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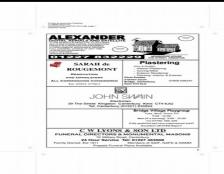
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Third Sunday before Advent 6 November OT: Job 19. 23- 27a G: Luke 20. 27- 38	8.00am BCP Holy Communion RH	11.00am Family Communion RH	6.00pm Evening Prayer MC	9.30am Sung Eucharist GM	10.00am Songs of Praise
Remembrance Sunday 13 November NT: Romans 8. 31-39 G: John 14. 1-8	9.30am Sung Eucharist RH LH Evensong at 3.30pm MC	10.50am Act of Remembrance 3.30pm Evensong at Nackington Church MC	10.50am Parish Eucharist with Act of Remembrance	All welcome at the services of the Benefice	8.00am BCP Holy Communion and Act of Remembrance Bishop Trevor
Christ The King 20 November NT: Colossians 1. 11-20 G: Luke 23. 33- 43	All welcome at the other services of the Benefice	9.30am Family Service MC	11.00am Choral Eucharist CP	8.00am BCP Holy Communion (by extension) MC	9.30am Sung Eucharist GM
Advent Sunday 27 November OT: Isaiah 2. 1-5 G: Matthew 24. 36-44	9.30am Sung Eucharist RO	All welcome at the other services of the Benefice	8.00am BCP Holy Communion RH 11.00am Community Worship BL	9.30am Matins MC	All welcome at the other services in the Benefice
Second Sunday of Advent 4 December OT: Isaiah 11. 1- 10 G: Matthew 3. 1-12	8.00am BCP Holy Communion RH	11.00am Family Communion RH	6.00pm Advent Evensong MC	9.30am Sung Eucharist GM	10.00am Songs of Praise PK

Dear friends.

I am a retired priest who lives in this Benefice at Lower Hardres and here and there since I retired fifteen years ago.

As you know ,our former Vicar, Canon Jonathan LLoyd, moved to a r Canada last month and we wish him and his wife, Sue, every blessin our very faithful and hard working Benefice Reader, Mrs.Margaret Clipriests ready to help us we hope to cover our usual Services and en of worship.



The time of vacancy, called an interregnum, may last for several months and it is a challenge to all of us to be extra faithful to God, welcoming and sensitive to one another. Encouragement travels well!

In the Bridge Benefice we have five beautiful and well cared for churches and technically three parishes, Bekesbourne, Partixbourne with Bridge and Nackington with Lower Hardres. The elected Churchwardens of the various churches have special responsibilities during an Interregnum and with the three elected Parochial Church Councils will be extra busy. Please pray for them and support them.

It so happens that this is an extra demanding time for Bishop Trevor and our Archdeacons because there is a string of vacancies, mainly due to clergy retirement, from Stelling Minnis to Harbledown ,covering over twenty churches.

Your magazine will try to keep you up to date with what is happening but do ask the Churchwardens if you have any query or Margaret if you have any pastoral concern. Working in a Benefice of several churches is not always easy because we can very naturally just concentrate on our own patch. One of our common concerns at the moment is focussed on Bridge ,our largest population, where church attendance has dropped considerably. Is this mainly due to the change of time of Services to 11 a.m. and if so should we revert back to 9.30a.m?Again ,please let the Churchwardens know -there is also a simple questionnaire available.

Comments please by Sunday 6th. Thank you.

This also may be part of the reason for another serious concern and that is we are struggling to pay our Diocesan Share from Bridge and Patrixbourne, and that affects us all .Can we manage to pay our share and thus possibly be considered for a full time priest? It may be that some of us are able to give more. Our honorary treasurers are very ready to give you more information.

Well done to all who support our beautiful churches through their Friends. Thank you. However ,it would be so sad if our churches just became historical monuments and no longer places of Christian worship. It is up to all of us to see that we support them and everybody in our Benefice as best we can.

November is a month of Remembrance, starting with All Saints and particularly All Souls which we observed on the last Sunday of October. Now we look forward to Remembrance Day and Sunday, November 11th.and 13th.

I write to you in the early hours in France as with friends I pack up our French holiday home of nineteen years in Montreuil sur Mer in the Pas de Calais ,and where I have also voluntarily helped in the Anglican Chaplaincy in churches in Calais,Boulogne,Hesdin and Arras.I have particularly helped in retirement during six lengthy interregna and this present one is very uncertain . Fairly small congregations are faithful and people often travel many miles to worship.

Say a prayer for them,too. Thank you.

It is an area studded with War Cemeteries, the vast one nearby at Etaples and the scores lower down in the Somme. What a story and what Remembrance needs to be shared and offered as we especially remember this year the Battle of the Somme.

Come on Remembrance Sunday -and every Sunday and pray and work for peace in our time.

With every Blessing, Reg Humphriss

Editor's Note.

Will all contributors please note that the next edition will be the combined **December 2016/January 2017** one.

Please may I have all items for this by teatime on Tuesday 15th November.

Preferably by email :- laurence.dunderdale@btinternet.com

Thanks in anticipation,
Laurence Dunderdale.

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05/11 Recreation Gro	und.		Bridge Village Fireworks at Bridge			
07/11 19.30		Caring	ng and Sharing			
08/11	09.30	14.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Holy Communion at Mansfield Court			
09/11	10.00	14.00	FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall,			
Lower Hardres		14.00 Social alternoon at John Baker White Hai				
12/11 Bridge Village H	łall.		Patrixbourne with Bridge Autumn Fair in			
15/11	09.30	15.00 19.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge After 8's at Mansfield Court			
16/11	15.00		Hymns at Bridge Haven			
19/11 Peter's, Bridge			The Fat River Band will be playing at St			
21/11 19.30		Caring	and Sharing			
22/11	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge			
26/11 Hall, Lower	From 10	Dam	Lower Hardres Christmas Fair, John Baker White Hardres			
28/11	19.30		Caring and Sharing			
29/11	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge			

The parishes of the benefice currently have a clergy vacancy. If you have a pastoral church matter (including funeral requests) please call Mrs Margaret Clarke, Benefice Reader, on 07541 229239 or 01227 765598. If you have an administrative church matter (including wedding and baptism requests) please email Mrs Lindsay McInally, The Bridge Benefice Administrator, lamcinally@googlemail.com

Thank you,

The Churchwardens.

Harvest Samba in Bekesbourne Church!

The first of the Bekesbourne 'Songs of Praise' services was judged to be a

resounding success. With over 40 a spare pew seat to be found. The ser Parochial Church Council and the fo aimed at both adults and children, rc Praise' programmes. The theme of well as popular harvest hymns, suita 'The Bread of Life' a highly popular 'gusto. The huge variety of gifts brou Refuge. The service was led by Mag regular informal worship service, org theme, on the 1st Sunday of the moinformal gathering afterwards to enjo 6th November when the theme will a long and sing your heart out at 10a Stuart Field

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Many thanks to everyone for the wo Bekesbourne for our Harvest Songs Women's Refuge in Canterbury and response to their request for bedding difference to the families who pass t on their gratitude and appreciation.

Romany Cowans



LOWER HARDRES NEWS

Early Christmas Bazaar

There will be an early Christmas bazaar on Saturday November 26th November at 10.00am-12.00, at John Baker White all. There will be homemade cakes, jams and other produce. There will also be a raffle, gifts and refreshments, as well bric-a-brac, and Children's stalls. Everyone is welcome.

Nackington Evensong is on Sunday, 13th November at 15.30, instead of at Lower Hardres Church. Our December Evensong will be back at Lower Hardres on Sunday 11th December at 16.00, because it is our CAROL SERVICE!

Christmas Workshop

On Saturday, December 3rd, there will be a Christmas Workshop at John Baker White Hall, at 9.30am to noon. There will be lots of activities for Children, and refreshments for all. If your child is under school age, please stay during the workshop. For a place, please ring Julie on 788316, or Margaret on 765598. Please book early.

There will be a short service on Remembrance Sunday, November 13th at 10.50am at Lower Hardres War Memorial. Everyone welcome.

RIDE AND STRIDE

On September 10th, there was the annual Ride and Stride for Kent Churches. Marcus Burton cycled 55 miles for Lower Hardres and earned £200.00, Margaret walked around Canterbury and raised £100.00. So we will receive back £150.00. A big thank-you to Marcus for supporting us.

Margaret

St.Peters Bridge

We would like to thank everyone who took part in th Ride and Stride on 10th September.£327-84 was raised in total, and St.Peter's received 50% of these monies. As well as the Recorders who sat in Church and greeted people from other churches, Mr.Ian Osterloh and his daughter Amy rode round 13 churches and raised the majority of our total.

David and Ann Edmonds

Bridge Church Food Bank

Thank you to all who donated items at our recent Harvest Evensong, we delivered 8 large bags to the Food Bank the following week, they were delighted.

Also, thank you to all who regularly donate items and leave them in the yellow bin inside the Church. This is regularly emptied and delivered on a Tuesday morning to the volunteers who run the Food Bank. In Canterbury.

FISH NEWS

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Thanks again to everyone for your generous support.

The Whitings.

Bridge & District History Society

The next meeting will be on Thursday 17th November at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. Brian Maxted will give a presentation consisting of video and archive photos entitled "Nailbourne in Flood".

Members £4.00, non members £5.00.

Further details from David Gilmour Tel: 832450.

Title.....Just a little word from your ALM!

After our first Community Worship it was lovely to hear people say how much they liked the new format. Using a screen where people could see the words and join in with the service without finding pages in a book seemed to help people access the service in a very positive way. I am praying that more of you will want to join in, all be it by baking a cake for after the service, reading the reading of the day, or making up prayers to be read out during the service. This truly is a service which can involve members of the community in any way they wish, young or old. Our mission is to grow, let us communicate our desire to be a Living Church in any way that we can and give thanks for what we do in and out of our church buildings. Thank you for your support.

WANTED Readers and intercessors for our weekly services.

If you would like to read at a service or deliver the prayers, please will you contact me via my email address at Bevlatham@hotmail.com. We need more people on our rota.

Beverly Latham

Christingle Service

This year Bev would like young members of the congregation to help her deliver this special service which raises money for The Children's Society. If you are also 'Young at Heart' you are also warmly invited to help run this service. Please email Bev with your details, thank you.

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Our Annual Remembrance Service will be on Sunday 13th November at Ickham Church - assembling at 10.45am outside the lychgate. All are welcome. We have our Branch AGM on Tuesday 8th November at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm. Any member who pays their subscription by cash can do this at the AGM if they wish.

Our last meeting of the year will be on Tuesday 13th December when we hope to add a Christmasy atmosphere to the proceedings!

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St Peter's Church, Bridge Ouestionnaire

A couple of years ago the time of our Communion services held on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays changed from 9.30am to 11am and our attendances at these services have diminished considerably. The question being asked "is this because of the change of the timings or are there other considerations"?

Why does the Church in the midst of the largest population by far in the Benefice, now have fewer worshipers?

In light of this should we trial a period of 6 months and revert to 9.30am, commencing in February 2017, or what do you suggest?

We would appreciate your comments please, either in writing or email by 6th November 2016. The results will then be considered at Patrixbourne with Bridge's next P.C.C. meeting to be held on 16th November 2016.

We are sending this to all on the Church Electoral Roll and anyone we know who may be interested.

1.	Would you prefer to keep to 11am?						
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3.	Which service do you attend on Sunday, and where?						
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The Quiet View

THE SARUM CYCLE IN IMAGE AND SONG – Revd Matthew Rushton, Precentor at Canterbury Cathedral, will present the striking paintings of Nicholas Mynheer based on the passion of Jesus Christ, accompanied by a variety of music styles - Tuesday 8th November at 7pm. If you didn't catch this moving presentation in the cathedral earlier in the year, do come. The effect is quite stunning. Please book and donations are invited.

SIMPLE WAYS TO HAPPINESS – an afternoon of teachings and relaxation with a Buddhist nun -Emma Slade – Ani Pema Deki - on Sunday 4h December 2pm – 5pm. Emma is an inspiring and experienced speaker. She has taught yoga and meditation for fifteen years and became a Buddhist nun in the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan in 2012 where she welcomed the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in 2015. Her aim is to bridge East and West for the benefit of all. A donation of £20 is invited for her charity Opening Your Heart to Bhutan which helps disadvantaged children in rural areas of Bhutan. Please book. A delicious tea will be served.

A new Spiritual Practice to the Quiet View, Taiji Qigong, began last month and was very well received by all who came. The practice essentially combines graceful movement, meditation and regulation of the breath to enhance the flow of Qi. Qi is the vital life force energy within the body, which aids the immune system and boosts the blood circulation. Qigong is a component of Traditional Chinese - Energetic Medicine that promotes the powerful healing energies of Heaven Qi (Yang) and Earth Qi (Yin), to naturally harmonize the mind, body & spirit.' If standing is difficult for you it is possible to practice sitting down. If you are interested, please contact Melanie French at m.s.french00@btinternet.com Classes will continue on the 2nd Monday of each month throughout the year so the next one will be on 14th November. £5

Taizé prayers continue on the first Friday of every month – just turn up, we'd love to welcome you.

All events will take place in the yurt round the log burning stove.

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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

We are giving you early notice of the final event on this year's programme on Tuesday 6 December (7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall). We have invited back Jacqueline Aviolet who, going on past experience, will entertain us with what promises to be an amusing and interesting talk, this time with the seasonal theme of nuts. Watch out for more details in the December "On the Nail". The talk will be followed by light festive refreshments. Everyone is welcome and do remember to bring along a friend for free!

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

Our **Annual Meeting** when reports, including a resume of the year's activities, are given and when officers and the committee are elected for the coming year will be held on **Tuesday 15 November** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. After the business part of the evening we are fortunate to have arranged a taster session of **Paper Sculpture with Carol of Arterworks**, who has recently set up business in the village. In order to participate would members please remember to bring along a small pair of scissors.

BRIDGE POST OFFICE

While remembering past years, with Dr. Raraty, perhaps we should also think of Mrs Kath Diss, who celebrated her 90th birthday in January and the redoubtable Mrs Ethel Cartwright, both of whom worked there efficiently and well, for many years. Ann Shirley

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Kate's Puddings - What's Cooking?

November – the kind of month where your body tel can't resist... so here is a delicious carrot cake to a Thanks to Mary Berry, who certainly knows a good apologies for the terrible photo, but that was all tha been through...

Carrot Cake

8oz/225g self raising flour (you can substitute rice 2 tsp baking powder 100g/4oz grated carrots 5oz/150g dark muscovado sugar 2 eggs 2 ripe bananas, mashed 5floz/150ml sunflower oil 2oz/50g chopped walnuts

Icing:

8oz/225g tub Philadelphia cream cheese

3oz/75g softened butter

6oz/175g sieved icing sugar (no cheating, it shows!)

few drops of vanilla extract

Preheat the oven to 180 deg C. Line a tin with foil (about 8 x 14" or thereabouts – depending on if you want chunky or thin pieces) and grease it. Put all the ingredients (except the walnuts) into a bowl or a mixer (Kitchen Aid/Kenwood) and beat until smooth. Fold the nuts into the mixture, then put it into the tin. Cook for about 35-40 minutes until the cake has risen, and is golden brown and coming away from the edges of the foil slightly. You could also try sticking a (warmed) knife into the centre. If it comes out clean, the cake is ready. If you double the recipe, allow more time for it to cook.

Cool in its tin before turning it out onto a rack and removing the foil. Turn the cake over and put onto a serving board.

Beat the icing ingredients together until smooth (the butter has to be very soft, or you will get little pieces), and spread generously over the cake. I've found it is best to put this in the fridge for a few hours before serving it. Cut into squares – it will make approximately 24.

Many more scrumptious treats on my blog: https://:katespuddings.blogspot.co.uk



Art in Bridge Report 16th Annual Open Exhibition October 2016

This was another successful exhibition with 176 exhibits. Exhibits covering paintings, photographs, sculptures and craftwork from people of all ages living or working in a rural parish within a five mile radius of Bridge were shown. Bridge and Patrixbourne School contributed two hanging banners and the 1st Bridge Guides submitted a tryptic painting. The exhibition favourite was Moonlit Beach by Paula Olley. The results can be seen on the web site (www.artinbridge.org.uk). Refreshments were available and visitors were encouraged to sit and talk. On Saturday evening piano music was played by Michael Chandler which added to the enjoyment of the event. There were presentations by Clare Elliott, the Young Arts representative of the South Canterbury Decorative and Fine Arts Society, one of this year's sponsors. Gift tokens, generously donated by Cowling and Wilcox, Canterbury were awarded in a non-competitive draw to two artists, one junior under eleven years of age and one senior up to the age of eighteen years. The junior prize was awarded to Evie North who submitted three pieces of art work. The senior prize was awarded to Genevieve Cooper who submitted three pieces of art work. Grateful thanks are also due to our other exhibition sponsors The Bourne Gallery. Picture Framing Service at Chalkpit Farm and Colebrook Sturrock & Co. As always the successful weekend was due to the many talented exhibitors and loyal helpers. Sue Hodges







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game.

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Film and music evening

The Friends of Womenswold church invite you to an evening of nature films in the Brabham room in Barham village hall at 7.30 on Friday 11th November.

Two films will be shown; the first is a film by Mike Lewis, featuring the wildlife of New Zealand, particularly the unique birdlife.

The second is entitled "Speechless", partly because the stunning photography of the polar regions may leave you speechless, but also because it has no commentary, but is accompanied by very atmospheric music, especially composed for the film. This is a unique opportunity to see this professional production, which has not been generally released in this country.

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