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church services for APRIL 2016	St Mary NACKINGTON	St Mary LOWER HARDRES	St Peter BRIDGE	St Mary PATRIXBOURNE	St Peter BEKESBOURNE
Second Sunday of Easter 3 April	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	All welcome at the other services of the Benefice
Third Sunday of Easter 10 April	9.30am Sung Eucharist	6.00pm Evensong	11.00am Parish Eucharist followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting	11.00am Parish Eucharist at Bridge Church followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Fourth Sunday of Easter 17 April	All welcome at the other services of the Benefice	9.30am Family Service	11.00am Choral Eucharist	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist
Fifth Sunday of Easter 24 April	9.30am Sung Eucharist	All welcome at the other services of the Benefice	8.00am BCP Holy Communion 11.00am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Matins	All welcome at the other services in the Benefice

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

JL= Jonathan LLoyd RH= Reg Humphriss MC= Margaret Clarke RO= Richard Owen GM= Gordon Manley



Canon Jonathan LLoyd The Vicar 23 High Street Bridge CT4 5JZ <u>canonjonathanlloyd@gmail.com</u> <u>Tel: 01227 830250</u>

Dear friends,

As the weather brightens and the snowdrops give way to the daffodils and new lambs arrive in the fields, we are reminded through the beauty of God's creation of the new life of Easter all around us. In the life of our Church, Easter lasts for 50 days, up to the Feast of Pentecost. It has been wonderful to welcome sixty Year 4 children of our Church School to St Peter's Church to explore the building together and explore together their inquisitive questions of life and faith. It was a joy to welcome over 400 children for their special Easter Services on the Wednesday of Holy Week. With so much frailty, uncertainty, and suffering in our world - with the ongoing refugee crisis, the wars in Iraq and Syria, the fight against terrorism - we need to hear and take into our hearts the deep message of Easter again. That God loved the world so much that he send his only Son Jesus to live among us, and through his death and resurrection brings us all the hope of a transformed world and eternal life.

But this eternal life starts now, from the moment we are baptised. We are called as Christians to build God's Kingdom here on earth, as co-workers with God and disciples of Jesus.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ on the first Easter Day opens a new road for us all. Through God's grace we are invited to be people of hope, or Easter-people, living out through our daily lives the hope of new life, and the transforming power of God's love in our lives, community and world. In the end, the light of Christ is stronger than all the darkness.

May the joy and hope of Easter be yours, Grace and peace, Jonathan.

Dates For Your Diary

April 2016

05/04	09.30	15.00 19.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Holy Communion at Bridge Haven After 8's at Mansfield Court	
10/04	11.45		Patrixbourne with Bridge Annual Church Meeting	
11/04	19.30		Caring and Sharing	
12/04	09.30	14.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Holy Communion at Mansfield Court	
13/04	10.00	14.00	FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall,	
Lower Hardres 19.30 Bekesbourne Village		19.30	Bekesbourne Annual Church Meeting at Hall	
19/04	09.30	15.00 19.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge After 8's at Mansfield Court	
20/04	15.00		Hymns at Bridge Haven	
22/04 Monting at	19.30		Lower Hardres with Nackington Annual Church	
Meeting at			Nackington Church	
25/04	19.30		Caring and Sharing	
08/05 Trevor,	09.30		Special service at Nackington Church with Bishop	
extension. All welcome.				

Jonathan the Vicar is available every day apart from Fridays.

14th May 2016 Coffee Morning 10am—12 noon in Bridge Village Hall in aid of Patrisxourne and Bridge churches

25th June 2016 Bridge Village Fete, from12 noon in Bridge School Grounds

INVITATION

Annual Meetings of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meetings

You are warmly invited to these important meetings which review the last year of the life of your local church, look forward to plans for the future and elect church officers for the coming year.

Patrixbourne with Bridge PCC on Sunday 10 April at 11.45am (following the 1100am Service) at St Peter's Church, Bridge.

Bekesbourne PCC on Wednesday 13 April at 7.30pm at Bekesbourne Village Hall.

Lower Hardres with Nackington PCC on Friday 22 April at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Nackington.

If you would like to stand for office or serve as a PCC member, please speak with Jonathan our vicar.

Vicar of Bridge's granddaughter returns to Bridge Church.



Rebecca and David Parsons (centre) with their families at the blessing of their marriage at Bridge Church held last month.

Rebecca's grandfather was Canon Colin Edward Herschel Perry who was our Vicar from 1960 to 1980 and Rural Dean of East Bridge.

Our current Vicar, Canon Jonathan LLoyd, told the congregation that his own father would have worked closely with Canon Perry as he was Rural Dean of West Bridge at the same time. Canon Perry is fondly remembered by some of our more senior church members - including his preference for sherry rather than tea whilst on pastoral visits!

Violet Coleman / Magazine Content.

On the morning of March 7th a service was held for Violet at Barham Crematorium and that afternoon, a service of Celebration of her life in Patrixbourne church. Violet was an amazing person. I have known her for many years, so I was privileged to officiate at the services. She was a women of integrity, and of dedication to her family - Andrea, Michael and Phillip. They meant everything to her, and she worked hard to care for them. She knitted, embroidered, crocheted and cooked and worked. What a generous and big hearted woman she was.

I visited her in her home, and over a cup of tea we laughed and talked. Her tea was diabolical! I used to say the teabag was afraid of boiling water.

Violet gave much of herself to help others in Bridge Haven, in the twilight of her life. She was quite a woman, as we read in Isaiah – 'You are precious in my sight. I have called you by name, and you are mine.'

May you rest in peace and rise in glory. Margaret Clarke.

Lower Hardres News

I would like to extend a sincere thank-you to all who helped at the Good Friday workshop. Thank-you also to all of the children who came, it was a real team effort. I hope you have had a blessed Easter.

Soon, we are holding porch sale, selling cakes etc. On October 7th at 7pm, we are holding an AUCTION OF PROMISES at John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres. It is to raise funds for St Mary's Roof.

Margaret.



Fish Scheme (neighbourly help) News Tel no:07954 966 080

The next Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday April 13th.

The annual fund-raising Bring and Buy will take place during the May Coffee Pop-In on Wednesday May 11th. There will be a raffle, plants and home-baked cakes, but do please bring anything you think might sell well.

The Cornelia Slavin outing is being organised and , we hope, will be to Walmer Castle in early June.

New Flag

Since our first notification of a coffee morning intended to fund a replacement St George's cross, I am pleased to record early donations equalling £15.00, and a wonderful offer to donate the entire sum of £80.00 by a generous Michael Green. Thank you so much, Michael, and the others to whom we are very grateful.

Nevertheless, due to the close proximity of our intended coffee morning (17th March) the Churchwardens are happy for us to proceed with the event at 20 Conyngham Lane, and to use the money raised to open a Reserve Fund for new flags in the future. None lasts for ever, unfortunately - strong winds, heavy rain and vehicular- pollution quickly take their toll. A 'Flag specific' fund will mean the moneys do not disappear in the general maintenance. Thank you to all supporters - I'll let you know the outcome in the next magazine.

Barry Whiting.

Bridge & District History Society

The next meeting will be held on Thursday April 21st in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30. Alasdair Hogarth will give a talk on Sir Thomas More whose head rests in St Dunstan's Church, Canterbury.

Members £4.00, non-members £5.00.

Further details from David Gilmour Tel:832450.

Spring Working Party on the Recreation Ground

There will be a tidying up session after the winter starting at 9 30 am on Saturday 16th April. Please wear warm clothes including gloves and bring secateurs and weeding tools. Refreshments will be provided in the pavilion. All are welcome.

Sue Hodges

Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

Not very much news this month but if anybody would like to find out about joining the branch please see contact telephone numbers in our notice board outside Littlebourne War Memorial Hall. We would welcome new members.

Our next two monthly Branch Meetings will be on Tuesdays, 12th April and 19th May, both at 8pm in the Recreation Club, Littlebourne (behind the Hall).



little as 74p a day. Her home has been flooded several times, and last August it flooded again. This is Morsheda. She's our neighbour, and she desperately needs our help.

From 15-21 May, our churches will join with more than 20,000 others across the country for the sake of people like Morsheda. Across the UK and Ireland we will deliver 7 million envelopes to our local neighbours, to raise money for our global neighbours in need. It's an opportunity to reach out to our community, and to make sure some of the world's poorest people have enough to eat and a safe place to live.

A Home Safety Package from Christian Aid could raise Morsheda's home on an earth plinth, safe from the flood plain, and give her resources to invest in things like farm animals, seeds and a composting kit – the tools she needs to build a better future. A new chance at life for Morsheda costs as little as £250.

Please will you help? When the familiar red envelope comes through your letter box, please give generously. If you are able to join the team of people who deliver and collect the envelopes in our villages, your help would be greatly appreciated. Contact Jean Barber (01227 831956 jbarber@uk2.net)



Senior Citizens - Please join us for our ST GEORGE'S DAY and the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations Thursday 21st April 2016 in the school hall Performances by each year group and the school choir 1.30pm – 3.00pm Refreshments will be served during the afternoon Please contact the school office on 830276 to reserve a place. We look forward to you joining us for a truly British Celebration

BRIDGE BENEFICE CARING & SHARING GROUP Villages along the Nailbourne Talk with Slides by Bob Richards Founder of the 'Canterbury remembering it as it was' Facebook page 7.30pm Friday 6th May 2016 Bridge & Patrixbourne School Hall Ticket £6 adult £3 children To include alcoholic & non-alcoholic drink with nibbles Proceeds to St. Peter's Church Building Fund Tickets available from 01227 830960 or Mervyn Gulvin Architects in Bridge High Street



pleasure in inviting you to their ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND 16th April 2016 10am till 11.30am BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL Bring and ile *** For further information 'phone 01227-830344

Nailbourne Horticultural Society Spring Show



Saturday 9 April Bridge Village Hall

Show open to public 11am to 1.30pm Presentation of Prizes 1.00 pm

Includes Open Classes (for all to enter):

- 5 sticks of rhubarb (pulled and leaves trimmed)
- 6 chitted seed potatoes in an egg box

Refreshments

Raffle

Plant/Bring and Buy Stall

For Show Schedule telephone Kathy on 830057

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

As guest speakers at the meeting on **Tuesday 19 April** (7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall), the WI have invited **Mark and Pam Bathurst** to give a talk on the **restoration of the "Medway Queen" paddle steamer**. As always, we are pleased to welcome visitors and guests at our meetings.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

The Society is holding its **Annual Spring Show** on **Saturday 9 April** in Bridge Village Hall. The hall will be open to the public from 11.00 am until 1.30 pm with the presentation of prizes at 1.00 pm. As I write, I have great doubts about how many daffodils will be on show this year but I know that our members always manage to "come up with the goodies" on the day!

For those exhibiting, the hall will be open from 8.00 am for staging the exhibits and everyone must clear the hall by 10.00 when judging will take place. As mentioned in the March "On the Nail" we have t**wo classes** in the schedule which are **open** to non-members of the Society as well. These are:

5 sticks of rhubarb (pulled and leaves trimmed)

6 chitted seed potatoes in an egg box

and it would be great to see entries from other local people. All you have to do is bring your entries along to the hall before 10.00am on the morning of the show. There is no entry charge for the show which has several sections - cut flowers, pot plants, cookery, floral art, not forgetting the Chairman's Challenge (a pot of Juanita variety large cupped narcissus this year) - something indeed for everyone. There will be refreshments available during the day as well as a raffle and a plant/bring and buy stall.

Do come along and support us on the day!

If anyone requires a show schedule, please contact the Show Secretary Kathy Walder on 830057 or email <u>kath@askwalder.com</u>

National Vegetable Society - Kent Association

Graham and Jane Wagstaff are giving a talk on "**Exhibition Parsnips**" at the next meeting of the Society on **Wednesday 13 April** in Bridge Village Hall (7.30 for 8.00 pm start). Jane and Graham are growers, medal winners, judges, and experts in their field. Non-members are most welcome.

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FORTNIGHT

Seeking to restore the fabric of the village's most iconic building, ST PETER'S CHURCH, its Friends (FOSP) present an unmissable trio of events for WHITSUNTIDE and beyond. (All at 7.30pm).

FRIDAY 20 MAY in the School Hall : The Revd SIMON ROWLAND returns to Bridge to talk about and show his experiences of having been recently A PADRE WITH THE BRITISH FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN.

This talk was a sell-out at Nackington : now it comes to Bridge. Powerful, moving and personal,

Simon's descriptions will convey just what it is like to be at the sharp end of contemporary warfare, and the amazing medical and pastoral support that our Forces are given.

FRIDAY 27 MAY in St Peter's Church : TOPS (The Occasional Performing Society) will make its contribution to FOSP funds with a yet-to-be-announced evening of entertainment, fresh, funny and memorable.

SATURDAY 4 JUNE in St Peter's Church, we welcome back DAVID FLOOD with two equally dazzling GOOD GNUS (lay clerks John Williams and Christopher Price) for an EVENING of LIGHT and DELECTABLE MUSIC, ideal for an evening in early June. The classic Flanders and Swann songs, and many more.

Ticket prices £10 for the first two at £10 each, and £15 the Gnus. (£30 on all three purchased together). Available from Evelyn Andrews (830960).

Friends of St Giles talk

Unfortunately the talk to be given by Dr Becky Parker entitled "Quantum World and our Wonderful Universe" has had to be changed to Friday 29th April 2016 in Kingston Barn – time 7pm for a prompt start at 7.30pm.

This talk is given by Kingston's very own Dr Becky Parker MBE, who will explain some of the excitement of modern physics and how it relates to everything around us - in her own amazing indomitable style. Becky has a world-wide reputation for enhancing the public understanding of science.

There are still a few tickets available at £10 per adult (over 18). Cash or cheques (payable to Friends of St Giles) to my address please Maureen Taylor, 3 Whitelocks Close, Kingston, Canterbury, CT4 6JG

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Since we the kat holders, took over the running of the market we have made a big effort to ensure that there is great variety on offer. We are proud that our customers can effectively do a weekly shop with us if they so wish. We have local Meat, Fish, Bread, and Veg all covered, not to mention Chocolate, Juice, Marzipan, Curries, Cheese, Cakes, Honey and lots more to tickle your taste buds with, not to mention a plant stall. We believe that everything is reasonably priced and would encourage more of the parish to come down and give us a try!

With stall holder numbers ever increasing, we are able (with your cooperation) to create a real buzz of a Saturday morning but inevitably it is a two way process. If we want to continue as a happy and successful market, then we implore new customers young and old to come down and see the stunning array of local produce we have for you to sample.

We are passionate about low food miles, reducing our carbon footprint and supporting the local rural economy, and at the same time can promise you a cheerful welcome, and a keen insight into the produce on offer.

With all of this in mind please try to make our market on 9th or 23rd April 9am – 12pm at the Red Lion, your first, as we would love to see you there.

Best wishes

Lewis on behalf of Bridge Farmers Market"

Abbreviated Minutes of a meeting of Bridge Parish Council Thursday 10 March 2016 in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

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

Report from Canterbury City Councillor (Simon Cook)

The local plan might be adopted by the end of 2016. Responses to local plan amendments have been passed to the Inspector. The city centre car parking consultation is complete. The budget has been set for 2016-2017 with council tax rising by £4.95 per band D property. The allocation of housing on Brickfields will be decided by the government Inspector of the local plan

Report from Kent County Councillor (KCC) Michael Northey.

He is pessimistic about the responsiveness of Highway England to representations about the proposed new junction on the A2. They do not appear to be listening to the argument for 4 exits rather than the 3 proposed. KCC have set the budget for 2016-2017 with a reduction of £118m. Council Tax will rise by just under 4%. Consultations on mobile libraries and street lighting are now closed with decisions on both to be announced shortly.

Information exchange:

- There were 22 volunteers involved in Cleaning for the Queen on Saturday 12 March. 16 bags of rubbish had been filled. Many new litter picking volunteers had come forward.
- The pathway in the recreation ground is not "adopted". The Parish Council can therefore determine rules concerning dog fouling.
- The Neighbourhood Plan group has been re-energised of late and is holding regular meetings to complete the plan
- PCSO Williams' report highlighted 3 recent incidents including damage to the village clock, fly-tipping and an abandoned vehicle.

Decisions taken in the course of the meeting:

- 1 All tree applications are to be passed to the Planning Committee for comment.
- 2 The fireworks display will take place on the recreation ground in November 2016.
- 3 A Community Warden for Bridge has been appointed by KCC.
- 4 To receive an update on Green Court developments. Council considered the comprehensive tree report form Lloyd Bore and decided to appoint a committee of councillors to take the initiative forward at the next meeting. KCC will be asked to remove the trees identified as being dead.
- 5 Council agreed to support the changes proposed by Canterbury City Council to parking arrangements in Conyngham Lane.
- 6 Cllr Moon asked that "No parking at any time" notices should be encouraged wherever possible so that parking tickets can be issued.
- 7 Cllr Moon tendered his resignation from the Council with effect from 25 March 2016.

Village event on 12 June to mark the Queen's 90th birthday on the Recreation Ground

The next meeting will be on Thursday 14 April 2016 at 7.30pm in BridgeVillage Hall.#



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The DVD covers the flooding of the Nailbourne in 2014 from Lyminge through the Elham Valley to Bridge, down through the remaining Bournes and on through the Little Stour to Plucks Gutter. The film reflects the difficulties experienced in the local villages and is a sequel to a similar film I produced of the 2000 floods from which clips have been included to show the comparison. It also includes aerial photographs taken at their peak from Wickhambreaux to Preston and Grove Ferry. The film endeavours to capture both the scenic beauty and the hardship of the flooding and is titled The Beauty and the Suffering of the Nailbourne in Flood AGAIN. It costs £12 and is **sold in support of St Andrew's Church, Wickhambreaux**. There is also a twin pack including the original 2000 film at £18 and both would be delivered locally.

Available from Brian Maxted 01227 721776 <u>brian@brianmaxted.co.uk</u> or Peter Terrill 01227 721511





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s Cooking?

I love seasonal food, and this is one of the months that chocolate is definitely in season! This is a far richer variant of chocolate mousse, and is the kind of pudding that makes strong men go weak at the knees... the addition of cream changes the texture to a smooth-as-silk deliciousness NOBODY can resist! I first came across this at Stour Music Festival, and it is the magnificent Beryl's signature pudding. Singers don't usually like chocolate as it's supposed to be bad for the vocals, but they tend to make an exception to the rule here. This will serve about 8 people, nominally, and it is very rich.

Chocolate Rum Cream

5 large eggs, separated 10oz/280g good black chocolate with high cocoa content ¼ pt rum ½ pt double cream, softly whipped

To decorate: cream, melted white chocolate or grated dark chocolate

Melt the chocolate in a double boiler or in a bowl over a pan of simmering water. Add a tablespoon of water to the chocolate to stop it from going stiff. Make sure that the mixture doesn't get too hot, and if you are using the bowl over water method, don't allow any water to get in. It Is important that all the chocolate is melted, otherwise you get little lumps in the mousse. Add the alcohol and stir it in slowly until smooth.

Add the egg yolks one by one, stirring in, then the whipped cream. Whisk the egg whites until they are standing in stiff peaks. Using a metal spoon, first fold about 1/3 of the whites in to break up the texture, and then add the remaining two thirds.

Pour the creamy mousse into 8 small bowls or ramekins, or into a single bowl, and leave to set. Decorate to taste.

There are lots of other recipes on my blog www.katespuddings.co.uk.

Kingsbourne Players plus Ayckbourn - and you!

The local amateur thespians The Kingsbourne Players, under the direction of Mike Sole, will be tackling an intriguing play by Alan Ayckbourn for their early summer production from 12th - 14th May in Barham. Entitled '**Mr A's Amazing Maze Plays**', it tells of the adventures of an intrepid girl and her dog as they try to find the 'lost' voice of an opera singer in a spooky house. This is an interactive script, in which the audience help to determine the course of the story, by voting which door/trapdoor/ladder etc they will choose to follow next! Suitable for all ages, and seating will be at tables so you can bring your own food and drink (light refreshments will be on sale). Look out for posters and flyers soon. Ticket prices remain frozen at £7 / 5.

'Nature, Springtime and Love'

A concert in Womenswold Church on 13th May at 7.30p.m. Friends of Womenswold Church are very pleased to welcome back the Shepway Singers under the direction of Berkeley Hill. This small group of approximately 20 singers will entertain us with a selection of Folksongs, 1920's melodies and some choral pieces by Dave Brubeck. Tickets are £10 (£8 Friends) from Marilyn (01227831208)or on the door and include wine and nibbles.

Jazz Concert

Thanks to all who came to the jazz evening last Friday, when we were all superbly entertained by The Langton Jazz Men. A total profit of £388 was made.



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