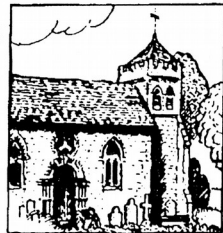


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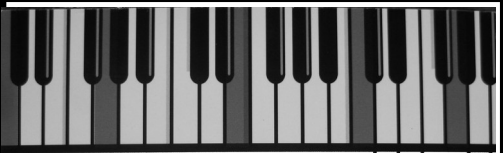


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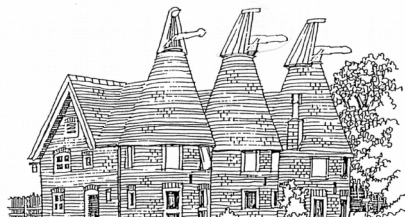
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Year A	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 2 nd February Presentation of Christ in the Temple	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Candlemas Family Service	NT : Hebrews 2: 14-18 G : Luke 2: 22-40
Sunday 9 th February 4 th Sunday before Lent	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	3.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion			OT : Psalm 112: 1- 9 G : Matthew 5: 13-20
Sunday 16 th February 3 rd Sunday before Lent		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	OT : Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20 G : Matthew 5: 21-37
Sunday 23 rd February 2 nd Sunday before Lent	9.30 am Sung Eucharist		11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins		NT : Romans 8: 18-25 G : Matthew 6: 25-end
Sunday 2 nd March Sunday next before Lent	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT: 2 Peter 1: 16- 21 G : Matthew 17: 1-9

**Appointment of new Priest-in Charge in the Bridge and Littlebourne Benefices
Our new Priest-in-Charge is The Reverend Canon Jonathan LLoyd.**

Dear friends

My wife, Sue, and I are very much looking forward to moving to Bridge when The Bishop will license me as your Priest-in-Charge on 27 March. We are excited about moving to your wonderful community, and look forward to meeting and getting to know you - both people of the local churches and the wider village and school communities.

I am a 'local lad', as I grew up in Chartham. My first job was at St Augustine's Hospital, and I also spent summers picking hops and cherries in local farms. I know well the smell of hops, and have Kent in my blood. My late father grew up in Wye, and my mother lives in Canterbury. So I am delighted to be returning to my 'roots'.

For the last five years, I have served as a priest and archdeacon in Continental Europe, based in Copenhagen, Denmark. Looking after parishes and clergy across eight countries has been a different and unusual ministry, working alongside a great variety of cultures and traditions. I am now familiar with unusual weather, having had to avoid an Icelandic volcano, or a Nordic snow storm! Before Copenhagen, Sue and I lived and worked for 12 years in Bath in Somerset.

I am looking forward to working with such a dedicated ministry team, and with the retired priests who serve our communities so faithfully. Also the great team of churchwardens.

My wife Sue is a Children's Occupational Therapist working with Kent County Council, and we have two daughters Emma (25) who is a Primary School teacher, and Sarah (22) a designer.

My first Sunday with you will be Mothering Sunday, 30 March, and I warmly invite you along at 9.30am to the joint Family Communion Service at St Mary's Church Patrixbourne. Mothering Sunday is a special day for families, so do bring them along too. I have already persuaded my mother to come! I look forward to meeting you soon.

Grace and peace
Jonathan

Canon Jonathan LLoyd

Your Parish Matters

Christenings

15.12.13 Nackington Emilio Alexander Christian Lockhart

Mid-Week Communion takes place on Tuesday mornings at 9.30am at Bridge Church. This is a short service (30 minutes) and 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, February and March. 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.

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 meeting is on **Tuesday 4th February 2014.**

All welcome. Please contact Andrea Nicholson on 830947 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.

LOWER HARDRES CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our Bazaar took place on November 23rd. It was a happy occasion and we made £350.

Thank you to all who helped and contributed cakes, goodies and bric-a-brac.

LOWER HARDRES CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

This was held on December 7th and between 30 to 40 children came. We really had a great and happy time. They were busy all the time. I would like to thank all the children and helpers for such a lovely time.

Margaret Clarke

*For Baptism and Funeral enquiries please feel able to contact the Vicarage.
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Dates For Your Diary

February

04/02	13.45- 14.45 15.00 20.00	Church Mice at Bridge Church Holy Communion at Bridge Haven After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
06/02	19.30	Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close
10/02	19.30	Caring & Sharing
11/02	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
12/02	10.00 14.00 Memorial Hall, Lower	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall Social Afternoon at John Baker White Hardres
18/02	15.00 20.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
19/02	15.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven
24/02	19.30	Caring & Sharing
25/02	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield

Forthcoming Events

14th March	-	Bekesbourne Wine & Wisdom.
15th March	-	Bridge Coffee Morning.
27th March	-	Licensing of Revd. Canon Johnathan LLOYD.
14th June	-	Bridge Village Fete.

Ruth Washington

As many of you may know, Ruth Washington has retired from membership of the Parochial Church Council after a long period of service and the PCC would like to take this opportunity of thanking her publicly for all the hard work she has done. She has given so much of her valuable time to helping to run the churches in this parish and to running the church youth groups, along with her husband Tony. We really are very grateful for all she has done and know that a lot of young people in our villages will be equally grateful. Don't worry, though! She will still be there running Family Services.

Women's World Day of Prayer

St. Peter's Bridge

Friday 7th March at 11.00am

Guest Speaker:- Canon Rosemary Walters

Thank you from Mrs Dorothy King

I would like to thank all kind friends who sent me birthday and get well cards during my three-month stay in hospital, which resulted from a fall at home on 3 September in which I fractured my femur and my wrist in several places.

I returned home at the beginning of December and am slowly making progress, but may not be out and about again for a while.

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

The monthly Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday February 12th from 10 to 11.15. Do come. You are most welcome.

Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

On **Tuesday 18th February**, popular speaker **Sarah Grazebrook** will be making a return visit to to give a talk entitled "**The Shadow of the Lamp**" in Bridge Village Hall, starting at 7.30 pm. As always, we are very pleased to welcome visitors to our meetings. So, if you are interested, do please come along. You will be most welcome.

Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

We had an enjoyable Christmas meeting on 10th December with mince pies etc and a quiz. The Chairman, Ray Tupper, thanked everyone for their support this year especially Bob and Jan Catt and Chris Beer.

Our Poppy Appeal total has realised £3,911.83 - an excellent result. Many thanks to our new Poppy Appeal Officer, Wendy Giles and Nancy White and Brenda Longley. Also a big thank you to our collectors who work so tirelessly each year. We hope all our members had a good Christmas and wish them a Happy New Year. It is a quiet time of year for the Branch but we have a few things in the pipeline to announce next time.

Can we just take this opportunity to invite new members to join the Branch. Everyone is welcome whether they are ex-service persons or not. As long as they are interested in the aims of the Legion.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8pm in the Recreation Club, Littlebourne (back of the village hall). We are a friendly, informal group, so please consider joining as one of your "New Year's Resolutions"! For more information contact the secretary on 01227 472023.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 11th February at the above venue.

Ruth Washington

If you saw our thanks to Ruth Washington elsewhere in the magazine, you may have realised that we are in urgent need of volunteers, both to be members of the PCC and to help with our youth group Moby. If you think you could help with either of those things, why not have a word with one of the Churchwardens (contact details on the back of the magazine) and find out a bit more?

Moby is very urgent as we currently have a group of teens wanting to meet but without enough leaders for meetings to take place at all. Could you spare some time once a month to make that happen? Or if that is not quite your thing, could you offer a couple of hours every three months to help with the nuts and bolts of running the churches on the PCC? Please think about it!

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Limbless Association



Parish Councillor vacancy; The City Council had advised that there would not be an election to fill the vacant post on the Parish Council. It was therefore agreed to advertise for interested candidates. Applicants should send their c.v's to the Parish Clerk. The closing date for expressions of interest is 7th. January 2014. (See village notice board and website)

Nailbourne Pollution – Cllr Atkinson reported that water levels were rising but were within anticipated seasonal limits. The work currently being undertaken by Southern Water should help alleviate future flooding. There would be serious disruption to the residents of Patrixbourne Rd & Riverside Close, potentially from 6th – 17th January. The road would have to be closed to traffic completely between Bridge High Street and Riverside Close at various times.

Snow Clearance Preparations; Cllr Moon reported that he had held a meeting of volunteer snow clearers the previous week. He had ordered bags of salt, which would be stored in Bridge Down and at Brickfields Close. Later it was intended to move some of the salt to the pavilion garage. High visibility vests would be distributed to volunteers. At present the priority areas for snow clearance would be the High Street, followed by the route to the Health Centre. More volunteers were needed and depending on the response, side roads could also be treated. Any volunteers were asked to contact Cllr Moon.

Neighbourhood Plan – Draft objectives had been reviewed by a volunteer planning adviser from Planning Aid. The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee would revise the draft in line with her comments. It was planned to put the revised draft to Bridge residents for their views in the New Year.

Recreation ground - Cllr Hodges thanked Cllrs Wilmshurst and Moon for moving the picnic benches into the pavilion for the winter. She reported that Tony Hart (Tree surgeon) would carry out a safety inspection of the trees on the recreation ground. Mrs Pam Dobson had kindly agreed to identify the species in the hedge near the school.

Recreation Ground Maintenance Contract; Having considered three quotations it was agreed to award the recreation ground maintenance contract for 2014/15 to AJ Longley, the present contractor. This was not the cheapest option but the firm had proved reliable. The cheaper quote was from a company considered less satisfactory when used in the past.

Withdrawal of Green sacks; Several residents had complained about the City Council's decision to withdraw green sacks from the refuse collection schedule. There was also strong objection to having to buy new green bins in their place. Cllr Cook said that the City Council had offered to assist anyone who found it hard to move green bins to the kerb. It was agreed to write to Cllr Cook to ask him to take up this matter with the City Council.

Response to Boundary Commission; It was noted that the Parish Council had submitted its views on new electoral wards to the Boundary Commission. Cllr Hodges thanked Cllr Corfield for his work on this

Laurie Wakeham It was agreed to write to congratulate Laurie Wakeham on completing 25 years as the owner of the butcher's shop in Bridge.

Thanks: Cllr Hodges said that recently many people had contributed their time to working for the good of the village and asked for the following thanks to be noted. She thanked Mark Esdale, and his large band of volunteers for putting up the Christmas trees and those providing refreshments. She also thanked Vicky White, Mr & Mrs Oakey and Mr & Mrs Fawke for tending the village planters and the flowerbeds at the chicanes. Valerie Wicker and Selwyn Lewis were thanked for their tireless work in trying to keep the village free of litter throughout the year. It was agreed to write a letter of thanks to Janet Horsley, who was leaving the village after serving on the Village Hall Committee for more than 20 years.

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Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 9th January 2014**

Councillor Bill Oakey - Cllr Hill paid tribute to Bill Oakey who had died of cancer on 6th. January after a brave fight. He described him as an effective Parish Councillor until ill health forced his resignation. Bill Oakey had helped to organise the Queen's Jubilee celebrations and led a band of snow clearance volunteers in the village. The Parish Council offered its sympathy to his wife and his family and held a minute's silence in tribute to Cllr Oakey.

Draft Canterbury District Parish Charter –Parish Councillors had considered the draft of the Parish Charter, which had been put forward by the City Council. Councillors were critical of the lack of any hard commitments in the document. They also commented on the lack of consultation that there had been over new planning procedures. Several specific amendments to the Charter were proposed, which would be submitted to the City Council for consideration

Withdrawal of green sack collection service; Canterbury City Council officials had offered to visit a house in Bridge High Street to see first hand the problems caused by the withdrawal of the green sack service. The Clerk had arranged for a resident to meet them and was now waiting for the Council to confirm a date for the meeting

Neighbourhood Plan –Mr Gulvin reported that Stella Scrivener of Planning Aid would attend the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee on the following day. A car parking survey and meetings with local landowners were planned for January

Nailbourne Pollution – Cllr Atkinson reported that the sealing of the sewer, which was currently being undertaken in Patribourne Road, was likely to be completed at the weekend or possibly on 13th. January. There were no problems with the Nailbourne so far but the borehole water depths were at the same level as 2001. The Environment Agency report was due at the weekend and would show levels of water in bore holes was rising rapidly.

Emergency preparations in severe weather; Cllr Moon proposed that the contact telephone numbers of those with keys to the sandbag store should be made available on the village notice boards. Details were already on the village website. It was agreed to buy a barrow to transport sand bags in an emergency, as they were extremely heavy. Cllr Moon would take over the production of the Bridge Emergency Plan and would attend a Resilience Course run by the Emergency Services on 8th February.

Cllr Moon thanked Colin North for his help with removing a fallen tree from Bridge Hill on 23rd December and Mark Esdale for his help with the sandbags

Recreation Ground – Cllr Ward reported that there had been no significant storm damage on the recreation ground. There had been a lot of litter, following the holiday period, which Cllr Ward had cleared up


Christmas trees- Parish Councillors thanked the many villagers who turned out in record numbers to put up and take down the Christmas trees this year. Mark Esdale was thanked for his superb organisation of the event again.

Start of World War I commemoration; Councillors considered Cllr Hill's proposal that the parish council should commemorate the start of WWI in some way. It was agreed that Cllr Hill should liaise with the parish church and that the Parish Council would offer support to any plans they had.

Village Clock- Gillett and Johnston had been told that their contract to maintain the village clock would be terminated at the end of 2014. The cost was increasing and it was debatable whether the contract was value for money. The money saved could be put towards the purchase of a new clock when needed.

Date of Annual Parish Meeting- It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Thursday 1st May in the village hall.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 13th. February at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. The Planning Committee will meet prior to the Council Meeting at 7.15pm. All Bridge residents are welcome to attend these meetings. _

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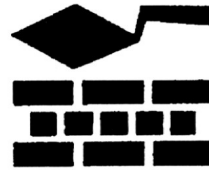
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