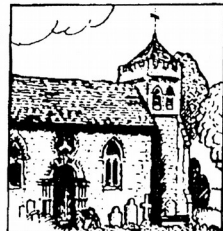


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<b>CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2015</b>	<b>St Mary NACKINGTON</b>	<b>St Mary LOWER HARDRES</b>	<b>St Peter BRIDGE</b>	<b>St Mary PATRIBOURNE</b>	<b>St Peter BEKESBOURNE</b>
<b>Lammastide 2 August</b> <i>Exodus 16:11-15</i> <i>John 6:28-35</i> Green	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion	<b>11.00am</b> Family Service	<b>6.00pm</b> Evensong	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist  <b>12.30pm</b> Holy Baptism of Wilfred Coltart	<b>9.30am</b> Family Service
<b>Transfiguration 9 August</b> <i>2 Peter 1:16-19</i> <i>Luke 9:28-36</i> White	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist	<b>6.00pm</b> Evensong	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion	<i>All welcome to the other services across the Benefice</i>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion
<b>Blessed Virgin Mary 16 August</b> <i>Isaiah 61:10-11</i> <i>Luke 1:46-55</i> White	<i>All welcome to the other services across the Benefice</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Family Service	<b>11.00am</b> Parish Eucharist	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist
<b>St Bartholomew 23 August</b> <i>Acts 5:12-16</i> <i>Luke 22:24-30</i> Red	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist	<i>All welcome to the other services across the Benefice</i>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion  <b>11.00am</b> Parish Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b> Mattins	<i>All welcome to the other services across the Benefice</i>
<b>Trinity 13 30 August</b> <i>Deut 4:1-2, 6-9</i> <i>Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23</i> Green	<b>11.00am Benefice Service at Bridge Church</b> with worship band <i>Prophecy</i> , followed by Summer Picnic at Vicarage garden	<b>11.00am Benefice Service at Bridge Church</b> with worship band <i>Prophecy</i> , followed by Summer Picnic at Vicarage garden	<b>11.00am Benefice Service at Bridge Church</b> with worship band <i>Prophecy</i> , followed by Summer Picnic at Vicarage garden	<b>11.00am Benefice Service at Bridge Church</b> with worship band <i>Prophecy</i> , followed by Summer Picnic at Vicarage garden	<b>11.00am Benefice Service at Bridge Church</b> with worship band <i>Prophecy</i> , followed by Summer Picnic at Vicarage garden

Every Tuesday at 9.30am-10.00am Benefice Holy Communion at St Peter's Church Bridge, followed by coffee at Florries.

4 August (Jean Baptiste Vianney 1858), 11 August (Clare of Assisi 1253), August (Bernard 1153), 25 August (Monica 387)

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<b>CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2015</b>	<b>St Mary NACKINGTON</b>	<b>St Mary LOWER HARDRES</b>	<b>St Peter BRIDGE</b>	<b>St Mary PATRIBOURNE</b>	<b>St Peter BEKESBOURNE</b>
<b>Trinity 14 6 September</b>  <i>Isaiah 35:4-7a Mark 7:24-37 Green</i>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion	<b>6.00pm</b> Evensong	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b> Family Service
<b>Trinity 15 13 September</b>  <i>Isaiah 50:4-9a Mark 8:27-38 Green</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist	<b>6.00pm</b> Evensong	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion	<i>All welcome to the other services across the Benefice</i>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion
<b>St Matthew 20 September</b>  <i>2 Cor 4:1-6 Matthew 9:9-13 Red</i>	<i>All welcome to the other services across the Benefice</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Family Service	<b>11.00am</b> Choral Eucharist	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist
<b>St Michael &amp; All Angels 27 September</b>  <i>Rev 12:7-12 John 1:47-end White</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist	<i>All welcome to the other services across the Benefice</i>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion  <b>11.00am</b> Parish Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b> Mattins	<i>All welcome to the other services across the Benefice</i>
<b>Harvest Thanksgiving (St Francis of Assisi) 4 October</b> <i>Micah 6:6-8 Luke 12:22-34 Green</i>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Harvest Family Communion	<b>6.00pm</b> Harvest Evensong	<b>9.30am</b> Harvest Sung Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b> Harvest Family Service

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1 Sept (Martyrs of Papua New Guinea 1901 & 1942), 8 Sept (Birth of BVM), 15 Sept (Cyprian, Martyr, 258), 22 Sept (Lancelot Andrewes 1626), 29 Sept (Michael and All Angels).

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Looking forward with vision is an important task for any church community. On 27 June a group of us from Patricbourne and Bridge Churches met together for three hours to share our history, identify aims for the future and root our work in prayer and Scripture. These aims will be fed into the next PCC meeting on 9 September to take forward as a church community into a strategic plan. We have identified together four main areas to build on as our aims:

- 1) Deepening our community engagement, and developing further our links with our Church School.
- 2) Repairing Bridge Church building (short-term) and considering re-ordering inside (long-term) to maximise use of the building.
- 3) Ensuring worship is inclusive, welcoming and user-friendly, and exploring other ways of gathering for prayer and fellowship.
- 4) Reviewing our Christian Stewardship of time, talents and planned-giving to the Church.

We have many ideas, hopes and plans. Here are a few:

We are planning a questionnaire to get the views of the people of Patricbourne and Bridge about your local church, and invite you to take part in this.

We are interested to find out what Bridge and Patricbourne churches mean to you? What more could we be offering in the heart of our community?

We need a Friends of Bridge Church - can you join up and help grow a Friends organisation to support our building fabric?

We are already working on developing our website, and a forum discussion with young people in our church and school community.

I am meeting with a group of parents this month to explore what children seek in church to grow spiritually, and how we can work together to meet that need.

This is all exciting stuff. Watch this space for invitations to give your views and experience. What we seek is a church that is inclusive (for all ages and backgrounds), welcoming (new and old), prayerful and joyful, and deeply engaged with the community we are part of and serve.

I warmly invite you to be part of this exciting journey together.

Grace and peace, Jonathan

ps I warmly invite everyone to the **Summer Benefice Service and Picnic on Sunday 30 August**. At 11am we gather at Bridge Church for our Benefice Service led by *Prophecy* worship band. Please bring a picnic, and after the service (approx 11.50am) we walk to the vicarage garden (23 High Street) for our Summer Family Picnic. All welcome.

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## Dates for Your Diary

### August 2015

04/08	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge 15.00 Holy
		Communion at Bridge Haven Mansfield Court	20.00 After 8's at
11/08	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, 14.30 Holy
		Communion at Mansfield Court	
12/08	10.00		FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall
	14.00	Wedding of Nicola Courtenay and Jonathan Ross, St Mary's, Lower Hardres	
14/08			Wedding
		of Jasmine King and Thomas Hart, St Mary's, Lower Hardres	
18/08	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, 15.00 Holy
		Communion at Saxon Lodge Mansfield Court	20.00 After 8's at
19/08	15.00		Hymns at Bridge Haven
25/08	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's,
		Jonathan the Vicar is available every day apart from Fridays.	

## Dates for Your Diary

### September 2015

01/09	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge 15.00 Holy
		Communion at Bridge Haven Mansfield Court	20.00 After 8's at
05/09		Wedding of Camilla Mount and Thomas Sanctuary. St Peter's, Bekesbourne	
05/09	16-17.30		Bridge Youth Group for children ages 10- 15.

15/09	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
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at Saxon Lodge		
		20.00 After 8's at
Mansfield Court		
16/09	15.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven
22/09	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
28/09	19.30	Caring and Sharing
29/09	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge

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### **Forthcoming community events for Bekesbourne**

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### **Bat information and detecting day- Friday 18th Sept.**

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### **Remembering VJ Day**

VJ Day was a final end of the Second World War taking place on 15 August four months after the other endings, and two atomic bombs. Bridge resident and member of Bridge Church, John D Robbins was a Chindit under General Orde Wingate. During the war John spent four months behind Japanese lines in Burma, and has been invited to the official ceremony to mark the anniversary at Horse Guards Parade in London on 15 August.

On Sunday 16 August our vicar will lay a wreath with John at the Bridge Church war memorial at the end of the 11.00am service.

We salute John and his colleagues for their courage and sacrifice, as we pray for peace and reconciliation throughout the world today.

### **Fish Scheme (Neighbourly help) News.**

The August Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 12th in Bridge village hall from 10 to 11.15 and the September one will be on Wednesday 9th. We hope a volunteer from Hi Kent will be at the September Pop-In to help with hearing aids.

### **Bridge Benefice Caring & Sharing**

No meetings will be held during the school holidays. Our next meeting will be 14th September 7.30pm for a coffee and chat at Mansfield Court. Monday 28th September will be a talk by Canon Jonathan LLOYD on his recent visit to The Holy Land, 7.30pm again at Mansfield Court. All welcome.

### **Mrs Kath Pierce**

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## June Lane

June, Rosemary, but of course she was June to us and we are all here today to pay our respects and to show our love to a very special lady – unique and quite lovely. She was a lady of high integrity, and was absolutely selfless. We are also here to thank God for her earthly life amongst us, and to thank God for the privilege of knowing her because however little or however much our paths have crossed, she has left her mark on us.

We are also here to remember – memories. They are special and precious because they are ours, and no one can take them from us. They are God's gift – one minute we are laughing, and the next crying.

June was so very courageous all through her life, and with whatever life threw at her. Strange that this attribute manifested itself when her illness was at its peak. No food, not knowing exactly what lay ahead and perhaps little hope of her ever getting better. She kept a brave face, even with her family and friends. She even joked about the liquid food going into her, saying 'That's my Steak and Kidney Pie!'. On top of all that, she rejoiced with others good news, sincerely congratulating them. She even went to Mansfield Court, and watched people enjoying strawberries, scones and cream, and she smiled.

One of her very long standing friends was dear Kath, and June always asked after her, even before I asked her how she was! Mind you, Kath was exactly the same, and together in life, now they are together in death.

June had the most wicked laugh, a chuckle and a giggle. It was lovely and infectious. She enjoyed Care & Share meetings and, of course after 8's. She chatted away with a giggle. June gave joy wherever she was, she was always grateful and on the night before she died, she thanked Jonathan when she was anointed. She also thanked him for the cross from Jerusalem.

When I met Ray and Rebecca, they shared some of their memories. In Rebecca's words 'June was born into Heaven on the anniversary of the day she was born to earth. Her unpleasant discomfort and treatment was a great example to us all.'

June worked hard at School, and finally met dear Ray, but she was waiting for him in the wrong place! Good job she got to the right church on her wedding day. She loved having her family around her. Ray and her children meant the world to her, and her only grandson, Joseph was very special to her. She spoilt him, but she could – she was his grandma.

June worked hard, apple picking, and she worked for Cannon Brett at the Cathedral. He treated her as one of the family. She worked at Choir-house with Kath, and they had lots of fun and giggles. She modelled hats too.

June was a Saint – a shining example to us all. All these memories and your own could fill a large book, but now her earthly book is complete. She is now with Almighty God in Heaven. May she rest in peace, and rise in glory.

Margaret Clarke.



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## **Repairs to St Peter's Church Bridge**

Many of you who visit or pass by St Peter's Bridge will have noticed the scaffolding in place around the main door in the west wall. This was erected to protect people entering the church, after stonework started to fall from high up on the wall.

Inspection of the damage revealed that work was necessary to tie the west wall back into the structure of the church and to stop any further damage. Emergency repairs were carried out to brace the wall, but a proper repair of the wall is now urgently needed. A Quinquennial inspection of the church has shown many other problems with this aging building. Essential repairs which we need to carry out immediately are likely to cost £90,000 and other work will be required after that. In the meantime we are thinking carefully about how we may wish to use our church building in the future and your views on this will be sought in the coming months but first we need to ensure the safety of the building.

To enable these urgent repairs to be commenced we first need to raise the money. We are very grateful to everyone who responded to our recent Stewardship Renewal programme (there is still time to respond!) but that money is for the day-to-day costs of running our Parish and does not cover repair work to our buildings. We will be applying for grant aid to help us fund this essential building work, but we will be expected to cover some of the costs ourselves. At the moment we have very little money available for such a project, so this autumn we will have to start raising money. Any ideas on how we can achieve the sum of £90,000 will be gratefully received, but please look out for further details of our fundraising activities in future editions of this magazine. St Peter's Bridge will need your help!

**The Churchwardens of Patrixbourne with Bridge PCC**

## **Bridge Village Youth Club End of season event**

With the money raised at the village fete and funds from weekly sessions, we held an end of season event.

On Saturday 18th July we had a BBQ and bouncy castle at The White Horse Inn, Bridge.

Youth club will then close for the summer holidays and re-open at the Pavilion on Saturday 5th September. We hope to run the club up until October half-term, if the weather allows us to. We will then close for the winter and reopen the youth club next Easter. We still need volunteers to help run the club each week. Please email Katy Brooks at: [barrykaty@hotmail.com](mailto:barrykaty@hotmail.com) if you can help. Thank you.

We have been overwhelmed on how successful and well attended the club has been. Thank you for supporting us!



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## **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

After the Annual Summer Show and a break in August, the next event on the calendar is a talk by Peter Buscall, Horticultural Manager, about the Work of the Fifth Trust based at the Elham Valley Vineyard. This will be held on Tuesday 29 September at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall and everyone is welcome. There will be a small charge to include refreshments.

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

On the afternoon of Tuesday 18 August, the WI have arranged their summer outing to Belmont House, near Faversham, including a tour of this fine neo-classical house and gardens, with a cream tea to round off the afternoon. For more details please contact the Secretary, Carina Whiting on 830737.

Then, resuming their evening programme, on Tuesday 15 September at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall Gail Pavey is giving a demonstration on "Egg Carving". Intrigued? Then come along to find out more. You will be most welcome.

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

Do you want to know everything there is to know about Dahlias? Then come along to the talk by Darren Everest, well-known grower and successful exhibitor, who is making a return visit to the Association on Wednesday 12 August, 7.30 for 8.00 pm in Bridge Village Hall.

Moving on to September, on Wednesday 9 September, the Association has invited local snail farmer Helen Howard, who has recently been appointed "snail sommelier" by Café Rouge and now produces around 50,000 a year for the restaurant trade, to give a talk entitled "The Ultimate Slow Food". Same timings and location as above, and, of course, everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy listening to these speakers.

Following closely on the heels of the talk, the Association is holding its Annual Show, again in Bridge Village Hall, over the weekend of Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September. The Show will be open to the public from 2 until 5 pm on the Saturday and from 10 am until 4 pm on the Sunday. Entry is free so do pop in and admire the quality of vegetables that members can produce.

## **Cat on Post Office Roof**

I wonder how many people have noticed the removal and now the replacement of the cat on the ridge of the Post Office roof. It is a French feline, which Laurie and I bought long ago, while returning by car from a holiday in Normandy. It is good to see the cleaned and shining pussy cat up again on high!

Ann Shirley

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



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**Abbreviated Minutes of a meeting of Bridge Parish Council held on Thursday  
9 July 2015 in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30p.m.**

The Clerk has written to the KCC Traffic Schemes to regarding the location of the bus stops in the village near the post office. Motorists are systematically driving on the pavement because of the location of the bus stops causing danger to pedestrians and damage to the kerbs and pavement.

**Report from Canterbury City Councillor (Simon Cook)**

The city council has a wide spectrum of responses to parking enforcement and is happy to take advice from parish councils. Councillors should write to him about specific concerns. He outlined the process for attempting to overturn the previous administration's decision to sell the Mill Centre. A final decision due in September 2015. The proposed sale of the centre is on hold until a final decision is reached.

**Report from KCC Councillor (Michael Northey)**

Cllr Northey assured the meeting he would follow up concerns raised in the village about traffic in the High St. He is happy to put his influence behind improving the environment in the Green Court area.

He updated Council on the latest developments in Operation Stack, Ofsted inspections of schools in Kent and the increasing numbers of unaccompanied immigrant minors.

**Recreation Ground**

Councillors agreed to delegate to the recreation ground committee the task of creating a vision for the future of the recreation ground. This will include consideration of the pavilion refurbishment, fencing off the children's play area, and the provision of picnic benches.

**Neighbourhood Plan.**

Joe Connor, Chair, reported that the revision of the plan is ongoing with a further meeting to be held on 10 July 2015 to discuss future housing in Bridge. The group will also give initial responses to a plan received on 9 July from Cantley Estates.

**School Liaison meeting feedback.**

Councillors will attend a school council meeting in September 2015. The school would like community volunteers to assist in the school. Relevant checks will be carried out by the school on behalf of potential volunteers.

**Canterbury City Council Local Plan-how to respond to the financial request made by a parishioner at the last meeting and feedback on the village's representation at the forthcoming hearings.**

Prof Clive Church is aware of the responses made by Bridge Parish Council in July 2014. It was felt he would be well suited to present the case for the village.

**Speedwatch equipment.**

If purchased, Cllr Fawke suggested the equipment would be used 2-4 times per month.

**Improving the KCC maintained environment in Green Court.**

It was decided to write to KCC highways about the prospect of grassing over the area. The issue will return to the next meeting.

**Village tree survey**

Cllr Fawke tabled a copy of the proposed questionnaire which is to be refined in the light of comments received.



### **Skateboarding event during October half term.**

It was decided to hold the joint skateboarding event (with Bekesbourne) on Bridge recreation ground on Wednesday 28 October 2015.

### **A fence around the childrens' play area on the recreation ground.**

This will form part of the wider discussions about the recreation ground and return as a fully costed proposal.

### **To review the process for the appointment of a Local Warden.**

Bridge's application to take part in a pilot scheme has been successful

### **Any other business**

Cllr A Atkinson tabled plans submitted to him that very day by Cantley estates for a limited number of houses to be built in the village in return for the resolution of many outstanding issues affecting the village. It was agreed to return to the matter for full discussion at the September meeting.

Cllr Hodges asked about the relocation of an unstable parking sign in the layby on Western Avenue.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 10 September 2015 at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall.

**Please note: A full copy of the minutes is available on the village website or is displayed on noticeboards.**

### **Notes on a meeting of Bekesbourne with Patrixbourne Parish Council**

**July 13th 2015**

The Parish Council Meeting commenced with a minute's silence in remembrance of Joe Atkins, a former member of the Parish Council, who had made a large contribution to parish life over many years.

The current Parish Council does not have a full quota of councillors. Mr Tim Fagan was interested in becoming a Councillor and at the meeting was co-opted onto the Council. Councillor Fagan will represent the interests of Parishioners who live in the area of Lackenden Cottages. The Council's Emergency Plan had been circulated around the members and the meeting agreed to adopt the document. This will now be published on the Parish website and forwarded to the interested statutory authorities.

The Council in conjunction with Bridge Parish Council has been given the funding to run a Skate Park Day for local children at Bridge Recreation Ground during the autumn half term. Further details, such as information on booking for the event will be published in due course.

The Council was informed that the lease held by Bekesbourne Sports Club for the use of Bekesbourne recreation ground had been terminated. In future the Recreation Ground Management Committee would take over the letting of the field, and that agreements were likely to be made with local teams for the continued use of the ground for games of football.

The Parish Council agreed to make a contribution towards the work of further straightening the river channel as the river approaches the bridge in the middle of Patrixbourne. This work is to aid the flow of water through the culvert at times of flooding.

Further details of the meeting proceedings can be found by referring to the Minutes on the Council website

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If you need to bring your cat to the surgery and he is not yet accustomed to his carrier, then place it in a quiet room without too many hiding places, and encourage your cat to go into the carrier with some treats. If this is not successful, gently pick your cat up and place in the basket if it is a top-opening carrier. Some cats prefer to go in through the door bottom first i.e. reverse, so try this if you have a door-opening carrier.

If your cat panics at the sight of the carrier, use a thick towel or blanket to wrap the cat in and place both cat and towel in the carrier quickly and carefully.

The use of a facial pheromone spray (Feliway<sup>TM</sup>) in the carrier can also help reduce stress and anxiety. Spray the four corners of the carrier about 15-30 minutes before you need to use it (the cat should not be in the carrier when you do this). The time allows the alcohol in the spray to evaporate and for the pheromone to diffuse in the carrier. Feliway<sup>TM</sup> is available over the counter from the surgery.

Secure the carrier in the car with a seatbelt, avoiding the front seat if there is an airbag. Avoid playing loud music and drive smoothly. Your cat will pick up on your stress, so try to keep calm.

It is a good idea to place a towel or blanket over the carrier when carrying it to and from the car and in the surgery. Bringing spare bedding is also useful in case your cat has any little accidents during the journey.

When you arrive at the surgery, if you would prefer to wait in the car with your cat then pop into the waiting room and let the receptionist know this and which car you are in.

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After a little summer break we are back in Bekesbourne at the Village Hall with an evening of two one-act plays on Saturday, 3rd October. They are both on the light-hearted side with the audience being encouraged to bring a picnic. It would be lovely to have your company and an advertisement will appear later giving you all the details.

As always, if anyone would like to join, they would be very welcome, phone number below.

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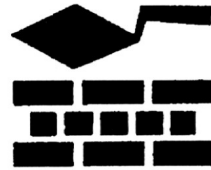
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