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s - made and cooked in 20 minutes, it is
-made jam (and sometimes cream too!),
it never fails to delight, and, if you can save some, makes a perfect base for sherry
trifle. I have successfully tested a gluten-free version using rice flour, and it is also
dairy-free. The instructions sound fiddly, but, once you get the hang of it, it is a very
good-natured cake.

Quick Swiss Roll

3 eggs

4oz/110g caster sugar

4oz/110g plain flour

1tbsp hot water

caster sugar

jam – about half a jar, warmed in the microwave

Pre-heat oven to 220 deg C, and line a baking tray/swiss roll tin with baking
parchment. The tin should be approx the size of a piece of A4 paper or slightly
larger. Snip the the baking parchment diagonally into the corners of the tin – this
helps the parchment mould into the tin better and gives a better shape to the roll.

Whisk the eggs and sugar, hard, for at least 5-8 minutes (preferably in a
Kenwood/Kitchen Aid mixer to save your arms!). The mixture should be really light
but stiff enough to keep the impression of the whisk for a few seconds when it has
been removed.

Sift half the flour over the mixture and fold it in, then add the remaining flour and the
tablespoon of hot water. Pour the mixture into the prepared tin and bake for 7-9
minutes until it is well risen and golden brown.

While it is baking, wring a tea towel out in hot water, put it onto the work surface and
put a piece of baking parchment on top, sprinkling caster sugar over it.

Turn the cake onto the paper, and peel off the baking parchment (if it doesn't come
off easily, tear a strip off at a time). Cut the crusts off with a knife and spread the
jam over the surface. Roll up, using the paper to help you – I make a $\frac{3}{4}$ cut through
the last inch of the narrower edge, then roll that part a bit tighter to get a good start,
but then ease off the pressure so you have a large, light roll. Transfer (carefully!) to
a plate and dredge with sugar.

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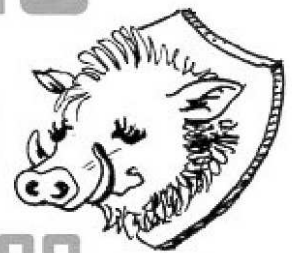
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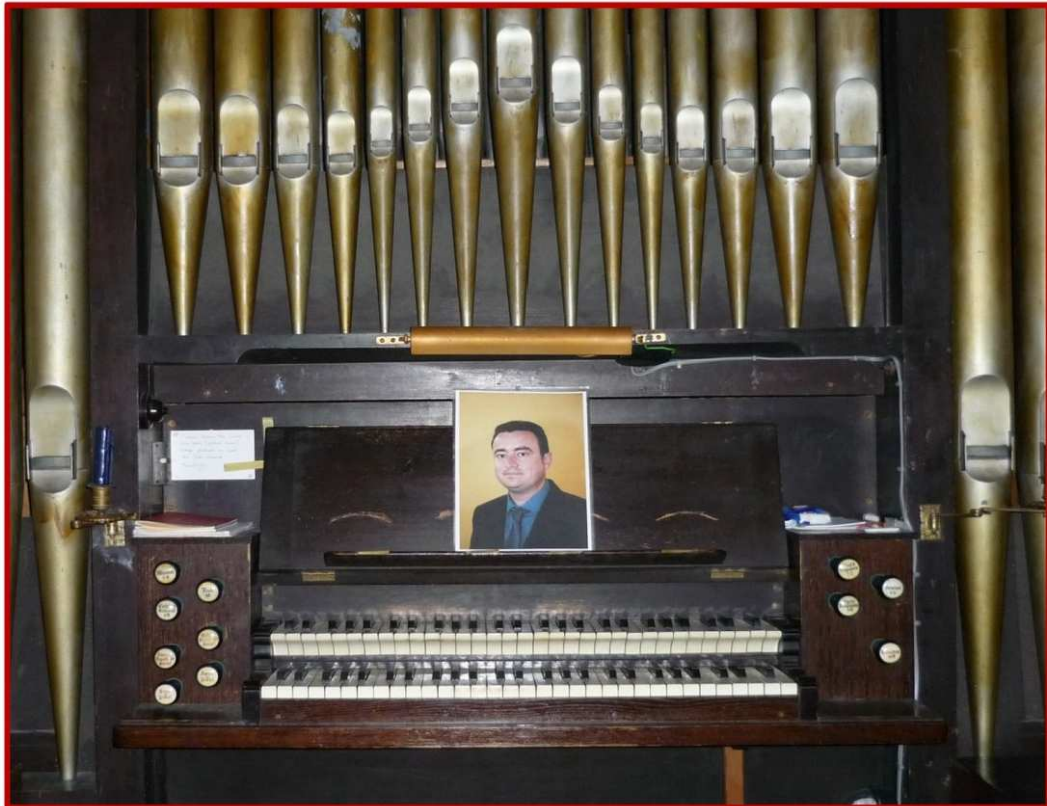
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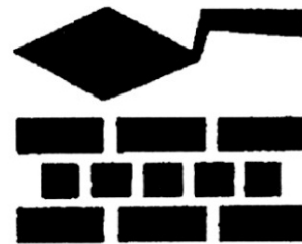


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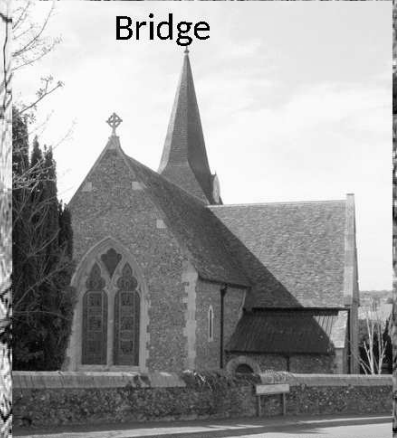
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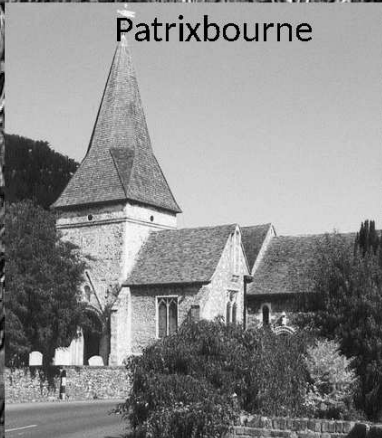
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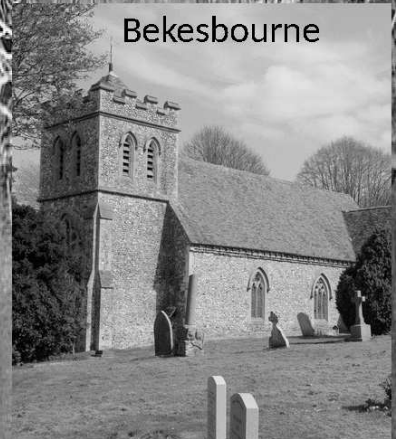
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nic year, the children have been involved in many activities in the Bridge village community. Back in September of last year, some of the children took part in a culture celebration at the Winter Gardens in Margate, where they sang 'Happy', by Pharrell Williams. Their performance was commended by many, including a lady who works with a lot of West-end theatre shows, who said that 'Bridge are no ordinary primary school choir!' The choir have also performed at the Gulbenkian Christmas Choir Concert, the Salvation Army Concert and also sang at Bridge Haven and the Farmers' Market. They were also invited to sing at Bridge Church Coffee and Cake Concert recently. Please watch them on:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68paA_LPlc4

For the first time this year, a school orchestra has been formed and the children have been lucky enough to perform at both the Canterbury Festival Concert in the Spiegel tent, and were also selected to perform in the Music for Youth Regional Festival Series in South London, in March. They also played at our Art & Music Event and will be playing at our Summer Music Festival.

Back in October, some of our children were chosen to work with Mrs Clubb to produce a piece of artwork, based on a poem, which the whole school were studying, called 'Stream School'. The children's work was displayed at the 'Art in Bridge Exhibition' in the Village Hall and received many outstanding comments.

The firework display, organised by the PTA was a resounding success and as a result, we donated £1,000 to St Peter's Church towards the roof fund.

Both The Senior Citizens' tea party and the St George's Day tea party were well attended by local residents. The audiences were entertained by the children singing and dancing, as well as being served refreshments by our Year 6 children. Also, children from Reception, Years 1 and 2 paraded through the village for Chinese New Year and St George's Day, and this was very well represented by parents and villagers.

Once again, our Art and Music Event in March proved to be a spectacular evening and was a resounding success. We received so many inspiring and wonderful comments – this is just one of them :

"What a wonderful evening you gave us! 'The Art & Music Event' was exciting and amazing and showed much talent from all those pupils! Not forgetting the exceptional staff involved, Mr Luck, Mr Miles and Mr Perfect and, of course, your brilliant Head Mistress! Thank you so much for inviting me and giving such pleasure - seeing my grandchildren perform was a delight! I loved every moment. I can honestly say I have seen many school shows being a primary teacher since 1953, but this is EXCEPTIONAL!"

In April, over 200 adults and 110 children from the local area took part in the first 5KM Bridge fun run. This was an extremely successful event with many parents and children from our school running. We hope this will become a regular event, as well as the family walk, which took place on Sunday, 11th June.

Over the course of the year, the children have been involved in many fund raising events, raising money for charities such as the Poppy Appeal, Salvation Army, St Peter's Church, Children in Need, Breast Cancer Awareness, Wear it Blue for Ethan, the Urology Foundation and Christian Aid, to name a few. They have achieved remarkable results and for one of the charities, raised just on £1,000.

Many of the children have been successfully involved in representing the school in numerous sporting activities this year and we are really pleased to announce that in some cases, they have won their way through to Kent Schools' Games finals and will be representing our area in several events (over 7).

On Saturday 15th July, Mr Luck and parents from the PTA are organising a Bridge School Summer Music Festival to be held in the school grounds between 2pm and 6pm. There will be class acts, local bands, a BBQ, bar and more. This will be an end of term school event for the children, staff and families of the school.

As you can see, it has been a very busy year for all staff and children and I would like to thank everyone involved in all the hard work which has gone into making all these events possible.

Finally, this will be my last year at Bridge, as I will be leaving on 31st December 2017. It has been a great privilege to serve as Headteacher for the past 12 years and has been an absolute pleasure to have worked in our school and served the whole school community and I will miss you all. I would like to thank the community for all their support and kindness shown towards me personally.

The Governors have decided that until we recruit a permanent appointment, Mr Harper, my current Deputy Headteacher, will be Acting Headteacher from 1st January 2018 to 31st August 2018. We are confident that the school will continue to thrive in his capable hands and he is looking forward to working closely with you.

Renuka Chinnadurai
Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary July 2017

04/7	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00 Holy
		Communion at Bridge Haven
		19.30 After 8's at Mansfield Court
10/7	19.30	Caring and Sharing
11/7	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		14.30 Holy
		Communion at Mansfield Court
12/7	10.00	FISH Pop In at Bridge Village Hall
		14.00 Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres
18/7	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00 Holy
		Communion at Saxon Lodge
		19.30 After 8's at Mansfield Court
19/7	15.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven
24/7	19.30	Caring and Sharing

CHURCH SERVICES FOR July 2017	St Mary NACKINGTON	St Mary LOWER HARDRES	St Peter BRIDGE	St Mary PATRIBOURNE	St Peter BEKESBOURNE
2 July 2017	9.30am Holy Communion RH	11.00am Family Communion CP	6.00pm Evensong MC	9.30am Sung Eucharist GM	10.00 am Pet Service Lay led
9 July 2017	9.30am Sung Eucharist DL	6.00pm Evensong MC	9.30am Family Communion GB	<i>All welcome at the services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion Rev Graeme Whittlesea
16 July 2017	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	9.30am Family Service MC	11.00am Choral Eucharist GM	8.00am BCP Holy Communion RO	9.30am Sung Eucharist RO
23 July 2017	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>
30 July 2017					9.30am Benefice Service RH

There is Holy Communion **every Tuesday at 9.30am** to 10.00am at Bridge Church, followed by coffee. All welcome.

		RH		Canon Reg Humphriss
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Pinchbeck		CP		Rev Caroline
			MC	Margaret Clarke
	GM			Canon Gordon Manley
		BL		Bev Latham
	DL			Rev Donald Lugg
			GB	Rev Garth Barber

BEKESBOURNE NEWS

Church Service

The Bekesbourne 'Songs of Praise' service at 10am on 2nd July is to be a Pet Service. All are invited to come along and are encouraged to bring their pets to what should be a very interesting morning.

Coffee Morning

Residents from Bekesbourne are running a coffee morning every Tuesday from 9.30-11.30 in the pavilion at Bekesbourne rec. All members of the community are very welcome. Toys will be provided for those who bring along children while others hope to start up a table tennis tournament. Come along for companionship, coffee, cake and to enjoy our beautiful surroundings.

Bekesbourne 100 Club

The winners in May were: Wendy Howard £50; Andrea Nicholson £25; Bernard

Woods £15

The winners in June were: Bonus prize of £100 Andrea Nicholson; Wendy Durrell £50;

Mike Barker £25; Maggie Field £15

Both draws took place at the same time. Paul Samoily's (of Cobham Court) drew the winning tickets.

Bekesbourne 100 Club exists to raise funds for the care and maintenance of St Peter's Church. The affairs of the Club are administered by Steve Thomas and Jane Millyard. Membership costs £24 a year payable by cash, cheque or standing order in January each year. We welcome new members who can join throughout the year at a pro-rata rate.

Membership gives you thirty-eight chances of winning a cash prize during the year. There are three monthly prizes of £50; £25 and £15 and bonus prizes of £100 in June and £250 in December. The remaining money goes to the church. There are no administration costs.

You have to be in it to win it.

Steve Thomas (s.thomas@which.net)

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Our **Annual Summer Show** is on **Saturday 22 July** in Bridge Village Hall. The Show will be open to the public from **11.30 am until 2.30 pm** with the Prize Giving at 2.00 pm. Refreshments will be available throughout the day and there will also be a raffle and plant/bring and buy stall. We look forward to filling the hall with a fine display of vegetables, flowers, cookery, floral arrangements and handicraft so please do make a note of the date and come along to enjoy and support this long standing village event.

For those of you who are exhibiting, the hall will be open from 8.00 until 10.00 am on the morning of the Show to stage your entries prior to judging.

And a reminder that we have included several **open classes** for everyone to enter, with voucher prizes for the winners. These open classes are:

Any Other Vegetable - not included in any other class, ie NOT spring onions, onions, beetroot, potatoes, carrots, French beans, broad beans, peas, courgettes, shallots, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber. I assure you it does leave a few! Use common sense as to the number exhibited.

My Worst Disaster - with either a vegetable, fruit or flower

A Vase of Mixed Flowers - anything in flower (Vase supplied)

Two **photo classes** - "**Garden Visitor**" and "**Our Village**"

Photos should be unframed, not to exceed 8 inches x 6 inches, not be digitally enhanced and should be produced within the last 12 months.

Just bring your entries to the hall before 10.00 that morning. Please contact the Show Secretary Kathy Walder ([830057](tel:830057)/kath@askwalder.com) if you require further information.

Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute

On **Tuesday 18 July** we are fortunate to have **Colin Jarvis** as our speaker who is going to give us a talk on the **Ramsgate Tunnels**, thought to be the most extensive underground public shelter system in the country, if not the world. We have decided to open this talk to everyone as it is a topic which will be of interest, we are sure, to many residents, both men and women. The talk will start at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. At the time of writing we are hopeful of arranging a follow-up visit to the Tunnels in August - more details to follow.

The competition for our July meeting is for an interesting item of the colour violet.

National Vegetable Society - Kent Association

There is no evening meeting in July but do visit the Society's stand at the Kent Show at Detling from 7th to 9th of July.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Summer Show



Saturday 22 July
Bridge Village Hall

Show open to public 11.30 am to 2.30pm
Presentation of Prizes 2.00 pm



Includes 5 Open Classes (for all to enter):

- **Any Other Vegetable** - not included in any other class
- **My Worst Disaster** - with either a vegetable, fruit or flower
- **A Vase of Mixed Flowers** - anything in flower (Vase supplied)
- **Two photo classes** - "Garden Visitor" and "Our Village"

Refreshments

Raffle

Plant/Bring and Buy Stall

For Show Schedule and more details, telephone Kathy on 830057

Wonderful News

West Wall Repairs at Bridge Church Begin Soon



The Friends of St Peter's (FOSP) Church formed in 2014 to begin the enormous task of fund raising £90,000. The Churchwardens and Friends of Bridge Church are delighted to announce that we have finally raised our target sum. The west wall and stonework repairs will start this summer.

We are very grateful to all who have donated money, joined the Friends, arranged concerts and other fund-raising events as this has, in the space of three, short years, helped us raise this much-needed money. Thank you to the many and varied artists and musicians who have performed in the Church. Thank you to our loyal supporters – many of you Bridge residents and some from further afield - we could not have done it without you!

We are grateful for the generous grants from The Friend of Kent Churches, Canterbury City Council, Kent County Council, All Churches Trust, Marshall's Trust, De Haan Trust, and the National Churches Trust to help fund the work.

Work on the repairs is hopefully going to start in July with the West Wall repairs commencing first. The stonework repairs will follow on in the Autumn. Events such as the Flower Festival in September will happen as planned. For safety reasons during the high level works it will be necessary to close the footpath through the churchyard during working hours – please take care and dog walkers should avoid the path during this phase.

We will still continue to raise money for Bridge Church. Once the initial, urgent building work is complete we can begin to plan for on-going repairs and new projects. Our popular coffee, cake and concert mornings will continue to raise funds and watch this space for new events. Please continue to support us in the same magnificent way you have supported Bridge Church to date.

A big FOSP thank you to you all from the Friends of St Peter's Church and Churchwardens.

Fish Scheme: tel no:07935 966 080

The June outing to Herne bay and Chislet was a success, thanks to everyone who went and made it a happy event. Any fresh ideas for next year`s trip would be very welcome.

The July Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 12th in Bridge village hall starting at 10. New faces are always welcome.

Royal British Legion - Littlebourne & District

Many thanks to all those who helped run our recent Tea & Chat Afternoon and to all those who came along and supported us. We had a nice afternoon with many interesting stalls and lovely cakes. Together we raised £398 on the day with a further £10 received afterwards in donations.

We have our next 2 monthly meetings on Tuesdays 11th July and 8th August both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne starting at 8pm. Anyone interested in coming along and possibly joining the branch will be made very welcome.

Kent Fire & Rescue Service is helping to keep local residents safe and well

Did you know that Kent Fire & Rescue Service provide FREE advice and home safety visits?

A Home Safety Visit by one of their friendly team takes around 45 minutes and can help you to live safely in your own home. Someone can visit your home at a convenient time to offer lots of useful advice and fit new smoke alarms if you need them. But it's not just about fire safety, they can offer lots of help if you are becoming a bit unsteady on your feet, feeling the cold in the winter, living with dementia or feel unsafe for any other reason.

So don't delay, if you or someone you know fits the following: is over 70 years young, has children under 5, smokes, has a disability or feels unsafe at home then get in touch with the fire service and arrange a visit.

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A huge thank you to everyone who made this possible, by delivering and collecting envelopes, counting the money and especially by giving so generously. Big thanks also to the children of Bridge School for their collection of pennies, which amounted to over £150.

All this money will be used to help people displaced by war, disaster or persecution, who are languishing in refugee camps across the world. Your action is bringing them hope.

Jean Barber

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rbet

7oz/200g sugar
8 fl oz/250ml water
5 large lemons, zest and juice
5 limes, zest and juice
1 bunch of fresh mint

Heat the water and sugar in a pan until the sugar has dissolved. Simmer for 5 minutes, take off the the heat and leave it to cool entirely (you can put it in the freezer!). This keeps for weeks, so you could make double quantity and put half in the fridge for another time.

Add the juice and zest to the mixture, stir well and churn the mixture in an ice cream maker. I found it worked best to put the mint in later, as it got stuck on the blades of the churn. Alternatively, freeze in a shallow container in the freezer, breaking it up with a fork every half hour or so to stop large crystals from forming.

This makes enough to serve 4 people, roughly a pint or so. It is best served slightly less than rock hard. To make it more like a sherbet, add 1 egg white to the ice cream maker, or whisk the whites and fold them into the mix if you are open freezing it.

Ice Bowl

2 bowls
parcel tape and a couple of heavy tins
flowers
cooled boiled water/mineral water (this helps keep the ice clear)

Choose two bowls with a similar shape - do I have to tell you to have one smaller than the other? Thought not! Pick pretty flowers. Pour some water into the larger bowl, add some of the flowers. Place the smaller bowl on top. Push the rest of the flowers in round the edges, adding more water. The second bowl will rise, so put the tins into it before strapping the parcel tape across the top to keep the second bowl level with the first and in the centre. Fill up with the water - you might need to check the tape - and add another food tin. Freeze overnight until solid.

To use - allow the bowl to defrost just a little before unmoulding it and adding the sorbet. It will be a wonderful centrepiece - some people commented on how pretty the flowers were as they appeared as the ice melted. Just make sure that the ice bowl is in a container that can hold the inevitable meltwater!

TRAVELLING WITH YOUR PETS

Now that summer is here, lots of people are looking forward to their summer holidays and each year more and more people decide to take their pets abroad with them. Have you considered your pets joining you for your summer break?

The EU Pet Travel Scheme permits the movement of pet animals (Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) as long as they have the correct documentation. The process is simpler than it used to be but it still takes a lot of planning, don't think you will just be able to book a last minute break and set off! The rules vary from country to country, so it's important to check with your vet for advice on what is needed to ensure your pet can safely leave the country and, importantly, has all the documentation to allow them back in again.

Wherever you are travelling to there are a few important things to remember:

- 1) All pets travelling abroad must have a microchip for identification purposes. This should be done before your pet has a rabies vaccination so that your vet can record the unique microchip number on your pet's passport.
- 2) All pets must be vaccinated against the deadly disease rabies prior to travelling to another EU country or returning to the UK. The rules have eased slightly but you must wait 21 days after the vaccination before your pet can travel, or return, to the UK from another EU or non-EU listed country. However, if your pet is travelling into the UK from a country that is not listed on the Pet Travel Scheme he will require a blood sample 30 days after the rabies vaccination, and you must then wait three calendar months before travelling.
- 3) Once your pet has been microchipped and vaccinated against rabies your vet can issue you with a pet passport. The passport remains valid as long as your pet continues to meet the UK's entry requirements.
- 4) Under the UK's Pet Travel Scheme only certain approved transport companies and routes can be used to bring pets into the country. Some companies will request a veterinary statement to confirm that your pet is fit to travel before they allow him to board, so check beforehand to ensure you comply with all their requirements. You may also need to buy an authorised pet travel carrier so that your pet can travel safely and securely.

5) The Pet Travel Scheme safeguards against the risk of rabies entering the UK, but your pet could be at risk of other potentially fatal diseases, so ask your vet for advice on how to protect him. Tick treatments are no longer compulsory, but you may wish to provide this or invest in a protective band such as a Seresto collar to help control ticks, mosquitoes, and flies.

6) One to five days before you return to the UK you must visit a local vet for your pet to be checked, scanned, and given a tapeworm treatment. The tapeworm *Echinococcus multilocularis* (EM) is relatively benign in dogs, but the resulting disease in humans – *Alveolar echinococcosis* – is an invasive, cancer-like cystic state of the parasite and can be fatal if not treated. It is therefore vital to maintain tapeworm controls to keep this serious zoonotic disease out of the UK. The vet will also sign and date your pet's passport. If you are going on a short trip, this tapeworm treatment can be given before you go as long as it will be between 24 hours and 5 days later that you return into the UK.

On the day you return home the travel company will scan your pet's microchip and check the pet passport and other documents. If your pet doesn't meet the necessary requirements he may face quarantine or be sent back to the country you have travelled from, so please check, check, and check again, to ensure everything is in order.



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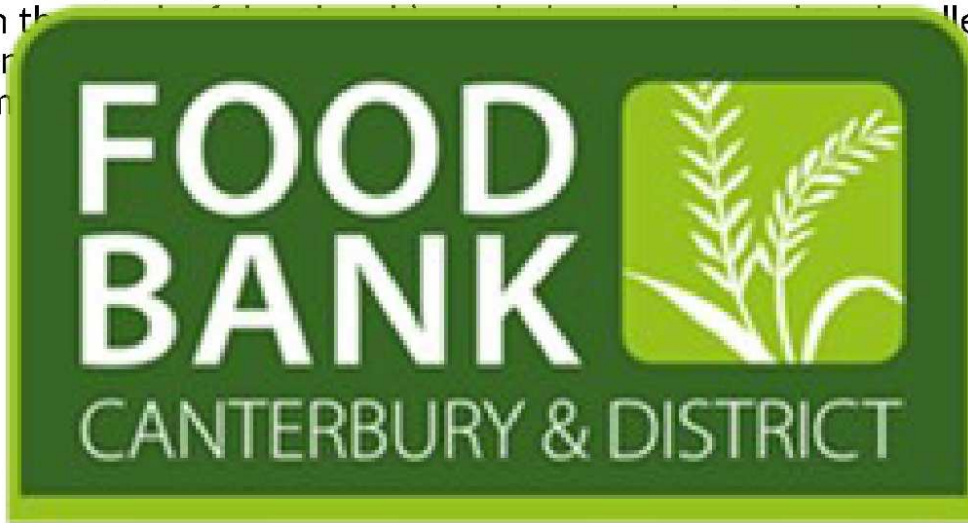
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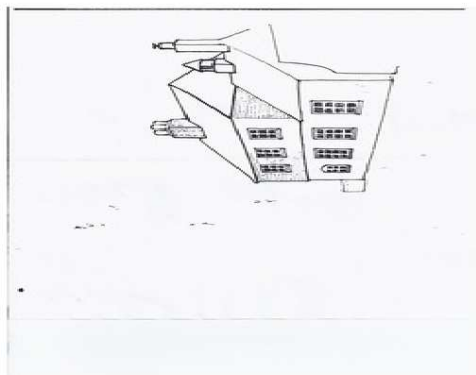
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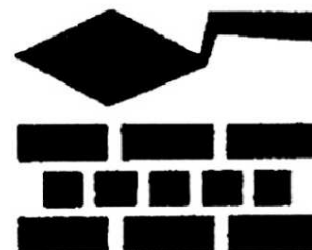
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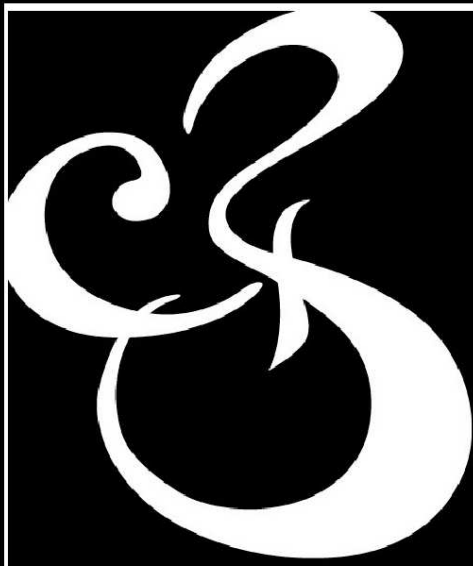
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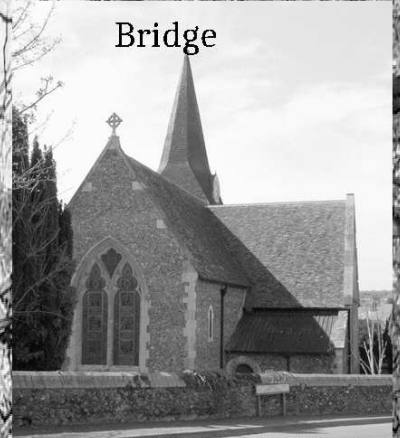
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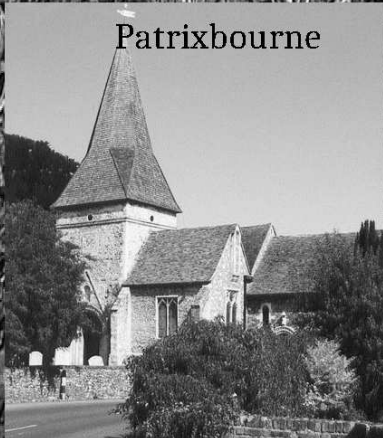
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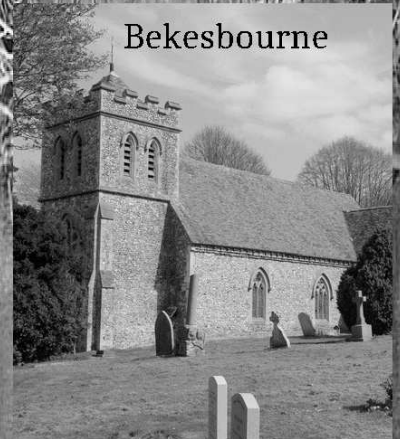
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6 August 2 Peter 1.16-19 Luke 9 28-36	8.00am BCP Holy Communion CP	11.00am Family Communion RO	6.00pm Evensong MC	9.30am Sung Eucharist CP	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>
13 August Romans 10.5-16 Matthew 14. 22-33	<i>All welcome at Bridge</i>	<i>All welcome at Bridge</i>	9.30am Family Communion with Baptism GB	<i>All welcome at Bridge</i>	<i>All welcome at Bridge</i>
20 August Romans 11. 1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15. 10-20, 21-28	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	9.30am Family Service MC	11.00am Choral Eucharist GM	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	9.30am Sung Eucharist GB
27 August Romans 12. 1-8 Matthew 16. 13-20	9.30am Sung Eucharist DL	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	11.00am Community Worship BL	9.30am Matins MC	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>

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You will probably have noticed a number of changes to the service patterns in August. These have mainly been caused by the fact that our stalwart retired clergy are enjoying summer holidays this month. We are very grateful to all those who are keeping us going during the interregnum and certainly don't begrudge them their well-earned time off. Perhaps this is a time when we can all go on a voyage of discovery and try something new in the way of worship.

However, there are going to be more adjustments for the eight o'clock congregation. It is proving more and more difficult to find retired priests to take an eight o'clock service so, with great regret, we are having to cut down to two per month from September. These will alternate, so that we have Nackington and Patrixbourne one month and Bekesbourne and Bridge the other, to produce a predictable fortnightly pattern. We hope this situation will not last for too long. Meanwhile, we hope you will understand the predicament and forgive the disruption.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR Sept 2017	St Mary NACKINGTON	St Mary LOWER HARDRES	St Peter BRIDGE	St Mary PATRIXBOURNE	St Peter BEKESBOURNE
3 September Romans 12. 9-end Matthew 16. 21-end	8.00am BCP Holy Communion RH	11.00am Family Communion RH	6.00pm Evensong MC	9.30am Sung Eucharist RO	10.00am Songs of Praise Lay led
10 September Romans 13. 8-end Matthew 18. 15-20	9.30am Harvest Sung Eucharist RH	6.00pm Evensong MC	4.30pm Flower Festival Songs of Praise Lay led	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>
17 September Romans 14. 1-12 Matthew 18. 21-35	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	9.30am Family Service MC	11.00am Choral Eucharist GM	8.00am BCP Holy Communion RH	9.30am Sung Eucharist GB
24 September Phil 1. 21-end Matthew 20. 1-16	9.30am Sung Eucharist RO	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	11.00am Community Worship BL	9.30am Matins MC	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>
1 October Heb 12. 18-24 Matthew 21. 12-16	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	11.00am Harvest Family Communion GB	6.00pm Evensong MC	9.30am Harvest Sung Eucharist GM	10.00am Harvest Songs of Praise Lay led

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		3.00pm Holy
Communion, Bridge Haven.		
Tues 8th Bridge.	9.30am	Holy Communion, St. Peter's
		2.30pm Holy
Communion, Mansfield Court.		
Wed 9th Village Hall.	10.00am	FISH Pop-In, Bridge
Tues 15th	9.30am	Holy Communion, St. Peter's Bridge.
		3.00pm Holy
Communion, Saxon Lodge.		
Wed 16th	3.00pm	Hymns at Bridge Haven.
Tues 29th	9.30am	Holy Communion, St. Peter's Bridge.

September 2017

Tues 5th Bridge.	9.30am	Holy Communion, St. Peter's
		3.00pm Holy
Communion, Bridge Haven.		
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Tues 19th	9.30am	Holy Communion, St. Peter's Bridge.



As you must be aware by now we have completed almost a year in yet another Interregnum, a time between priests. When an Interregnum occurs people often panic and it feels like you are on a ship without a Captain or pilot. It then becomes up to the passengers (congregations and communities) and crew to keep the ship safe and on course. The crew in this case are the Benefice Council, made up of the Churchwardens and worship leaders across the three parishes. We found ourselves this time unprepared and in strong winds and heavy seas as our local Deanery were in the throes of re-shaping and producing a mission plan to create a church fit for the future. This re-shaping together with the plan are almost complete so calmer waters lie ahead. In light of falling ordained clergy numbers, falling revenues in the parishes and falling congregations in most of the parishes it has been a difficult and stressful time. It has been made all the more difficult with no Archdeacon in office (until Jan. 2017) and still no Area Dean to chair the Deanery Synod. **BUT** we have not only survived but feel renewed thanks to the hard work of the worship leaders, churchwardens, retired clergy and Diocesan personnel as well as the support from our local communities.

I see lots of positives that can come out of interregnums. It is a time to reflect on where we are with our journeys of faith and our mission to our communities. To search our souls and seek guidance in prayer and strength in togetherness. Looking back over the past year it is interesting to see how far we have come. The communities have pulled together, e.g. rescuing the church building in Bridge, the establishments of 'friends' groups, and the new Songs of Praise, a true community service, in Bekesbourne. All resulting in new life and a positive forward looking approach. All facets of church life have continued. The place of Laity (non-ordained) in leading our faith communities into the future is now a vital part of our church and its mission. This has now been recognised by the General Synod and laity are being empowered to work alongside and in partnership with the clergy. Without the laity involvement rural church will not survive.

There will be fewer priests across the Deanery; there will possibly be less money to finance them and the running costs of the buildings, and this may lead to fewer services (certainly of communion). **BUT** here in Bridge Benefice the church is in good heart. People are finding renewed life and energy. The Holy Spirit is at work. The congregations and the communities have recognised that they have a vital role to play in the life of their church. There is an awakening of the laity and a realisation that **we are the church** and it's us who make it what it is. We all need to get engaged and 'put in' just as we 'take out.' By working together, in partnership with our new incumbent (hopefully by early 2018) we can re-shape and create anew the worship and mission across this Benefice.

God bless and pray for renewal and growth in our communities.

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be an auction of unsold "for sale" quilts at 4.00pm on Sunday. For further details
phone 01233 840280 or email judith.pool@pluckley.net

LOWER HARDRES NEWS

Harvest Service

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Family Communion will be at 11am on 1st October at Lower Hardres. Please bring gifts for Age Concern. Tins and packets are most welcome.

There will be a competition for children and young people and adults paintings, photography, drawings, potato animals etc. all concerning Harvest please.

They can be brought on the Saturday morning to be judged.

8 and under 9 and on and on and on.

We have always had amazing entrants.

Harvest Lunch

On October 8th at noon we are holding our Harvest Lunch in JBW Hall Children are free Adults £5 and for Senior Citizens £3.50. Do come, children will have some activities.

This lunch will follow a Benefice Eucharist at Bridge at 9.30 when Archdeacon Jo will preside and preach. It will be a wonderful occasion. Everyone is welcome.

Margaret

Benefice Administrator—A brief introduction...

Hello, my name is Sian and I am the new administrator for the Benefice of Bridge. It's been lovely to meet some of you over the course of the last few weeks and get to know you, thank you for the warm welcome. I'm really excited to be working alongside you in what is a very active group of churches!

Although I live in Canterbury now, I don't originally come from Kent. I came to Kent University to study French and since graduating I've lived in over 8 different places in 3 different countries so I'm quite ready to stop moving and see Canterbury as my more permanent home.

In addition to working for the Bridge Benefice I also administrate for a church in Canterbury and continue to do private language tutoring for foreign students as I was a language teacher in my previous job.

When I'm not doing all this I'm generally very active – I do a lot of running and swimming and enjoy competing in races around the country.

I look forward to meeting more of you during my time here and if you have any administrative enquiries please do let me know. You can get in touch with me at bridgeoffice23@gmail.com.

Sian

Fish News

The August Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 9th in Bridge Village Hall from 10 to 11.15.

The September Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 13th

We give lifts to the health centres and hospitals and new users are always welcome as well as new volunteer drivers.

Contact us on 07935 966 080

RIDE AND STRIDE 9TH SEPTEMBER

Please remember the Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride on 9th September, giving us the chance to raise money for our local churches. We shall need volunteers to go around visiting other churches, on bikes or on foot, more volunteers to sit in all three of our churches and welcome visitors and even more volunteers to sponsor the energetic. If you can help, please contact:-

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Margaret

Our Churches have receive grants from the 'Friends of Kent Churches' towards various repair / improvement schemes.

Please support.

BEKESBOURNE NEWS

Pet Service at Bekesbourne

June's 'Songs of Praise' was a Pet Service, very well done by the Vicars of Dibley, Christine Ash and Amanda Barker. I took my dog, Poppy and my 2yr old grandson, Ted. Both had a good time. Poppy enjoyed sniffing all the other dogs and thankfully did not take too much interest in the guinea pigs and hamsters! Ted loved the hymns. We had both organ and guitar accompaniments to some very enthusiastic singing. He was swinging his hips to the music and joining in with his own version. Another very successful service with something for everyone.

Nicky Fry

Bekesbourne Churchyard

"Hi ho hi ho it's off to work we go". If you have an hour or two to spare. St Peters Bekesbourne is having a churchyard working party on the 5th of August and 2nd of September. 9.30am start. Refreshments provided. Do come along and lend a hand or two! Want to know more, contact Jonathan on 831029.

St Peter's Bekesbourne

The songs of Praise Service on October 1st will be a celebration of Harvest Festival. All donated gifts will be given to the Women's Refuge. Please bring suitable gifts such as bedding, clothing, toiletries & dried, tinned and packaged food. Thank you.

Heritage Day

St Peter's Bekesbourne will be opening its doors for a Heritage Day on Saturday

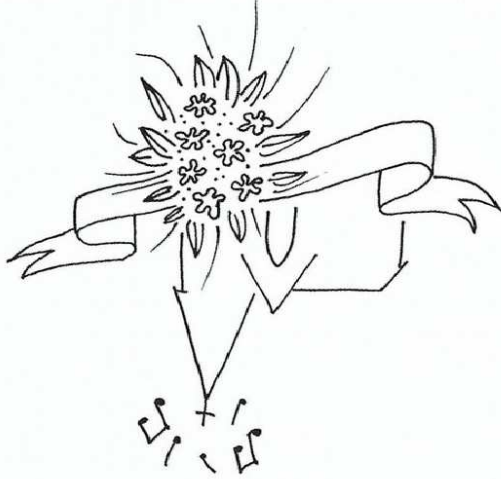
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10am Sunday October 1st



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FAIRTRADE NEWS

There's good news and bad news; first the good:

CADBURY'S parent company, Mondelez International, is rolling out its own sustainable sourcing programme called Cocoa Life, across all Cadbury products. This is so they can safeguard their supply chain by taking complete responsibility for the sustainability of the cocoa they buy. The Fairtrade Foundation has been working with Mondelez to make sure Fairtrade farmers have been properly consulted on the Cocoa Life programme, and that they will receive at least the same value as they have under Fairtrade certification. The farmers fully support the new scheme. So although you will no longer see the FAIRTRADE mark on your chocolate bars, you can be assured that the farmers will still be getting a good deal.

And GREGGS now have loads of Fairtrade products in their shops. You can pick up a fairer tea, coffee, hot chocolate, juice and bananas when you go into Greggs. In the 10 years that Greggs and Fairtrade coffee farmers have been working together, they've invested over £1 million into their farms and communities.

Now the bad:

SAINSBURY'S, once the leading supermarket in selling Fairtrade goods, have **dropped the FAIRTRADE Mark from their own-brand tea and replaced it with their own 'Fairly Traded' label**. The Fairtrade Foundation has major concerns about this watered-down scheme and Fairtrade farmers have written to Sainsbury's to express their dismay. There is also concern that all Sainsbury's Fairtrade certified products may go the same way.

A petition to Sainsbury's, backed by Christian Aid and other organisations, can be found at www.change.org

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Please email Dorothy or Sarah to express your interest and to find out more details.

dorothy.lloydhughes@gmail.com

sarahweth@gmail.com



1st Bridge Rainbow Unit

In May the 1st Bridge Rainbows undertook a sponsored walk from Bridge to Bekesbourne Recreation Ground. The Rainbows, aged 5-6, were given sponsorship forms in order to raise money for 'Children with Cancer'. The money has now been collected in and the 15 girls raised a total of £469 . We feel this is a huge achievement for the unit and we wish to say a very big 'thank you' to the families and friends who supported them so generously.

Susie Macdonald (Chestnut) 1st Bridge Rainbows

Royal British Legion

The final total raised by our Tea Afternoon on 3 June is £440 due to a few late donations. Well done to everyone involved.

It has been a fairly quiet month but we are already thinking about the Poppy Appeal once again in the autumn. If anyone feels they could spare a few hours to collect for this good cause please contact 01227 472023. We have a number of willing collectors but can always do with more help.

Once again we would welcome any new members to the branch (you do not have to be ex-service). We meet every 2nd Tuesday at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne. Please contact the above number for more details. Our next 2 meetings will be on 8 August and 12 September.

Lower Hardres Village Hall – Free Table Tennis Sessions

During August the Village Hall will be available at certain times for anyone who fancies a few games of table tennis for free. Adults and accompanied children are all welcome. If you're interested please email ba_moore@btinternet.com for more information.

If there is sufficient ongoing interest then the hall can be hired at the rates indicated on our website www.lowerhardresvillagehall.org

Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

As a follow-up to our July talk on the **Ramsgate Tunnels**, we are fortunate to have organised a **guided tour** of this most extensive underground public shelter system on **Wednesday 16 August** at 2.00 pm. As with the talk, members may invite partners and friends to join them. The tour will last about one and a half hours and will cost between £4 to £6 depending on numbers. Those going should wear sensible shoes and have warm clothing as it could be cool down in the tunnels. For final details, and if you would like to go, please contact our Secretary, Carina Whiting, on 830737. Then, moving into September, **Josie Chisholm** is the guest speaker at our meeting on **Tuesday 19 September** (7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall) and she will be doing a **"Felt Workshop"** with us. Members should come along with a design in mind - a flower, a scene etc - and Josie will help us turn our ideas into felt pictures. Members should bring a towel and apron as well as £2 to cover the cost of materials. There will be Phoenix Cards for sale at the meeting. It goes without saying that we are always delighted to welcome guests and visitors to our meetings.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

After a short summer break, our programme of talks recommence on **Tuesday 12 September**, 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, with the return of the ever popular and entertaining **Martin Newcombe**, professional ecologist and nature lover, who will be sharing his knowledge of **"Wildlife in the Garden"** with us. All are welcome and there will be a small charge to include refreshments.

National Vegetable Society - Kent Association

The Society has invited **Kelvin Mason** FNVS, prolific writer and editor of the Society's magazine, to give a talk on **"Soil Maintenance"** on **Wednesday 9 August**, 7.30 for 8.00 pm start in Bridge Village Hall.

Then, over the weekend of 9 and 10 September, the Society is holding its Annual Show, this year in Wingham Village Hall.

This will be closely followed by an evening talk, back in Bridge Village Hall at the usual time, on **Wednesday 13 September**. **Malcolm Withnall**, college lecturer and fruit advisor, is the guest speaker and he will be giving a talk with practical advice on the **"Pruning of Garden Fruit and Shrubs"**.

There is a sales table and raffle at all meetings and non-members will be made most welcome.

Thirsty Birds.

The Nailbourne has long ago dried up and we have had very little rain.

My 2 bird baths are often thronged with Blue tits, Thrushes and Blackbirds.

Do get one to provide a constant supply of water for our feathered friends, in which they can bathe as well as drink.

Ann Shirley.

Bridge & District History Society

The first meeting of the new season will be on Thursday September 21st at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. Sheila Sweetinburgh of Canterbury Christ Church University will talk about Kent's Cinque Ports in the Middle Ages and of their unique status under the law. This talk will be preceded by a short Annual General Meeting.

Members £4.00, non-members £5.00.

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Dog-Friendly Hedgehogs

Concerned about the decline in hedgehog numbers, I investigated what could be done to encourage these spiny inquisitive little creatures into my garden.

My action plan was to:

- Put a CD case-sized hedgehog door in my back gate
- Leave pockets of my garden to grow a little wild
- Add log piles to encourage invertebrates (hedgehog food)
- Provide a clean water source and make safe my pond
- Provide a hedgehog home made from large pots placed on their sides under dense shrubbery
- Avoid using slug pellets and chemicals in the garden.

To my delight I soon had my first prickly visitor to my back garden. He feasted on meal worms that the starlings had knocked off the bird table and then went to explore the garden.

My first hedgehog rescue was a hoglet approximately eight weeks old, found in broad daylight after it rolled down a steep bank. It was curled up on the side of the road. I gave him a health check and cat food and meal worms. His weight was satisfactory and he will be released safely near where he was found.

Dog or cat food with a meat but not fish base, and clean water (but not milk which is harmful for hedgehogs) provides a good meal for hedgehogs. You can encourage the hedgehog population in our villages by making your garden accessible and safe for these loveable creatures.

Contact me regarding general information. I can also offer advice and transport to wildlife vets and to rescue centres if you find a hedgehog in need.

Email: katyfuller@hotmail.co.uk

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ate's Puddings illa Panna Cotta

Panna Cotta is a very under-rated Italian pudding – it means “cooked cream” and is just that. The gentle panna cotta is offset by a fruit compote or sauce, and is a delicious yet light pudding. I've used gelatine leaves in the recipe, as they give a quicker set and better texture than powder, plus fresh Kent cherries. Not being great at turning things out of moulds, I did mine in little glass ramekin dishes instead.

Panna Cotta:

- 4 leaves of gelatine
- 12 floz/350ml double cream
- 12 floz/350ml milk (full fat or semi-skimmed)
- 1 ½ oz/35g caster sugar
- 1 pod of vanilla

Cherry Compote:

- ½ lb/220g fresh cherries (preferably) with some extra to decorate
- small amount of sugar and water
- generous dash of some kind of fruit liqueur

6-8 ramekin dishes, depending on size

First, soak the gelatine in cold water until it goes soft. In a large pan, mix together the cream, milk and sugar. Break open the vanilla pod and scrape out all the little seeds with the point of a knife. Add the seeds to the mixture, plus the pod. Bring the temperature up to a gentle simmer, stirring to stop the milk sticking to the bottom of the pan. Remove the pod.

Squeeze out the gelatine leaves and add them to the pan, then take the pan off the heat and stir until the gelatine has dissolved, as you don't want stringy bits. Pour into a jug, and then into the ramekins. Leave a little room at the top for the cherries. Chill until set – approx 2 hours.

Stone the cherries and put them into a pan with a little water, sugar to taste, and Framboise or cherry liqueur. Simmer until the cherries release their delicious dark juice. Allow the cherries to cool before serving.

Serve with the cherry compote and the cracked black pepper tuiles. If you make double the amount of cherries, you can put them into the Black Forest Trifle later!

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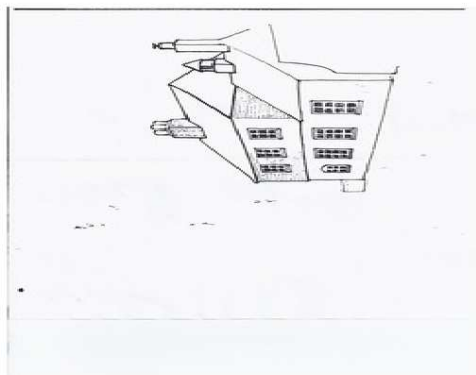
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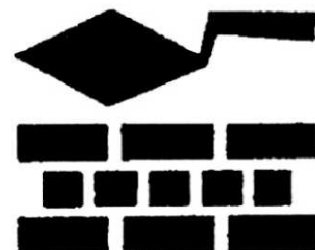


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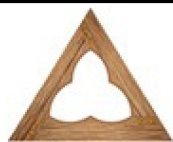


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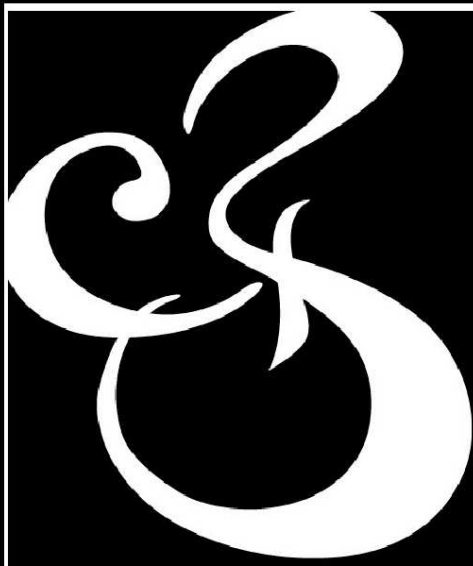
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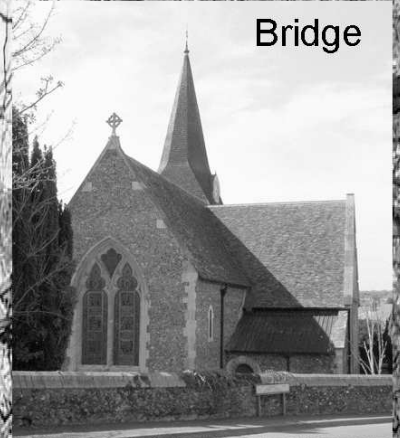
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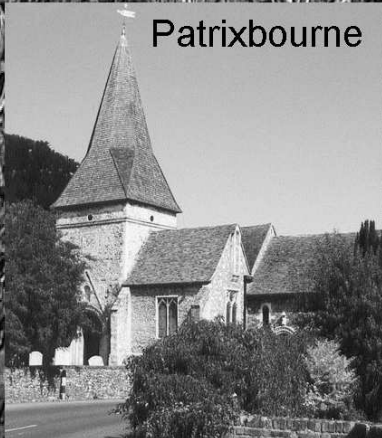
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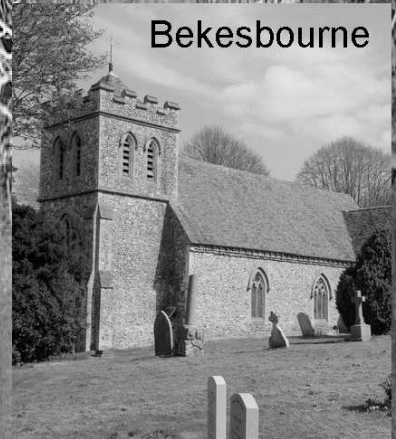
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1 Oct 2017 2 Cor. 9.6-end Luke 12.16-30	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	11.00am Harvest Family Communion GB	6.00pm Evensong MC	9.30am Harvest Sung Eucharist RH	10.00am Harvest Songs of Praise Lay led
8 Oct 2017 Phil. 3.4b-14 Matt. 21.33-end	<i>All welcome at Bridge</i>	<i>All welcome at Bridge</i>	9.30am Family Communion Archdeacon Jo Kelly-Moore Followed by Benefice Harvest Lunch at Lower Hardres Village Hall	<i>All welcome at Bridge</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion TCW
15 Oct 2017 Phil. 4.1-9 Matt. 22.1-14	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	9.30am Family Service MC	11.00am Choral Eucharist DL	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	9.30am Sung Eucharist GB
22 Oct 2017 1 Thess. 1.1-10 Matt. 22.15-22	9.30am Sung Eucharist RO	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion TCW 11.00am Community Worship BL	9.30am Matins MC	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>
29 Oct 2017 Col. 3.12-17 Matt. 24.30-35	Benefice Service DL	<i>All welcome at Nackington</i>			
5 Nov 2017 1 Thess. 2.9-13 Matt. 24. 1-14	8.00am BCP Holy Communion CP	11.00am Family Communion DL	6.00pm All Souls Evensong MC	9.30am Sung Eucharist RO	10.00am Songs of Praise Lay led

There is Holy Communion every Tuesday at 9.30am to 10.00am at Bridge Church, followed by coffee. All welcome.



to you all. Time has flown since our arrival here in January
ny 9th month of ministry here in Canterbury. I, and my family,
very warm welcome that we have received. Our body clocks
ating cherries in July (Christmas summer fruit in the Southern
aves falling from the trees in September! It has been a joy
th your Wardens and PCCs towards future ministry here in
I write final touches are being made to the profile and the

vacancy for a full-time priest in charge will be advertised in the coming weeks. I invite you to pray with me now for God to guide a great priest to partner with you in ministry. That partnership is a key part of this appointment. Your profile indicates a commitment from you to be in partnership not only with them but also with one another and to keep considering, courageously, what that might mean structurally within the Benefice and the Deanery, in order that together you can proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in a real, relevant and sustainable way in your communities.

As a Diocese also, we are committed to partnership in mission. Under the banner of our Diocesan vision statement ***to be growing the Church numerically and spiritually, to reimagine ministry and to build partnerships that enrich ministry***, after many months of prayerful work and discernment our Synod recently approved new mission priorities. Under the banner of '**Changed lives, changing lives**' we committed ourselves to working more closely in mission with those in our communities that we are largely not reaching, in particular teenagers and the most marginalised in our communities. We also renewed our commitment to ensure that, as a Diocese, we offer the best training and resources we can to equip us a people in mission. All this we agreed must be begun and constantly enlivened in a life of prayer together. Work is continuing at pace on developing these mission priorities and we are all invited to consider how we respond locally.

With this call to missional prayer in mind, back in March Bishop Trevor issued an invitation to us to be part of a Diocesan day of prayer and fasting, on Saturday 18 November. There will be a Diocesan Day of Prayer at St Mary of Charity, Faversham, to which are invited. Very soon details of that day will be available. In addition, resources will be sent out to support local prayers gatherings for those who cannot make it to St Mary's. The whole Diocese is invited, by our Bishop, to pray for our renewal as a people in mission.

Let us pray together then, with hope and faith, for the way ahead together in mission. In the Bridge Benefice an important next step is the appointment of a Priest to join you. Let us pray together also for our Diocese, that through us the good news of Jesus Christ will continue to be made known in East Kent. I hope to see you at St Mary's!

Peace and Blessings
The Venerable Jo Kelly-Moore
Archdeacon of Canterbury

Dates for the diary – October 2017

Tuesday 3rd

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

3:00pm – Holy Communion, Bridge Haven

7:30pm - After 8's, Mansfield Court

Monday 9th – 7:30pm - Caring and Sharing

Tuesday 10th

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

2:30pm – Holy Communion, Mansfield Court

Wednesday 11th

10:00am - FISH pop-in coffee, Bridge Village Hall

2:00pm - Social Afternoon, Lower Hardres

Tuesday 17th

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

3:00pm – Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge

7:30pm - After 8's, Mansfield Court

Wednesday 18th – 3:00pm - Hymns at Bridge Haven

Monday 23rd – 7:30pm - Caring and Sharing

Tuesday 24th – 9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

Tuesday 31st – 9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

Bridge Church Repairs

Finally work starts at St Peter's Bridge to repair the external stone work and internal damp problems on 9th October, this may take until April 2018 to complete. The Church will remain open when possible throughout the day, initially when work commences on the west wall the footpath by the main door will be closed to pedestrians. There is an alternative route around the back of the Church which will be signposted.

Thanks to all who have supported, and continue to do so, all our fundraising events which has enabled us to do this work. It really is much appreciated.

Evelyn and Laurence, Churchwardens

REMINDER OF HARVEST

Harvest Service at Lower Hardres. Our Harvest Thanksgiving will be at 11.00am at St Mary's Lower Hardres. Please bring gifts for Age Concern. Tins and packets are most welcome. There will be a competition for Children, young people and Adults.

Paintings, Photography, Drawings and Potato animals etc., all connected to Harvest please. They can be brought to Church on the Saturday morning to be judged, where Children can help to decorate the Church if they wish. Classes age 8 years and under, age 9 and on and on and on! We have always had amazing entrants. All entrants welcome.

HARVEST LUNCH on October 8th at noon, we are holding our annual Harvest Lunch in John Baker-White Hall. Children are free, Adults £5.00, Senior Citizens £3.50. Do come. Children will have some activities. The lunch will follow a Eucharist Service, to be held at Bridge at 9.30am, when Archdeacon Jo will preside and preach. It will be a wonderful occasion. Tickets available from Margaret and Carol.

Don't forget September Services - 3rd September, Family communion, 11.00am, 10th September, Evensong 6pm, 17th September, Family Service 9.30am.

Margaret

The Quiet View

Here is some information about 2 special events this month!

Silent Retreat with the Janki Foundation - Thursday 12th October 11am - 4pm.

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Finding Keys to Body Wisdom with Revd Magdalene Mei Halkes on Thursday 19th October 7pm - 9pm. This is the first of a series of workshops in which Magdalene Mei will introduce her Pause, Touch and Feel technique, to help find harmony in every aspects of our being - physical, emotional and spiritual. Magdalene, who is an Inter-Faith Minister, has let her workshops in the UK, Hong Kong and Mexico and from personal experience I know she has exceptional wisdom to share. Suggested donation £10 includes Madeleine's homemade cakes. Please book with Lizzie.

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Thanks also to all those who supported, in any way, the other Churches in our Benefice.

Bridge and District History Society.

The October meeting will be on Thursday 19th in St. Peter's church, Bridge at 7.30pm. The History and fabric of the church will be the topic of the evening, with Alan Barber and others.

Cost for the evening will be £5.00, including refreshments.

Members and non-members all welcome.

Bridge Recreation Ground

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped on the recreation ground over the summer. There will be a working party on Saturday 4th November starting at 9 30 am.

This will be to clear the leaves from the school path and under the trees by the tennis courts. Children are welcome as long as they are accompanied by a responsible adult. Free refreshments are available in the pavilion as usual. I look forward to welcoming you. Sue Hodges

Thanks

Mrs Dorothy King, long time resident of Bridge, wishes to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, and all good wishes on the occasion of her 97th birthday on 10th September.

A message from your PCCs

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As you know scaffolding has graced the west end of St Peter's, Bridge for the past three years. It is there to support sections of the flint wall and stone work to prevent them falling down. The hard work of many who worship at Bridge and the Friends of St Peter's, putting on many fund raising events, together with the generosity of the whole community in Bridge and beyond, means that, later this month, the much needed repairs will be starting. Thank you so much.....

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.....but this is not the end of the story either. The church is more than a building. It is the location you may choose to be married in or a place to say goodbye to those you love, the place where the village comes together on occasions such as Christmas..... it is the clergy who are available to us all in times of crisis it is the people who meet together in St Mary's and both St Peter's and who, in a variety of ways, try to show God's love to others and to share the good news that God loves you so much that He sent His son Jesus.....

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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Thanet resident **Don Wilks** returns to Bridge to entertain us with an illustrated talk on the **Plants and Animals of East and West Africa** at our meeting on **Tuesday 10 October**, 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. Don's photography is superb and the shots he gets are absolutely amazing. Do come along and escape to the sunshine and wildlife of Africa with him. All are welcome and there will be a small charge to include refreshments.

We now have the bulbs for the Chairman's Challenge in the Spring Show. If you have not already received yours, please contact the Show Secretary, Kathy Walder on Tel: 830057/email:kath@askwalder.com. This year the Chairman has chosen Narcissus variety Binkie which flowers March-April, is dark lemon, lightening in colour as it matures, approx 45 cm in height and classified as a large cup (Division II). Members should grow these in a pot maximum diameter 5 inches and bring them along to the Show in the Spring.

Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

At the meeting to be held on **Tuesday 17 October**, 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, members will have the chance to take part in **Armchair Yoga** with **Wendy Brazier**. The competition this month is an interesting turquoise coloured item. And do remember that we are always delighted to welcome guests and visitors to our meetings.

National Vegetable Society - Kent Association

The guest speaker for the final talk of this 2017 programme is **Martin Flint** from "Chrysanthemums Direct" who will be telling us "**All About Chrysanthemums**" on **Wednesday 11 October**, 7.30 for 8.00 pm start in Bridge Village Hall. Martin is from the company "Chrysanthemums Direct" and is the man behind all these wonderful display stands of chrysanthms you see at shows.

There will also be a sales table and raffle at the meeting and non-members will be made most welcome.

Coffee Morning in aid of St Peter's Bridge and St Mary's Patricxbourne

To be held on Saturday 18th November 10—11.30am

Bridge Village Hall

Cakes, Gifts, Raffle, Trade Craft, Phoenix Cards

Refreshments

Royal British Legion - Bridge

New Poppy Appeal Organiser Needed for 2018

The 2017 Poppy Appeal Collection in Bridge, Patricxbourne and Bishopsbourne will be soon upon us. The collection dates this year are 28th October to 11th November.

Last year, thanks to our valiant volunteers, we raised an impressive £2814.98. We could still do with a few more volunteers for the Bishopsbourne and the Brewery Lane, Mill Lane, Riverside Close areas in Bridge. Thanks to those who have recently volunteered!

We are also seeking a new Poppy Appeal Organiser (PAO) to take over the position from next year. It would suit someone recently retired who has the interest and time to put in to it. It is not difficult. It comprises of getting the boxes ready, ensuring that one has sufficient volunteers to do the collecting, counting and recording the collected monies. One then pays the money into the Poppy Appeal account at the Bridge Post Office.

The PAO is a rewarding position. It is a popular charity and one gets to know Bridge and surrounding area very well.

For further information, please contact me (John Shirley) by email john.shirley@johnshirleyltd.co.uk or by phone 07808734842.

Royal British Legion - Littlebourne & District

With the summer drawing to a close we are thinking about the Poppy Appeal again and would be pleased if anyone can offer to help with our collection this year. We especially need people in Littlebourne and **Bekesbourne** - call 01227 472023 for more information.

We are delighted that two branch members Paul Howson and Kevin Costello (landlord of the Hay Wain, Bramling) have raised £500 for the Poppy Appeal with a sponsored run. Many thanks to both for a wonderful result.

Our next two branch meetings will be held at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne on Tuesdays 10 October and 14 November (AGM) both at 8pm.



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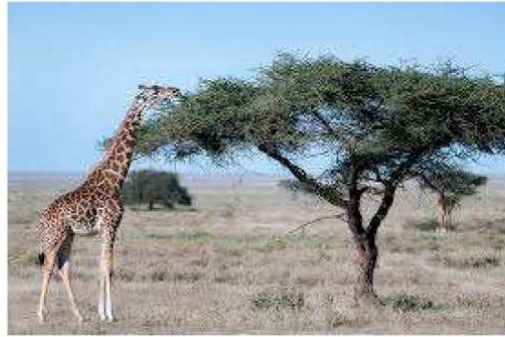


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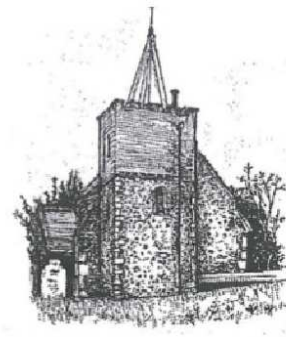
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Flower Festival

Thanks go to **all** who made the recent Flower Festival such an amazing event, especially Viv and her team of such talented flower arrangers.

We have received lovely comments from many visitors, including one from Jeanne Carlton,

“Yesterday friends from St Mary’s, Willesborough, brought me to your Flower Festival. I particularly wanted to come because my 2 grandsons, Richard and Edward Carlton were christened in your Church, soon after my son and family moved, 30 years ago, and I hadn’t been back.

Not only were the displays beautiful but we were particularly impressed by the atmosphere in St Peter’s—such a kind and friendly welcome and a real feeling of a Christian Community, not easy to maintain during an interregnum I know”.

We thought this was a fitting tribute to a lovely weekend and wanted to share it with you. Evelyn and Laurence, Churchwardens #

Two legal challenges underway that concern the future of Canterbury and surrounding villages.

Earlier this year, Emily Shirley, a resident of Bridge and Michael Rundell, a resident of Wincheap, issued judicial review proceedings against the Secretary of State for failing to call in the Canterbury Urban South Extension application (Corinthian) on air pollution grounds.

According to a public health expert, air pollution contributes to 100 premature deaths in Canterbury annually. It also disables many more, especially children, the elderly and the weak.

The Corinthian application proposes 4,000 new dwellings, a relocated and enlarged Park and Ride, new slip road, schools and other services on farmland between Canterbury and Bridge. This is the biggest planning application Canterbury has ever seen and will likely add considerably to traffic congestion and pollution in and around Canterbury. It could add up to 28,000 extra vehicular movements daily.

The second legal challenge was issued on August 21st against the adopted Canterbury Local Plan. The cumulative impacts from the Plan's proposed developments on Canterbury's Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) had not been considered as required legally. An AQMA has to be designated where air quality limits are not being met. Canterbury's large AQMA comprises of parts of St Dunstan's Street, London Road, Whitstable Road, Station Road West, North Lane, St Peter's Place, Rheims Way, Wincheap, Pin Hill, Upper Bridge Street, Lower Bridge Street, St. George's Place, Old Dover Road, Broad Street, Military Road, Tourtel Road and Sturry Road.

The aim of the challenges is to ensure that Canterbury achieves compliance with air quality limits as soon as possible which will require a more sustainable approach to transport and planning for Canterbury and surrounding villages.

Around £9,500 has already been raised to help pay for the challenges. A further £15,000 is required to cover all legal costs. If you would like to contribute to the fund please visit <http://www.crowdjustice.com/case/canterburyairpollution/> or send a cheque to The Kent Environment & Community Network, C/o Netherbury, Meadow Close, Bridge, Kent CT4 5AT.

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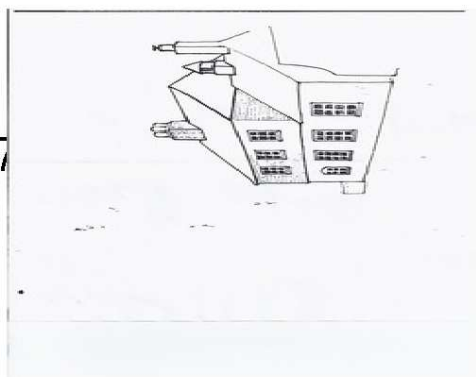


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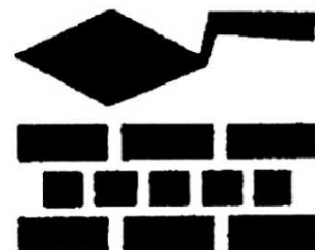
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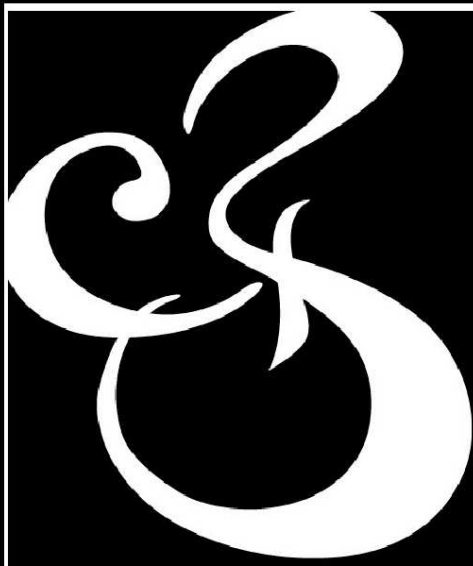
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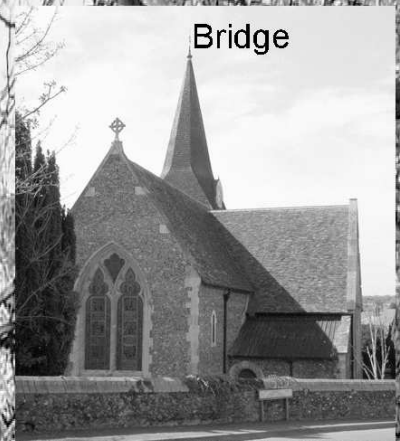
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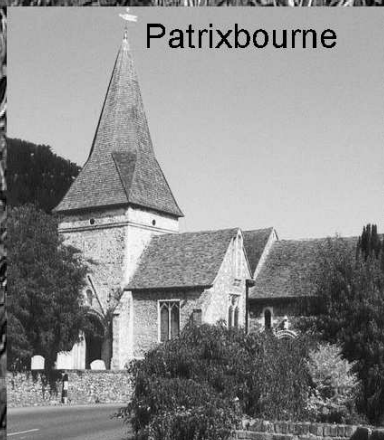
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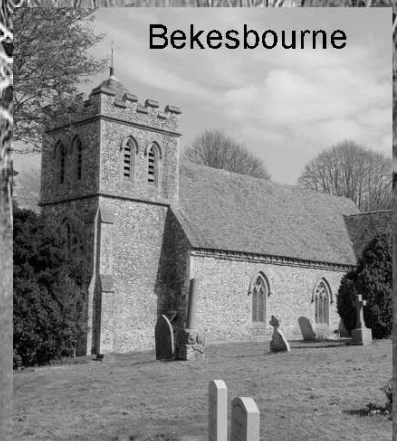
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5 Nov 2017 1 Thess. 2.9-13 Matt. 24. 1-14	8.00am BCP Holy Communion CP	11.00am Family Communion DL	6.00pm All Souls Evensong MC	9.30am Sung Eucharist RO	10.00am Songs of Praise Lay led
12 Nov 2017 Remembrance 1 Thess. 4.13-end Matt. 25.1-13	9.30am Sung Eucharist followed by 10.50am Act of Remembrance at War Memorial RH	6.00pm Evensong MC	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	10.50 Service of Remembrance GB	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>
19 Nov 2017 1 Thess. 5.1-11 Matt. 25.14-30	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	9.30am Family Service MC	11.00am Choral Eucharist CB	8.00am BCP Holy Communion TCW	9.30am Sung Eucharist RO
26 Nov 2017 Eph. 1.15-end Matt. 25.31-end	9.30am Sung Eucharist GB	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	11.00am Community Worship BL	9.30am Matins MC	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>
3 Dec 2017 1 Cor. 1.3-9 Mark 13. 24-end	9.30am Advent Carol Service Lay led	11.00am Family Communion RH	6.00pm Evensong MC	9.30am Sung Eucharist JB	10.00am Songs of Praise Lay led

There is Holy Communion **every Tuesday at 9.30am** to 10.00am at Bridge Church, followed by coffee. All welcome.



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Canon Gordon Manley (1933-2017)

Bishop Richard started by quoting a letter received from a former parishioner which summed up Gordon perfectly: a complete professional as a priest, someone with pastoral sensitivity, knowing what to do and when to do it, and also a stickler that everything should be done properly. But also, a man of humour with a sense of fun who, while he took his priesthood absolutely seriously, had the ability not to take himself too seriously. Another wrote of him, 'Gordon was, of course, a proper clergyman, and a distinctive leader who had the qualities to make a difference. He always spoke with authority and conviction'.

Gordon was ordained in 1959 as curate to the Parish of St Alban's, Westbury on Trym in the Bristol Diocese and from there went to be Chaplain at Christ's College, Cambridge, during which time he and Susan were married. He was then appointed Vicar of Radlett, where his curate was a young Richard Llewelin. The two families have been close friends ever since.

In 1975 Gordon became Vicar of St Mary of Charity, Faversham, where he and Susan brought up their three children. He and the family were much loved and respected in Faversham, both by church folk and the wider community. During that time he helped to raise over £300,000 for the church's restoration.

On his retirement in 1998 he was made an honorary Canon of Canterbury Cathedral and continued an active priestly ministry, not only in the cathedral but in a number of surrounding villages (*including our Benefice*). As he remarked to Bishop Richard, 'I don't feel Sunday is a Sunday if I haven't been leading worship in some church'.

Gordon and Susan have been devoted parents and grandparents and Bishop Richard spoke of family members, events and observances, including the traditional Sunday lunch with the family gathered, which has been an almost invariable part of their Sunday liturgy.

Gordon had chosen to have his funeral at St Paul's and had chosen the two readings, though no-one knew how soon that funeral would be. Bishop Richard concluded by saying, 'We have gathered, not only to remember a devoted husband, father and grandfather, a good friend and an assiduous priest, and to give thanks for his life and pray for his family, but first and foremost to commit Gordon into the hands of Almighty God'. May he rest in peace, and rise in glory.



Judy Woodley (1940-2017)

On 9th October, Dr John Simpson recollected knowing a woman whose faith underpinned her life. Her qualities of generosity, quiet strength, wisdom, knowing when to speak or not; in all she did, excellence was her goal; she conveyed much

as reflected in her exceptional ability as a player, and in 1974 she was invited to be Head of Girls' Games when King's School opened its 6th form to girls. Judy was an instigator of a range of sports and soon the teams began to win tennis, hockey, netball and squash trophies. As a part-time staff member, it was due to her determination that a firm foundation was established for when the School later became fully co-educational, but it was not until 1998 that she became a full-time member of staff and her additional responsibilities widened to include PE and being a Group Tutor.

Dr Simpson recalled Judy's remarkable energy, for as well as her commitments at School she brought up their family of two daughters, Lucy and Miranda (Minna), and was a mainstay as a Housemaster's wife, with all sorts of domestic and pastoral issues to deal with, including being a confidante and mother figure to the boys. She responded to requests to organise keep-fit classes, ballroom dancing lessons, teaching tennis, and supported Stephen in his work ungrudgingly.

It was not just to the School that Judy gave her time – she was active in the life of the Cathedral – Friday night dance lessons at the Deanery and Keep-fit classes on Monday mornings. For many years Judy was a Cathedral Welcomer; her daughters became regular servers and later were both married there. Stephen was to become a Steward and Judy, with her lovely voice, was a Lesson Reader and after her retirement also a Steward.

Dr Simpson had two abiding memories of Judy: at one Cathedral Carol Service in the 1990s her moving reading of the Annunciation story, 'as though we were hearing for the first time the mystery of the incarnation being disclosed'. Secondly, of being guests of the Woodley's at Wimbledon for many years. Yet this year there had been a difference – he believed Judy knew she had not long to live and was saying 'goodbye' to friends she had loved, in a setting which was – Judy.

'Our God is the God of the living, in whom both living and departed live. Amen'.

Dates for the diary – November 2017

Tuesday 7th

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

3:00pm – Holy Communion, Bridge Haven

7:30pm - After 8's, Mansfield Court

Wednesday 8th

10:00am - FISH pop-in coffee, Bridge Village Hall

2:00pm - Social Afternoon, Lower Hardres

Monday 13th – 7:30pm - Caring and Sharing

Tuesday 14th

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

2:30pm – Holy Communion, Mansfield Court

Wednesday 15th - 3:00pm - Hymns at Bridge Haven

Tuesday 21st

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

3:00pm – Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge

7:30pm - After 8's, Mansfield Court

Monday 27th - 7:30pm - Caring and Sharing

Tuesday 28th – 9:30am – Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

RENEWING OUR LIFE

A DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER

We are planning to join in the above event by holding an Hour of Prayer at

St Peter's Church, Bridge , on Friday 17th November 4-5pm

Margaret will be leading us in prayer where we will be seeking God's renewals for ourselves as individuals, our churches and our local communities.

Pease join us and enjoy a cup of tea amongst friends.

Coffee Morning

On Saturday 25th at 10 -12.00 at John Baker White Hall there will be a Coffee Morning with a difference. There will be Stalls. Obviously there will be the usual ones eg. cakes, jams, chutney, Christmas ideas, tombola etc. plus lots more. A raffle too. Do come. There will be something for children.

Christmas Workshop

This will take place at J B W Hall on Saturday 2nd December at 9-30 till 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.

Ride and \stride.

In September was the Annual Ride and Stride for Kent Churches and about £200 was raised. We will receive a half back. Marcus Burton cycled for us. Many thanks Marcus!

Harvest Lunch

Sincere thanks to all who came and who helped in any way.

Bekesbourne Songs of Praise

Did you know that although celebrations and thanks for the harvest have been celebrated since pagan times, it was not until 1843 that a service of thanksgiving for the safe gathering in of our crops was held in a British church? A congregation of all ages came to Bekesbourne Church in October to hear Stuart Field tell us how the Old English word meaning 'Autumn' came to have its meaning today.

We sang familiar harvest hymns (and a Harvest Samba!) and the children identified Jonathan Cowan's bunches of different grains which grow in the district -- as well as finding out how they reappear in our kitchens.

Gifts were offered and blessed for the Canterbury Women's Refuge and after the service we all enjoyed coffee and lots of chat.

Do come and join us at 10.00 am on Sunday 1 November, when the theme will be Remembrance. Jane Millyard

You are warmly invited to
Come and Sing Carols
at St Peter's, Bridge - 6pm
on Sunday, December 17th

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 *A Shoot, a Shoot on Jesse's Tree* (English trad., arr. Hitchcock), *There is no Rose of Such Vertu* (Miles), *Rocking* (Czech trad., arr. Willcocks), *Glory to God in the Highest* (Silcher/J S Bach), *This Endris Night* (English trad., arr. Vaughan Williams/Shaw) and *New Prince, New Pomp* (Fletcher).

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 14th	7–8.30 p.m.
Friday, December 15th	6–7.30 p.m.
Sunday, December 17th	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

Fish Scheme(Neighbourly help) News Tel no: 07935 966 080

The November Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday November 8th from 10 to 11.15 in Bridge Village Hall. Everyone is very welcome.

Christmas Puddings

L'Arche Christmas Puddings are now on sale to raise funds for the deeply worthwhile communities for the disabled. The larger ones serve 6 and cost £10 and the small ones serve 3 to 4 and are £6.

Please telephone Anne Rooke on 830298 to order or, we hope, they will be kindly available from Essentially Hops in Bekesbourne. Thank you – as always.

RIDE AND STRIDE PATRIXBOURNE

A big thank you to everyone who sponsored me on my trot round the fifteen churches of central Canterbury in two hours and helped raise £205 for Friends of Kent Churches and St Mary's Patrixbourne. Thank you too to those who sat and welcomed people to the church.

Pauline Pritchard

Bridge & District History Society

The next meeting will be on Thursday 16th November at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. Paul Bennett, Director of Canterbury Archaeological Trust will give a talk on the effects of the Baedeker air raids on Canterbury in 1942.

Members £4.00, non-members £5.00.

Further details from David Gilmour, Tel: 832450.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Here's a suggestion for an Advent calendar that your family can enjoy and which will also benefit those families that need to use the Foodbank.

Instead of something that dispenses chocolate or cheese or whatever, how about getting a box which you can put one item into each day through Advent and then donating that box to the Foodbank?

Just a thought....

Royal British Legion - Littlebourne & District

We are still seeking help with our Poppy Appeal Collection. We have already offers to our previous requests but we need more help in Littlebourne and Bekesbourne - call 01227 472023.

Kevin Costello (landlord of the Hay Wain, Bramling) organised a guest appearance from Elvis Presley performing his greatest hits in the pub garden in September. Many thanks to Kevin and his backing group and singers. It was a wonderful afternoon's entertainment, raising £264 for the Poppy Appeal!

Once again can we encourage people to join the branch (ex-service or non ex-service). Phone the above number for more info.

Our next two branch meetings will be at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne on Tuesdays 14 November (AGM) and 12 December both at 8pm.

St Peter's Church Bridge

Saturday 4th November
10.30 to 11.30 am

John and Billie Anderson Remembered

An occasion to come together to
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John and Billie Anderson Remembered On Saturday 4th November at 10.30am at St Peter's Bridge the friends of John and Billie Anderson are coming together to remember John and Billie in words and music. If you have any reminiscences you would like to share about them and their life here in Bridge you are welcome to come and be a part of this occasion. Please contact Andrea Nicholson (dr.andreanicholson@gmail.com, C830947) to be included in the programme for the morning. All friends welcome.

St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

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Thank you

Susan Manley thanks you all very much for the cards and letters she has received at this time
They have been greatly appreciated.

Peggy Prior recently celebrated an important birthday and instead of presents her friends donated money. Peggy wished to donate this money to charity and kindly donated £167.00 to Bridge Church building funds.

A collection jar at the local Londis shop in Bridge raised £158.00 and this was kindly donated to Bridge Church by Ranjit.

Bridge and Patrixbourne C. E. Primary School

The staff and children of the school invite you to an
Evening of Carols and Readings with
the School Choir and The Salvation Army Band
on Thursday 7th December in the school hall at 7.30pm
No tickets, please donate on the door.

On 18th December at 1.30pm the school will be hosting their
Annual Afternoon of Entertainment for all local
Senior Citizens in the school hall.

The afternoon starts with each year group taking turns
singing and finishes off with refreshments served by Year 6 pupils.
If you would like to join in please let the school know in
advance by ringing 830276.

ST PETER'S BRIDGE—AUTUMN COFFEE MORNING PLEA

We continue to raise funds for the repairs and running costs of St Peter's, therefore we need to promote our Autumn Coffee Morning, to be held on
Saturday 18th November, 10am—11.30pm.

We need donations of the following: Cakes, Jams, Marmalades,
Puzzles and good quality Gifts (no bric a brac this time). Traidcraft will also have a stall selling their usual items including chocolates, biscuits and small gifts.

Ideal time to start Christmas Shopping!

We will also have a Hamper Raffle and hope Gally's Farm Shop will be with us.
Ring Evelyn on 830960 or Andrea on 830947 for collection of donations



St Peter's Church

Bekesbourne



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Bekesbourne Village Hall
 10.00 am Saturday
 2nd December, 2017



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