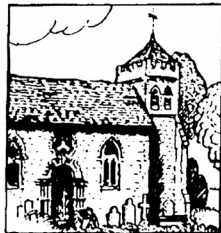


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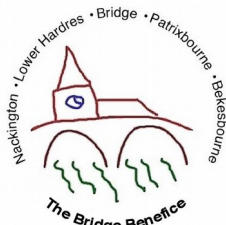
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<b>Trinity 1 7 June</b>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion	<b>6.00pm</b> Evensong	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b> Family Service
<b>Trinity 2 14 June</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist	<b>6.00pm</b> Evensong	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion
<b>Trinity 3 21 June</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services in 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 PETER &amp; St PAUL 28 June</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion  <b>11.00am</b> Parish Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b> Mattins	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>
<b>St THOMAS 5 July</b>	<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>2.00pm</b> Baptism	<b>9.30am</b> Family Service & Baptism

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Dear friends,

The opening of the Churchyard Trail at Bokesbourne Church on 10 May was a wonderful afternoon. The sun shone, we learnt about wild bugs and flying bats, teas were served, the bells rang out, and we ended the day with Evensong. That beautiful service follows the words of Archbishop Cranmer written in 1662 - our next door neighbour to Bokesbourne Church in those days. Walking around the graveyard and finding out about the lives of people buried here, reminded me that we are all part of history and of the 'great cloud of witnesses' that make up the Christian Church. Those who have come before us are part of our church community, but on another shore, and when we celebrate the Eucharist we are joined by all the saints, angels and the company of heaven. So although at times we might feel rather small in number, let us never forget that our churches are already full.

That said, at St Peter's Church Bridge we face the challenge of our crumbling building. We are starting an important process of building a vision, listening to where God might be calling us and how we can respond. On Saturday 27 June there will be a Vision Afternoon (1-4pm) led by the Reverend Peter Ingrams, and all are warmly invited. Please see the notice on the church noticeboard in early June, for details of the venue.

Easter time was a lively time for us. We had both Archbishop Justin and Bishop Trevor with us, as well as Bishop Richard Llewelin leading Holy Week. On Easter Eve there were three baptisms and on 20 April we had the joyful occasion of the Confirmation of five adults and three young people from across the benefice.

As we look forward to the summer, please do join us at the Bridge and Patrixbourne Church and School Village Fete on Saturday 13 June at the school. It is always a fantastic community event with lots of fun for all ages.

An important part of our ministry as a church is preparing couples for marriage, and this summer we have seven. Please pray for Sophie and Adam (4 July), Samuel & Polly (18 July), Luke & Gemma (18 July), Debbie and Malcolm (25 July), Nicola & Johnathan (12 August), Jasmine & Tom (14 August) and Camilla and Tom (5 September), as they approach their wedding days in one of our local churches.

Grace and peace,  
Jonathan

## Dates For Your Diary

**June 2015**

02/06	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge 15.00 20.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven After 8's
06/06	16-17.30	Bridge Youth Group for children ages 10-15. Meet at the Pavilion, Bridge Recreation Ground.	
08/06	19.30	Caring and Sharing	
09/06	09.30	14.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
10/06	10.00	FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall	
Hardres Reg	14.00	19-20.30	Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall, Lower Intercessions Workshop with Canon
13/06 Summer Fete, Primary School	12-16.00	16-17.30	The Bridge & Patrixbourne Church and School Bridge Bridge Youth Group for children ages 10-15. Meet at the Pavilion, Bridge Recreation Ground.
15/06	19-20.30	Intercessions Workshop with Canon Reg	
16/06	09.30	15.00 20.00	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
17/06	12.30	14.00	Churchwarden's Lunch at Vicarage Hymns at Bridge Haven
20/06	16-17.30	Bridge Youth Group for children ages 10-15. Meet at the Pavilion, Bridge Recreation Ground.	
22/06		Deanery Synod meeting	19.30
Caring and Sharing			
23/06	09.30	14.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Holy Communion at Highfield
24/06		Bekesbourne PCC Meeting	
27/06 afternoon	13-16.00	Bridge & Patrixbourne Church vision Building	
27/06	# 16-17.30	Bridge Youth Group for children ages	

## **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

For the evening outing this year, we have arranged a visit to the **gardens at Churchfield and neighbouring West Court Lodge at Postling**, near Hythe on **Tuesday 9 June**. The gardens nestle at the base of the Downs and the springs rising there form the source of the East Stour. Please meet at Green Court/Western Avenue at 6.00 pm to make car travel arrangements. There will be an admission charge of £6 to include refreshments and also an opportunity to purchase plants. Everyone is welcome to join us on this outing.

The date for the **Summer Show**, to be held this year on **Saturday 18 July**, is fast approaching. Entries for the three garden classes (Best Vegetable Garden, Prettiest Small Garden and Most Picturesque Garden) should be given to Kathy Walder (830057) by no later than Wednesday 24 June. The gardens will be judged at the beginning of July.

There will be details on times and arrangements in the next issue of "On the Nail", but we would like to give advance notice of the three open classes included in this year's show for everyone to enter, not just members. They are:

"Any Other Vegetable" not included in any other class (ie NOT spring onions, onions, beetroot, potatoes, carrots, French beans, broad beans, peas, courgettes, shallots, lettuce, tomatoes or cucumber). I assure you it still leaves a few! You should also use common sense on numbers.

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

On **Wednesday 10 June**, Barry Newman, the National Chairman of the Society and an excellent, entertaining and well-informed speaker, makes a return visit to talk this time on "**Growing for Showing**". The talk, as usual, is in **Bridge Village Hall**, 7.30 for 8.00 pm, and everyone is welcome to come along.

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

For the June meeting on **Tuesday 16th**, we are lucky to have secured **Stephen Edney**, head gardener at the **Salutation Gardens in Sandwich**, to speak to us about this superb three and a half acre formal and ornamental garden designed by Sir Edward Lutyens and Gertrude Jekyll in 1911. On this occasion, we should like to extend an open invitation to everyone to join us and enjoy what promises to be an excellent talk on these beautiful gardens. The evening starts at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. There will be refreshments and a raffle.

# Alleluia, Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!

These were the ancient words of the Easter proclamation that rang out in St Peter's Church as the Easter Candle was lit from the Easter fire, and our Bishop, Justin Archbishop of Canterbury, led us in worship and presided at the First Eucharist of Easter. Nikki Brown and her daughters Holly and Esme were baptised at the service, and we were all invited to renew our baptismal promises as Archbishop Justin sprinkled everyone with holy water.

As our Diocesan Bishop, Archbishop Justin visits his parish churches in Canterbury Diocese alongside his national and international duties as Archbishop of Canterbury. On Easter Monday he was with us again as the Youth Pilgrimage set off from Patixbourne Church to Canterbury Cathedral. This year we were joined by young Roman Catholics from our twin diocese of Arras in France, as well as a group of young people who had walked from Dover (leaving at 4am!). It was a delight to have Archbishop Justin with us, and please pray for him and his ministry.



## **A thank you from Justin**

Dear Jonathan,

I would like to thank you and all the team at St Peter's Bridge and the wider Benefice for your warm welcome on Saturday evening. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit and the chance to share in the Easter Vigil with you. It was also a rare treat for me to be able to baptise in the Diocese so thank you for this opportunity!

Please pass on my thanks to all involved and be assured of my prayers and best wishes for you this Easter and beyond.

In Christ, +Justin

## **Bridge & District History Society**

The next meeting will be an evening walk around Elham led by Derek Boughton on Thursday 18th June. Meet in the Market Square, Elham at 6.00 pm.

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Further details from David Gilmour Tel: 832450.

## **The League of Friends of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital**

The AGM and Coffee Morning of the Nailbourne Group was held on Saturday 18th April at Bridge Village Hall. £147.80 was raised, thanks to all who attended and those who have supported the group in the past year. £3301 was received during the year from subscriptions, donations and fundraising which included a charity lunch, coffee morning, carol singing raffle and collection boxes.

## **Fish Scheme (Neighbourly help) News. Tel. no: 07953 966 080**

Thank you to all supporters of the Fish Bring and Buy. £250 was raised to go towards such costs as the telephone and the coach for the outing.

This year's outing on June 25th will be to the Turner Gallery at Margate.

The June Coffee Pop-in is on Wednesday 10th and a representative of Hi Kent will be there to help with hearing aids.

## Confirmations 2015:

WELCOME!

Bishop Trevor led our special Benefice Confirmation Service at Bridge Church on Monday 20 April 2015.

Pictured left to right with Bishop Trevor are: Jess, Ben and Ellie Mayne (from Lower Hardres Church), Victoria Pattison, Sarah Maginn, Katy Fuller and Nikki Brown (from Bridge Church), and Lorna Hull (from Nackington Church). Also in the picture is Djamilla our crucifer, who was confirmed last year, and is now in the Kent Athletics Team. Well done Djamilla!

It was a joyful occasion, and follows two months of preparation led by Canon Jonathan and Reader Margaret Clarke.

Lorna Hull writes: "I have been asked by Jonathan to give you my thoughts on my confirmation.

I found the experience most moving and had expected a very serious ceremony. I could not have been more wrong! Bishop Trevor made the service personal, funny and very more importantly truly inspiring. I felt God's presence as I have done every day since he found me."





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Councillors for the Parish for 2015 are Chairman Andrea Nicholson, Vice- Chairman Julia Maltby, Christine Sladden, Pauline Pritchard, Graham Duplock and David Muggridge. County Councillor Michael Northey attended the meeting, and the bad state of the local roads was discussed. Parishioners are urged to report new potholes on the roads, either to the Clerk, Gail Hubbard, or directly to KCC on their website, and that should result in prompt repair. The budget for future repair work is being decided at present, but resurfacing of the main road from the A2 through the Parish to Littlebourne is unlikely to be a priority item.

The Council discussed the possibility of having a mobile skateboard/bike park at the Recreation Ground for a day during a school holiday, but agreed that the Council would need help with funding this and would investigate sources of financial help for this venture. A request for the provision of such facilities in the Parish has been made by a young Parishioner.

Parishioners will soon receive a questionnaire to ask for views about the need for the provision of more local housing to rent for people with a local connection. If a need is identified then a local housing association may build some new homes in the parish. The survey is being conducted by the Rural Housing Advisor, an independent assessor.

Other items covered at the meeting were the adoption of the 2014 accounts, new financial regulations, the annual risk assessment, and current planning applications. The date of the next meeting is 13th July and all Parishioners are welcome to attend this meeting. The Council currently has vacancies for additional Councillors. If anyone would like to consider becoming a Councillor please contact either the Clerk, or the Chairman, for more details.

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**Minutes of the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held on  
Thursday 14 May 2015 in Bridge Village Hall**

**Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

Cllr Alan Atkinson was elected Chairman and Cllr Steve Fawke was elected Vice Chairman.

**Written report from PCSO Williams**

There has been ( 7 ) **crime report incidents** in the period 14/04/2015-13/05/2105 for the Bridge and Bekesbourne area.

**Report from CCC Cllr Simon Cook;**

Cllr Cook reaffirmed his election commitment to table a motion to the new City Council in July reversing the decision taken by the previous Executive with regard to the future of the Mill Centre.

**Recreation Ground**

The clerk reported that the current contractor for the mowing of the Recreation Ground had requested heavy duty rolling of the grass due to the uneven surface. The Clerk will gather quotations for this work. Cllr Hodges reported on recent voluntary activities on the Recreation Ground including from the local Girl Guides. It was noted that the landowner has taken appropriate landlord actions with regard to illegal access to the Recreation Ground from certain properties on the boundary. The Clerk was asked to inform the landlord of current concerns about this matter.

**Nailbourne River Management-**

Cllr Atkinson stated that the river poses no threat to the village even though there are some emerging issues elsewhere along the course of the river. CCC will decide on the eventual removal of the floodgates in Brewery Lane. This is unlikely to be before June at the earliest.

**Neighbourhood Plan-**

Joe Connor explained that good progress is being made with the revision of the plan. It should be completed by the end of May and the plan then submitted to CCC.

**Co-opting another councillor.**

It was decided to advertise the vacancy as widely as possible, invite written applications by 1 June and to decide on the co-option at an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 4 June at 7.00 p.m. 7

**The audited parish accounts for 2014-2015 were signed.**

**The future of the Mill Centre.**

The election outcome in Canterbury may well have changed the prospects for the Mill Centre-though the Committee is clear that it cannot afford to buy the building if that is still what is required.

**Bridge participation in the Elham Valley Walkers are Welcome festival and footpath publication.**

The Clerk will approach parishioners to see if they would be interested in taking this initiative forward.

**Insurance renewal.**

Councillors and decided to opt for a three year agreement with Came and Co.

**Future developments of the refurbished pavilion.**

Cllr Hodges informed the meeting of the need to refurbish the toilets and the kitchen area. It was decided to invite quotations for this work, to be presented at the next meeting.

**Skateboard park request.**

It was decided to pursue an offer made by Bekesbourne Parish Council to run a funded skateboarding day-date and time as yet to be arranged. The Parish Council was keen for the event to take place in Bridge if possible.

**Publicity about the new Council.**

Cllr Corfield's suggestion that the new council should publicise its membership and work through a colour edition of the parish newsletter costing approximately £70, if delivered by councillors, was agreed. He was also encouraged to develop a strategy for communication using email and social media, reporting back at the next meeting.

**Local Warden Support Officer.**

Members agreed to express an interest in taking part in the forthcoming pilot scheme.

**Any other business**

Cllr Corfield relayed thanks from former Cllr Ward for the assistance offered by villagers at the litter pick on 18 April 2015.

Councillors were reminded to remind unauthorised advertising from lamp posts and fences.



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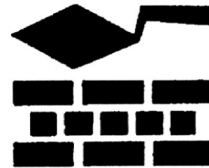
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