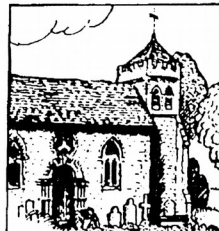


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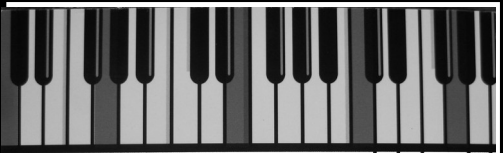


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### Services for the month of May 2014 - all welcome!

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Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> May Third Sunday of Easter	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT : Acts 2: 14a, 36-41  G : Luke 24: 13- 35
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May Fourth Sunday of Easter	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion		8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)	NT : Acts 2: 42- end  G : John 10: 1-10
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May Fifth Sunday of Easter		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT : Acts 7: 55- end  G : John 14: 1-14
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> May Sixth Sunday of Easter	9.30 am Sung Eucharist		8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins		NT : Acts 17: 22- 31  G : John 14: 15-21
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day						NT : Acts 1: 1-11  G : Luke 24: 44- end
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> June Seventh Sunday of Easter	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)	11.00 am	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT : Acts 1: 6-14  G : John 17: 1-11



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Dear Friends,

Having lived in large cities for several decades, coming to live in Bridge could have been a major adjustment. But the kindness and friendliness of so many people has made it very easy. Thank you to the people of these villages, and the congregations, who have given Sue and I such a warm welcome. The service of welcome led by Bishop Trevor was such an uplifting moment for us, and the choir directed superbly by Martin Miles sang with perfection. Thank you to the churchwardens and all who helped on the night in so many ways and to those of you who brought food to the party afterwards.

The recent floods have been a huge challenge for the whole community, and I am impressed with the resilience and hard work of all the local volunteers and staff of the different agencies. It is moments like this when community spirit trumps everything, as well as a stark reminder of the power of nature and the reality of climate change. St Peter's Church was pleased to become the operations centre, and serve many warm cups of tea and coffee!

This season of Easter is all about new life coming from disaster. The resurrection of Jesus on that first Easter Day, after everything looked lost, gives us all new hope and life. The Easter message is that God breaks through even death, and that we are transformed people with the task of transforming the world. The lambs in the fields and the beautiful daffodils everywhere remind us of the power of Easter and the beauty of God's creation.

May this joy and peace of Easter that comes from the risen Christ, be yours this Easter.  
Grace and peace,  
Jonathan

## 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.

### **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 6th May 2014**.

All welcome. Please contact Andrea Nicholson on 830947 for further information.

### **Church Weddings.**

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### **Baptisms and Confirmations.**

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## Dates For Your Diary

### May

01/05 Close	19.30	Health & Healing at 7 Windmill
06/05 Haven Close	13.45-14.45  15.00 20.00	Church Mice at Bridge Church Holy Communion at Bridge After 8's at 7 Windmill
12/05	19.30	Caring & Sharing
13/05 Court	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield
14/05 Bridge Village Hall Baker White Lower Hardres	10.00  14.00	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Social Afternoon at John Memorial Hall,
20/05	15.00 19.30-20.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
21/05	15.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven
26/05	19.30	Caring & Sharing
27/05	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield

## Forthcoming Events

14th June	Bridge Village Fete
12-14th Sept	Flower Festival at Bekesbourne Church
11-12th Oct	Art in Bridge

## BEKESBOURNE CHURCH WORKING PARTIES

There will be churchyard working parties at Bekesbourne on the following dates in 2014:-

17th. May  
14th. June  
19th. July  
6th. September  
15th. November

Please come along for a couple of hours from 9.30a.m., bringing tools if possible, to help tidy and enjoy community spirit (and a mid morning drink and snack).  
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## **Thanks**

Joyce Hopkins and family thank everyone for their cards and kind messages following the death of dear Bob. They were a great comfort at this sad time.

## **Fish Scheme News** Tel no: 07935 966 080

The Coffee Pop-In will be in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday 14th May from 10 to 11.15 am. You are most welcome.

On the previous Saturday, May 10th, we have our all-important fund-raising Bring and Buy, also from 10 am in the village hall. Do come if you can and we welcome plants and cakes as well as books. It is always interesting and very enjoyable.

## **Memorial Flowers St Peter's Bridge**

A lot of people like to remember loved ones special days with flowers. Rather than put bouquets or wreaths on a gravestone, would you like flowers to be arranged in church on a special day?

The flower arrangers would be very happy to accept a small amount of money, with instructions on colour, or even which blooms you would like. If you wish, a notice could be pinned on the board to explain who the flowers are in memory of. Please contact a churchwarden, or Viv Brasier if this is of interest to you.

## **Historical Implements**

All are invited to an unusual event at the Village Hall in Bridge at 7.15am on Wednesday 7th May, when there is to be a presentation of historical implements, the likes of which will probably never be seen again. It will consist of a guessing quiz compiled by the collector, Mr Jim Dickson. It should be fun.

All proceeds to go to the Lullaby Trust. Entry at the door at £3.00 per head. Refreshments will be available. Please come and support us.

Barry Whiting

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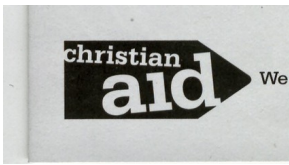
We had an interesting meeting this month when our new Poppy Organisor, Wendy Giles and her Deputy, Nancy White were with us along with the County Poppy Co-ordinator, Ann Hill. We have several members unwell at present and we wish them a speedy recovery.

Our Steak Pudding Night in March was enjoyed by 27 members and guests. The evening raised £130 for the Poppy Appeal.

A few people have been considering joining the branch recently. Please do come along and join us - you will be made very welcome.

Our next 2 monthly meetings will be on 13th May and 10th June both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

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We shall be finding out more about these projects during the Family Communion service at Bridge on Sunday 11 May at 9.30am. The annual Canterbury Christian Aid service is also on Sunday 11th May at 6.30pm in the Cathedral, when young people will help bring to life the stories of child soldiers in Uganda. Everyone is warmly invited to attend these services.

For the last 2 years we have raised well over £2000 in the Bridge Benefice. We have a very loyal band of collectors, but due to removal and other reasons we really need a few more to cover all the roads in our villages. Offers of help would be very gratefully received. Please contact Jean Barber on 01227 831956.

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## **Bridge History Society**

The Kent History Federation annual conference will take place at Tenterden this year on Saturday May 10th. There will be various topics of discussion in the morning, followed by visits to nearby places of interest in the afternoon.

The next evening talk will be on Thursday 29th May (not 22nd as originally published) at 7.30 pm. The speaker is Andrew Wood who will talk on Windmills of Kent. Whilst many still exist or have been restored others, including Bridge, have disappeared. Andrew has many illustrations of those that have vanished.

On the evening of Thursday June 19 th there will be an evening walk around Bridge, meeting at Bridgeway Stores at 6.30pm.

Any enquiries should be addressed to David Gilmour (Tel.832450).

## **Bridge Farmer's Market**

In May 2014 there will be markets on 10 and 24 May. We are planning for a Summer themed market on 28 June 2014. Usual venue Red Lion Inn car park from 9-12.00 noon.



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

Our meeting on **Tuesday 20 May** is our **Birthday and Resolutions Meeting** which will begin as usual at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. After discussion of the resolution on increasing organ donation which is to be put to the 2014 Annual Meeting in Leeds, members are to be given the opportunity to take part in the evening and share any tips, grouses and gadgets they have with other members. To round off the evening and to celebrate our birthday the committee will be serving a light buffet supper.

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

David Thornton, General Secretary of the National Vegetable Society and a most excellent and informative speaker, is returning to **Bridge Village Hall** on **Wednesday 14 May**, 7.30 for 8.00 pm start, this time to share his expertise on "**The Long and the Short of Growing Carrots**". Those interested are most welcome to come along.

### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

Nailbourne Horticultural Society would like to invite you to attend a demonstration for flower Arranging by our talented "Pam Hamilton" on Tuesday 13 May at 7.30 in Bridge village hall, this event is expected to be the most informative and entertaining, £4 fees will be charged to the new members and this includes refreshments.

### **Thanks**

My grateful thanks to all the volunteers who came on several sessions to clear up the recreation ground after the winter storms and flooding. The trees, shrubs and flowers have all survived and look better than ever.

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### **Annual village litter pick**

A big thank you to all the volunteers including our new Vicar who took part in the Bridge village litter pick on Saturday 29th March. It really makes a difference to the appearance of our village. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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Seeing a dog scooting or dragging its rear end along the ground is quite a strange sight, and often makes people laugh. However, for your dog it is not at all funny as there is often a very irritating reason behind it.

All dogs and cats have anal glands or scent glands situated either side of their bottom that produce a yellow fluid that is used to mark territory and identify other animals. This fluid is normally released when the animal passes faeces or they can spontaneously empty when the animal is stressed and produce a strong unpleaseant fishy odour.

Sometimes these anal glands do not empty as they naturally should and so become full. This can cause your pet a lot of pain and discomfort. Dogs will often attempt to ease this irritation by scooting their bottoms along the floor. Other signs of discomfort include licking or biting at their bottom, sitting uncomfortably, chasing their tail or a strong fishy smell!

The glands can also become impacted if the duct leading from the gland becomes blocked which results in very swollen glands and if left untreated they can become infected resulting in abscessation of the area and fever.

If you notice any signs of irritation in your pet we would advise a trip to the vets to get them checked out and have the glands emptied if necessary. This is a straightforward procedure that vets can do in the consulting room with you present. If there is any sign of infection in the glands your pet may need to be prescribed a course of antibiotics. Occasionally it may be necessary to perform surgery to remove the glands if they keep getting infections or if your pet has anal gland tumours, but this is rare.

If you have any further questions or want to book a check up for your pet please call **Bourne Veterinary Practice** on **01227 832322**.

We are holding our annual **Open Day** on **Bank Holiday Monday 26th May** and would love to see lots of you there. This is a great chance to meet all our staff and have a look behind the scenes. We can provide you with lots of helpful advice if you are thinking about getting a pet and we'll have lots of animals that you can meet on the day. It's all completely **FREE** so please pop down between 12-4pm and see what we do.



**Bridge Parish Council [www.bridgevillage.org.uk](http://www.bridgevillage.org.uk)  
Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 10th April 2014.**

**Revised Canterbury Local District Plan-** Having seen the Schedule of New Site Submission for the Canterbury Local Plan, the parish council agreed to withdraw its support for housing development in the area of Patricbourne Road, next to the Health Centre. The recent floods had made it obvious that any development on green field sites along the Nailbourne was undesirable because of the high risk of flooding and the need for the fields to act as water meadows to absorb floodwater. It was agreed to write to the City Council before the Plan went to the full Council on 24th April supporting the decision that the site was unsuitable for housing development. It was also agreed that Cllrs Sue Hodges and John Corfield would report on the other proposals in the Local Plan at the next meeting.

**Local Government Boundary Commission response-** After some discussion it was agreed to write to the Boundary Commission commenting that the proposed new two member ward, which included Bridge, was inequitable and thus did not meet the aims of the Review. The ratio of electors was one of the worst in the District. It was geographically very large and internal links within the ward would be difficult. There could be problems if two members supporting different political parties were elected.

**Mill Centre-** Mervyn Gulvin reported on the latest developments regarding the future of the Mill Centre. He asked the Parish Council to submit a request the City Council to take over the running of the Mill Centre on a long lease at a peppercorn rent. The Centre would be run on the same lines as the Village Hall. The Mill Centre Management Committee would be the partner of the Parish Council and be responsible for the day-to-day organisation of the Centre. Councillors unanimously agreed to submit the request to the City Council. Cllr Hodges thanked Mr Gulvin for his work on the Mill Centre's future.

**Neighbourhood Plan –** Prof Joe Connor reported difficulties in getting replies from local businesses and landowners who had been invited to engage with the Neighbourhood Plan process. There would be a further consultation event in the village hall on the morning of Saturday 17th. May.

**Nailbourne Pollution –** Cllr Alan Atkinson reported that river levels were falling but the level of groundwater was preventing Southern Water from working on the sewers. Upgrading of the pumping station was being undertaken. There would be a meeting with the Environment Agency to urge them to make Southern Water more pro-active. The river water was still polluted. The Council was pleased that Cllrs Atkinson and Moon had been recognised for their voluntary work during the floods by the Canterbury Times and Whitefriars. Both Councillors thanked those people from the District who had nominated them

**Annual Parish Meeting-** The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in Thursday 1st May at 7.30 pm in the village hall. All Bridge residents are welcome. Guy Gardener and Ted Edwards of Canterbury City Council, both of whom were central to the planning and coordination during the flood emergency, will speak at the meeting, listen to the views of residents and answer questions

**Flood Volunteers –** Cllr Robert Moon thanked all the helpers who had worked to remove the sand bags and to fill the skips at the end of the previous week. He also thanked Thanet Waste for very generously providing the skips free of charge.

**Litter Pickers-** There had been a good turn out of volunteer litter pickers on 29th March. Cllr Brigitte Ward thanked them for helping to improve the appearance of the village. The City Council had been reminded about the request for replacement bins at the recycling lay by and Bifrons Path.

**Chess –** Cllr Atkinson reported that Bridge Chess Team had recently won the Miller Cup, the premier chess trophy for East Kent, having come top of the local chess league. The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 8th. May 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.\_

### **Special thanks to Christine Barnett**

The PCC is sorry to announce that Christine Barnett has decided not to be re-elected. We should like to thank her publicly, in the warmest possible terms, for all she has contributed in so many ways during her years in the village.

The Smallest Garden Party in the World, Christian Aid, Village Fete, flower arranging, tireless work on numerous committees ... Her contributions will be much missed though she would be extremely embarrassed to have a fuss made.

We thank her most sincerely and wish her all the best for her 'retirement'.

### **Remembering a dear Friend**

Our dear Muriel Packer died on Easter morning 2014 peacefully in her sleep at her home in Blackheath, aged 95. As one who absolutely never wore her Christianity on her sleeve, she devoted her life to living out her deep principles amongst the people, especially in the communities, including Bridge, where she lived. We will never forget her almost constant presence at the New Close (Bridge Haven) for many, many years, bringing love and comfort to the residents.

She never stopped loving Bridge and had the parish magazine delivered every month after she moved to Blackheath to be near her daughter, Susan. I

s there a more fitting day than Easter Sunday for such a wonderful lady to join God's Kingdom?

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## **Aylesham Charity Shop & Tea Room**

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We have had a few customers from Bridge who have just found us who have suggested I contact you so we can spread the word that were here. We open Tues-Friday 10-4 and Saturdays 9-12 we welcome donations and have just started taking in small electricals.

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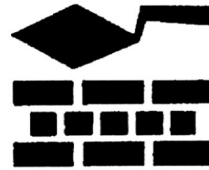
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