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CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2016	St Mary NACKINGTON	St Mary LOWER HARDRES	St Peter BRIDGE	St Mary PATRIBOURNE	St Peter BEKESBOURNE
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	<i>All welcome at the services of the Benefice</i>	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	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	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	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion RH 11.00am Community Worship BL	9.30am Matins MC	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>
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 blessing. Our very faithful and hard working Benefice Reader, Mrs. Margaret Clark, and our priests ready to help us we hope to cover our usual Services and end 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 Patixbourne, 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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November 2016

01/11	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
		19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
05/11			Bridge Village Fireworks at Bridge
Recreation Ground.			
07/11	19.30		Caring and Sharing
08/11	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
09/11	10.00		FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall
		14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall,
Lower Hardres			
12/11			Patixbourne with Bridge Autumn Fair in
Bridge Village Hall.			
15/11	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
		19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
16/11	15.00		Hymns at Bridge Haven
19/11			The Fat River Band will be playing at St
Peter's, Bridge			
21/11	19.30		Caring and Sharing
22/11	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
26/11	From 10am		Lower Hardres Christmas Fair, John Baker White
Hall, Lower			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 McNally, The Bridge Benefice Administrator, lamcnally@googlemail.com

Thank you,
The Churchwardens.

Harvest Samba in Bokesbourne Church!

The first of the Bokesbourne '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, suite 'The Bread of Life' a highly popular ' gusto. The huge variety of gifts brou Refuge. The service was led by Maç regular informal worship service, org theme, on the 1st Sunday of the mo informal gathering afterwards to enj 6th November when the theme will k along and sing your heart out at 10a Stuart Field

HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE

Many thanks to everyone for the wo Bokesbourne 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



St Peter's Church, Bokesbourne

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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

The Fish Scheme Annual General meeting will take place during the November Coffee Pop-In on Wednesday 9th and everyone is most welcome.

We are looking for new committee members. If you are able to help please get in touch.

MacMillan's: The World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

To all who attended or donated to the Coffee Morning at Barry and Hilary Whiting's in Conyngham Lane, MacMillan Nurses have sent a huge THANK YOU for the £200.00 cheque and Gift Aid form. Well done indeed! (Thanks to Peggy Pryer for offering the loan of her china cups and saucers).

This small village's residents have done them proud, when one considers that the Fish Scheme raised the same amount, and the Plough and Harrow, with Woodlands Hair Salon also supported MacMillan Nurses.

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.

BRIDGE FIREWORKS & BONFIRE NIGHT

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The Branch is getting ready for this year's Poppy Appeal Collection and we are still looking for door to door Collectors. Anyone who thinks they may be able to spare a few hours to carry out this valuable task can contact the secretary on 01227 472023.

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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Questionnaire

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?*
2. *Would you prefer services to start at 9.30am?*
3. *Which service do you attend on Sunday, and where?*
4. *Any other comments:*

NameTel No email

Thank You - please return your comments to either:

Laurence Dunderdale

Evelyn

Andrews

Churchwarden

Churchwarden

37 High Street, Bridge

The

Purlins, Meadow Close,

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Bridge

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.

Lizzie Hopthrow

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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 Patixbourne 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 tells you it can't resist... so here is a delicious carrot cake to eat. Thanks to Mary Berry, who certainly knows a good thing when she sees it, apologies for the terrible photo, but that was all that has been through...

Carrot Cake

8oz/225g self raising flour (you can substitute rice flour)

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 Patricbourne 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





St Peter's Church Bekesbourne



Invite you to a



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Bekesbourne Village Hall

Saturday

3rd December, 2016

10.00 am



Stalls  Raffle  Coffee



Proceeds for Bekesbourne Church and Bekesbourne Brownies

Bekesbourne Short Mat Bowls Club meet in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Friday evenings and would like to invite new members, either beginners to bowling where bowls can be loaned and training can be given, or experienced bowlers looking for a club. Any one interested please come along on a Friday evening and enjoy the game.

Brian Kennett brianrita48@hotmail.com 01227 760718

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.

Admission is £5 to include an interval glass of wine and nibbles.

Tickets will be available at the door, but may be reserved in advance from Mike and Marilyn Lewis on Tel. 01227 831208

Many thanks, Je



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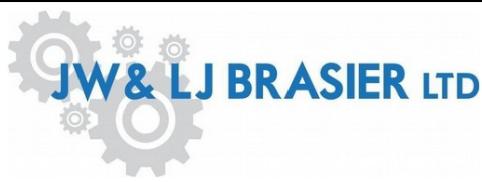
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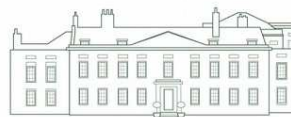
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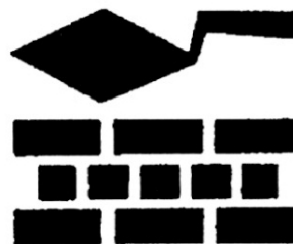
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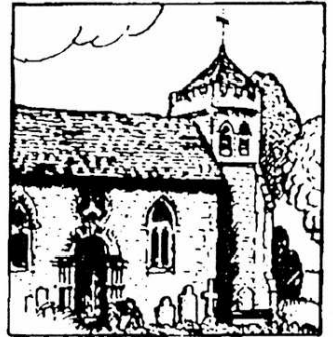
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22 Jan 2017	9.30am Sung Eucharist Rev. R. Owen	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion Rev C. Pinchbeck 11.00am Community Worship Mrs B. Latham	9.30am Matins Mrs M. Clarke	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>
29 Jan 2017			9.30am Benefice Service Canon R.Humphriss		



HIGHEST Several years ago I heard about how Archbishop Carey on Christmas Eve. On arrival at the service he discovered that the sign was flustered. Outside the church, the area was decorated with lights, 'Glory To God In The Highest', but the 'e' in highest had gone missing. The church warden was desperately trying to find a replacement bulb. The sign said, 'Glory To God in the High-street!'. The message should be, on Earth, where people are, and where Jesus was born and is today. He loved people – he helped, taught, healed and befriended everyone, especially the marginalised and the vulnerable. Wherever He went, He brought love, joy, compassion and a sense of being needed and belonging to those he met. He is still doing this, and more today, because Jesus Christ god Incarnate came to earth as a baby, human being. As John's Gospel says 'He tabernacled with us', and has experienced all that we have gone through, caring for his mother and family, and making decisions. He became one of us because he loves us. We all know only too well how much Christmas has been commercialised. It hurts us and Jesus, and yet we all get enveloped into this commercial side. If we spend time with Jesus praying and reading through his birth, and holding on to the simplicity the Shepherds trudging through the field in the pitch-black night, arriving at and entering the stable, we will feel the joy and the peace. Despite their dirty, ragged clothes, they were the first to greet Christ. So, my friends, a very happy joyous and loved filled Christmas. May God bless us, and those we love on earth and in heaven.

So, YES! Glory to God in the highest, and YES! In the High Street, also. Margaret.

Dates For Your Diary

December 2016

03/12	10.00		Bekesbourne Christmas Bazaar at Bekesbourne Village Hall
		09.30-12	Benefice Children's Christmas Workshop,
John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres			
06/12	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
		19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
13/12	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
		19.30	Caring and Sharing
14/12	10.00		FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall
		14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall,
Lower Hardres			
20/12	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
		19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
21/12	15.00		Hymns at Bridge Haven
27/12	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge

January 2017

03/01	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
		19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
10/01	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
		19.30	Caring and Sharing
11/01	10.00		FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall
		14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall,
Lower Hardres			
17/01	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
		19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
18/01	15.00		Hymns at Bridge Haven
24/01	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
27/01	19.30		Caring and Sharing
31/01	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 McNally, The Bridge Benefice Administrator, lamcinally@googlemail.com

Thank you,

The Churchwardens.

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Bridge & Patrixbourne Church of England Primary School

Are pleased to invite all Senior Citizens to and Afternoon of Entertainment
on

Monday 19th December 2016

1.30pm - 3.00pm

Come along and listen to the children sing Christmas songs and entertain you.

Year 6 will serve refreshments during the afternoon

If you would like to come please ring the school office on 830276

If you require transport please call the school office.



Salvation Army and Bridge School Choir Carol Concert

This year it will be held on Thursday 1st December 2016 at 7.30pm in Bridge
School hall.

This has become a lovely start to the Christmas Festivities, and before we all
get caught up in the busy run up to the big day, come and join us in this
lovely feel good factor Christmas Carol sing along! And all money raised
will go to the Salvation Army so we are raising money for a very good cause.

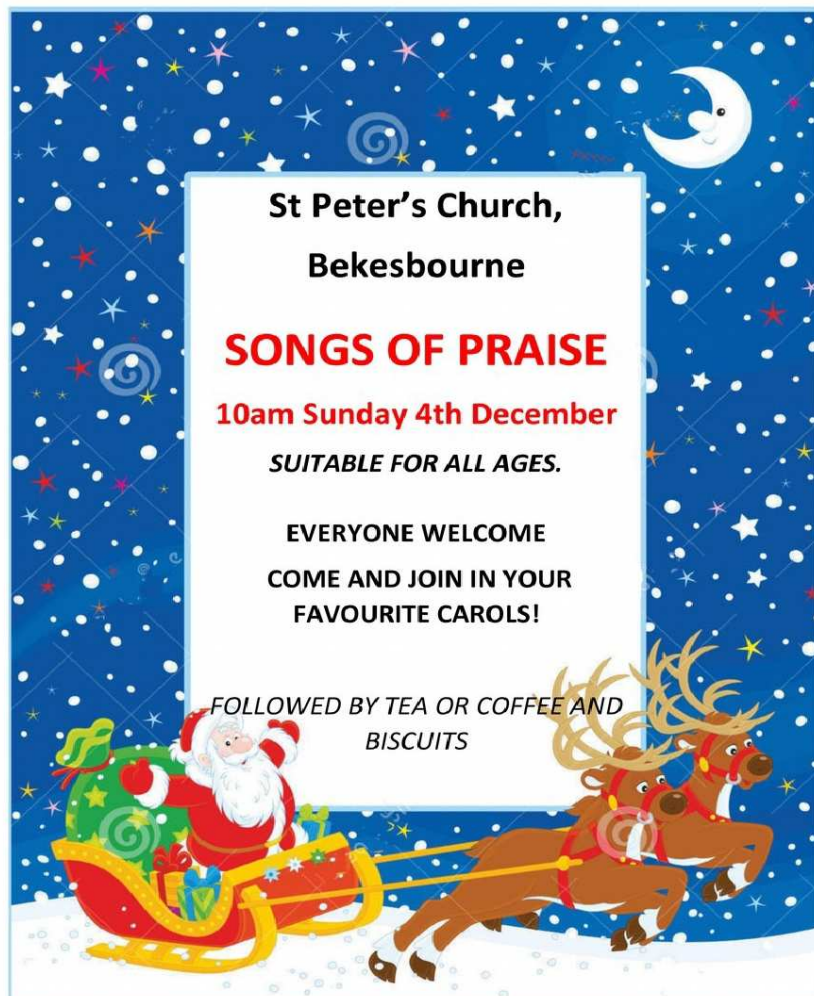
Entrance is £3.00 - pay on the door (School children free)

Refreshments will be served after the concert

Continuing success of Bekesbourne Church's 'Songs of Praise'!

The format of the Bekesbourne Church 'Songs of Praise' continues to be popular with over 46 adults and 10 children attending in November. The service was the brain child of the Bekesbourne Parochial Church Council and the format, devised by the Standing Committee, is aimed at both adults and children, roughly following the BBC 'Songs of Praise' programmes. The theme for this, the second such service, was 'Saints and Remembrance' and popular hymns, suitable prayers and a reading followed the now familiar format. The service was led by Nicky Fry, Peter Rothwell read the lesson and Lindsay Sharp Kinsey led the prayers. An important part of the service is the informal gathering afterwards to enjoy tea, coffee and biscuits. The next will be on 4th December, when the theme will be 'Christmas' and popular carols requested by the congregation, will be sung.' Why not come along and sing your heart out at 10am?

Stuart Field



**St Peter's Church,
Bekesbourne**

SONGS OF PRAISE

10am Sunday 4th December

SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES.

EVERYONE WELCOME
COME AND JOIN IN YOUR
FAVOURITE CAROLS!

*FOLLOWED BY TEA OR COFFEE AND
BISCUITS*



**St Peter's Church,
Bekesbourne**

**Christmas Day
Worship**

11am Sunday 25th December

SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES.

EVERYONE WELCOME TO
COME AND JOIN IN!

*You are warmly invited to
Come and Sing Carols
at St Peter's, Bridge
on Sunday, December 18th*

and, more particularly, to join us in the **Bridge Choir**, which will be specially augmented as usual for the occasion of the Carol Service.

As in previous years, the choir will be supporting the congregational singing, and also adding another dimension to the familiar Christmas Readings with a varied, but not unfamiliar selection of short carols of their own. The present intention is to perform *Veni, Emmanuel* (Sullivan, arr. Miles), *The Sans Day Carol* (Cornish trad., arr. Shaw), *I Saw a Maiden* (Basque trad., arr. Pettman), *O Come, Little Children* (German trad., arr. Stanton), *Rejoice and Be Merry* (English trad., arr. Miles) and *I Wonder as I Wander* (Appalachian trad., arr. Rutter).

We are looking for all voices (SATB) from all age groups, and hope to welcome back many old friends as well as gain a few new enthusiasts. Some experience and/or ability to read music is necessary for the harmony parts, but not vital for the top line.

We will again keep rehearsals to a minimum, but for that reason it is crucial that most people can make *both* the main rehearsals as well as the Sunday! The rehearsals will almost certainly be held in Bridge Church as follows:

Thursday, December 15th 7-8.30 p.m.

Friday, December 16th 7-8.30 p.m.

Sunday, December 18th 3.45-5.30 p.m.

Music will be available in advance and for private study!

If you are able to join us, please let me know as soon as possible on Canterbury 787994 or mjm@kings-school.co.uk. I can then assess vocal balance and the viability of the programme!

With thanks & best wishes

Martin Miles

Benefice News

Christmas Workshop – Saturday December 3rd at 9.30am – noon at J.B.W.Hall. There will be lots of activities for Children, and refreshments for all. If your child is under school age, please stay for the workshop. A small contribution of £1.00 per child for materials would be appreciated. For a place, please ring Julie on 788316 or Margaret on 765598. Do come along, it will be fun.

News from St Mary's, Lower Hardres

Christmas Fayre.

A sincere thank-you to everyone to come along and supported this event.

Advent / Carol service

On December 11th at 4pm, there will be a special service of readings, advent hymns and carols, followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

Crib Service

On the 18th December at 3pm we have our Crib Service. It is a special service of celebration, when the children will assemble our Crib, in preparation for Christmas. It would be lovely if the children could dress in nativity character.

Our charity this year will be the Canterbury Food Bank. Please bring along your gifts of Festive Food to our Christmas Crib Service, and make Christmas 2016 special for others.

Christmas Day

A short, friendly service, and a chance to greet friends on Christmas Day.

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR

Margaret

Letter from Vancouver

Dear friends,

Sue and I arrived here safely in October, along with Bella. Now we are just adjusting to driving on the other side of road, new accents and language, a new hymn book and prayer book, and looking out for wild animals in our garden - we have been told that skunks, raccoons and bears share this neighbourhood! It is good to have Bella guarding us!

A big thank you for all your friendship and support, and for all you do for the life of the Church in the Bridge Benefice. I greatly enjoyed being your Parish Priest, and will always remember the strength and commitment of the church community in the villages. Thank you too for the generous leaving gift that you gave me. As we enter Advent and look forward again to Christmas, may God guide you like the Magi following the star to Bethlehem.

With my thanks, love and prayers for you all. Jonathan.

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Nuts, Cultivation & History



A talk (with tasting samples) by

Jacqueline Aviolet

followed by



a festive finger buffet



Tuesday 6 Dec

7.30 pm

Bridge Village Hall

Christmas Raffle

All welcome

Admission £5 (to include refreshments)

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FRIENDS OF BEKESBOURNE CHURCH

JUMBLE SALE!

SATURDAY, 28th January, 2017

Doors open at 11am-1pm

Bekesbourne Village Hall
Bekesbourne

Admission 50p

Donations of jumble to the Hall on
Saturday, 28th January, 2017

Between

8am and 10.30am

Refreshments will be available

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Friends of St. Peter's Church

Fantastic Fun with the Fat River Band

Thank you to the Fat River Band for a brilliant night of music. I'm not sure Bridge Church has ever heard anything like it before. At one point I was slightly concerned that the already unstable roof would come down but the building is still standing!

Thank you to everyone that came. A brilliant turn out and although we don't have a final sum as yet a good deal of money was raised.

Because the music choice was secular I hope that everyone felt welcome to attend and support the church fabric fund. In an effort to be as inclusive as possible and acknowledge that the church means different things to different people - not always religion with a big R - I am keen to offer new music and events to attract a wider audience. As always any ideas always welcome.

We have raised £40,000 and have money pledged to over £50,000 when the work commences. We are well over half way and I'm so grateful to everyone who has given so far.

Prophecy Concert 19th February 2017

Prophecy are a group of singers and musicians originally from St. Barholomew's Church in Herne Bay. We got together to praise God via worship songs to enhance family services but have proved so popular we now sing at family services and evening praise, both monthly at St. Barts.

As a member of Prophecy, Bettina Walker felt Prophecy should be introduced to St. Peter's in Bridge. To raise funds for the Church and choosing both secular and sacred songs we hope you will enjoy an afternoon of music.

Tickets available are £5 in advance and £8 on the door.

Refreshments in the interval.

Georgie Bainbridge
Chair Friends of St Peter's Church Bridge

Fish Scheme (Neighbourly Help) News

One of the many things that make for a good life in our Nailbourne villages is the Fish Scheme which helps the elderly among us who can no longer drive. It also arranges a monthly coffee morning and a winter lunch and summer outing. Please help the scheme to thrive by **joining the cheerful committee**. A couple of new members would be a godsend. And, of course new drivers are always welcome. Please telephone 07 935 966 080.

The December Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 14th in Bridge village hall with carols later in the morning. A volunteer from Hi Kent will be there to help with hearing aids. Do come.

The League of Friends of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital

Nailbourne Group held a very successful Talk and Supper in Bridge Village Hall on 19th October raising £628.20 for the benefit of the hospital. Janet Dean told her amazing family story "My Grandmother was a Spy" with visual aids but without any notes and was a very informative and interesting speaker. Thanks to everyone who supported the event.

Bridge & District History Society

The first meeting of the new year will be on Thursday January 19th in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm. Doreen Rosman will give a talk on John Simmons a late 18th century character who had an enormous influence on Canterbury and the changing face of the city of which he was both mayor and an MP.

Members £4.00, non-members £5.00 including refreshments.

Further details from David Gilmour Tel: 832450.

Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

The branch AGM took place on 8th November when we welcomed 14 members and guests. The president, John Hewett and the chairman, Ray Tupper, both thanked all those in the branch who had worked hard during the year.

Branch officers for the coming year were elected as follows -

President - John Hewett	Chairman - Ray Tupper
Vice Chairman - Barbara Hunt	Hon Secretary - Barbara Hunt
Hon Treasurer - John Hewett	Service Committee Officer - Paul Howson
Standard Bearer - Bob Catt	Deputy Standard Bearer - Ray Tupper
Poppy Organiser - Wendy Giles	Deputy Organiser - Nancy White
Publicity Officer - Barbara Hunt	

Branch Committee - Ray Tupper, Bob Catt and Peter Murton

Any ex-service person or their dependant can contact the secretary on 01227 472023 or speak to any of the above if they would like information about assistance or about joining the branch.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Tues 13th Dec 2016 and the following meeting will be on Tues 10th Jan 2017, both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

A reminder that on **Tuesday 6 December** (7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall), **Jacqueline Aviolet** is returning to entertain us with a talk on "**Nuts, their Cultivation and History**" and, in particular, those we eat around Christmas time (with samples!). The talk will be followed by a light festive finger buffet and, of course, a Christmas raffle. There will be a small charge of £5 to include refreshments. Everyone is welcome and do remember to bring along a friend for free!

Then, moving on into 2017, the **Annual General Meeting** of the Society will be held on **Tuesday 24 January**, 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, and, as ever, we are always looking for volunteers to join our small Committee. It is not an onerous commitment. We meet generally not more than three times a year, once prior to each of our two shows and once to organise our programme for the following year. So, if you are interested in giving us a little of your time and would like to become more involved, please make yourself known at the meeting.

After the business part of the meeting, Tony Walder will give a short presentation on the charity **Workaid** which collects all kinds of tools, including gardening tools, for refurbishment and subsequent dispatch to projects in East African countries.

Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

Our final meeting of the year is on **Tuesday the 13th December** (a week earlier, but still at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall) when the guest speaker, **Mick Lynn**, will give a talk on "**A Kent Christmas**" illustrated with slides, music, poems and songs. This will be followed by a festive drink with mince pies to round off the evening.

Prior to that meeting, on Thursday 8 December, we are going to the National Trust's White Cliffs of Dover Visitor Centre for a pre Christmas lunch. For more details, please contact our Secretary Carina Whiting on 830737.

The New Year's programme starts off with an illustrated talk entitled "**How I Came to Write**" by local writer of children's books, **Anne Booth**, on **Tuesday 17 January** at the usual time of 7.30 pm in **Bridge Village Hall**. Anne will bring along some copies of the books she has written and will be happy to sign them at the meeting, or if they are subsequently bought. Would members please note that their annual subscriptions (£39 for 2017, and preferably paid by cheque) are also due at that meeting.

School PTA News

On behalf of the Bridge & Patricbourne School PTA, I would like to say a massive thanks to all who participated in yet another spectacular fireworks display in our village this year. We couldn't organise such an event without your help and support. The money raised from the event will go towards new resources for the school, to help enrich the children's learning, and a donation will also be made to the church.
Rob Moon, Chair of PTA

Singles Lunch at the Red Lion

Any 'singles' very welcome to come and join the group on Wednesday 7th December between 12md -2 pm. Please ring Rene/Harry at the Red Lion on 01227 832213 to book

At the November lunch 19 people enjoyed lovely two course meals chosen from the menu including tea/coffee at the cost of £10 .

Carols at the Red Lion

On Thursday 15th December at 5.30pm there will be community carol singing led by Bridge's own Bettina Walker. The Christmas Farmers' Market and carols by the School Choir will precede this event.

Computer Club

By popular demand this will be re-introduced on the first Friday in each month at 10.30-12 md at the Red Lion Bridge. It is particularly aimed at those needing assistance to get to grips with the Internet so beginners particularly welcome!

For those who already have their own, bring along your smart phone/iPad/tablet/laptop. There is wifi available at the Red Lion. The password will be given to enable those with their own equipment t link to this.

For those still wondering what is the most suitable equipment for their own personal use, come along and talk to those who have already made their choice.

There will be a charge of £5 to include tea/coffee and a donation to the Church Building Fund.

For further details contact Peggy Pryer landline 01227 832058 mobile 07860591887 e mail peggypryer@yahoo.co.uk

News from the Elham Valley Vineyard November 2016:-

It seems a while since we have updated the developments at Elham Valley Vineyard which is growing fast. We now have over 140 students accessing our services during the course of a week to take classes here. The number of options is increasing, we now have photography in our range of activities and some of our students help to clean and look after Barham Village Hall. We have had to take 3 units in Barham Business Park opposite us because we are running out of room!

Unfortunately the buildings we use at Greenbanks in Barham have reached the end of their useable lives and we have plans to replace them with a purpose built Work Centre as soon as we have funds available. We are applying for grants from various sources but our usual Craft Fair on 3rd December will be our main fund raising event this year. As before we will be open from 11-3 p.m. with stalls from all our classes offering goods which make ideal Christmas presents for all the family.

The Café will be starting their special Christmas menu from 22nd November which is really reasonable at 2 courses for £13 and the option of 3 courses for £15.50. For parties please telephone 01227 831266 to book.

The students are looking forward to their Christmas party at Barham Village Hall in December where they have a visit from Father Christmas and presents for all. They also have a disco and get the opportunity to dance the afternoon away.

Many thanks for all your support throughout the year, we look forward to seeing you at the Craft Fair.

Nikki Marley – General Manager



The Charlton Park Singers
Present
A Celebration of Christmas
10.30am Wednesday 14th December
At St Mary's Church, Patricxbourne

Come and join us – everyone and children of all ages welcome
This event will last about 1 hour with
Coffee and Mince Pies afterwards

Kate's Puddings – What's Cooking?

Sometimes things are best kept simple! For those who do (and I'm behind me), or whose teeth are set on edge by lots of icing (I'm perfect. Slabs can be wrapped up for packed lunches, and so on). Thank you for reading my recipes – hope you have a happy and New Year.



Easy Christmas Cake

1 ½ lb/675g equal quantities raisins, sultanas and currants
4oz/110g mixed peel OR 1 ¾ lb/800g mixed dried fruit
4oz/110g glacé cherries, halved
2oz/50g blanched almonds
8oz/225g butter at room temperature
8oz/225g soft brown sugar
Grated rind of 1 lemon and 1 orange
8oz/225g plain flour
1 pinch of salt
1 tsp ground mace, 1 tsp ground cinnamon
4 large eggs, beaten
2 tbsps brandy

Topping - approximate:

4oz/110g glacé cherries
2oz/50g pecans
2oz/50g blanched almonds
Or you can use dried apricots, dried pineapples, walnuts, brazil nuts etc
¼ jar of warmed sieved apricot jam or commercial baking glaze
(marmalade, in extremis)
More brandy

First, line an 8" cake tin (or 9", but the cake will be flatter). You will have to use doubled parchment, both at the base and around the sides. Then tie a ring of doubled newspaper around the outside of the tin. Preheat the oven to 130-150 deg C.

If you have soaked your fruit, dry it off as much as possible before mixing in the cherries and almonds. Next, in a large bowl, cream together the butter with the sugar and the citrus rind, until pale and fluffy. Slowly add the eggs, about ¼ a time and continue beating, adding a couple of tablespoons of the flour so that the mixture doesn't separate. Using a metal spoon, fold in about half of the flour, then the rest, plus the brandy. Then fold in the fruit.

Tip the mixture into the tin, smooth the top and decorate it with fruit. Put another piece of folded newspaper into the oven, standing the cake on top, and add a little hat of paper as well. Bake for about 2-2 ½ hours and then check it. The cake should be singing when it is ready! Also, a hot knife or skewer will come out clean.

When the cake is taken out of the oven, immediately stab it with a knife and pour more brandy into it. Inhale deeply.... Then heat up the apricot jam or glaze until it is melting, sieve out any bits and paste the cake top evenly. Allow it to cool in the tin before turning it onto a wire rack.

This cake likes to be fed every week with a little more brandy. Store, wrapped in paper or foil in a tin.

For more scrumptious recipes, go to <https://katespuddings.blogspot.co.uk>

MARATHON RUNNERS WANTED TO RAISE MONEY FOR KENT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

Kent Association for the Blind are looking for people to take part in the 2017 London Marathon and raise vital funds for the charity.

By taking part in this event you are doing something amazing for our charity; not only raising awareness of sight loss but also raising much needed funds for us to be able to continue our work supporting visually impaired people in the local area. The fundraising team is here to support you meet your pledge amount and can offer you fundraising ideas, personalised materials and resources. In the new year we will be organising a runners' night at our Sight Centre in Maidstone which is a great opportunity to learn more about our work and meet the other runners on Team KAB.

Kent Association for the Blind supports visually impaired people to live independent lives. We work with people of all ages from toddlers and teenagers right through to people in their nineties and beyond. KAB offers a range of services including mobility training, a digital Talking News service, advice and guidance and courses in Assistive Technology. We provide an entirely bespoke service which is tailored to the individual's needs. We support over 11,000 people across the region and last year we received 2,450 new referrals to our service.



Christmas Coffee Morning and Sale



Conrad Hall, Bishopsbourne

Saturday, 3 Dec, 2016, 10am to 12noon


Bring your friends for a chat over coffee (or tea), mince pies, gifts, cards, raffle and so much more - Proceeds for St Mary's Church

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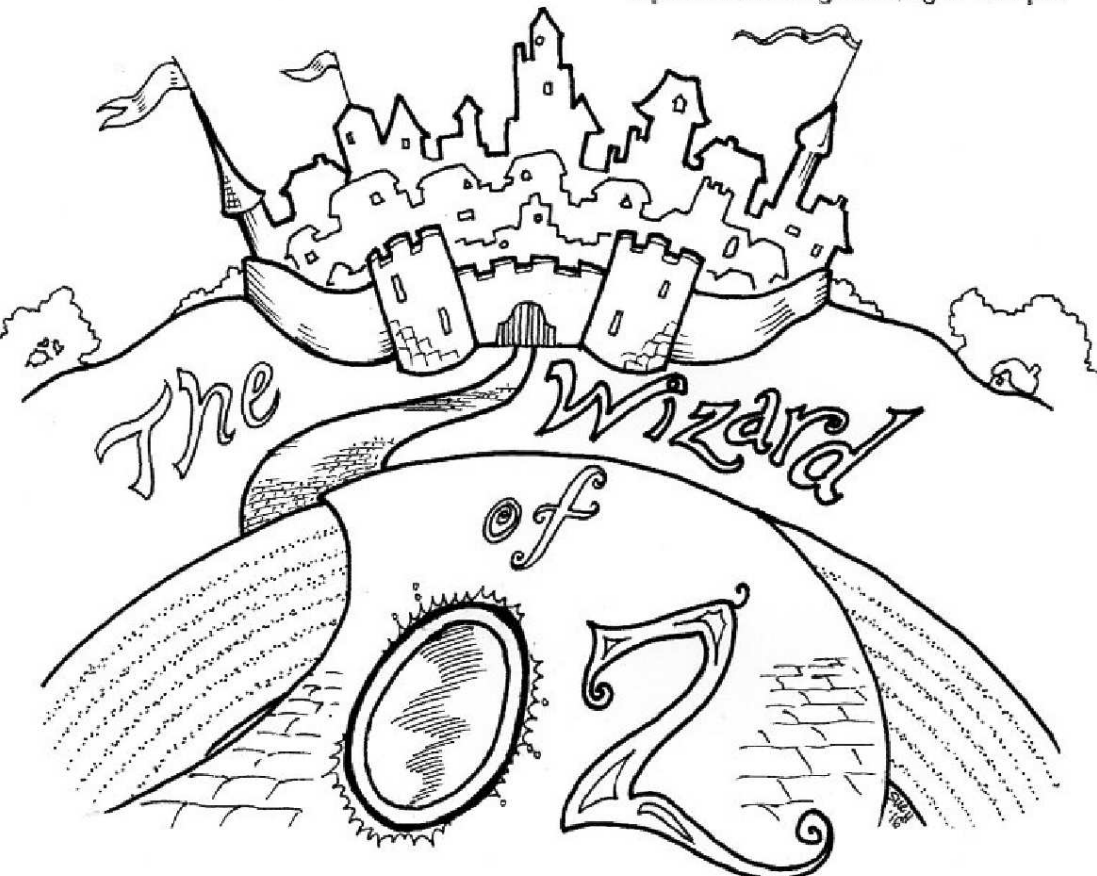
Friends of St Giles Kingston, Carol Concert

The annual Carol Concert, hosted by the Friends, will be held on Saturday, December 17 in St Giles Church at 6pm. Choir members from Elham Valley Voices and Kent College Choristers, led by Jackie and Rod Spencer, will perform a variety of pieces for your enjoyment. There will also be the opportunity to join in with traditional carols, and maybe some fun items. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served during the interval to encourage you to take part in the second half.

As this is a fundraising event all adult tickets are £5 (but you can enjoy the mulled wine and mince pies), and are available from Maureen Taylor on 01227 831738 (maureen_taylor3@sky.com) or John Morgan 01227 831047. Any funds raised will be put towards the maintenance of St Giles Church.


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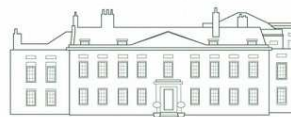
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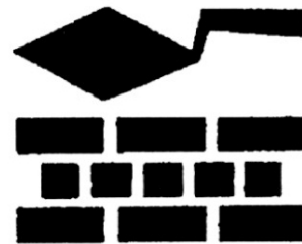
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