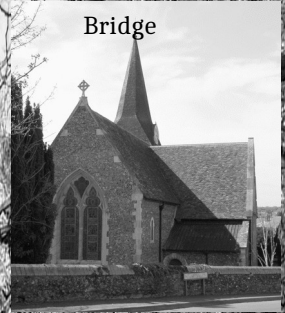


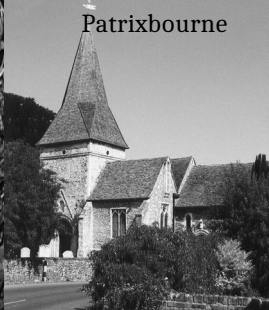
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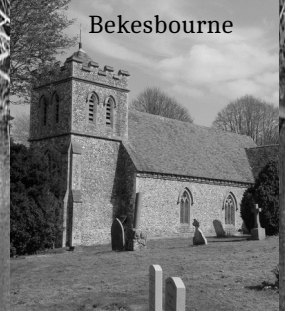
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|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| 6 August 2 Peter 1.16-19 Luke 9 28-36 | 8.00am BCP Holy Communion CP | 11.00am Family Communion RO | 6.00pm Evensong MC | 9.30am Sung Eucharist CP | <i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i> |
| 13 August Romans 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> |

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

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 Patribourne 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 PATRIBOURNE | 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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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August 2017

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| Tues 1st Bridge. | 9.30am | Holy Communion, St. Peter's |
| | | 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

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| Tues 5th Bridge. | 9.30am | Holy Communion, St. Peter's |
| | | 3.00pm Holy |
| Communion, Bridge Haven. | | |
| | | 7.30pm |
| After 8,s Mansfield Court. | | |
| 8th—10th Sun 10th | 10-4pm 4.30pm | Flower Festival, St. Peter's Bridge. Songs of Praise |
| Mon 11th | 7.30pm | Caring & Sharing. |
| Tues 12th | 9.30am | Holy Communion, St. Peter's Bridge. |
| | | 2.30pm Holy |
| Communion, Mansfield Court. | | |
| Wed 13th Hall. | 10.00am | FISH Pop-In, Bridge Village |
| | | 2.00pm |
| Social afternoon, Lower Hardres. | | |
| 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.

Pat Kusel benefice rep. on East Bridge Deanery Mission and Ministry group.

The Grenfell Tower Appeal

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Our Parishes here have a strong link with St Clement's in that the Assistant Vicar at St Clement's, the Reverend Mary Clarke is the daughter of our Lay Reader, Margaret Clarke. Wanting to help in the best practical way we could, we took a collection at our Services on the 18th June, and prayed for all those involved in this disaster. They continue to remain in our thoughts and prayers. The sum of £625 has now been sent to the PCC of St Clement's Church.

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LOWER HARDRES NEWS

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

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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

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

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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

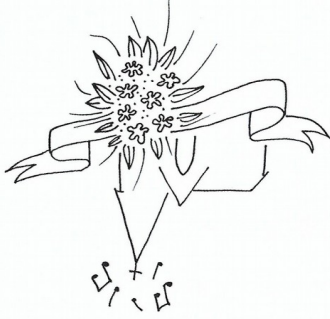
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There's good news and bad news; first the good:

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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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.

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



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Tuesday 12 September

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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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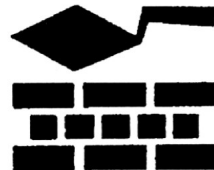


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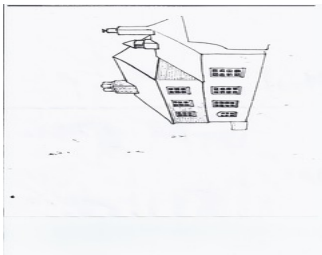
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