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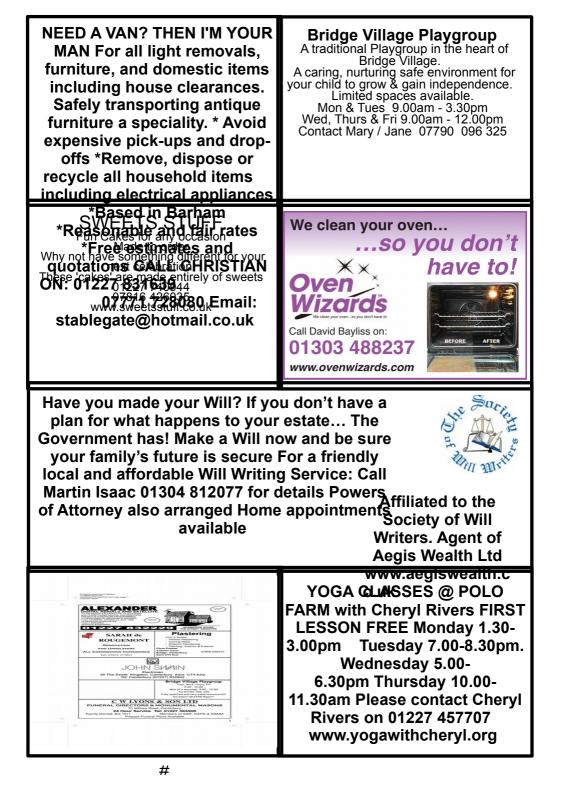
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CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2016	St Mary NACKINGTON	St Mary LOWER HARDRES	St Peter BRIDGE	St Mary PATRIXBOURNE	St Peter BEKESBOURNE
CANDLEMAS 7 February Exodus 34:29-end Luke 9:28-36	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	<b>11.00am</b> Candlemas Family Communion	<b>6.00pm</b> Candlemas Evensong	<b>9.30am</b> Candlemas Eucharist	All welcome at the other services across the benefice
ASH WEDNESDAY 10 February	7.30pm Joint Benefices Service at Littlebourne	7.30pm Joint Benefices Service at Littlebourne	7.30pm Joint Benefices Service at Little- bourne	7.30pm Joint Benefices Service at Littlebourne	7.30pm Joint Benefices Service at Littlebourne
<b>Lent 1</b> 14 February Deut 26:1-11 Luke 4:1-13	9.30am Sung Eucharist 3.30pm Evensong	<b>3.30pm</b> Evensong at Nackington	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion	All welcome at the other services across the Benefice.	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
<b>Lent 2</b> <b>21 February</b> Gen 15:1-12, 17-18 Luke 13:31-end	All welcome at the other services across the Benefice.	<b>9.30am</b> Family Service	<b>11.00am</b> Choral Eucharist	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist
Lent 3 28 February Isaiah 55:1-9 Luke 13:1-9	9.30am Sung Eucharist	all welcome at the other services across the Benefice	8.00am BCP Holy Communion 11.00am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Matins	All welcome at the other services across the benefice

9.30am Every Tuesday at Bridge Church: Holy Communion. All welcome.

RH= Reg Humphriss AD=Alan Duke RO=Richard Owen JL=Jonathan LLoyd MC=Margaret Clarke CW= Chris Wilkinson GM=Gordon Manley



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naving only just completed the Christmas season, we are now into Lent rather quickly as Easter this year is early. I was once asked by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Bath (where I was chaplain) how the date of Easter was calculated. I gave him a Book of Common Prayer, and talked about the position of the moon and the importance of golden numbers as I gave him the dates of Easter for the next half century. He looked bemused. As an American he just couldn't understand how and why the Church has any influence of the setting of university term dates! Perhaps this is a useful reminder that although our society feels more secular than ever, at the heart of our legal and democratic systems, culture and society, we are shaped by Christian festivals, values and history.

It was a wonderful moment last month when the crozier head of St Gregory's episcopal staff arrived in Canterbury Cathedral, as well as the Augustine Gospels. This powerful reminder of the sending by Gregory of Augustine in 597 to renew the Christian faith in this land, made me appreciate just how special it is to be here in Canterbury Diocese. We are surrounded by deep Christian history, and our regular pattern of worship here in our five churches of the Bridge benefice is rooted in this history and witness.

Lent is an important time of simplicity, pondering, studying and finding space to imagine Jesus in the wilderness. The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday on 10 February and this year we are having a joint service at St Vincent's Church, Littlebourne, at 7.30pm. You are warmly invited. Through the five weeks of Lent we have three different Lent Groups locally, and I invite you to come and take part. (See page 13 for details)

I am most grateful to Pat Kusel who has led the Family Service at Bekesbourne for over 20 years, and served as an Authorised Lay Minister. She has now stepped down from these roles, and I thank her for all her hard work, creativity and energy in leading this ministry with such skill and commitment over such a long time. I am also grateful to Clive Medhurst who has served as our benefice treasurer, and I welcome Devin Brougham our new treasurer. Devin has served as church treasurer in Thailand, Germany and Sweden, before he moved to Nackington.

This month our good friend Canon Reg Humphriss celebrates his 80th birthday, and we send him our congratulations and thanks for all he does for us. I first met Reg in 1982 when Sue and I applied to get married in his parish. (He said yes!)

Have a blessed Lent, Jonathan

### Last Family Service Bekesbourne

Our last service was Epiphany, The Three Kings. The children acting out the coming of the Wise Men to Jesus. It was a very moving service as Pat, after 20 years of running the service, has decided partly for health reasons to give up running the family service. The service and Pat will be sadly missed. She put a lot of hard work into the services, making them both interesting and fun. She was supported by her husband Paul, who was part of the music team along with Jean and her daughters. When Pat was ill or on holiday the service was taken by Ashleigh, Jean's husband with Jean and their daughters. We are very grateful for their help and support of Pat.

We wanted to thank Pat in some way and the family service members clubbed together and presented gifts to Pat not of gold, frankincense and myrrh but a Marlowe voucher and some shrubs for the garden. Tea and cake followed. A fitting if sad end to a popular service.

Pat has also decided to stand down as ALM and her authorisation will not be renewed. She will remain a member of Bekesbourne PCC.

Jill Gillanders



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### **DESERT EXCHANGES - an invitation this Lent**

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday (10 Feb) and this year we will have a shared service that evening at 7.30pm at St Vincent 's Church, Littlebourne (our sister benefice). You are warmly invited to join one of **Benefice Lent Groups.** We meet once a week for five weeks. The Diocese Theme for 2016 is '*Conversations on the Journey*', and this Lent we will use Luke Chapter 4 to help us follow the conversations Jesus had in the desert that shaped his pilgrimage. Small groups are an important part of exploring our journeys, and 'being the Church'.

Each session has a title that relates to either the temptation considered or the questions that the preceding and following passages ask of us: Appetite, Ambition, Acclaim, Authentic, and finally Accept. Bishop Trevor writes: 'I sense that there are many transformative, and perhaps risky, conversations yet waiting to happen in our churches. I want to encourage these in every way we can.'

There will be three Lent Groups (please choose one, and try to come each week); 1) **Tuesdays at 7.30-9.00pm** at Mansfield Court, Bridge. Led by Margaret Clarke. Starting on 18 Feb

2) **Thursdays at 2.30-4.00pm** at Rosary House, Aerodrome Rd., Bekesbourne Led by Pat Kusel. Starting on 11 Feb

3) **Thursdays at 7.30-9.00pm** at 8 Conynham Lane, Bridge. Led by Bev Latham and Martin Leggatt. Starting on 11 Feb. All are welcome!

### Thank You All!

I would like to express my sincere thanks and deepest gratitude to all the wonderful friends who have given me so much support and kindness following my recent operation. I have been overwhelmed and humbled by all the 'Get Well' messages, calls, cards, flowers and visitors I have received and the continuing concern and goodwill as to my progress. These have helped me enormously in my recovery. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Sheila Scrivener

### Fish Scheme (Neighbourly Help) News.

Telephone number: 07935 966 080

The February Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 10th from 10 to 11.15 in Bridge Village Hall. If you have any spare knitting wool do please bring it along or telephone Rosy Green on 830204. Thank you.

### L`Arche Christmas puddings

Huge thanks to the Christmas pudding eaters and givers who raised £500 which has gone to L'Arche in the Old City of Damascus where 28 disabled people are cared for. Still more, who cannot cope with the road blocks, are visited and loved. We are also pleased to report that the premises of the Ultimate Pudding Company who produce these perfect puds were high enough to avoid the floods. They are now busy with next year's supplies.

### St. Peter's Bridge Flower Arrangers

'We would like to have a Christmas Tree in the Bridge Church porch next Christmas. If anyone has a good artificial tree of 5 to 6 ft tall that they no longer need, please contact one of the churchwardens.'

### **Bridge & District History Society**

The next meeting will be on Thursday 18th February at 7.30 pm at the White Horse Inn, Bridge. A society member Roger Bickerton will talk about his father's part in World War I most of which was spent in the Middle East. Some of the battles in which he took part were the forerunners of similar battles in World War II. Members £7.50, non members £9.00 to include a buffet. Further details from David Gilmour Tel: 01227 832450.

### Canon Reg

Many congratulations to Canon Reg on his 80th birthday. He has done so much for so many people here and throughout the world.

### Tom Ashdown

Also to Tom Ashdown, who has secured a place at the Royal College of Music in Manchester. Tom has the most beautiful singing voice. We wish him well .

### Easter at Lower Hardres

Easter is early ,this year so I thought I would give you a few dates ! March 25th Good Friday when we have the Children's Workshop 9 30 till12noon .More details in the March magazine. Easter day is the 27th at 9-30 we will have Family Communion and afterwards an EGG HUNT. Mothering Sunday falls on March 6th. At 11 am we will have Family Communion when posies and cards will be given to everyone. Obviously we shall have our traditional Simnel cake. There will be lots of children participation. Margaret

#### Poppy Appeal 2015

Thanks to all who helped with the 2015 Poppy Appeal in November. We raised an impressive £2836.45. A special thanks to Bridge Primary School who donated £500 from their Bonfire and Fireworks event as well as raising close to £400 within the school!

We need new helpers for this year's appeal. We need people to collect door to door on Union Road, Bridge High Street, Bridge Down, Riverside Close, Mansfield Court and Beech Hill. We could also do with someone, such as a retired service man or woman, to volunteer to stand outside Bridge Stores to raise money for the Royal British Legion.

Please consider just giving up half an hour of your time. It is a worthy cause and it is a good way to get to know fellow villagers better.

Please email John Shirley Poppy Appeal Organiser john.shirley@johnshirleyltd.co.uk to volunteer or alternatively ring him on 07808734842.

#### Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

The start of a new year is our quietest time for the Branch but we are nevertheless on the lookout for new members. So if you feel you might like to join us please do contact us or come along to our next meeting.

Our January meeting was attended by the Kent County Co-ordinator, Mrs Anne Hill, who talked to us about her work with the Poppy Appeal.

We have already booked our next Cream Tea Afternoon for Saturday,4th June in Littlebourne Memorial Hall. There will be lots of stalls and anyone who would like to book a table to sell their wares can ring the Poppy Organiser on 01227 728228 or the secretary on 01227 472023.

Our next two monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays 9th February and 8th March, both at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.



Calling all Ladies who Lunch and Gentlemen who Munch!

Our annual home-made soup and bread lunches will take place in Bridge this year on Fridays.

<u>WHEN</u>: the 6 Fridays of Lent – February 12, 19th and 26th, March 4th, 11th and 18th between 12.0 and 1.30pm.

WHERE: at 1 Riverside Mews, Bridge (off Riverside Close).

Everyone in the community is welcome, not just church members. If you haven't been before we'd love to see you.

<u>All donations will go to Christian Aid</u>. Please ring 831956 the day before to book. Alan & Jean Barber.



Lack of food security is one of the world's most critical issues. Despite millions of farmers and workers in developing countries working hard every day to grow the food we eat, many don't earn enough to know where their next meal is coming from. Half of the world's hungry people, nearly 400 million, are estimated to live on small farms.

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# CANTERBURY CHRISTIAN AID TEA

2.30pm Saturday 20 February 2016 St. Peter's Methodist Church St Peter's Street, Canterbury, CT1 2BE



Regional coordinator for Kent, David Muir will talk about Bangladesh, the Christian Aid Week focus country for 2016, and present new resources including a fantastic new fundraising activity called The Big Brekkie!

We will also welcome a new chairperson to the Canterbury Christian Aid group and say goodbye to Elisabeth Davie, our current chairperson.



## All are welcome to attend



### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

Advance notice of the next meeting of the Society which will be an afternoon visit to **Layham Garden Centre** at Staple which specialises in the production of high quality roses and where we will be given a **talk on roses** and their care by the experts. This will be on **Tuesday 8 March** and more details will be given in the March edition of "On the Nail".

### Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

We have invited **Jenny Barling** to our next meeting on **Tuesday 16 February** to give us a talk entitled "**Jenny's Jaunts**" about the trips and outings she organises. The meeting starts at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall and, as always, we are pleased to welcome visitors.

### Fundraising events for St Peter's Bridge and St Mary's Patrixbournedates for your diary

**Nearly New Sale**—Saturday 19th March in Bridge Village Hall 10am—12 noon, good quality clothing and bric a brac will be on sale. Refreshements will also be served.

If you have any items you wish to donate please contact Evelyn on 830960 who will arrange collection.

Coffee Morning—Saturday 14th May in Bridge Village Hall from 10am

Who hope to also organise a **Produce Sale**, to be held in Bridge Churchyard on Saturday 10th September 10 am—12 noon. Remember us when making your jams and chutneys, make a few extra for us to sell. All proceeds go to Church funds.

### **BOURNE VETS NEWS**

Cats are infamous for their long snoozes and often appear to be very laid back

creatures, however they actual defending territory, eating, climit next door and ensuring plenty of toll over the years and as the always visible to the owner. J internal organs may begin to gi In older cats, **kidney failure** remove waste products to forn damaged, shrunken and scarre difficult problem to detect early any symptoms become notice drinking excessively or urinat weight and lose their appetite. There is now an exciting new ta



to detect loss of kidney function a lot sooner by measuring SDMA levels. SDMA levels in the blood increase when 40% of kidney function is lost so we can now identify disease much earlier. This early identification means earlier management so we can help slow the progression of the disease.

The type of treatment will depend on the level of kidney failure. We may prescribe a change of diet to a special 'renal' diet which has restricted protein, less phosphorus and salt and increased potassium and B vitamins. Your cat may also need medication to help reduce their blood pressure or they may initially need to be hospitalised for fluid therapy to help rehydtrate them.

Unfortunately, there is no cure once the damage has been done but we can slow the progression of the disease and significantly improve the quality of life of your pet, so if you are at all concerned that your cat may be showing signs of renal failure please give us a call at **Bourne Veterinary Practice** on **01227 832322**.

### Abbreviated Minutes of a meeting of Bridge Parish Council Thursday 10 December 2015 in Bridge Village Hall at 7.00p.m.

(Full version on website <u>www.bridgevillage.co.uk</u> and BPC noticeboards. BPC = Bridge Parish Council; CCC= Canterbury City Council)

### **Recreation Ground**

Many entries for the school logo competition have been received. It was decided unanimously to delay pollarding two maple trees until Council re-considers the pruning of these trees in December 2016.

The Clerk reported on the correspondence which had been received from parishioners about the Cantley development proposals. This has all been forwarded to Cantley.

The Chair spoke against the City Council plans for Brickfields at a public meeting on 11 November 2015 and reminded the meeting that the draft Neighbourhood Plan talked of 8 houses on the site, not the proposed 40.

At a meeting held on 9 December the main terms of a thirty year lease for the Mill Centre were discussed and agreed The new lease will run from 1 March 2016. There will need to be a major campaign of fundraising by the Mill Centre Management Committee in order to pay for the proposed works.

The budget for 2016-2017 was set and agreed unanimously. A precept of  $\pounds 29,737.61$  added to a council tax support grant of  $\pounds 1,377.39$  will bring the total budget (without the CFF element) to  $\pounds 31,075$  an increase of  $\pounds 505$  on the amount received in 2015-16.

The new village snow policy was adopted.

Mr Richard McCarthy was thanked for offering to take on the post of footpath warden from January 2016.

**The** village website has a link to the application form for the post of Village Warden. The deadline for applications is 1 Feb 2016.

A consultation document on the future of the Green Court area is being prepared. The Clerk was asked to investigate with the City Council the designation of areas such as Riverside Close, Conyngham Lane and the school access drive as "traffic managed areas", meaning that the City Council's enforcement team could report and sanction inconsiderate parking.

It was agreed that the village would "Clean for the Queen" in early March (over the weekend of March 5 and 6, 2016)

### Abbreviated Minutes of a meeting of Bridge Parish Council Thursday 14 January 2016 in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

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Canterbury City Council has confirmed the precept request made for 2016-2017. It appears the butcher's shop may yet be sold as a going concern and that interest has been shown by an interested party to take on the Post Office.

Conyngham Lane has been registered with Canterbury City Council as a "traffic managed area"

The Chair recorded his thanks and those of the Parish Council to the volunteers who had erected and dismantled Christmas trees on the High Street.

### **Recreation Ground**

The Clerk will inform Bridge School of the winning entries in the competition for recreation ground signs.

Council resolved to purchase 2 new anchored picnic benches for the childrens' play area ( $\pounds$ 1,024); repair one of the swings ( $\pounds$ 1,136) and pay for improvements to the pathway around the pavilion and the provision of a ramp for wheelchair access (approx.  $\pounds$ 4,200).

The most recent update from Cantley Estates (dated 11 January)-now available on the parish website- was read out by the Clerk. It refers to a number of potential sites for housing developments in the village. The Chair gave his own personal response to this statement from Cantley.

The village party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday will take place on 12 June from 12-16.00h on the recreation ground. Volunteers will be needed and the event must be properly advertised and organised.

KCC will be invited to carry out their investigations on tree roots in the Green Court area. Plans will be developed further once the required approvals are forthcoming. The Chair spoke of his personal disappointment at the way in which Canterbury City Council had announced potential development on the Brickfield site. The Parish Council agreed to write a letter to the Chief Executive and Leader of Canterbury City Council which will include reference to the disingenuous use of the unfinished neighbourhood plan to justify inclusion of more houses than are mentioned in the draft neighbourhood plan.

Two potentially new contractors are to be contacted by the Clerk to see if a more efficient method of controlling the moles on the recreation ground can be found. Council agreed to write again to Stagecoach outlining the apparent unfairness of the current pricing policy with regards to many Bridge residents.

Training will take place in February on the use of the newly acquired Speedwatch equipment. 14 volunteers have come forward so far.

It was agreed to include a flier about dog fouling in the next edition of the parish newsletter.

# <u>The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 11 February 2016 at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall.</u>

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Due to popular demand, the Langton Jazz Men will be again giving an evening of jazz at the Learning Opportunities Centre in Womenswold on Friday February 26th at 7.30p.m for 8p.m. Tickets cost £10, to include nibbles and one drink, (other drinks will be available to buy). This is only a small venue so only 40 tickets will be available, on a first come first served basis, from Marilyn Lewis on 01227 831208.

#### **FILMS OF BRIDGE**

New set of Archive Film Screenings will be on Saturday 27th February at 2pm and will be of footage of Canterbury to include, Bridge, Chilham, and Bekesbourne. This film will also be repeated on Saturday 19th March at 2pm. The showings are at Christchurch University in The Powell Building on North Holmes Road. Tickets are £5. There is parking but arrive early.



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#### **ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS**

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Readers might be interested to learn, or be reminded, that this hymn was written by Rev Sabine Baring Gould, when he was curate of a Mission in Horbury Bridge (West Yorkshire) for use on a long Whit-walk up to Horbury Parish Church in 1865. Although it had a dull tune, it was rescued from oblivion in 1872 when Arthur Sullivan (of G&S fame) composed his tune 'St Gertrude'.

My mention of the parody version **Backward Christian Soldiers** led to several enquiries, so I've set it out below (words anon). Each Advent we are urged *"to wake up out of sleep"* and it could be that these satirical verses can awaken us, both individually and collectively, to ways in which we are backward and help us resolve to change direction.

#### Backward Christian Soldiers, fleeing from the fight

With the Cross of Jesus nearly out of sight.

Christ, our rightful master, stands against But forward into

the foe, battle, we are loathe to go. *Backward Christian...* 

Like a mighty tortoise moves the Church of God

Brothers we are treading where we've always trod.

We are much divided, many bodies we

Having many doctrines, not much

charity. Backward Christian...

Crowns and thorns may perish, kingdoms rise and wane, But the Church of Jesus hidden doth remain. Gates of hell should never 'gainst the Church prevail We have Christ's own promise, but think

that it will fail. Backward Christian ...

Sit here then ye people, join our useless throng

Blend with ours your voices in a feeble song.

Blessings, ease and comfort, ask from Christ the King,

With our modern thinking, we don't do a

thing. Backward Christian...

**REFUGEE CRISIS** 

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Images of desperate refugees risking their lives to cross the Mediterranean in unstable boats are a distressing reminder of the refugee crisis in the aftermath of World War II that led to the founding of Christian Aid in 1945.

According to the UN, in the first half of 2015, a third of the people making the sea crossing to Italy and Greece were from Syria. More than 50% of the population are now displaced, with more than 4.1 million people forced to seek safety outside the country, in Lebanon, Iraq and Europe. Their needs will increase now winter is here, and the numbers of people seeking refuge will continue to grow as long as the conflict in Syria continues. As in 1945, Christian Aid is reaching out to those in need.

As we approach Christmas and remember that the child Jesus was himself a refugee, could you help Christian Aid respond to the immediate and long-term needs of today's refugees by giving to its Refugee Crisis Appeal? Your donations could buy sleeping bags, food, water, baby kits, and also improve conditions in reception centres.

Christian Aid asks for donations of money rather than clothes or other goods, because it helps people more quickly, is more cost-effective, avoids damaging local economies and makes sure people get what they need most.

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