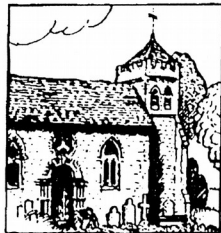


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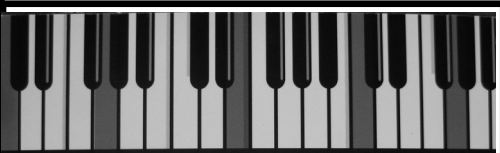
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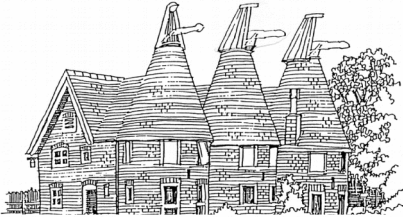
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Year A	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patrixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 2nd March. Sunday next before Lent	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT : 2 Peter 1: 16-21 G : Matthew 17: 1-9
Wednesday 5 th March. Ash Wednesday			Service to be confirmed.			NT : Psalm 51: 1-18 G : Matthew 6 : 16-21
Sunday 9 th March. Lent 1.	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	3.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion			OT : Genesis 2 : 15-17, 3: 1-7 G : Matthew 4: 1-11
Sunday 16 th March. Lent 2.		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT : Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 G : John 3: 1-17
Sunday 23 rd March. Lent 3.	9.30 am Sung Eucharist		11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins		OT : Exodus 17: 1-7 G : John 4: 5-42
Sunday 30 th March. Mothering Sunday				9.30 am Mothering Sunday Benefice Sunday		NT : Colossians 3: 12-17 G : Luke 2: 33-35
Sunday 6 th April. Lent 5.	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 : Psalm 130 G : John 11: 1-45



The Rev'd Canon Jonathan Lloyd and his wife Sue will probably be in the middle of moving house as you read this. We welcome them as they settle into Bridge and look forward to Jonathan's ministry among us. As I write Jonathan has been in touch to assure us of his prayers for all affected by the flooding.

The flooding we've seen in Bridge, and which threatens many surrounding villages, has posed significant challenges for all of us. Other areas of the country, Somerset in particular, are experiencing flooding on an extensive scale - nevertheless the local situation is one of great concern and heartache – for householders, farmers, businesses and support services alike.

No doubt there will be plenty of analysis, discussion and recommendations over future months - including the impact of global warming on our climate, policies for land and river management, and priorities for expenditure at local and national level.

For now we simply offer support for all those affected, give thanks for the community spirit which has been in evidence throughout this time and recognise the work of the various support services which have responded to local need.

I offer the following prayer and ask you to keep those affected in your prayers:

Gracious God,

We commit to you all who are affected by flooding and the severe weather.

We pray for those who are suffering through loss of their homes and everyday lives and remember those whose livelihoods have been damaged.

We give thanks for the many people who have worked together to help one another.

We remember the physical hardships, stress and distress of all those working in difficult conditions and ask your blessing on all support and emergency services.

Bless the work of all those who are caught up in this severe weather and its aftermath.

All this we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(from ARC - adapted)

with my prayers

Rev'd Chris Wilkinson

Parish Priest to the Littlebourne Benefice

Your Parish Matters

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, **1.45pm-2.45pm**, for pre-school children (0-5) and their parents and carers. Play, songs, bible story, craft, tea and coffee.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 4th March 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, Patricxbourne, Nackington or Lower Hardres please email vicarage@bridgechurch.co.uk

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Baptisms and Confirmations.

As we are currently without a Vicar please get in touch with the Vicarage office on vicarage@bridgechurch.co.uk 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.

Lent Course.

A Lent Course will take place on the following dates, 7.30pm, at Bridge School.

Tuesday 11th March.

Tuesday 18th March.

Tuesday 25th March.

Tuesday 1st April.

Tuesday 8th April.

All welcome. For further information please contact Mrs Margaret Clarke on 01227 765598.

**In case of an emergency please contact the Rev Stephen Hardy on
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Women's World Day of Prayer

St. Peter's Bridge

Friday 7th March at 11.00am

Guest Speaker:- Canon Rosemary Walters

Dates For Your Diary

March

04/03	13.45-14.45	Church Mice at Bridge Church
	15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill
06/03	19.30	Health & Healing at 7 Windmill
10/03	19.30	Caring & Sharing
11/03	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
	19.30	Lent Course, Bridge School
12/03	10.00	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall
	14.00	Social Afternoon at John Baker White Memorial Hall, Lower Hardres
18/03	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
	19.30	Lent Course, Bridge School
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill
19/03	15.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven
24/03	19.30	Caring & Sharing
25/03	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield
	19.30	Lent Course, Bridge School

News from Bridge & Patrixbourne CE Primary School

As usual we have had a very busy time in school. We have raised a considerable amount in donations for various organisations including the Salvation Army, the Pilgrims Hospice and we raised over £300.00 for the British Legion Poppy Appeal last term. One of our teachers, Lisa Wright, is currently on a year's secondment working in a children's centre in Uganda, we continue to support her by sending out supplies for the children in the orphanage where she works.

Nearer to home we organised a parade for Chinese New Year around Bridge for all our 4-7 year olds, and the PTA organised a successful Burns Night for parents and raised much needed funds for the school. Our Reception classes have been 'On a Journey', they caught the local bus to Canterbury (great excitement) and went to Build a Bear and returned in time for lunch.

We continue to warn our children on the dangers of the flooding and contaminated water in the villages. Limited parking in the village and the closure of the recreation ground has caused even greater parking problems in Conyngham Lane and we continue to liaise with the authorities and residents to work through this difficult time.

Fish (Neighbourly Help) News Tel number: 07935 966 080

The Coffee Pop-In will be in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday 12th March from 10 to 11.15 and a representative from Hi Kent will be there for help and advice about hearing aids.

Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

Having had a quiet January, we are starting to plan ahead now in the branch.

On Tues 18th March we have a Steak and Kidney Pudding Supper at the Hay Wain Bramling. Tickets £10 each either from the Hay Wain or ring the secretary on 01227 472023. There will be a raffle that night in aid of the Poppy Appeal. On Sat 7th June we have an Afternoon Tea in the Memorial Hall Lounge, Littlebourne. More details on that event later.

Anyone interested in joining the branch or just wishing to come along to a meeting and see what we do, please ring the secretary on the above number. You will be made very welcome.

Our next 2 monthly meetings will be on Tues, 11 March and 8 April both at 8pm in the Recreation Club, Littlebourne



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Find out more.

There's a lot of information on the Fairtrade Foundation website – www.fairtrade.org.uk

Announcing the forthcoming Village Flower Festival Bokesbourne Church 12th, 13th and 14th September, 2014. The History of Bokesbourne in 20 Objects

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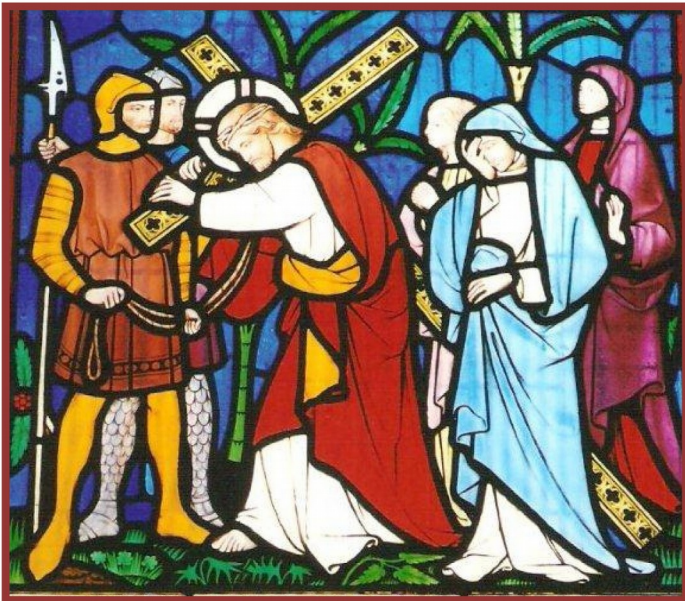
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Nailbourne Horticultural Society' Spring Show - Advance Notice of the Open Class.

Our **Spring Show** will be held in Bridge Village Hall on **Saturday 12 April** (hall open to exhibitors from 8.00 am onwards, doors close at 10.00 am for judging and open again for visitors and exhibitors from 11.00, extended until 3.00 pm, with prize giving at 12.30 pm).

This year, the **OPEN COMPETITION** for everyone of all ages will be:

5 sticks of rhubarb (pulled and leaves trimmed)

There is still time to start paying attention to those crowns of rhubarb skulking somewhere in a very soggy garden and to think perhaps of bringing them on by forcing them with a bucket, straw or similar to get them ready for the show.

Please do have a go! It is easy to enter. Just bring them along before 10 am to the hall on the morning of the show.

If any member still requires a show schedule, please contact Kathy Walder on 830057.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

We are delighted to welcome Canterbury City Council Officer **Tracy Flower** to give us an illustrated talk on Canterbury District's **Seasonal Bedding Displays** on **Tuesday 4 March** starting at 7.30 pm in **Bridge Village Hall**. As always we are delighted to welcome non-members at our evening meetings. There will be a small charge to include refreshments.

National Vegetable Society - Kent District Association

The Society starts off its 2014 programme with its **AGM** on **Wednesday 12 March**, 7.30 pm for an 8.00 pm start, in **Bridge Village Hall**. The Society has an interesting programme of monthly talks arranged for the year, as well as an annual show in September, all held in Bridge Village Hall. If you enjoy gardening, do consider coming along to find out more.

Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute

Dave Haines will be giving what should prove to be an interesting and useful talk, along with a practical demonstration, on "**First Aid: Defibrillators**" on **Tuesday 18 March**, starting at 7.30 pm in **Bridge Village Hall**.

If this is of interest to you or you would like to find out more about your local WI, please do come along. You will be made most welcome.

SPRING EVENTS AT THE QUIET VIEW

On **Sunday 16th March** from **2.30 – 6pm** we'll be showing again **ST JOHN'S GOSPEL**. This is a deeply moving feature film, not on general release, that follows John's gospel word for word. Directed by Philip Saville, starring Henry Ian Cusick as Jesus and narrated by Christopher Plummer. Donations invited and tea will be provided. Please book.

Jenny Sandler leads **GATEWAYS INTO PRAYER** on **Saturday 29th March** from **10.30 – 4pm** . **A Quiet Day** discovering creative and gentle approaches to our life in God, using guided imagery, music, poetry, gentle movement and silent meditation. Jenny will explore the healing potential of different 'Ways In' to prayer and how it may enrich our faith. Jenny trained and performed with the Royal Ballet and is founder, choreographer and former director of The Epiphany Dancers (Liturgical Dance Group) and St James's Piccadilly Liturgical Dance Group. Suggested donation £20 Refreshments provided through the day. Please book and bring your own lunch.

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Following a successful talk at the cathedral last autumn, Dr. Charles Sell will be giving a talk in Kingston Barn on perfumery through the ages, from 3000 years ago to the present day, with glimpses into the lives of the people who used them through the ages, with particular reference to Biblical occurrences. There should also be opportunities to experience some of the perfumes being discussed. You are invited to assemble at 7.00pm for the talk to start at 7.30pm on Fri. 14th March.

This is bound to be a popular event, so advanced booking is advisable. Tickets, in aid of the Friends of Womenswold Church, cost £6.00 or £5.00 for Friends, to include light refreshments, and can be obtained from Marilyn Lewis, 01227 831208, Jeanie Wright, 01304 830894 or Maggie McKenzie 01227 831404.

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provided.
All are welcome to give our village a good spring cleaning.
Brigitte Ward (01227 830330)

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

Flood Situation Update- Cllr Moon updated the Council on the flood situation in Bridge. Pipes had been installed that day to avoid the 'pinch point at the bus shelter and water was now flowing over the road via two 8' pipes and one 6' pipe. No action would be taken that would increase flood risk further down stream. Cllr Moon paid tribute to the many Bridge volunteers who had helped with filling and deploying sandbags, making tea for the emergency services and helping vulnerable residents. All the professional emergency services had been working tirelessly. It was agreed that there should be a first aid course organised for councillors and volunteers after the current emergency had ended. It was also suggested that the sand bag store be moved to a location that would be easier to access than the recreation ground. Cllr Hodges thanked Cllr Moon for his continued outstanding work in helping those affected by the flooding and assisting with co-ordinating the emergency services.

Nailbourne Pollution – Cllr Atkinson reported that Cllr Cook and Julian Brazier MP had visited the area. Cllr Gilbey had also been invited to come and see the situation. Ground water had already reached the highest measurement on the scale and was unlikely to reduce until the summer. This would continue to affect the levels in Church Meadow and the Nailbourne. Southern Water had tried to line the sewer but the present inundation could cause further problems. Cllr Hodges thanked Cllr Atkinson for his continued work on the problems of the flooding.

Recreation Ground – Cllr Ward re-iterated that the recreation ground had been temporarily closed on the advice of the Environment Agency and would remain closed until the Parish Council was advised that it was safe to re-open it. The EA had rejected a suggestion that a fence should be erected along the path from Riverside Close to the school gate.

Annual Parish Meeting It was agreed to ask Guy Gardener, the Emergency Flood Co-ordinator from Canterbury City Council, to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Mill Centre- There had been no response from Mr Bursnell of CCC to the application for the Mill Centre to be added to the Parish Council's list of assets of community value. The Centre was suggested as a possible location for the sand bag store.

Response from Canterbury Police to Dog Attack Complaint The disappointing response from Inspector Mark Arnold was discussed. It was agreed to pursue the idea of re-instating the Police Forum, which would include a representative of each parish council and representatives of Kent Highway Services at regular liaison meetings. A reply would be sent to the Police requesting this and Action with Rural Communities in Kent would also be asked to support the proposal.

Withdrawal of green sack collection service; The Clerk reported that she had been unsuccessful in getting the City Council to re-consider its decision on green sack withdrawal or to visit those affected. Cllr Cook had been asked to continue to pursue this with the City Council.

Village Litter pick Cllr Ward announced that there would be a Spring village litter pick on Saturday 29th March at 9.30. Volunteers should meet at the Post Office. If the weather was bad the event would be postponed until 5th April. All volunteers would be very welcome.

Recreation Ground Working Party Cllr Hodges announced that there would not be a working party this Spring because of the current flood situation. Work with the Kent Stour Countryside Partnership Volunteers would be postponed until September as would work with the primary school children, who would do their planting in September.

Bridge Down Steps – Cllr Hodges reported that surveyors from Kent Highway Services had been seen taking measurements at the steps. No indication had been received as to when replacement work might begin.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 13th March 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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A Country View

Shrinking Violets

As the evenings grow a little lighter and longer and we look forward eagerly through this stormy spell to the coming of spring, some of our wild flowers offer the hope of brighter times. Snowdrops have been out in the churchyards for a while and crocuses are making an appearance across the area.

Mild temperatures have also encouraged violets to make an early appearance in verges in some parts of Bridge. However, few of us will have seen them because someone has been spotted picking them all. This is of course very disappointing, but we have been asked: "Is it allowed legally?"

For clarification, digging up wild plants is illegal anywhere; picking wild flowers is not technically illegal, unless the plants are a protected species, or they are in private

grounds, or land maintained by the council. However, it seems most of the land in this area fits into one of those categories so we suggest it would be sensible to avoid picking wild flowers from a legal point of view.

From a moral perspective, how much more generous it would be to leave the flowers where they grow so that all those who wander past on their country rambles can enjoy them too.

For true nature lovers, those who really appreciate our countryside heritage, it is much nicer to see wild flowers in their proper place, out in the countryside, than it is to see them picked and sitting isolated in a vase on someone's coffee table.

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Bourne Vets News

Vomiting and Diarrhoea is a common problem for dogs and cats at any time of year but we have seen a recent increase in cases and are worried it may be related to the flooded waterways and sewage issues that are causing such problems in our area.

If you notice that your pet is vomiting or has diarrhoea or both then initially it is important to withhold food for 24 hours but make sure that fluid is offered in small amounts regularly so that they don't get dehydrated. You can purchase ready-made dehydration support salts or make a homemade version by adding a pinch of salt and a teaspoon of sugar to 500mls of fresh water. Make sure you monitor them closely and keep them warm and after 24 hours of starvation if there is no more symptoms introduce a very bland white meat based diet (Chicken, white fish, rice or pasta).

If the symptoms carry on for more than 24 hours then we would recommend seeking veterinary advice. Also if your pet is showing any signs of dehydration such as dullness, sleepiness and dry gums or there is blood in the diarrhoea or vomit then we would recommend they are checked by a vet sooner and at Bourne Veterinary Practice we are open 7 days a week if you have any concerns. In the vast majority of cases some straight forward symptomatic treatment is very effective and fast acting.

We have also seen some dogs that have been dragged underwater in the fast currents recently and if they are pulled under bridges there is no airspace for them to take a breath and can aspirate water. Please avoid letting your dog swim in the waterways until these extreme conditions have settled down.

The Rainbow Ride & Stride for Pilgrims Hospices

Join us on Sunday 23rd March for a springtime cycle ride, dog walk or ramble along the scenic Great Stour Way from the Pilgrims Hospice in Canterbury to Chartham village hall and back. The route 8 miles in total but you can just do half! Decorate yourself, your dog, your bike, scooter or pushchair in your brightest rainbow colours.

Prizes will be given for the best fancy dress.

Refreshments and cake will be served at Chartham ready for the return journey back to base. Put your hand or paw print on the wall to show you've finished.

This is an event for everyone; families, friends, children, dogs. We want to see you all there in every colour of the rainbow; red and yellow and pink and green, purple and orange and blue!

Cost: **£5 entry**, under 5's and dogs go free with a £2 supplement if you register on the day.

Time: **10:30am**

Place: Pilgrims Hospices, 56 London Road, Canterbury, CT2 8JA

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T.O.P.S.

We would like to thank everyone who supported us last season. We enjoyed ourselves, we hope you did too!

This year has been mapped out, with another Murder Mystery being performed on May 3rd, at Bekesbourne Village Hall. These have proved very popular – it is certainly quite a challenge spotting the villain!

On July 26th in the beautiful Barn at Woolton Farm we are holding a Grand Barn Dance. We hope you will come and join the well-known “Lone Gin Band” in this lovely setting. A barbecue will be available – just three and a half hours of glorious fun. More details later.

Then in September, Phil, our Artistic Director, is preparing a dramatic tribute to the local boys who died in WW1, incorporating the story of Charles Newport, who was born in Bekesbourne and volunteered for the Buffs in 1914. We hope to perform this in St. Peter's Church with the blessing of our new Priest, Canon Lloyd.

At Christmas, another get together on Saturday, 20th December at Bekesbourne Village Hall. This was a lovely evening last year and we, together with FOBC, have been asked to arrange something similar this year.

One other event we would like to put on is a Curry Night with entertainment. Again, details later. Watch this space! Quite a busy year and one we hope you will approve of.

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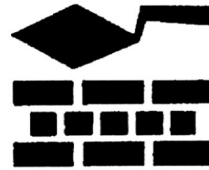
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