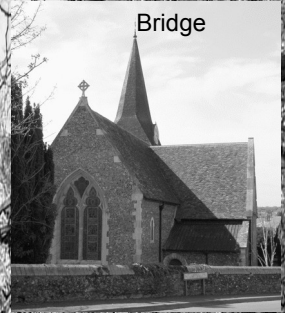


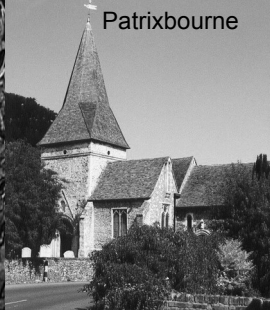
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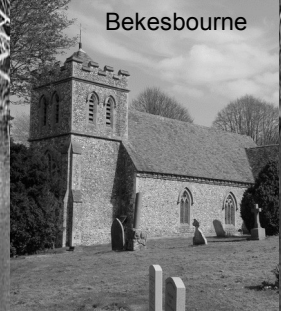
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<b>5 Nov 2017</b> 1 Thess. 2.9-13 Matt. 24. 1-14	8.00am BCP Holy Communion  CP	11.00am Family Communion  DL	6.00pm All Souls Evensong  MC	9.30am Sung Eucharist  RO	10.00am Songs of Praise  Lay led
<b>12 Nov 2017</b> <b>Remembrance</b>  1 Thess. 4.13-end 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>
<b>19 Nov 2017</b>  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
<b>26 Nov 2017</b>  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>
<b>3 Dec 2017</b>  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

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of remembrance, starting with All Saints, then All Souls which then and Remembrance Day itself on the 12th. In October we celebrated the lives of two friends who both died on 15 September, Gordon and Judy Woodley. Our pastoral letter this month features tributes paid by Bishop Richard Llewelin and Dean Emeritus Dr Richard at their respective memorial services in St Paul's Church, Canterbury and Canterbury Cathedral. Both services included the hymn 'Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, Endless is the victory Thou o'er death has won'.

### 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 so; in all she did, excellence was her goal; she conveyed much

was 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.

## Lower Hardres News

### 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*  
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*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](mailto: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**

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## **Christmas Puddings**

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## **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.



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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](mailto:dr.andreanicholson@gmail.com), C830947) to be included in the programme for the morning. All friends welcome.

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*Bridge Village Hall  
Saturday 18th November  
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Christmas Hamper raffle**

*Come and enjoy a Mince Pie with  
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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  
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The afternoon starts with each year group taking turns  
singing and finishes off with refreshments served by Year 6 pupils.  
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## ***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.  
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2nd December, 2017



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### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

There is no meeting arranged for November, but to round off our programme for this year, there will be a **Social Evening** on **Tuesday 5 December** in Bridge Village Hall, arrangements for which are still being finalised. So, make a note of the date and watch out for details in the next Parish Magazine, on posters displayed around the village and the local Press.

### **Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute**

Our **Annual Meeting** when reports, including a resume of the year's activities, are given and when officers and the committee are elected for the coming year will be held on **Tuesday 21 November** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. After the business part of the evening, we shall have a social time when members will have the chance to catch up and chat with friends. The competition for the month is for an interesting black coloured item.

### **Barham & District Horticultural Society**



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## Art in Bridge

### Report 17th Annual Open Exhibition October 2017

This was another successful exhibition with over 150 exhibits. Exhibits covering paintings, photographs, sculptures and craftwork from people of all ages living or working in a rural parish within a five mile radius of Bridge were shown. Bridge and Patribourne Church of England Primary School contributed two hanging banners. The exhibition favourite was *Owl and Pussycat* by Elizabeth Stewart. The results can be seen on the web site ([www.artinbridge.org.uk](http://www.artinbridge.org.uk)).

Refreshments were available and visitors were encouraged to sit and talk. There was a presentation by Sue Pratt, the Young Arts representative of The Arts Society Canterbury Evening, one of this year's sponsors, of gift tokens, generously donated by Cowling and Wilcox, Canterbury awarded in a non-competitive draw to two artists, one junior under eleven years of age and one senior up to the age of eighteen years. The junior prize was awarded to Phoebe Hodges who submitted three pieces of art work. The senior prize was awarded to Amelia Johnson who submitted two pieces of art work. Grateful thanks are also due to our other exhibition sponsors The Bourne Gallery, Picture Framing Service at Chalkpit Farm and Colebrook Sturrock & Co. As always the successful weekend was due to the many talented exhibitors and loyal helpers. Sue Hodges

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Editor's Note Will all contributors please note that the next edition will be the combined December 2017/January 2018 one. Please may I have all items for this by teatime on Wednesday 15th November. Preferably by email :- [laurence.dunderdale@gmail.com](mailto:laurence.dunderdale@gmail.com) Thanks in anticipation, Laurence Dunderdale.

## **Condensed Minutes: Bridge Parish Council Thursday 12 October 2017**

Comments on the village strategic plan (now on the website) will be sought from villagers on 7 November and by invitation on the website and in social media.

Cllr Cook pointed out that RISE grants are now available from not-for-profit and voluntary organisations with details on the Canterbury City Council website. The same website has been revised to enable villagers to log complaints with SERCO about waste bin emptying. The website has also been made more user-friendly for the reporting of fly-tipping.

### **Highland Court proposals**

Council voted on the current Highland Court proposal. 6 voted against the proposals with one abstention. The Clerk was asked to set up a meeting with relevant local parishes to see if there is to be common ground in dealing with this proposal.

Cllr Simon Cook, when asked as the local councillor for North Nailbourne (including Bridge village) rather than as leader of the City Council, to reveal his own thoughts about the proposals said he does not feel convinced that the reasons given for such extensive developments in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty are of “national significance” as they would need to be.

### **Kent News**

Villagers are encouraged to respond to the Kent County Council budget settlement themselves by accessing the [kent.gov.uk](http://kent.gov.uk) website.

It is clear that there need to be multiple reports for Kent Highways to intervene in road improvements/drainage issues. Villagers will henceforth be encouraged to report problems “en masse”.

### **Parish news**

Management of the sports pavilion has been taken in-house by the parish council. Contact the Clerk to know more about hiring opportunities.

Christmas trees will go up on December 2 and come down on January 6.

Work is likely to start in Green Court on 1 November 2017. Residents will be informed by letter when the exact start date is known.

There have been 3 recent **Speedwatch** sessions. 6 speeding vehicles were reported to police on 29 September and another 11 on 12 October. (2 cars had been travelling over 60 mph near Higham Lane of that occasion). Sessions will be conducted weekly and volunteers are sought from the village.

It was agreed to advertise the **new defibrillator** on social media and to encourage training for interested Villagers.

**Next meeting on Thursday, 9 November 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in Bridge Village Hall**



## Condensed Minutes: Bridge Parish Council Thursday 14 September 2017

It was agreed to publish all BPC policies on the website.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** The latest version of the plan (v.6 dated August 2017) is to be uploaded to the village website. Cllr Atkinson reported that at the NP meeting held on 17 August (minutes to be uploaded to the village website) members had been informed that Cantley Ltd were no longer interested in developing the site to the north of Conyngham Lane and that a meeting has been set for 5 October with Canterbury City Council.

Bridge Parish Council's draft strategic plan will be published on the website and comments invited from villagers. The Chair emphasised that the document must not be seen as being an exclusive or definitive list of activities for the Parish Council, and that it cannot be considered as binding on future councils. It was decided to put forward pavilion related projects (heating and insulation) to access **Parish Capital Grant** funds by the deadline of 2 October.

Councillors agreed to formally request of the relevant authorities **dropped kerbs on Riverside Close and the retention of a passing space by Roger's Garage** on the High St.



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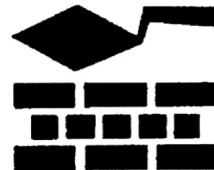


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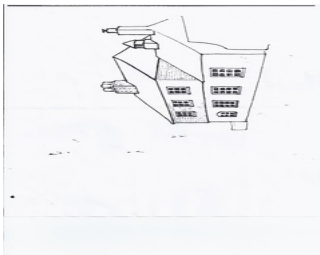
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