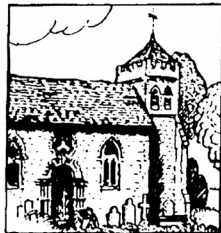


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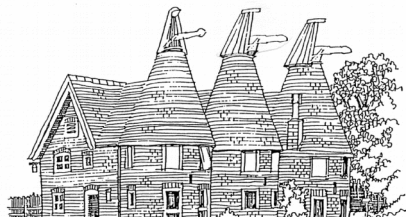
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<b>EASTER EVE</b> <b>4 April</b>	7.30pm at Bridge	7.30pm at Bridge	7.30pm Easter Vigil & Easter Eucharist, led by Archbishop Justin	7.30pm at Bridge	7.30pm at Bridge
<b>EASTER DAY</b> <b>5 April</b>	<b>8.00am</b> The Easter Eucharist (BCP with hymns) The Revd Richard Owen	<b>11.00am</b> The Easter Eucharist Canon Reg Humphriss	<b>11.00am</b> The Easter Eucharist Bishop Richard Llewelin & The Vicar	<b>9.30am</b> The Easter Eucharist Canon Jocelyn Walker	<b>9.30am</b> The Easter Eucharist The Vicar
<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> <b>12 April</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist	<b>6.00pm</b> Evensong	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion with Holy Baptism		<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion
<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> <b>19 April</b>		<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>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>26 April</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist		<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion <b>11.00am</b> Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism	<b>9.30am</b> Mattins with hymns	
<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>3 May</b>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion	<b>12.00noon</b> Holy Baptism (Ruby & Ivy Moon) <b>6.00pm</b> Evensong	<b>9.30am</b> Parish Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b> Family Service and Holy Baptism (Zachary Moon)

Every Tuesday at 9.30am-10.00am Benefice Holy Communion at St Peter's Church Bridge.

# Holy Week and Easter 2015

All are warmly invited to your **local church** for...

- **Palm Sunday 29 March at 10.45am**  
Benefice Service at St Peter's Church Bridge, gathering in the churchyard at 10.45am for the Palm Sunday Procession, then dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel, and Palm Sunday Eucharist. (*if raining, we meet inside*)  
Led by Canon Jonathan LLOYD and Bishop Richard Llewelin.  
(*bring branches from your garden*) Followed by coffee together.
- **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday in Holy Week at 7.30pm** (30, 31 March, 1 April)  
Three Holy Week Lectures by Archbishop Justin at Canterbury Cathedral, followed by a choral reflection. Monday: *The Risk of Prayer* Tuesday: *The Cost of Reconciliation* Wednesday: *The Celebration of Witness*
- **Maundy Thursday 2 April**  
**7.30pm Benefice Service:** Reception of The Oils, Commemoration of The Last Supper, and The Watch, at St Peter's Church Bridge. Preacher: Bishop Richard Llewelin.
- **Good Friday 3 April**  
**9.30am-12.00noon Children's Easter Workshop** at John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres.  
**2.00pm-3.00pm** Benefice Service: **An Hour at The Cross** at St Peter's Church Bridge.  
Reflection led by Bishop Richard Llewelin. *Followed by hot cross buns and coffee.*
- **Easter Eve 4 April at St Peter's Church Bridge**, Benefice Service  
**7.30pm Easter Vigil & Fire, Baptisms & Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Easter Eucharist** led by Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury & our Patron. *Followed by a glass of wine.*
- **Easter Day 5 April at each church**  
**8.00am Easter Eucharist** (BCP with hymns) at St Mary's Nackington  
**9.30am Easter Family Eucharist** at St Peter's Bekesbourne  
**9.30am Easter Eucharist** at St Mary's Patrixbourne  
**11.00am Easter Family Eucharist** at St Mary's Lower Hardres  
**11.00am Easter Eucharist** at St Peter's Bridge.  
Preacher: Bishop Richard Llewelin
- **Easter Monday 6 April**  
**Walking Pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral**, leaving from Patrixbourne Church at **10.30am**. Gather from 10.00am.



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Dear friends

As we move through Lent, we come now to Holy Week and Easter. These are the most important and holy times of the Christian year.

On Palm Sunday we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on a simple donkey, on Maundy Thursday we commemorate the Last Supper with his friends in the upper room, and on Good Friday his brutal death on a wooden cross. The disciples and friends of Jesus were bewildered, lost and frightened when he died. And then three days later on the first Easter Day, a group of women ran to the tomb early in the morning. Met by an angel, they discovered that Jesus was not dead but resurrected. And through this, the end of death itself and the start of hope and new life.

I invite you to enter into the opportunity and depth of Holy Week. This year we will be joined on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day at St Peter's Bridge by Bishop Richard Llewelin. Bishop Richard will lead us through the events of the first Holy Week, as we re-live in our own context the drama of 2000 years ago, and experience God in our lives today. On Easter Eve (4 April) at St Peter's Bridge, Justin, our Archbishop and Patron, will join us at 7.30pm to lead the Easter Vigil, Lighting of the Easter Candle, Renewal of our Baptismal Promises and First Eucharist of Easter. Please join us as we proclaim the ancient exclamation *'Alleluia Christ is Risen, He is risen indeed, Alleluia!'*

In the Early Church, Lent was a time of preparation for the Christian life, and so it has been in our community. A group of adults and young people will be Confirmed by Bishop Trevor at St Peter's Bridge on Monday 20 April at 7.00pm. Please come and support them.

This month is the first anniversary of my being your Vicar. Thank you for welcoming me and my family so warmly. May the joy of Easter give us boldness and hope in the Gospel, to witness to our faith in the resurrected Jesus and face the opportunities and the challenges of the future together. We face many. In the world, our Christian brothers and sisters in Syria, the Middle East and parts of Africa, are dying every day for their Christian faith. In next month's magazine I will report on a much smaller issue - the major repairs needed to safeguard and the vision to transform the building of St Peter's Church Bridge.

A very Happy Easter to you and your family!

A warm welcome awaits you this Easter at your local church. See page 11 for the list of church services.

Grace and peace, Jonathan

## Dates For Your Diary

**April**

01/04	09.30	School service at St Peter's, Bridge
07/04	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
	15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
08/04	10.00	FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall
	14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall,
Lower Hardres		
13/04	19.30	Caring and Sharing
14/04	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield
Court		
15/04	19.30	Lower Hardres and Nackington Annual
Church Meeting at		Nackington Church
18/04	10-13.00	Mental health training day at Barham
Church		
	16-17.30	Bridge Youth Group for children
ages		
	10-15.	Meet at the Pavilion, Bridge Recreation
Ground.		
20/04	19.00	Confirmation Service at St Peter's Bridge
with the Right		Reverend Trevor Willmott,
Bishop of Dover.		
21/04	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
	10-16.00	Day workshop on capital
fundraising at St Paul's Church,		
Canterbury		
	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
23/04	10.45	School St George's Day parade through
Bridge		
	13.30-15.00	School St George's Day tea party
	19.00	Bridge and Patrixbourne Annual
Church Meeting at Bridge		
Village Hall.		
25/04	11.00	Wedding of Victoria Kidd and Darren
Gilham at St Mary's		
Church, Patrixbourne		
27/04	19.30	Caring and Sharing

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

The great Fish Bring and Buy will be on Saturday May 9th in Bridge village hall from 10 to 12. It is well worth a visit for plants, cakes, books and surprises. Do come. The April Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 8th. Everyone is very welcome.

## **Thanks From L`Arche**

Huge thanks to all the L`Arche Christmas Pudding eaters. That £2+ profit on each pud is spreading help far and wide. L`Arche in this country is helping our communities for the disabled in Uganda, Zimbabwe, Syria, Egypt and Honduras and their needs are pressing. Do look at the L`Arche websites to find out more.

## **Bridge and District History Society**

The next meeting of the society will be on Thursday April 16 th at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. Hubert Pragnell's talk will be on Country House Development from Elizabethan times to the modern period of development. Members £4.00, non members £5.00. Further details available from David Gilmour Tel: 832450

### **Your Library needs YOU**

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Hint – their results are judged on number of *books* borrowed, rather than number of *borrowers*, so this is why on a Thursday evening you may see the “regulars” leaving the library van with armfuls of books.

See you there!

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PS There is also a move by Kent County Council to turn the Library Service into a Charitable Trust. See website [kent.gov.uk/lra.consultation](http://kent.gov.uk/lra.consultation).

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## **Bridge Village Youth Group**



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**First committee meeting:**

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## **Mental Health Matters**

Many of us come across mental health issues at various times, but it can be scary and difficult. How do we help someone? What can we say or do? Is there anything that people of faith can do to bring comfort? And what help is available from statutory services?

Our local Deanery is running a free half-day course to help people understand mental wellbeing and mental health conditions. We will develop keys to dealing with people that have problems. And we will explore what the Bible has to say that may assist. The course is being led by Susanna Morris, Director of the Churches Mental Health Consultancy.

The course is on Saturday 18th April at Barham Parish Church. It begins at 10.00 am, with coffee from 9.45, and ends at 1.00 pm. Participants are also invited to bring sandwiches and stay until 2.00 for informal chat if they wish.

If you would like to reserve a place, please telephone Barham Rectory on 01227 831340 or email [barhamrectory@me.com](mailto:barhamrectory@me.com)

Bridge Village Fete Saturday 13th June 2015 12 noon—4pm (parking in recreation ground) Plenty of family entertainment BBQ, teas, beer tent, ices, toys, books, bric-a-brac, plants Entertainment by Bridge School Competitions Craft Stalls Fancy dress Parade (more details to follow)

## **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

Our **Annual Spring Show** is on **Saturday 11 April** in Bridge Village Hall from 11 am until 1.30 pm, with prize giving at 1.00 pm. The hall will be open from 8 am for exhibitors to stage their exhibits before judging starts at 10.00 am. Please don't forget to bring along your Chairman's Challenge pot of Tete-a-Tete daffodils. The hall opens to the public at 11.00 am. So do come along to support the Society and enjoy a colourful display of spring flowers, floral arrangements and cookery. There will be a produce/bring and buy stall and a raffle and refreshments will be available too. As mentioned in last month's magazine, we have introduced two **Open Classes** that everyone can enter. These are:

**5 sticks of rhubarb (pulled and leaves trimmed)**

**6 chitted seed potatoes in an egg box.**

Just bring them along before 10 am on the morning of the show.

We are also organising a **Best Spring Garden Competition**, again **open** to everyone. If you would like to enter your garden, and please do not be modest or shy, contact Kathy Walder, Show Secretary (tel: 830057/07791 656539 or email:[kath@askwalder.com](mailto:kath@askwalder.com)) by 31 March. The gardens will be judged the week commencing 6 April, just prior to the Show, and there will be a voucher prize for the winner.

If anyone still requires a schedule for the Show, please contact Kathy as above. See you at the Show!

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

On **Wednesday 8 April**, the Society is fortunate to have **Mick Poultney**, award winning vegetable grower, lecturer, demonstrator and judge from the Black Country to talk on the subject of "**Raised Beds**". As usual the talk will be in **Bridge Village Hall**, 7.30 for 8.00 pm and all are welcome.

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

Our next meeting on **Tuesday 21 April** will take the form of a workshop with **Helen Kendall** giving us ideas and tips on what to do with and how to "**Tie our Scarves**". This is at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall and, as always, we are pleased to welcome visitors.

The next event on our programme is our annual **Afternoon Tea**. By way of a change, we are holding it a little earlier this year, namely on the **1st May**. We have also changed the venue to the **Pavilion** on Bridge Recreation Ground which has recently had a complete facelift and refurbishment.

Come along for a chat with friends and a change of scene. Join us there between **2.30 and 4.00 pm** and enjoy our tea and cakes, not forgetting our bring and buy stall and raffle, without which no village event is ever complete! There will be a small charge of £2.50 to include refreshments.

See you there!



# May Day Tea



at the Pavilion  
on Bridge Recreation Ground

Friday 1 May

2.30 until 4 pm



£2.50 (to include tea and cake)  
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### **Recreation Ground**

Cllr Ward reported that mole activity has greatly diminished and thanked all concerned (including children from Bridge Primary School) for the narcissi which look so resplendent. No action is required to replace the flaking paint on the pavilion.

### **Nail Bourne**

Cllr Atkinson noted that the groundwater level has stabilised in the local area and current advice from the relevant authorities is that there is no likelihood of flooding of houses this year-despite problems in neighbouring parishes. The ford in Brewery Lane is likely to remain closed for a number of months. There is no sewage being 'over-pumped' into the Nail Bourne at present.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

Mr Connor explained that the Parish Neighbourhood Plan is being revised in the light of comments made on 27 February 2015 by a consultant, Mr Brian Whiteley, of Planning Aid. The next meeting on 10 April will consider his comments in full, though the implementation of the Bridge plan is dependent upon the Canterbury Local Plan being adopted.

### **Emergency Committee**

Plans are proceeding as outlined in the February 2015 meeting of the Parish Council. Cllr Wortham was pleased to report that BPC has been commended by other local groups as an example of good practice in formulating an emergency plan.

### **Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies**

Cllrs Hill and Atkinson reported on a meeting held with Canterbury City Council on 28 February 2015 to discuss Concurrent Function Funding. Discussion focussed on the apparent unfair treatment of parishes in relation to the urban areas of CCC.

### **Matters for Discussion and Action**

Saturday 18 April at 9.30 am - village litter-pick to take place. Volunteers will gather at the junction of Conyngnam Lane and High Street.

Cllr Wilmshurst reported growing interest in hiring the new pavilion-including a youth club on Saturdays. Booking of the pavilion is likely to be online through the same portal as for booking the village hall. Interested parties should contact Mr Mark Esdale, via the clerk.

Cllr Hill noted that the speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting on 30th April will be Mr Brian Lloyd of the Campaign to Protect Rural England He will talk about the Canterbury District Plan.

It was agreed to place "Bridge in Bloom 2015" on the agenda of the meeting on 14 May 2015.

Councillors agreed unanimously to award the maintenance contract for the recreation ground for 2015-2016 to Mr Ian Sargent of Mown and Grown.

Cllrs Moon and Cook (CCC) spoke on the decision by Canterbury City Council to sell the Mill Centre. Cllr Cook suggested that there is a possibility that the CCC executive decision to sell the centre might be overturned now that decision-making processes in the council elected after 7 May 2015 will no longer be in the hands of an executive group. It was agreed unanimously that all should be done to trigger a six month moratorium on the intended sale.

Cllr Edmonds advised that Bridge's participation in an annual "Walkers are Welcome" festival should be decided upon by the new council after May 7, 2015. Councillors were unanimous in wishing to support the event.

It was agreed to conduct a site visit of the water meadow near the ford to inspect current arrangements for the disposal of dog mess. To be discussed further in April.

Bridge School Summer fair will be held on 13 June 2015.

A Report from the local PCSO ,Lisa Williams, was received on crimes recorded in Bridge since the last meeting.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council be on Thursday 9 April 2015 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.

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The most common poisons that affect pets are:

- 1            Rodent Poisons ('Rodenticides'), these contain anticoagulants, such as warfarin, which prevent blood clotting. Not all rodenticides are anticoagulants so it is really important to try and find out which one has been ingested. Ingesting these poisons can cause life-threatening bleeding. This bleeding may not appear for several days and may be internal and not visible so it is vital that you seek veterinary attention as soon as possible if you think that your pet may have eaten rat poison.
- 2            Chocolate, contains the stimulant theobromine which is toxic to dogs. Symptoms of poisoning include vomiting, dehydration, hyperactivity, high temperature and blood pressure, abnormal heart rhythm and tremors.
- 3            Grapes, raisins, sultanas and currants, are very toxic for our pets and cooking or baking doesn't reduce the risks. Poisoning causes vomiting and diarrhoea but can lead to kidney failure a few days after the initial effects.
- 4            Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAID's), eg. Ibuprofen. It is not uncommon for us to see dogs that have eaten their owners medication. Symptoms include vomiting, diarrhoea, bleeding internally, stomach ulceration and kidney failure.
- 5            Slug Pellets, these contain metaldehyde which is extremely poisonous and is usually fatal without urgent treatment. Dogs that have eaten slug pellets may initially appear unsteady on their feet and twitchy but may rapidly deteriorate and suffer convulsions and possibly respiratory failure.
- 6            Antifreeze, this contains ethylene glycol which has a sweet taste that is particularly appealing to cats. Ingesting even the smallest amount can cause kidney failure and death.

If you suspect that you pet may have been poisoned it is essential to seek urgent veterinary advice as the sooner these cases are treated the better chances they have of making a full recovery. If you are at all concerned please call **Bourne Veterinary Practice** on **01227 832322** for further information.

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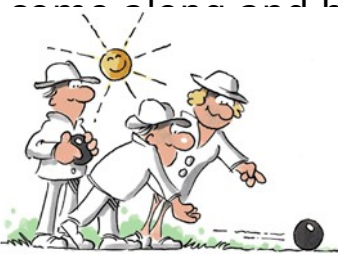
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