACKINGTON	St Mary LOWER HARDRES	St Peter BRIDGE	St Mary PATRIXBOURNE	St Peter BEKESBOURNE
JANUARY					
THE EPIPHANY 4 January	8.00am BCP Holy Communion V	11.00am Epiphany Family Communion V&MC	6.00pm Epiphany Evensong V	9.30am Sung Eucharist GM	9.30am Three Kings Family Service PK
THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST 11 January	9.30am Sung Eucharist V 3.30pm Evensong V&MC	All welcome at our other churches	11.00am Family Communion with Children's Talk V&MC	All welcome at our other four churches	8.00am BCP Holy Communion V
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY 18 January	all welcome at our other four churches	9.30am Family Service MC	11.00am Choral Eucharist V	8.00am BCP Holy Communion V	9.30am Sung Eucharist TBC
THE CONVERSION OF PAUL 25 January	9.30am Sung Eucharist TBC	All welcome at our other churches	8.00am BCP Holy Communion V 11.00am Parish Eucharist TBC	9.30am Mattins MC	All welcome at our other churches
CANDLEMAS 1 February	8.00am BCP Holy Communion TBC	11.00am Family Communion V&MC	6.00pm Candlemas Evensong V	9.30am Sung Eucharist V	9.30am Family Service PK

There is a Service of Holy Communion every Tuesday at 9.30am at St Peter's Bridge.

On 25 January at 11am the Vicar is preaching at St Vincent's Church Littlebourne, at their Patronal Festival.

V= The Vicar, Canon Jonathan LLoyd MC= Mrs Margaret Clarke, Reader

RH= Canon Reg Humphriss PK= Mrs Pat Kusel, ALM

JW=Canon Joss Walker

RO= The Revd Richard Owen

GM=Canon Gordon Manley

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 2014 & JANUARY 2015

Advent Sunday, 30 November (Purple)

Isaiah 64:1-9 Mark 13:24-end

The Second Sunday of Advent, 7 December (Purple)

Isaiah 40:1-11 Mark 1:1-8

The Third Sunday of Advent, 14 December (Purple)

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-end Mark John 1.6-8, 19-28

The Fourth Sunday of Advent, 21 December (Purple)

Romans 16.25-end Luke 1.26-38

Christmas Midnight Mass, 24 December (White/Gold)

Isaiah 62:6-end Luke 2:8-20

Christmas Day morning, 25 December (White/Gold)

Isaiah 9:2-7 Luke 2:1-14

Holy Innocents, 28 December (Red)

3.00pm Benefice Service: Children's Society Christingle at Cathedral

The Epiphany, 4 January (White/Gold)

Isaiah 60:1-6 Matthew 2:1-12

The Baptism of Christ, 11 January (White/Gold)

Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11

The Second Sunday of Epiphany, 18 January (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

2015) (White) Revelation 5:1-10 John 1:43-end

The Conversion of Paul, 25 January (White)

Acts 9:1-22 Matthew 19:27-end

Candlemas, 2 February (Gold/White)

Hebrews 2:14-end Luke 2:22-40



Your Church Matters FUNERALS Betty Walker, 21 November 2014

Prayers.

There is a book for prayer requests on the altar of the Lady Chapel in Bridge Church. Please feel free to write in the book.

Church Weddings, Baptisms and Confirmations

If you, or anyone you know, would like to explore the possibility of getting married, baptised or confirmed in church in Bridge, Bekesboure, Patrixbourne, Nackington or Lower Hardres please speak with Jonathan after a Sunday service to arrange a meeting.

Jonathan the Vicar is available every day apart from Fridays. He has two pop-on sessions. Wednesdays, 2-4pm, at the Shepherd's Hut, Chalkpit Farm, Bekesbourne and Mondays, 8-9pm, at the Plough and Harrow Pub, Bridge.

BENEFICE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

Will take place on Saturday 6th December, 9.30 till 12 noon, in the John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres. Please book your place by contacting Julie Cox on 788316 or Margaret Clarke on 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!

LOWER HARDRES CRIB SERVICE 21ST DECEMBER 2014 AT 3PM

Christmas would not be the same in Lower Hardres without our traditional Crib Service, during which the children place the nativity figures in the stable as we begin to prepare for our Christmas celebrations. If children would like to dress up as a Nativity character we shall be delighted.

This year, along with other churches in the Benefice, we have chosen Canterbury Food Bank as our Christmas charity. Gifts of Christmas Food, including biscuits, sweets and essential foods may be brought to the Crib Service for distribution in time for Christmas. Let us try and make Christmas 2014 special for local families in need.

CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY SERVICE AT LOWER HARDRES, 9.30am.

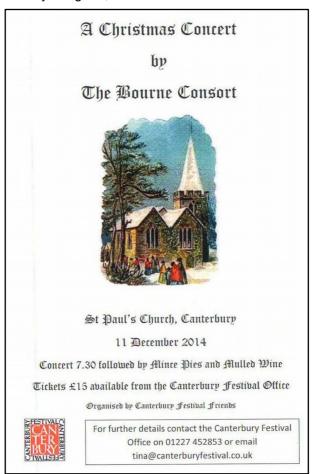
This is a short, friendly service, led by Margaret, and a chance to greet friends on Christmas Day.

CARE AND SHARE GROUP

This is a that meets twice a month -2nd and 4th Monday at 7- 30 at Peggy Pryer's house in Bridge or at Mansfield Court .Peggy leads the group and we have different speakers on various topics. On other occasions we have coffee and chat. BUT we do try and care for people who need our help and prayers. Everyone is welcome. Peggy 832058.

AFTER 8s

This also is a group that meets twice a month 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 8 pm at Kath pierce's home 7 Windmill Close, Bridge. We study the Bible or topical questions . We study and laugh. Led by Margaret, II think !!!!



Dates For Your Diary

December			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
02/12 09.30		Holy C 15.00	ommunion at St Peter's, Bridge Holy Communion at Bridge Haven				
04/12	19.30	19.30	Health and Healing at 7 Windmill Close Salvation Army Carol Concert at Bridge				
School							
05/12	10.00		Computer Club at the Plough and Harrow				
06/12 Village Hall	10.00		Bekesbourne Christmas Bazaar in Bekesbourne				
village riali			wer Hardres Christmas Workshop hn Baker White Memorial Hall Contact Julie (01227 788316) or				
Margaret (0122	7 76559	98)	Contact came (0.1221 1.000.10) c.				
07/12	09.30		Bekesbourne Advent (Family) Gift Service				
08/12 Bridge	20.00		Caring and Sharing dinner at the White Horse,				
09/12	09.30	14.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Carol Service at Mansfield Court				
10/12	09.30	10.00	Year 2 Nativity in Bridge Church Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge				
Village Hall		14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall,				
Lower Hardres		•	,				
11/12	09.30		Year 2 Nativity in Bridge Church				
14/12	09.30	16.00	Nackington Advent Carol Service Lower Hardres Carol Service				
16/12	09.30	13.30 15.00	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Senior Citizens Tea Party at Bridge School Carol Service at Saxon Lodge				
17/12	14.00		Carol Service at Bridge Haven				
21/12	15.00	18.00	Lower Hardres Crib Service Bridge Carol Service				
23/12	09.30	14.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Holy Communion at Highfield				
	#	19.00	Patrixbourne Carol Service				

Dates For Your Diary

January		~.	24.00 . 0 04 2.4 3				
	04/01	У	11.00	Epiphany Family Communion at Lower Hardres			
	06/01	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge 15.00 Holy Communion at Bridge Haven 20.00 After 8's at 7 Windmill Close			
	12/01		19.30		Caring and Sharing		
	13/01		09.30	14.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Holy Communion at Mansfield Court		
	14/01		10.00	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village 14.00 Social afternoon at John Baker Whi			
	Lower	Hardres			,		
	20/01		09.30	15.00 20.00	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge After 8's at 7 Windmill Close		
	21/01		15.00		Hymns at Bridge Haven		
	26/01		19.30		Caring and Sharing		
	27/01		09.30	14.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Holy Communion at Highfield		

Friends of Bekesbourne Church Event Dates for your Diary

Jumble Sale ~ Village Hall, Saturday, 24th January, 2015 **Wine & Wine** ~ Village Hall, Saturday, 14th March, 2015 Details of timings, etc will be announced at a later date

PATRIXBOURNE CAROL CHOIR

Our Carol Service this year will be on Tuesday 23rd December at 7pm. It is a chance to get your Christmas off to a to a good rousing start and we look forward to seeing you on the night.

But how about joining our Carol Choir and enjoying a good sing for the whole of December? Rehearsals for the service will be on Monday 8th, Monday 15th, Wednesday 17th and (if necessary) Monday 22nd, all at 7pm at St Mary's, Patrixbourne plus a final rehearsal at 5pm before the service itself on 23rd.

Do come along and join us!

For more details, please contact Pauline Pritchard (830685) or John Harris (Patrixbourne organist)

Fish News Tel no: 07935 966 080

The December Pop-In at Bridge village hall will be on Wednesday 10th from 10 to 11.15. Stuart Field will be there with his violin for carol singing. Do come. A representative from Hi Kent will be there as well to help with hearing aids. The January Pop-In is on Wednesday 14th and the Winter Warmer Lunch will be on Wednesday 28th January. The reservation forms will be at the December Pop-In.

The League of Friends of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital

Nailbourne Group held a very successful Charity Lunch at the John Baker White Memorial Hall Lower Hardres on 16th October 2014, raising £931.30 for the benefit of the hospital. Thanks to everyone who supported the event.

Ride and Stride 2014

We would like to thank all those who took part in the above Event on the 13th September. The Riders, Striders and Recorders raised the magnificent sum of £527-50. Half of the monies raised is returned to St. Peter's and the remaining 50% is used by the Friends of Kent Churches for the upkeep of churches in our County.

Ann and David Edmonds.

Autumn on the Recreation Ground

Volunteers have worked hard tidying the flower beds and finding places for donated plants. The children of Bridge and Patrixbourne Primary School have been busy planting wild flower plug plants in the wild flower area and Narcissi bulbs along the banks of the Nailbourne. Thank you to everyone concerned. Sue Hodges

New Year's Day Tea Party

The Bridge Benefice Caring and Sharing Group is holding a New Year's Day Tea Party at 4 pm for those who would otherwise spend the day alone without friends and family around them.

Places are limited so if you live in the Benefice area and fit the criteria, or know anyone who does, please contact the group's co-ordinator as soon as possible on 01227 832058. Transport can be arranged.

Bridge & District History Society

The Society's three course Christmas Dinner will be held at the Red Lion, Bridge on Wednesday 17th December at 7.00 for 7.30pm. There will be a raffle and also a photo quiz with a prize for the winner. Please bring a pen or pencil.

Members £16.00, non-members £20.00, to include one glass of wine.

Booking in advance is essential so please contact John Cardy on 01227 721360.

The first meeting of 2015 will be on Thursday January 15th at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall.

Jackie Eales will give a talk on Richard Culmer, awarded the title of the "Most Hated Man in Britain" for smashing stained glass in Canterbury Cathedral in the 17th century.

Members £4.00, non-members £5.00.

For further details please contact David Gilmour 01227 832450

Bridge & Patrixbourne C.E. Primary School

Invite all Senior Citizens to an Afternoon of Entertainment on Tuesday 16th December 2014

1.30pm - 3.00pm in the School Hall

Come along and listen to the children sing 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 also arrange local transport if required

SALVATION ARMY AND BRIDGE SCHOOL CHOIR CAROL CONCERT

This has	now become an annual event, this year it is to be held on
Thurso	lay 4th December 2014 at 7.30pm In Bridge School Hall
n:	trance £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

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Firstly a reminder of our annual pre-Christmas social event on **Tuesday 2 December**, 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, when we look forward to being entertained with "**A Garden Surprise**" in Phantasmagoria tradition with pictures and music, followed by a **light festive supper**. And, of course, no successful evening is complete without a **Christmas raffle**! There will be a small charge of £5 per person to include refreshments and as always at our events, non-members are most welcome.

Moving on to next year, our **AGM** will be on **Tuesday 27 January**, again at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. We are always on the look-out for new committee members and, what is more, are in great need of a new secretary. If you are interested in becoming more involved in this long-established village society, please contact Kathy Walder, Show Secretary, on 830057 or any other committee member. Subscriptions are due for renewal at this meeting and remain good value at £5 for single and £8 for joint/family membership. The 2015 programme is now complete with, hopefully, something to interest everyone - a Spring and Summer Show, summer evening garden outing and a variety of talks. The schedules for the shows will also be available at the meeting so that you can start planning your planting for the year.

Then, after the business is complete, we have as our guest speaker **Aidan Potts**, Contracts Team Leader at Canterbury City Council, who will give an illustrated talk on **"City Council Trees, Planting for the Future"**, or, even, "**Hedging your Bets!**" We look forward to seeing you at these meetings.

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

Our final meeting of 2014 is on **Tuesday 9 December** (please note for this month only on the 2nd Tuesday of the month) starting at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall when we will be getting into the festive spirit with our guest speaker, **Rosemary Piddock**, and her talk entitled "**Tis the Season to be Jolly**". Afterwards there will be a **Christmas Buffet** and the chance to chat with friends.

Then, for our first meeting of 2015, we have invited Kate Lumley to talk to us about the charity "**Porchlight**" on **Tuesday 20 January** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. As always, we are pleased to welcome visitors to our meetings.

Workaid

Workaid, the charity that collects tools, refurbishes and then recycles them for use in East Africa has a local collector. Donations of any tools in any condition from garden forks to sewing machines, manual or power driven, are accepted. If you have any unwanted tools, please contact Tony Walder on 830057. Your tools will go to good homes - they will help people to help themselves in Third World countries.



Christian Aid Tea

Saturday 31 January 2015 2.30 – 4.00 pm St. Peter's Methodist Church Hall, St Peter's Street, Canterbury

Emma Kevan, Christian Aid South East representative, will show films and speak about the focus for Christian Aid Week 2015

followed by afternoon tea

Everybody welcome!

CHRISTIAN AID AND THE EBOLA EPIDEMIC What Christian Aid is doing in Sierra Leone

Christian Aid is targeting 3.8 million people across the country with potentially life-saving advice on how to avoid contacting this deadly disease. In addition they are providing vital disinfectant and medical kits. So far more than 200,000 pairs of disposable gloves have been distributed to medical teams across nine districts.

Christian Aid's partners in Sierra Leone have also provided more than 360kg of powdered chlorine, with the potential to produce 11,600 gallons of diluted liquid chlorine, to disinfect health centres and for hand-washing by medical teams.

Partner organisations have also trained 900 community health volunteers to conduct house-to-house awareness-raising, with key messages on how to prevent ebola transmission. They then rolled out the training to a further 9,000 volunteers, enabling them to reach nearly 50,000 households across the country.

All this ongoing work in Sierra Leone and other West African countries is made possible by voluntary donations to organisations like Christian Aid. If you would like to help to combat the deadly ebola virus you can make a contribution via the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), of which Christian Aid is a member. (www.dec.org.uk or phone 0370 60 60 900)





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THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER 2014 6.00pm - 7.15pm

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Including a raffle in aid of the Nailbourne Group of the League of Friends of the Kent & Canterbury Hospital

Come along, bring all the family and join in – singing will start outside at 6.00pm and move inside at 6.30pm

League of Friends Kent & Canterbury Hospital CIO Registered Charity No: 1155088

Bridge Parish Council www.bridgevillage.org.uk Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 13th November 2014_



SHOP MANAGER WANTED

The Community Shop and Post Office in Barham is looking for a permanent manager to run the business with the help of a team of volunteers. The manager will start work in March 2015. Full training will be given. Salary and hours to be agreed mutually.

The shop will become a not-for-profit community enterprise after March and will be moving into bigger, purpose built and fitted-out premises at the village hall in early summer 2015.

Are you interested? Would you like to know more? If so, please send a brief CV to ncs@vfast.co.uk. We are planning to interview candidates after January 16th 2015 and would welcome early expressions of interest.

Dear "Auntie Meg"

Thank you.

Thank you so much for the kindness you showed us last Christmas. At a time of great stress and worry you showed us that there are still those out there who care. Your gift was such a surprise and we are so grateful. It made things so much more "possible". You restored our faith in humanity and helped keep the magic in our children's eyes, I cannot quantify how much that means when you are facing difficulties. I have not known how to say thank you, but I hope that you realise this is about you. May your kindness to those in need, and your willingness to help without seeking praise, be an

influence to all those who read this.

God bless you "Auntie Meg" you will always be in our prayers. I feel, that maybe the best thank you I can give, is to try and emulate your actions and to raise our family to think of others and to take actions to help were there is a need.

At this time of year we think of those we love, you took time to consider others also. Thank you. And Happy Happy Christmas to our Dear Auntie Meg,

God bless you always xxx

Thank you

much much love, Elizabeth xx



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BOURNE VETS NEWS

LITTLE BOY - Mum, can I have a Dog for MUM - No, you can have a Turkey like ev I hope it goes without saying that it is not presents. Most rescue centres and any reanimal in the run up to Christmas. Rescue with unwanted animals that have been at We recommend waiting until the Christmanormal routine before introducing your ne choose to have a new puppy/kitten or resprobably have more time to introduce you settle in properly once Christmas is over.



Christmas can be a stressful time for animals. We see many emergency cases at the practice over the Christmas period and a few of these will be specific Christmas related problems. So, here are some top tips for keeping your pets safe during the Christmas holidays:-

Christmas plants such as Mistletoe, Poinsettias and Amaryllis are poisonous. They can cause stomach and mouth irritations and in extreme cases can be fatal-Mistletoe Berries are particularly toxic.

Fasten Christmas decorations securely. Keep fragile ones, chewable cables and tinsel out of reach.

Try to keep to your pet's usual routine for exercise and meal times.

Do not be tempted to give your pet any leftovers. Sudden changes in diet with rich food can cause diarrhoea and vomiting-a very common Christmas complaint! Keep chocolates, grapes and raisins out of reach as they are poisonous to pets. We have seen animals that have eaten boxes of chocolates wrapped up under the tree and jumped onto kitchen work surfaces to steal Christmas pudding!

Only give toys that are specifically designed for animals and supervise any new toys to ensure they are safe.

Keep alcohol away from pets.

Take care when you have visitors to ensure that gates and doors are securely closed and make sure your pet has a safe place to retreat away from the hustle and bustle if it becomes too much for them. Everyone at Bourne Veterinary Practice would like to take this opportunity to wish all our clients and their pets a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a HEALTHY 2015.

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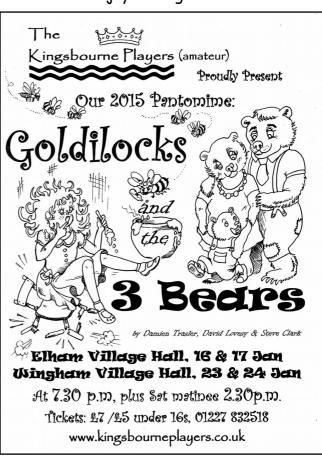
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