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<b>5 Feb 2017</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent Green 1 Corinthians 2: 1-end Matthew 5: 13-20	8.00am BCP Holy Communion Canon R. Humphriss	11.00am Family Communion and Holy Baptism Canon R. Humphriss and Mrs. M. Clarke	6.00pm Choral Evensong Canon G. Manley	9.30am Sung Eucharist The Rev D. Lugg	10.00am Songs of Praise Lay member of Bekesbourne
<b>12 Feb 2017</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Before Lent Green Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-end Matthew 5: 21-37	9.30am Sung Eucharist The Rev J. Tomlinson 3.30pm Evensong Mrs M. Clarke	3.30pm Evensong Mrs M. Clarke To be held at Nackington	9.30am Family Communion Rev R. Owen	<i>All welcome at the services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion Ven John Barton
<b>19 Feb 2017</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Before Lent Green Genesis 1: 1-2.3 Matthew 6: 25-end	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	9.30am Family Service Mrs M. Clarke	11.00am Choral Eucharist Canon R. Humphriss	8.00am BCP Holy Communion Canon G. Manley	9.30am Sung Eucharist Rev R. Owen
<b>26 Feb 2017</b> The Sunday Next Before Lent Green Exodus 24: 12-end Matthew 17: 1-9	9.30am Sung Eucharist Rev. R. Owen	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion Canon R. Humphriss 11.00am Community Worship Mrs B. Latham	9.30am Matins Mrs M. Clarke	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>

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ple of Israel were warned that the Messiah would come' "Unto us a boy is born, a son is given", but they thought he was solely for their nation. They also thought he would fight for them as their King. This was true, he was their King, but he was the King of Kings of the World, and his Kingdom was one of love, mercy and truth. As he said at his trial, "My Kingdom is not of this World". Jesus Christ, Son of God came for the whole world, but so many did not recognise him. He was, and is the True Light which enlightens everyone. The darkness in the world did not overcome it, and never will. As Isaiah said, "Arise, shine, for your Light has come, and the Glory of the Lord is risen upon you".

As Christmas, there were so many lights in homes, in the gardens and in the streets, with candles in the churches. It was very beautiful. I loved the glow, but many are now extinguished. Has routine and normality returned? ..... No! Far from it. I think this poem helps us to realise and understand why.

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky has gone,  
When the Kings and Princes have returned,  
When the Shepherds are back home with their flocks,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
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To rebuild nations,  
To bring peace among people,  
To make music in the heart.  
Howard Thurman

All too often, we say things will come right and work out, but as Christ's lights, we must do our part, however small.

Soon we will be celebrating Candlemas, on February 2nd, when we remember the Presentation of Christ in the temple. Then, the season of Lent begins, which starts on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, when there will be a service at St Peter's, Bridge at 7pm, with the imposition of Ashes. Lent is a solemn season, when we try to give up something, or do more to help others. You alone can decide – discipline is involved, and that's not easy!! Nether the less, have a Lent of Light, ending on Easter Day, with Light and Life, because Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Margaret.

## Dates For Your Diary

February 2017

07/02	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
		19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
08/02	10.00		FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall
		14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres
13/02	19.30		Caring and Sharing
14/02	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
15/02	15.00		Hymns at Bridge Haven
21/02	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
		19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
27/02	19.30		Caring and Sharing
28/02	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge

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Thank you,

The Churchwardens.



## St Peter's Church, Bridge

Firstly we wish to thank the team of Flower Arrangers, under the guidance of Viv Brazier, on the wonderful flower arrangements and decorations in St Peter's Church over Christmas. A lot of people came into Church over the Christmas period and commented on the lovely tree in the entrance and the floral displays. This is not only a thank you for making the Church look welcoming over Christmas, all through the year this silent band of women come in and arrange their floral displays, St Peter's would look very bare and unloved without their efforts. Thank you all.

Christmas was a busy time for us, with 330 attending the two Christingle services, we know these services are popular and thank all who support them each year. We collected £410.00 for the Children's Society, an amazing amount.

Midnight Mass is always a lovely service and 45 came this year.


Our Carol Service, organised by one of our organists Martin Miles, was a combination of readings and both new and traditional carols, after the service refreshments of wine and mince pies were enjoyed by all.

Fundraising – To date we have raised £60,000 towards the urgent work needed at St Peter's (in total we need £90,000). We have received some generous donations from parishioners and we have been fortunate to secure £32,000 in our grant applications, these do take time and effort to do and we are still pursuing other Trusts. In tandem with this we now have a very active Friends Group (FOSP) who raised £4,000 with various events including concerts, talks and plays over the past 18 months. The next event is on Saturday 19th February when local girl Bettina Walker will be singing with her group 'Prophecy' in Bridge Church at 3pm, more details elsewhere in this magazine. Please keep an eye out for our fundraising events, they are quite diverse and bring in a lot of parishioners who do not attend Church but love the music/atmosphere of events in the lovely building we have. We are conscious that not everyone reads On the Nail, we are therefore advertising our events on Face Book, in the village news column in the Kentish Gazette and of course with Posters around the village.

Our thanks go to Margaret and Reg Humphriss who are both working closely with us during our Interregnum, along with a number of retired Clergy. As yet we have no news on the likelihood of a new Vicar in the foreseeable future but we will keep you posted.

Thanks to everyone for their support during the Interregnum, we really do appreciate it.

Evelyn and Laurence  
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This is an amazing amount of money, which will go far in getting the work underway. There is still quite a way to go, (we need to raise £90,000 to carry out all the works needed), which leads me to our programme of events.

COFFEE, CAKE AND CONCERT was launched at St Peter's Bridge with a Carol Concert presented by the Friends group for the church and attracted an audience of 45 people. Feedback about this venture included – "it was a nice social occasion, we enjoyed singing and the idea is worth repeating". So a second helping was served on Saturday 21 January when our own Bettina Walker sang a selection of her favourite songs (some with audience participation) and raised £193.00. Her mini concert is a taster for the concert being given by "Prophecy" (in which she's a lead singer) on **Sunday 19 February at 3pm**. Definitely a date for your diary!

Tickets are on sale in the village from Mervyn Gulvin Architects, 90 High Street, Bridge, [Mervyn@mjgulvin.com](mailto:Mervyn@mjgulvin.com) or 01227 830881, Evelyn Andrews [evepurlins@btinternet.com](mailto:evepurlins@btinternet.com) or 01227 830960 and Charlie Bainbridge Estate Agents, Broad Street, Canterbury - [charlie@charlesbainbridge.com](mailto:charlie@charlesbainbridge.com) or 01227 780227

Tickets are priced at £5 in advance or £8 on the door.

We have many exciting events in store and look forward to telling you about these in future editions of On the Nail and look out for flyers through your door.

You are the most important people! Thank you for coming and supporting our events. We love to see you in St Peter's church, it is your space and we are loving the new ideas for events - keep them coming!

If we can host an event for you please feel welcome to get in touch with me [georgiebainbridge@gmail.com](mailto:georgiebainbridge@gmail.com) or 07875 409036.

Georgie Bainbridge

Chair, Friends of St Peter's Church



### St Peter's Bridge Services Survey

We recently distributed a questionnaire to our Parishioners and the general feedback was pleasing. We have taken on board a number of ideas, one of which was the timings of services. We have, therefore, decided to do a 6 month trial of changing the 11am Eucharist on the second Sunday of each month to a 9.30am start, this will start in February and the content of the service will remain the same.

Our fourth Sunday is the time we get together for Community Worship, this is led by Bev Latham (Authorised Lay Minister) helped by Margaret and Reg when needed. It would be lovely to see some children come along and if willing help in the service, do you have a group of friends who would like to sing or act, let us know on 01227 830668 or 830960.

Also if anyone requires help to attend any Church service or event please call us on one of the above numbers; we will arrange transport for you.

### Fish Scheme News

The Fish Scheme is hosting a showing of a film in the village hall on THURSDAY 9TH MARCH AT 2.30PM

The film showing is 'My Old Lady' starring Maggie Smith.

Refreshments will be served for which a small donation will be asked.

If transport to the village hall is required please phone the Fish Scheme on 07935 966080

All welcome.

### Fairtrade News

Fairtrade Fortnight this year runs from 27th February to 12th March. There will be a Fair Trade Fair in St Peter's Methodist Church Hall on Saturday 11th March between 10am and 3pm, which the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress will attend at 10.30am. Coffee, cakes and home-made lunches, as well as lots of lovely fairtrade foods and gifts on sale.

### Bridge & District History Society

The next meeting will be on Thursday 16th February in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm. Catherine Richardson will give a talk entitled "Medieval Domestic Life" based on sources such as wills and inventories.

Members £4.00, non-members £5.00, including refreshments.

Further details from David Gilmour Tel:832450.

### Essentially Hops

We are running an Easter workshop on Saturday 8th April 10-12midday.

## Poppy Appeal 2016

This year an impressive £2814.98 was raised. Thank you all!

We do need new door to door volunteers for next year's poppy appeal if we want to keep up our success rate. Many of our volunteers have recently had to retire after decades of loyal service. Now is the time for new people to step forward to take over. It only takes a few hours and it is a worthy, popular cause. Special thanks to Laurence Dunderdale for helping with the counting this autumn.

We need people to volunteer for the following areas;

Two people for Bridge High Street

Two people for Union Road

One person for The Old Close

One or two people for Mill Lane, Bourne View and the new development

One person for Conyngham Lane

and finally, one person for Bishopsbourne.

In addition, it would be helpful to have a new recruit to collect money outside Spar.

Please volunteer by emailing the local poppy appeal organiser, John Shirley on [john.shirley@johnshirleyltd.co.uk](mailto:john.shirley@johnshirleyltd.co.uk) or ring 07808734842.

## Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

Happy New Year to all our members! Unfortunately, we have had a lot of ill health amongst members just lately so our recent meeting was a small one. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Not a lot of activity yet but we have several events in the pipeline for 2017. More details later.

Anyone interested in possibly joining the branch can find details on our notice board outside the village hall or can ring 01227 472023 (secretary).

Our next two monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays 14th February and 14th March both at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

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## **CHRISTIAN AID LENT LUNCHESES**

Calling all Ladies who Lunch and Gentlemen who Munch!

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

When: the 6 Thursdays of Lent – March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and April 6th, between 12.0 and 1.30pm.

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

Everyone is welcome, not just church members.  
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### Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Following on from the Annual General Meeting of the Society, the first event in this year's programme is not until Tuesday 7 March when we are fortunate to have John Newell from Bekesbourne giving us a talk entitled "Improve Your Photography. This is just in time to inspire us to enter a new Open Class for a photograph (title "Spring is in the Air") in our Spring Show on 8 April. More details will follow. Please note that Schedules for both the Spring and Summer Shows are now available. Please contact the Show Secretary, Kathy Walder (tel: 830057, email: [kath@askwalder.com](mailto:kath@askwalder.com)) if you have not already received yours.

### Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

On **Tuesday 21 February** at the usual time of 7.30 pm in **Bridge Village Hall** the guest speaker is **Caroline Bunting** from the Associated Country Women of the World (**ACWW**), an organisation which connects and supports women and communities worldwide. Caroline will be giving a talk on "**WI Water Aid**". In keeping with the WI's campaign to raise awareness of climate change, the **competition** for February is for members to bring an interesting **GREEN** coloured item. And remember, we are always delighted to welcome visitors at our meetings.

### Thank You

May I thank all those kind friends who sent their good wishes for my hip replacement which has been a success. Thank you also kind friends who visited me in Saxon Lodge, you were all most welcome.

May I wish everybody all good wishes for the New Year.

Diana Whiting

### Dates for your Diary

18th March St Peter's Church, Bridge next Coffee, Cake and Concert.

24th June Mid summer Fete in aid of Patrixbourne and Bridge Churches, more information soon.



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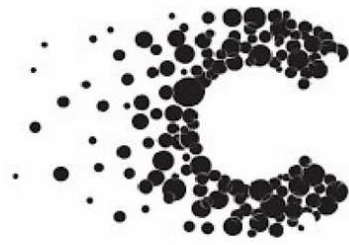
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Some families have several tickets in the name of parents, children and grandchildren. We welcome new membership from the younger generations and newcomers to the village. A full membership list for 2016 is available from [s.thomas@which.net](mailto:s.thomas@which.net). Entry is £24 for a year; or £2 a month by standing order.

Steve Thomas - December 2016



result is delicious! I'm writing this while it  
and warm baking bread – you can do it

### **Cinnamon Rolls**

1/3 pint/just over 6 fl oz/180ml milk  
2oz/55g butter  
14oz/400g strong plain flour (bread flour)  
1 sachet dried quick yeast (7g/1tsp)  
2oz/55g caster sugar  
½ tsp salt  
4 tbsps/60ml water at room temperature/slightly warmed  
1 egg, beaten  
7 ½ oz/220g muscovado sugar  
1 tablespoon cinnamon  
4oz/110g softened butter

to glaze: 2tbsp milk and water,                      3 tbsp caster sugar

In a small saucepan, warm the milk until it is just bubbling slightly, then add the butter. Stir and allow it to cool to lukewarm (if necessary, put it outside). Now take a large mixing bowl, put 8 ½ oz (250g) of the flour, adding the yeast, sugar and salt. Mix this together, then add the water, egg and milk mixture. Beat this well, then add the last of the flour, stirring it all together until you have a dough. Finally, turn it out onto a floured surface and knead it for about 5 minutes to make the dough elastic. Put your dough back into the bowl, cover with a cloth and leave it to rest for 10 minutes.

In a small bowl, mix the sugar, cinnamon and butter so you have a gritty paste.

Turn the dough out again, and alternately roll and pull it into a rectangle at least 12" x 9" (30 x 23cm). Cover it with the sugar/butter mixture, using a round bladed knife to get the paste evenly all over the surface (this is surprisingly time-consuming!).

From the long side, roll the dough away from you, tucking the first curl in very tightly. Pinch the edge to seal it (or use a bit of water to moisten the dough) and sit the roll on the edge. Now cut into a minimum of 12 pieces – I went for more so I had flatter rolls, approx. 16 or so. Turn the oven on to 190 deg C

To save on the washing up, I put the rolls on baking parchment, not so far apart that they were isolated, nor so close together they fused (about 6 to a baking tray, depending on your trays). Cover with greased cling film and leave to rise in a warm place (over the cooker) until they have doubled in size. In a small pan, mix the milk/water and sugar. Heat gently together and leave this to cool.

Bake for about 15-20 minutes until light golden brown and firm to the touch. When you take them out, glaze the buns with the milk and water mix. For best results, do this twice, then leave them to cool... if you can resist them for that long! Best eaten warm.



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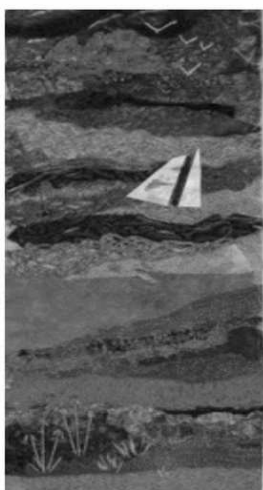
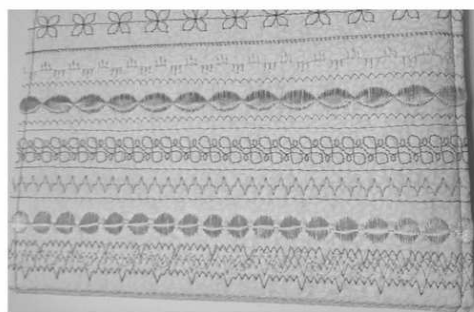
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## St Peter's Bridge Flower Arrangers

Thank you to my team of flower arrangers for doing such a wonderful job in decorating St Peter's Church for Christmas. Special congratulations to the pupils of Bridge School for their terrific efforts in making displays for the window cills.

Kath Pierce was always an enthusiastic member of the flower arranging team and her memory lives on with a generous donation from her family towards the flowers at Christmas and two significant dates to her, during the year. Thank you to Francis and family.

Flower Festival preparations are already under way for September 8th to 10th. The next meeting is 28th February 2pm at The Archways. Anyone interested in helping in any way please come or contact Viv on 01227 830981.

Thank you, Viv B





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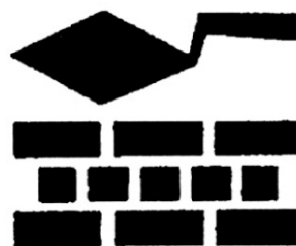
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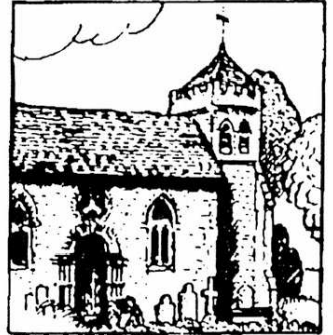
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<b>5 March 2017</b> <b>First Sunday of Lent</b>  <b>Genesis 2: 15-17. 3: 1-7</b>  <b>Matthew 4: 1-11</b>	<b>8.00am BCP Holy Communion</b> <b>Bishop Trevor</b>	<b>11.00am Family Communion</b> <b>Mrs M. Clarke</b>	<b>6.00pm Evensong</b>	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b> <b>The Rev. D. Lugg</b>	<b>10.00am Songs of Praise</b> <b>Lay member of Bekesbourne</b>
<b>12 March 2017</b> <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>  <b>Genesis 12: 1-4a</b>  <b>John 3: 1-17</b>	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>  <b>The Rev G. Barber</b>  <b>3.30pm Evensong</b> <b>Mrs M. Clarke</b>	<b>3.30pm Evensong at Nackington</b> <b>Mrs M. Clarke</b>	<b>9.30am Family Communion</b>	<i>All welcome at the services of the Benefice</i>	<b>8.00am BCP Holy Communion</b> <b>Rev C. Pinchbeck</b>
<b>19 March 2017</b> <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>  <b>Romans 5: 1-11</b>  <b>John 4: 5-42</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	<b>9.30am Family Service</b>  <b>Mrs M. Clarke</b>	<b>11.00am Choral Eucharist</b>  <b>Canon G. Manley</b>	<b>8.00am BCP Holy Communion</b>  <b>Rev R. Owen</b>	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>
<b>26 March 2017</b> <b>Mothering Sunday</b>  <b>Colossians 3: 12-17</b>  <b>John 19: 25b-27</b>	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b> <b>Rev R. Owen</b>	<b>9.30am Mothering Sunday Service</b>  <b>Mrs M. Clarke</b>	<b>8.00am BCP Holy Communion</b> <b>Rev C. Pinchbeck</b> <b>11.00am Community Worship</b> <b>Mrs B. Latham</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	<b>9.30am Mothering Sunday Service</b>

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



Lent March starts the Christian season of Lent from Ash Wednesday on the 1st until Easter Day this year on April 16th. Originally following the picture of the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness, it became the last period of preparation for Christian Baptism, Confirmation and first Holy Communion for adults that was only held at Easter. As time went on, early Christians found this a useful discipline, a time for spiritual spring cleaning of lives and deepening of faith.

Your local churches are here to welcome you and for you to use. Thank you to all who work hard to keep them open and so attractive.

Among our special activities this Lent look out for the Christian Aid lunches and maybe you would like to read a Christian book. In the last two or three years the outstanding series of Holy Week Cathedral Lectures by Rowan Williams have been published and are on sale in the Cathedral shop. Look out for the most recent one, an absolute gem, (a small book of a hundred pages, £8.99) GOD WITH US - The message of the cross and resurrection. Then and now. SPCK.

Look forward to the Bishop of Dover leading worship during Holy Week and Easter in our different churches.

Retiring again.

Since 2001 when my wife and I retired to Lower Hardres, I have enjoyed a continuing ministry and been pleased to help out in our local churches, the Cathedral and other churches including assisting with the Anglican Chaplaincy in the Pas de Calais where we had a holiday home until last October. This is in addition to being involved with an active spiritual accompaniment programme and other works.

Now that I am just over eighty my children have been prompting me to take life steadier and I have known the time was coming, so with regret, I informed the Churchwardens that I was again 'retiring' at the end of February.

I had been hoping to see in a lively and loving new Vicar settle in and then gracefully retire but that seems to be taking time.

Thank you for letting me help over the years. I have become very fond of you and admired the way you support the five churches in our Benefice and get the local community involved in that work. I also appreciate that it is not always easy to keep the day to day running expenses going. I believe that as many people as possible need to support our local churches, even if you go elsewhere or maybe at the moment nowhere. Do look after Margaret, our Reader, share out jobs and continue to welcome the retired clergy who come in and are pleased to help. It is good that we have such a full rota.

May God bless you all.

With every good wish and prayer,

Reg Humphriss

### Women's World day of prayer

We have been invited to All Saint's Church on March 3rd at 2 pm, for their service for Women's World Day of Prayer. Sadly, I have a funeral that morning so won't be there. I will say prayers for the Women of the Philippines at St Peter's Bridge at 10:30 so if anyone wishes to join me, please come.

many thanks

Margaret

### Dates For Your Diary

March 2017

07/03	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
		19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
08/03	10.00		FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall
		14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres
13/03	19.30		Caring and Sharing
14/03	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
15/03	15.00		Hymns at Bridge Haven
21/03	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
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27/03	19.30		Caring and Sharing
28/03	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge

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If you have a pastoral church matter (including funeral requests) please call Mrs Margaret Clarke, Benefice Reader, on 07541 229239 or 01227 765598 or email [mrsmaclarke@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mrsmaclarke@yahoo.co.uk)

If you have an administrative church matter (including wedding and baptism requests) please email Mrs Lindsay McNally, The Bridge Benefice Administrator, who works on Thursdays, at [bridgeoffice23@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeoffice23@gmail.com)

Thank you,

The Churchwardens.



### Easter at Lower Hardres

Mothering Sunday falls on March 26th. At 9-30 we will have a Family service when posies and cards will be given to everyone. Obviously, we will have our traditional Simnel cake. Lots of children participation. On the 19th we will have our usual Family service.

### Good Friday

This falls on April 14th and we are thrilled to welcome Bishop Trevor. He will lead a short service at the end of our CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP. This lasts from 9-30 till 12. Please ring Julie 788316 or Margaret 765598. If your child is under school age please stay with them. Donations for materials are welcome. We will have fun.

### Easter Day

This year this falls on April 16th and it will be a Benefice Service at Bridge Church at 9.30am when the Bishop will preside and preach. Refreshments will be serviced and there will be an EGG HUNT. Children we will decorate our lovely white cross to God's glory. I will let you know details.

### Fish News Tel no: 07935 966 080

Do come and enjoy the showing of My Old Lady starring Maggie Smith in the village hall on Thursday 9th March at 2.30. Everybody is most welcome.

The Coffee Pop-in will be the day before, Wednesday 8th, also in the village hall from 10 to 11.15.

### Royal British Legion

At our monthly branch meeting we remembered in our silence Bill Bagwell a member who had passed away recently.

We are looking forward to our Beef Pudding Supper booked for Tuesday 18th April at the Hay Wain.

We are also getting plans underway for our Tea Afternoon to be held at Littlebourne Village Hall on Saturday 3rd June. Due to popular request, we are hoping for contributions for a plant/produce stall at that event, or alternatively for someone who wishes to pay for a stand to sell plants/produce themselves. Please ring 01227 472023.

Our next two monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays 14th March and 11th April both at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

### Electoral Roll

It is now time for the annual revision of the Electoral Roll. If you are already on the Roll you need do nothing.

If you would like your name to be added please complete one of the forms which will be available in the churches at Bridge and Patrixbourne from Sunday 19th March. The completed forms should be handed to one of the churchwardens or left at 54 Bridge Down by Tuesday April 4th.

### St. Peter's Bridge Easter Lilies

Easter is fast approaching, anyone who would like to donate money in memory of a loved one, to buy a lily please contact a Churchwarden or Viv Brazier. The price is about £3 per lily.

Thank you  
Viv B

### THANK YOU !

Despite a rather soggy morning, there was a huge turn-out at the coffee and cake sale in the Bridge Village Hall on 4th Feb to mark World Cancer Day.

The sale and raffle raised a staggering £1200 for Cancer Research UK.

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Where: at 1 Riverside Mews, Bridge (off Riverside Close). Everyone is welcome, not just church members. If you haven't been before, it's very informal and we'd love to see you. All donations will go to Christian Aid. Please ring 831956 the day before to book. Alan & Jean Barber.

## The Quiet View

We're really delighted that Nicky Thompson has begun her Creative Writing for Wellbeing Workshops in the yurt and has secured funding for a series of workshops based on the Labyrinth that Lizzie will help to facilitate. Here are the details;

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Journeys - Saturday 22 April 2017 10.30am to 12.30pm

Explorations - Saturday 13 May 2017 10.30am to 12.30pm

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If you know anyone who suffers with dementia, Nicky will be doing a special workshop based on the Labyrinth on Monday 22nd May for them – please ask Nicky for details.

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WHERE WERE YOU LIVING IN 2012? Many of us living in Bekesbourne, Bridge, Patrixbourne, Lower Hardres and Nackington or nearby, and connected with their churches will recall that in 2012 we had both a vicar and a curate. As a reminder to us, and to inform those living elsewhere, our vicar was Rev Simon Rowlands and our curate was Rev Julia Baldwin. 2013 was a year of change. In January Simon moved to Faversham and in November Julia became Chaplain to the Bishop of Dover. Then, as now, we were in Interregnum. This January it was announced that Julia has been appointed Chaplain to Brasenose College, Oxford, starting in September. Alan Barber, one of our PCC secretaries, sent our congratulations and asked whether she might come and talk about her experiences in Canterbury and hopes for the future. Julia replied "I would be delighted to come to the Benefice and give a talk – it would be a lovely opportunity to see you all again." So Julia's free talk will take place in Bridge Church on Sunday 19 March at 3pm followed by tea and cakes. There will be a retiring collection for the Mission Aviation Fellowship.



### Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

On Tuesday 21 March at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, Mike Bundock makes a return to Bridge (he previously gave an interesting talk to the Horticultural Society on Floral Clocks) but this time his subject will be "The Rise of Kent Seaside Resorts". Please remember that we are always delighted to welcome non-members and visitors to our meetings.

### Nailbourne Horticultural Society

For our meeting on Tuesday 7 March at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, we have invited local photographer and member of Canterbury Photographic Society, John Newell, to give a talk on improving our photography. This is in nice time to inspire us to enter the newly photography class in the Spring Show.

That leads on nicely to give advance notice of our Show which will be held on Saturday 8 April in Bridge Village Hall and open to the public from 11.00 am until 1.30 pm. There are three classes which are open to all, not just members. Details of these are as follows:

*5 sticks of rhubarb (pulled and leaves trimmed)*

*6 chitted seed potatoes in an egg box*

*"Spring is in the Air" - a photo, unframed, not to exceed 8" x 6"*

*(NB photos not to be digitally enhanced and all entries to be produced within the last 12 months)*

If anyone requires a Show Schedule or would like more information, please contact the Show Secretary, Kathy Walder (tel: 830057, email [kath@askwalder.com](mailto:kath@askwalder.com))

### National Vegetable Society - Kent Association

The Society returns to Bridge Village Hall for its 2017 programme of evening talks, starting on Wednesday 8 March (7.30 for 8.00 pm) with the Annual General Meeting and a talk on "Select Seeds" by David Thornton, Secretary of the National Vegetable Society and a most knowledgeable speaker. Please note that there will be seeds available to buy at the meeting. Non-members are most welcome to come along to the meetings.

### Bridge Allotments

The waiting list for an allotment in Bridge is now open. If you are considering taking on a plot either now or in the future please contact Heather Howe on 01227 832380 or email [heather.howe1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:heather.howe1@hotmail.co.uk)

Many thanks,

Heather Howe

Secretary

Bridge Allotment Association

### SINGLES LUNCHESES

The 'Singles Lunches' at the Red Lion from the numbers attending are proving to be very popular. Anyone who is a 'Single' is invited to come along on the first Wednesday in the month from 12.30- 2pm. The cost is £10 for two course from the lunchtime 2 for £10 menu with tea/ coffee included, just give the Red Lion a ring (01227 832213) for logistical purposes to say you are coming.

### COMPUTER CLUB

Another group that is increasing in numbers is the 'Computer Club' held on the first Friday in the month at the same venue. Anyone needing help or advice with their equipment be it mobile phone, laptop or tablet/iPad is invited to come along. Wifi is available at the Red Lion. There is a small charge of £5 on the morning to include tea/Coffee, the remainder is given to the Church fund.

### COMMUNITY LUNCHESES

Community Lunches will be held at the Red Lion on the 4th Sunday in the month at 12.15pm. The lunches will follow the new 'Community Worship' services being held in St Peter's Church, Bridge at 11 am. All welcome to either or both. For further details of the service and/ or to book for the lunch to Peggy Pryer 01227 832058/ mobile 07860 591887 e mail: [peggypryer@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:peggypryer@yahoo.co.uk)

### BRIDGE VILLAGE MIDSUMMER FETE

The Fete will be held on Saturday 24th June 2017 in the garden and car park of The Red Lion, Bridge from 2 pm until 4.30pm. The Fete will be followed by a BBQ and live music from 6 pm. Non food stall holders welcome, please ring Bev Latham 01227 830365 or mail: [bevlatham@hotmail.com](mailto:bevlatham@hotmail.com)

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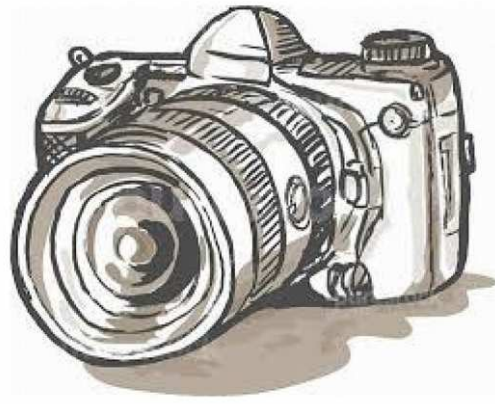
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## Some sources of News and Information for Bridge village

If you want to know what is going on in the village or just to catch up or for published information there are several sources:-

**'On the Nail'**, published monthly, with church and other news, events and information and advertisements for local services and businesses.

**The Kentish Gazette** has a local Community News section which our village correspondent, currently Kiran Dhaliwal, writes weekly.

**Bridge village web site** - [www.bridgevillage.org.uk](http://www.bridgevillage.org.uk) - has up-to-date news on up-coming events, Parish Council meetings and information, links to other local web sites e.g. Village Hall and lots more ...

**'Bridge Bulletin'**, is an occasional email service informing you on up coming events, news etc., so you don't have to monitor the village web site so often. Sign up via the village web site.

**'Bridge Village' Facebook Group**, shares pictures, views, events, information etc which relate directly to Bridge. It can be viewed directly or via the village web site, with or without signing into Facebook,

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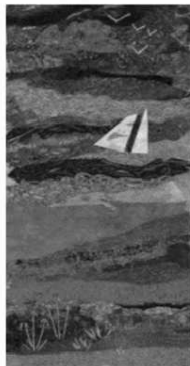
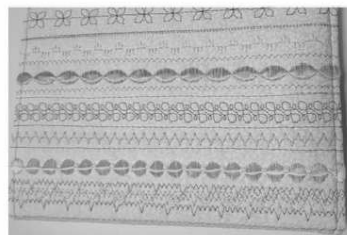
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1tsp runny honey (if wished)

squeeze of lemon juice

Put the oats into a cup and pour boiling water over. Leave them to soften while you grate the apple. Strain the oats and put the oats, apple, nuts and fruit into a bowl. Mix together, adding lemon juice (to keep the apple pale and add a bit of a tang) plus the yoghurt. Taste and add the honey if desired. Top with some more chopped nuts and fresh fruit.

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### Fun Quiz & Entertainment Evening - 24 March

Local thespians Keith and Jan Roberts have organised an evening of fun quizzes and entertainment in aid of the Friends of Womenswold church on Friday March 24th at 7.30 for 8.00p.m. at the Learning Opportunities Centre in Womenswold. The ticket price of £6.00, (£5 for Friends) includes nibbles and one drink. Further drinks will be available to purchase. There is no need to organise a table, just come along and enjoy yourselves!

This is a small venue, so advanced booking is advisable, although spare tickets will be available at the door.

Tickets can be booked with Maggie Mckenzie Tel.01227 831414

### Bridge Mobile Library

Revised times 23rd February, 9th March the mobile library will be visiting Green Court between the hours of 14.30 and 15.15hrs.

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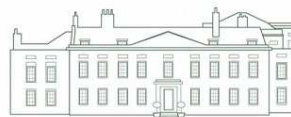
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It is true Good Friday had to happen. There can be no Easter Day without it, no Good Friday without Christmas, and no life without Jesus. By raising Jesus to life, God confirmed Good Friday. Good Friday was right. Jesus was right. The way of Love is right. The way of the Cross is vindicated. By the Resurrection, God says 'Yes' to Jesus to all he said and did, and to the promises he made.

Reverend Ken Taylor said this; 'Easter means He offers you a new beginning, a new world for you, and a new you for the world, new peace, new light and new perspectives. A new lease of life TODAY! The last word is not with death but with Jesus'. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia! A Happy, Joyous and Blessed Easter.

Margaret.

### **Lower Hardres Evensong**

A reminder that Evensong has now moved back to Lower Hardres and is held on the second Sunday of each month at 6p.m.

### **Golden Wedding.**

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## Dates For Your Diary

### April 2017

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at Bridge Haven		19.30	After 8's at
Mansfield Court			
10/04	19.30		Caring and Sharing
11/04	09.30		Holy Communion at St
Peter's, Bridge		14.30	Holy Communion
at Mansfield Court			
12/04	10.00		FISH pop in at Bridge
Village Hall		14.00	Social afternoon at
John Baker White Hall,			Lower
Hardres			
13/04	19.00		Maundy Thursday
Eucharist with Bishop Trevor			
14/04	09.30-12 noon		Benefice Easter Workshop at Lower
Hardres Village			
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14/04	14.00-15.00		Good Friday Meditation with
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18/04	09.30		Holy Communion at St
Peter's, Bridge		15.00	Holy Communion
at Saxon Lodge		19.30	After 8's at
Mansfield Court			
19/04	15.00		Hymns at Bridge Haven
24/04	19.30		Caring and Sharing
25/04	09.30		Holy Communion at St
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## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)**

The APCM must be held by the end of April and jointly set out below are the details for (1) Bekesbourne (St Peter) and (2) Patrixbourne (St Mary) with Bridge (St Peter).

**Bekesbourne** is holding its APCM in Bekesbourne church on Thursday April 27th at 7:30 pm. Parishioners are asked to **note this change of venue** from the Village Hall.

**Patrixbourne with Bridge** is holding its APCM in Bridge Church on Wednesday April 19th at 7:30pm

Both meetings begin with the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (aka Vestry Meeting) when the Churchwardens are elected. Everyone from the appropriate parish is welcome to attend and may vote at this meeting.

The Parishioners Meeting is immediately followed by the Annual Church Meeting at which the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and the Sides-persons are elected for the following year. 2017 is the year for electing the Deanery Synod Representatives they serve for 3 years. This meeting provides an opportunity to hear what has happened in the parish during 2016/17 and to thank all those who work so hard to care for our churches and their churchyards. Also to note the Financial Statements which are key factors in keeping Bekesbourne flourishing, and it is a vital objective for Patrixbourne with Bridge. The past year has been a time of significant change; as we have been in Interregnum since 1st September brought about by the resignation of Canon Jonathan LLOYD.

If you are not on the church electoral roll (which entitles you to vote at the Annual Meeting) and would like to be included, please ensure that you complete a form and return it to-

- (1) For Bekesbourne to Jill Gillanders, Nicky Fry or Lindsay Sharp-Kinsey
- (2) For Patrixbourne with Bridge to a Churchwarden, Alan Barber or Rosemary Whatley.

Nicky Fry - Bekesbourne PCC Secretary  
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### **Bridge and Patrixbourne Primary School St George's Day Celebrations**

The staff and pupils invite all Senior Citizens to an afternoon of entertainment on Friday 21st April from 1.30pm-3.00pm, refreshments will be served by the children, please call the school office on 830276 to confirm a place.

Also on 21st April the younger pupils will parade through the village at 9.30am through the recreation ground, through Riverside Close, along Patrixbourne Road to the Red Lion and up the High Street and along the alley by Greenfields to school, Come along and line the route, they would love to see you.

### **Fish News (neighbourly help) Tel no: 07935 966 080**

The April Coffee Pop-In at Bridge village hall will be on Wednesday 12th.

Coming up: the annual Bring and Buy will be during the Coffee Pop-In on May 10th and the summer outing will be on Thursday June 8th.

### **The League of Friends of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital**

The AGM and Coffee Morning of the Nailbourne Group was held on Saturday 4 March 2017 at Bridge Village Hall, £130 was raised. Thanks to all who attended, our Nailbourne Group Friends and those who have given donations or supported the group in other ways. A total of £2,700 was raised last year.

We welcome donations of used stamps, over £100 was raised last year. Anyone interested in joining the group, or who would like to see how funds raised are allocated would be welcome to join one of our committee members at a League of Friends Central Meeting held at the hospital. Please contact Elizabeth Stewart 01227 830344.

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

The next meeting will be on Thursday April 20th at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. David Hodges will give a talk about Concorde, detailing the aircraft from its inception and subsequent career through to its demise.

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Further details from David Gilmour Tel: 832450.

### **Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion**

We held a successful meeting this month. Our Beef Pudding Night is fully booked and we are looking forward to that.

Not a lot of news to relate but that gives us chance to mention that we are always seeking new members to the branch. You don't have to be an ex-service person, just somebody who is interested in supporting a worthy cause and would possibly like to help the Poppy Appeal. We are an informal and friendly group.

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### **St. Peter's Bridge Easter Lilies**

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We welcome this opportunity to hear the children and to meet their parents at this useful social and fund raising event. A minimum donation of £3 is suggested (children free) and all proceeds are for repairs to the church building.

Thank you to all the members of the Prophecy group who gave their time to raise over £300 for FOSP funds.

Look forward to seeing you on the 22nd April.

Georgie Bainbridge

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## **Lent Course Bekesbourne**

This year's course will be based on the daily meditations from the Diocese called '40days/40voices'. We will use and discuss materials from the previous week. You are welcome to join me at Rosary House, Aerodrome Road, Bekesbourne CT4 5EX on Monday afternoons through Lent. There will be no meeting on Mar.20th so we will finish on Mon.10th Apr. You don't have to make all the sessions. I would be grateful if you could let me know if you intend to come.

Pat Kusel 830272

## **April at the Quiet View**

**Nicky Thompson's CREATIVE WRITING FOR WELLBEING WORKSHOPS** begin this month. They are based around the Labyrinth and Lizzie will help to facilitate.

**Landscapes** - Saturday 8 April 2017 10.30am to 12.30pm

**Journeys** - Saturday 22 April 2017 10.30am to 12.30pm - £12. Please contact

Nicky to book [www.pebblepoetry.co.uk](http://www.pebblepoetry.co.uk) [nicky@pebblepoetry.co.uk](mailto:nicky@pebblepoetry.co.uk)

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**EASTER DAY SUNRISE SERVICE** 6am – a short pilgrimage walk around the garden when we light a fire, sing and hear the Easter story followed by breakfast in the yurt. It would be helpful to know if you'd like to come!

**SILENT RETREAT** with the Janki Foundation is on Saturday 29th April 11am – 4pm.

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We would love to welcome you to the Quiet View, to an event or simply to find some rest in a beautiful setting.

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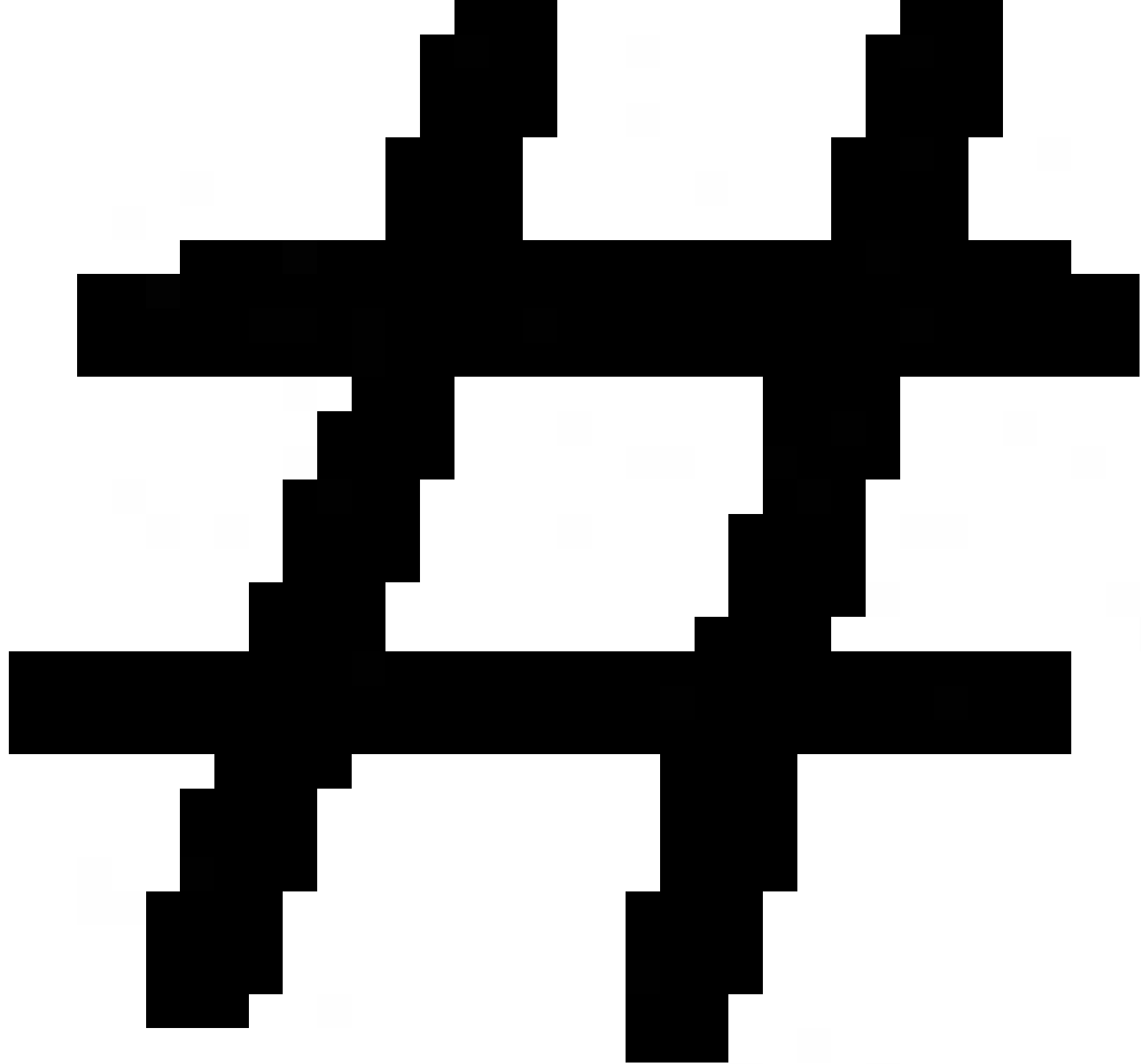
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Saturday 8 April  
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Presentation of Prizes 1.00 pm

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- 6 chitted seed potatoes in an egg box
- a photo, unframed, not to exceed 8" x 6" entitled "Spring is in the Air"

Refreshments

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### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

Our **Annual Spring Show** is on **Saturday 8 April** in Bridge Village Hall and open to the public from 11.00 am until 1.30 pm, with Prize Giving at 1.00 pm. Here is a reminder of our three Open Classes with, to tempt you, voucher prizes awarded to the winners. They are:

*5 sticks of **rhubarb** (pulled and leaves trimmed)*

*6 chitted **seed potatoes** in an egg box*

*"Spring is in the Air" - a **photo**, unframed, not to exceed 8" x 6"*

*(NB photos not to be digitally enhanced and all entries to be produced within the last 12 months).*

Do make a note of the date and pop in to appreciate the efforts of our members and to enjoy what is always a wonderful display of sweet scented spring flowers.

For more information or a show schedule, please contact the Show Secretary, Kathy Walder (tel: 830057, email [kath@askwalder.com](mailto:kath@askwalder.com))

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

Our guest speaker at our meeting on **Tuesday 18 April** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall is **Linda Warren** who will be reminding us of "**Fashion Design in the Sixties**". This is a subject which should bring back many happy memories for our members. As always, visitors will be made most welcome.

And a date to put in your diaries. On **Friday 5 May** we will be holding our fund-raising **Afternoon Tea** in the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground from 2.30 until 4.00 pm. Tea and cake will be modestly priced at £3 and there will also be the opportunity to browse our craft and bring and buy stalls while you enjoy the pleasant surroundings of the pavilion and its surroundings, hopefully on a sunny late Spring afternoon.

### **National Vegetable Society - Kent Association**

On **Wednesday 12 April** (7.30 for 8.00 pm) in Bridge Village Hall, there will be a talk "**All about Orchids**" by **Laurence Hobbs**, orchid grower and Managing Director of Laurence Hobbs Orchids Ltd which has been established as a nursery in Sussex since 1987. Non-members are always most welcome at any of the talks of the Society.

Essentially Hops EASTER CLASS Saturday 8th April Dried flower arranging class 10am-midday please email: [florist@essentiallyhops.co.uk](mailto:florist@essentiallyhops.co.uk)

## Catching Lives—letter received from their Secretary

Dear Canon Humphriss,

I would like to thank you very much, on behalf of Catching Lives, for the recent donations of £165 from the Sunday collection at St Peter's Church, Bridge on the 29th January and also for the £60 from the Caring and Sharing Group. We appreciate all the donations we receive and they go a long way in supporting the clients who access our Centre. Please pass on our thanks to all who helped raise these amounts.

Catching Lives are currently seeing between 45-55 people at the Canterbury Open Centre daily. The dedicated team at the centre, some of whom themselves have experience of rough sleeping, are expert in dealing with the many serious issues which the visitors have or are still facing, whether alcohol, drug, domestic abuse, mental health issues or just a quick downward spiral in their home lives.

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**Iva Fleischhansová** studied with the Czech violinist Nora Grumliková, Lydia Mordkovich and Andrew Manze. She was co-leader of the Suk Chamber Orchestra, Prague, and has worked with many leading period and modern orchestras including the Academy of Ancient Music, The Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, and The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic orchestra. Iva was leader of The Oxted Sinfonietta and currently leads Sinfonia da Chiesa. She plays chamber-music with the Czech pianist Tomáš Víšek, violinist Mark Butler and with The Lux Ensemble, and has made recordings for film and Czech Radio. Iva also teaches violin and introduces music to very young children in her Colourstrings Kindergarten classes.

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The most common poisons that affect pets are:

- 1) Rodent Poisons ('Rodenticides'), these contain anticoagulants, such as warfarin, which prevent blood clotting. Not all rodenticides are anticoagulants so it is really important to try and find out which one has been ingested. Ingesting these poisons can cause life-threatening bleeding. This bleeding may not appear for several days and may be internal and not visible so it is vital that you seek veterinary attention as soon as possible if you think that your pet may have eaten rat poison.
- 2) Chocolate, contains the stimulant theobromine which is toxic to dogs. Symptoms of poisoning include vomiting, dehydration, hyperactivity, high temperature and blood pressure, abnormal heart rhythm and tremors.
- 3) Grapes, raisins, sultanas and currants, are very toxic for our pets and cooking or baking doesn't reduce the risks. Poisoning causes vomiting and diarrhoea but can lead to kidney failure a few days after the initial effects.
- 4) Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAID's), eg. Ibuprofen. It is not uncommon for us to see dogs that have eaten their owners medication. Symptoms include vomiting, diarrhoea, bleeding internally, stomach ulceration and kidney failure.
- 5) Slug Pellets, these contain metaldehyde which is extremely poisonous and is usually fatal without urgent treatment. Dogs that have eaten slug pellets may initially appear unsteady on their feet and twitchy but may rapidly deteriorate and suffer convulsions and possibly respiratory failure.
- 6) Antifreeze, this contains ethylene glycol which has a sweet taste that is particularly appealing to cats. Ingesting even the smallest amount can cause kidney failure and death.

If you suspect that you pet may have been poisoned it is essential to seek urgent veterinary advice as the sooner these cases are treated the better chances they have of making a full recovery.

If you are at all concerned please call **Bourne Veterinary Practice** on **01227 832322** for further information.

We are holding our **Annual Open Day** on **Bank Holiday Monday 29th May** from 12pm-4pm and hope lots of you will be able to come and join us to have a look behind the scenes, learn about our new Cat-Only Clinic and meet lots of interesting and unusual animals.

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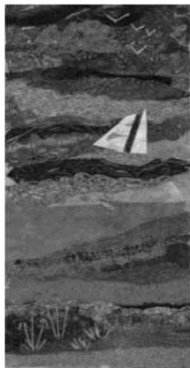
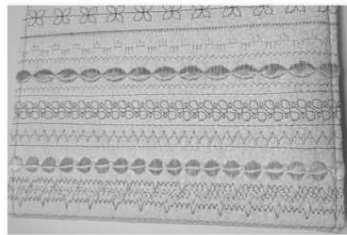
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### Salted Caramel and Chocolate Tart

Pastry:

8oz/220g plain flour  
4oz/110g butter  
2 tbsp cocoa powder  
2 tbsp caster sugar  
1 egg yolk  
1 tbsp water

Caramel:

9oz/250g granulated sugar  
3.5floz/100ml water  
3.5floz/100ml single cream  
4oz/110g melted butter  
½ tsp sea salt flakes

Chocolate:

4oz/110g dark chocolate  
3oz/75g butter  
1 egg, 2 yolks  
3 tbsp caster sugar

Make the pastry – blend dry ingredients, add water/egg. Chill for 20 minutes. Line a 9" loose bottom flan case. Chill again. Bake blind (see page xxxx)

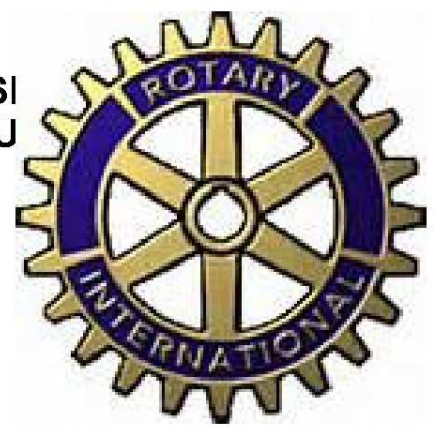
Make the caramel by bringing the water and sugar to the boil and keeping going until it smells of caramel and turns brown. Remove from the heat and add the cream, butter and salt, stirring. Leave to cool.

Pour the caramel into the baked, cooled case. Put the oven to 180 deg C. Melt the chocolate and butter together, stir. Whisk the eggs and sugar until light, well risen and fluffy. Stir in the chocolate mix, spoon it over the caramel. Sprinkle with salt flakes and bake for 12 minutes. Serve hot or cool.

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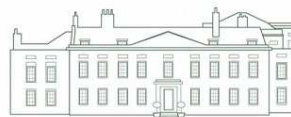
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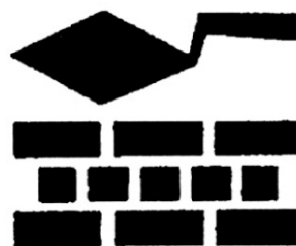
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It has been a glorious spring. After the short dark days of winter the warmth of the sunshine has been most welcome. Spring flowers, lambs in the fields and bright green new growth on the trees all speak of new life and the promise of better days to come.

The donkey ride into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, followed by the last supper and the darkness of Good Friday, were followed by the glory of Easter morning. We were honoured to have the Bishop of Dover take many of our Easter services. Large congregations at these services led Bishop Trevor to proclaim that “there is life in this Benefice!”.

Other new shoots are appearing in our churches. The Songs of Praise services at Bekesbourne on the first Sunday of a month, led by members of the church community, are popular. The Good Friday workshop at Lower Hardres had over 50 children and adults participating in the activities, and the Coffee Cake and Concert mornings at Bridge Church are enjoyed by many from both the church and the community.

As you know we are at present without a Parish Priest, but as well as being well supported by many retired priests, and Margaret, we are starting to learn to do more ourselves as lay members of the church. This is something we will need to continue to do to support any future Priest in their work amongst us. The Churchwardens and members of the PCCs have met with the new Archdeacon the Venerable Jo Kelly-Moore, and she is reassuringly confident that we will soon be able to appoint a new Priest. So, for our churches the darkness of the last few months is really starting to brighten this spring!

The Churchwardens

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             15.00      Holy Communion at Bridge Haven  
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- 08/05 19.30 Caring and Sharing
- 09/05 09.30 Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge  
                         14.30 Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
- 10/05 10.00 FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall  
                         14.00 Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall,  
                         Lower Hardres
- 16/05 09.30 Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge  
                         15.00 Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge  
                         19.30 After 8's at Mansfield Court
- 17/05 15.00 Hymns at Bridge Haven
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- 30/05 09.30 Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge

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## **Benefice Workshop**

I just want to say a BIG BIG THANK YOU to all of you who helped at the Easter Workshop. We were really busy with lots and lots of children. It was great. Thank you to the children for coming. Bishop and Mrs Willmott and Reverend Julia visited us. They chatted with the children and the helpers and we all had a lovely short Easter service to finish with.

Altogether a great morning.

Thank you all again,

Margaret

## **Fish Scheme (Neighbourly help) News**

The annual summer outing – funded in part by Cornelia Slavin`s legacy – will be on Thursday June 8th. The plan is to go to the Herne Bay Seaside Museum and then on to lunch at the Prince of Wales pub at Hoath. Forms to fill in will be at the May Coffee Pop-In.

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Seventy three people (including 20 children) packed St Peter's Bekesbourne on Sunday 2nd April for the latest 'Songs of Praise Celebration'. The theme for this service was 'Bell Ringing' and was ably lead by Captain of the Bells Gill Moon. During the service we learnt about the history of bell ringing in churches, from the tolling of a single bell to summon worshipers to pray, to the introduction of multiple bells and the art of change ringing. We also heard about the magnificent efforts of individuals, national charities and the Friends of Bekesbourne Church who by 2005 had raised over £35,000 to have the bells restored.

These bells are rung by a willing band of ringers before every major service in the church, most of whom also contributed in some way during the service. Not only did we hear change ringing prior to our service but afterwards children and adults enjoyed tolling the bells themselves and while the children also indulged in Easter Eggs the adults enjoyed tea, coffee and biscuits.

The Songs of Praise services were the brain child of the Bekesbourne Parochial Church Council and the format, devised by the Standing Committee, is aimed at both adults and children. An important part of the service is the informal gathering afterwards. The next will be on 7th May – when Jonathan and Romany Cowans will be leading and talking about Rogation - why not come along and join us?

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We will be serving teas and cake during the afternoon (£3 charge) and there will be a craft/bring and buy stall as well as a raffle to tempt you while you enjoy a chat with friends in the pleasant surroundings of the pavilion or perhaps outside in the May sunshine.

Everyone is welcome so do join us on the 5th.

Our regular monthly evening meeting is on **Tuesday 16th** at the usual time of 7.30 pm in **Bridge Village Hall**. The May meeting is the Resolutions meeting when we will be discussing the resolution to be put to the National WI Council Meeting in June. As May is also our birthday meeting there will be a celebratory light buffet supper to enjoy. The competition will be an interesting blue coloured item.

## **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

The Society has organised an interesting evening outing to **Samphire Hoe** on **Tuesday 9 May**. Samphire Hoe is owned by Eurotunnel and managed together with the White Cliffs Countryside Partnership (WCCP), as a place for people and a place for wildlife. It covers a 30-hectare site at the foot of Shakespeare Cliff, between Dover and Folkestone. Chief Ranger, Paul Holt, will meet us there at **6.30 pm** and will give us a talk and guided walk which should last about 90 minutes. There will be a small charge of £4 per person. It could be breezy and cool when the sun goes behind the cliffs so it is advisable to wear warm clothing. After our visit refreshments will be available to purchase in the cafe there. Please meet at Green Court/Western Avenue at **5.45 pm** to arrange transport sharing. And let's hope that the weather is kind to us for this outing. See you then!

## **National Vegetable Society - Kent Association**

The guest speaker at the meeting on **Wednesday 10 May** (7.30 for 8.00 pm start) in Bridge Village Hall, is **John Trim**, a successful exhibitor, highly respected speaker and judge of the NVS, who will be giving a talk entitled "**Alliums are enough to make you cry**". Non-members will be most welcome.

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## Goodbye Rogers Garage

Rogers Garage closed on 31st March 2017; a facility and landmark will disappear and a sad day for Bridge.

The garage was founded by 'old Mr Rogers' in 1924. He is still remembered by older members of the village. On 1st January 1935, a young 'Sonny' Milne-Spaul joined him, only to join the army in October 1939, returning in 1946.

The next milestone in the life of the garage was when Clive, his son joined the firm on leaving school in July 1967. In those days petrol and paraffin (oil heaters and lamps being very much part of village life) were sold from pumps on the forecourt. The old A2 London to Dover of course ran through the village, so it was a very busy place. Mr Rogers died in 1973 but by then had handed over to Sonny. He then ran the business until his death in 1993 when Clive took over. Which village car owner has not been helped out by Clive at some time or another, flat battery or poor starting or the odd bit of welding? Now Clive has decided it his time for him to go and spend more time with his wife.

We will miss his garage, miss his chat with the latest village news, and above all, miss Clive.

So Goodbye Clive and have a long and happy retirement.

John Hill

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The sheep tick is generally oval, flat and small, the size of a sesame seed when unfed, but when completely engorged with blood, they can grow to the size of a coffee bean. They look for hosts to feed on by climbing to the top of long blades of grass and waiting ( a behaviour known as 'questing') for passing traffic such as your pet. Long-haired dogs and inquisitive dogs are most frequently infected and the ticks most commonly attach to the head and chest area. If you find a tick on your pet, it's important to remove it carefully with a special tick remover otherwise embedded mouth parts can be left behind and can cause local reaction and infection. Ticks can also spread nasty diseases such as Lyme Disease which can cause fever, lethargy and arthritis and has been reported in both dogs and humans in the UK. Ticks can be prevented from attaching to your pet by using a low dose release collar such as Seresto, spot-on liquids or tablets, all of which are prescription medicines available from your vets. Please call us at Bourne Vets on 01227 832322 for further information.

We are holding our Annual Open Day on Bank Holiday Monday 29th May from 12pm-4pm and hope lots of you can make it. Please come and have a look behind the scenes, learn more about what we can do to help you look after your pets and meet lots of interesting and unusual animals. You'll also be able to look around our new Cat-Only Clinic which opened in February. This is a great day out for all the family, that's completely free and we hope we'll see lots of you there.



**Evening Visit to**

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**fruit into attractive sized pieces, heap in a serving dish so the fruits are nicely mixed. Whip the cream and milk until it is nearly stiff, but not quite. Arrange in large spoonfuls on top of the fruit, adding the toasted almonds. Boil the sugar and water together until it forms a caramel, watching it until you just catch a whiff of that lovely caramel smell before it burns. Pour over the top of the cream and nuts, and make sure it goes down into the fruit as well. It will bubble and form a solid layer. Leave until the caramel has cooled. It is now ready to eat, and is best not put into a fridge. This is not a pudding that can be made long in advance as the caramel will melt again. It serves 6 or so. For more easy and scrumptious recipes, go to <https://katespuddings.blogspot.co.uk>**





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## **Quiz Evening**

A very successful evening of quizzes and games was held at Womenswold Learning Opportunities centre, with hosts Jan and Keith Roberts. Over £200 was raised for the Friends of Womenswold church. Thanks to all who came and to Jan and Keith. Hopefully the heating system for the church is a bit nearer to realisation!

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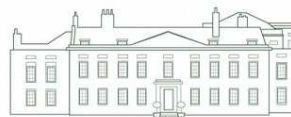
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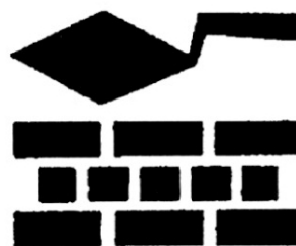
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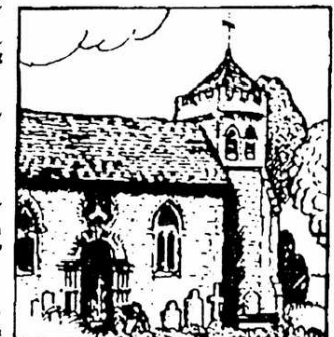
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<b>4 June 2017</b>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion  RH	11.00am Family Communion  Rev Garth Barber	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist  GM	10.00am Songs of Praise
<b>11 June 2017</b>	9.30am Sung Eucharist  Rev Garth Barber	6.00pm Evensong MC	9.30am Family Communion  Rev John Tomlinson	<i>All welcome at the services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion  CP
<b>18 June 2017</b>	<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	9.30am Sung Eucharist
<b>25 June 2017</b>	9.30am Sung Eucharist  RO	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion  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.





As I went to deliver Christian Aid envelopes this week, I remembered the time when I lived in Bushey. I lived in the parish of St James, where the person in charge of Christian Aid asked me to deliver some envelopes, to a council estate. Some of the people weren't very well off, but they were kind to me. My children were small, and helped with my delivery. One day, I knocked on somebody's door, to collect the envelope. The man that answered was just like a bouncer, with a white vest, and shirt. He refused to give, in rather colourful and loud terms! Suddenly, my three little ones came up the path. He looked at them and shouted, 'Are These Yours?'. I Answered in the affirmative, and he smiled, got out his money and gave it to each of them to put in the envelopes.

From that moment, I have tried to remember Jesus' words, "Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. Why do you see the speck in your neighbour's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?". From then on, the man smiled at me each time he saw me, and he and the estate gave more money than any other part of Bushey.

In 2014, I went to a wonderful service at St. Pauls Cathedral, which celebrated 700 women in ministry. At that service, Archbishop Justin said, 'we have come a long way, but we still have a long way to go'. In our own interregnum, we are working together to extend and unite Gods Kingdom. I know we still have a long way to go, but we are looking forward to having a new Vicar, who will help us to worship our risen Lord. In Glory!

Margaret

## Dates For Your Diary

June 2017

06/06	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
	15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
	19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
12/06	19.30	Caring and Sharing
13/06	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
14/06	10.00	FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall
	14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres
20/06	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
	19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
21/06	15.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven
26/06	19.30	Caring and Sharing
27/06	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge

The parishes of the benefice currently have a clergy vacancy.

If you have a pastoral church matter (including funeral requests) please call Mrs Margaret Clarke, Benefice Reader, on 07541 229239 or 01227 765598 or email [mrsmaclarke@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mrsmaclarke@yahoo.co.uk)

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**A Flower Festival** is to be held at St Peter's Bridge on 8th, 9th and 10th September 2017—please save the date in your diary—more details soon.

## Friends of Bekesbourne Church

### Forthcoming Events for your Diary ~ 2017/2018

Saturday, 1st July, 2017 ~ Boot Fair, B'kesbourne Recreation Ground, **CT4 5BU**

Saturday, 15th July, 2017 ~ Snowdown Male Choir, St. Peter's Church, B'kesbourne

Friday, 6th October, 2017 ~ Organ Recital by Adrian Bawtree, St. Peter's Church, B'kesbourne

Saturday, 2nd December, 2017 ~ Christmas Bazaar in Bekesbourne Village Hall

Saturday, 27th January, 2018 ~ Jumble Sale in Bekesbourne Village Hall

Saturday, 10th March, 2018 ~ Wine & Wisdom in Bekesbourne Village Hall.

There will be more events to follow in 2018.

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Thank you,  
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### News from the Friends of St Peter's Church

The grand total raised for repairs to the church building so far is £60,000.

An enormous thank you to the Clerks Trio, Liz Hamilton-Box (violin), Janet Hughes (viola) and Philip Whicker (cello) for their delightful concert playing music by Beethoven. The coffee, cake and concerts are proving hugely popular drawing people from near and far. Thank you to you all for attending it is so lovely having a packed church. All monies raised (approx. £180) will go towards the renovation work of the church.

Bridge and Patricxbourne CEP school came to entertain us with music by kind permission of Renuka Chinnadurai. The singing was sensational and much appreciated. Thank you to Dan Luck, Kent Teacher of the Year and all of the children who came to sing.

A delightful Spring Violin Concert by Mark and Iva Butler finished off this trio of musical delights. Mark and Iva captivated their listeners. In the incredible acoustic of Bridge Church the concert was a real treat. Many thanks to Mark and Iva who gave freely of their time - over £600 was raised.

There are a group of wonderful people who sell tickets, prepare tea and coffee, bake and serve cakes, donate prosecco for refreshment at these events, without whom these events would not run. Thank you Evelyn Andrews, Jean Barber, Anne Edmonds, Hilary Whiting, Elizabeth Kirkwood, John Robins, Joan Hill, Elizabeth Stewart, Sue Briant, Stephen Woodley, Alan Barber, Laurence Dunderdale and John Hill. These individuals work tirelessly behind the scenes and I thank them for their support.

We look forward to seeing you next on 10th June, Coffee, Cake and Concert when Gerard Ahern will be playing organ concert of popular pieces.

Georgie Bainbridge

Chair

Friends of St Peter's Church



### Fish News June 2017

Many thanks to all who supported the Bring and Buy on May 10th. Over £280 was made to help with the scheme's expenses.

The June Pop-In will be on Wednesday 14th and the outing to Herne Bay and Hoath will be on the previous Thursday, June 8th.

### Bridge & District History Society

For those who have reserved a place for the visit to the Grand, Folkestone on Friday June 2nd there is a change to the published time. Please meet at the hotel at 1.45pm. The tour will begin at 2.00pm, followed by tea which will be concluded by 5.00pm.

Please note also that due to unforeseen circumstances the visit to Lenham planned for Thursday June 15th, will not now take place.

### Art in Bridge Photographic Exhibition May 2017

Grateful thanks are due to everyone who made this first photographic exhibition such a success. There were One hundred and thirty five exhibits produced by fifty photographers. The number of children exhibiting was eleven. Fourteen pictures were sold. Two hundred and fifty three visitors attended the exhibition and they voted "High Tide" by Isaac Whitfield their favourite exhibit.

Sue Hodges

### Littlebourne and District Royal British Legion

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## Kent Churches Ride and Stride 2017

This major fund raising event for the Historic Churches of Kent takes place this year on **Saturday, 9th September**. This is an event that has been run for many years, originating in Suffolk but subsequently spreading out to many counties, not only in the South East but elsewhere throughout the country. Last year the 17 parishes within the Eastbridge Deanery area raised over £3,100 of which half is returned to each participant's nominated Church. All who "Ride or Stride" on the second Saturday in September do provide substantial funds which are distributed throughout the County by means of grants to our local Churches towards major repairs to maintain the fabric of Kent Churches. This is a very worthwhile cause and it is hoped that many parishioners will take part, either by "riding and striding" around our Kent Churches or by sitting in the Church to welcome visitors or by sponsoring those taking part.

Over the last 10 years the Eastbridge Deanery has collected £33,115, a splendid average of £3,311.50 with our highest offering being £3,969 in 2009. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could exceed £4,000 this year. There have been 4 years in which a local Church has raised over £1,000, topped by Wingham who in 2007 raised £1,466 and then followed this up with £1,151 in 2008. Bishopsbourne collected £1,055 in 2009 and Barham raised £1,303 in 2015. Several of the Churches in the Eastbridge Deanery have benefitted from grants by the Friends of Kent Churches in the last few years.

As previously mentioned this takes place on Saturday, 9th September and it is hoped that there will be great support by members of all villages. Please note this date and sponsor forms will be available from mid June from David or Ann Edmonds 01227 830795. Besides those who are willing to Ride or Stride on the day, volunteers to act as welcomers/recorders in all the Churches are also required. If you can participate in any way, please do contact your local organiser David Edmonds.

It would be wonderful if we can throughout the Eastbridge Deanery area break the £4,000 mark! It can be a wonderful fun day out and obviously good exercise as well!

James Linington. Eastbridge Deanery Area Organise

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The PCC reported another successful year. Our 8.00 and 9.30 Holy Communion services continued to attract good regular attendances. In October we launched our Songs of Praise service for Harvest. It is a short, informal, lay led service followed by coffee biscuits and a chat. It is proving to be very popular with an average congregation of 50!

Zan presented a healthy set of accounts for the year to December 2016. We actually had a deficit of £1,207 due to paying for the installation of the new heating system and repair to the pews. We had some very successful fund raising events and thanks were given to the band of helpers who give their time and energy to support Bekesbourne church with enthusiasm and generosity throughout the year.

Jill Gillanders was re-elected as churchwarden for the coming year. Amanda Barker and Pat Kusel were re-elected as Deanery Synod Representatives. Pat also continues as PCC vice chairman, Nicky Fry as PCC secretary and Zan Clifford was re-elected as treasurer. Graham Duplock represents The Friends of Bekesbourne Church. Lindsay Sharp-Kinsey was re-elected as Electoral Roll Officer. Martin Gall was elected on to the committee. The remaining members of the PCC are Amanda Barker, Jonathan Cowans and Sue Holmquist. A building sub-committee was set up in 2015 to look after the fabric of the church. This will continue for 2017-18.

Nicky Fry (PCC Secretary)

### Pet Service at Bekesbourne in July

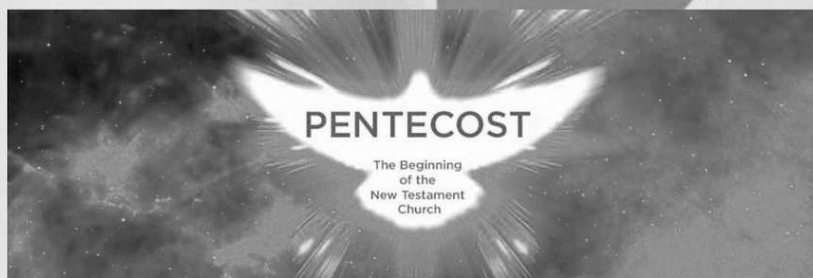
The Songs of Praise at Bekesbourne on 2nd July will be a Pet Service. So put the date in your diaries and come along and bring your pet to be blessed. Coffee biscuits and refreshments for your pets afterwards !!!!



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There is a growing interest across the village in finding the relevant information on planning and development. Please check out this new website, set up by a group of concerned residents, to deal with this issue and to help villagers become more informed about the future of Bridge as a unique rural village in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

<http://conservebridge.org.uk/>

David Humphreys, Steph Choules, Kevin Jenner

### Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Local resident and Chelsea Flower Show Gold Medal Winner **Carol Murray** has kindly agreed to give a **flower arranging demonstration** at our June meeting on **Tuesday 6 June** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. Carol will be demonstrating four different arrangements which will then be included in the raffle. This promises to be a most entertaining and interesting evening with tips and ideas to help us with our entries in our Summer Show. Everyone is most welcome, members and non-members. There will be a small charge to include refreshments.

Moving on to our **Summer Show**, this will be held on **Saturday 22 July** with more details to follow. However **garden entries** - for the most picturesque garden, prettiest small garden and best vegetable garden - which will be judged at the end of June/early July should be with the Show Secretary Kathy Walder ([830057/kath@askwalder.com](mailto:830057/kath@askwalder.com)) by Wednesday 14 June. Under the Conditions of Show, last year's winners of these classes are not eligible to enter this year.

We have included several open classes for everyone to enter in our schedule for the Summer Show. These 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**"

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If anyone requires further information or a show schedule please contact the Show Secretary - details above.

### National Vegetable Society - Kent Association

In an alteration to the published programme, Ian Clemens, Southern Branch Vice-Chairman and NVS judge, will be giving a talk with the intriguing title of "Land of the Giants" on **Wednesday 14 June** (7.30 for 8.00 pm start) in Bridge Village Hall. There will, as always, be a raffle and sales table. Non-members will be most welcome.

### Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

First of all may we thank everyone who came to support our Afternoon Tea in the Pavilion on Friday 5th May. Despite the grey skies it was a most successful and enjoyable afternoon.

On **Tuesday 20 June**, 7.30 pm in **Bridge Village Hall**, we have a talk on **homeopathy** by **Frederick Cole**, who has been practicing homeopathy for some 15 years and has a local clinic in Margate. If this subject interests you or, indeed, you would like to find out more about the WI, do come along. We are always delighted to welcome visitors to our meetings.

**NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**



# Flower Arranging Demonstration

with Chelsea Flower Show Gold Medal Winner

**Carol Murray**

**Tuesday 6 June**

**7.30 pm**

**Bridge Village Hall**

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If the dog is unable to reduce it's body temperature, it will rapidly develop heatstroke which can be fatal. Some types of dogs are more prone to heatstroke than others. For instance, very old or young dogs, dogs with thick heavy coats, dogs with short flat faces, such as pugs and bulldogs or overweight dogs are much more prone to heatstroke. Signs to watch out for with heatstroke are heavy, continuous panting, excessive drooling, lethargy and incoordination and eventually vomiting and collapse.

If you see a dog in a hot car displaying any signs of heatstroke dial 999 immediately as the dog could rapidly lose consciousness and experience internal organ failure. If the situation becomes critical for the dog and the police are too far away, many people's instinct will be to break into the car to free the dog but please be aware that this could be classed as criminal damage and you may need to be prepared to defend your actions in court. The law states that you have a lawful excuse to commit damage if you believe that the owner of the car would consent to the damage if they knew the circumstances. It is important to take footage of the dog and obtain the names and numbers of any witnesses. Any dog showing signs of heatstroke should be treated by a veterinary surgeon as soon as possible. They need to have their body temperature lowered gradually by moving them to a cool area and covering them with wet towels at room temperature. They should be offered small amounts of cool water and be kept damp until their breathing starts to settle. Many will need further veterinary treatment and so it is important that they are taken to a veterinary practice as soon as possible.

## **Computer Club**

Please note that the Computer Club which meets on the first Friday of each month in the Red Lion will not be held during the summer months, it will resume in the autumn.

## **Singles Lunch**

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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  
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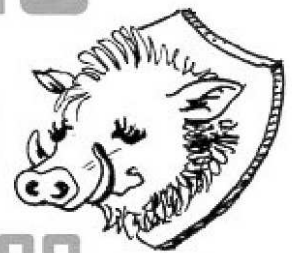
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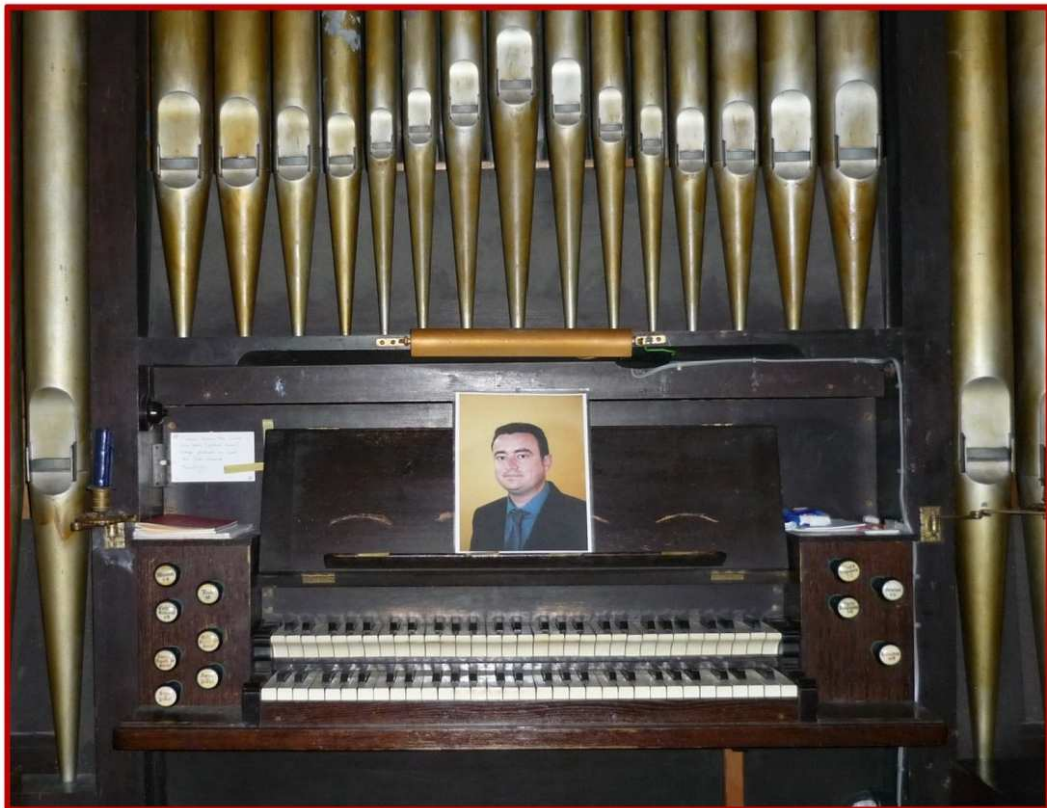
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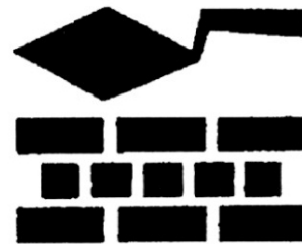


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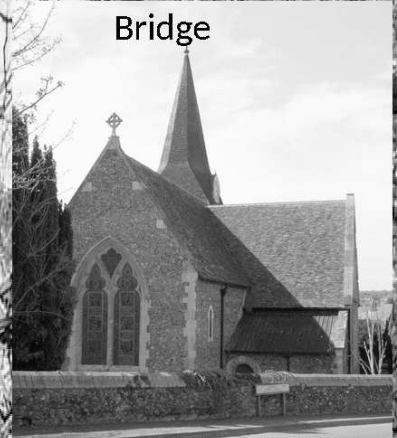
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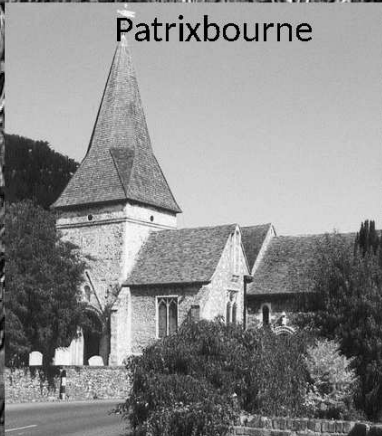
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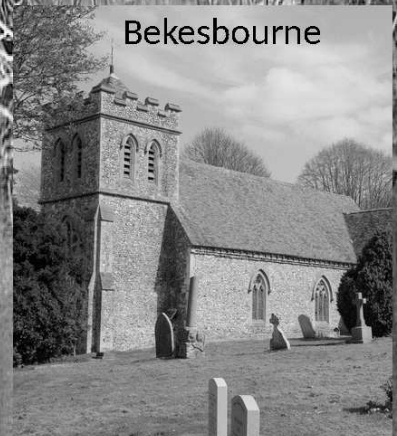
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nic year, the children have been involved in many activities in the Bridge village community. Back in September of last year, some of the children took part in a culture celebration at the Winter Gardens in Margate, where they sang 'Happy', by Pharrell 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](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, 11<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> 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

<b>CHURCH SERVICES FOR July 2017</b>	<b>St Mary NACKINGTON</b>	<b>St Mary LOWER HARDRES</b>	<b>St Peter BRIDGE</b>	<b>St Mary PATRIBOURNE</b>	<b>St Peter BEKESBOURNE</b>
<b>2 July 2017</b>	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
<b>9 July 2017</b>	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
<b>16 July 2017</b>	<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
<b>23 July 2017</b>	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>
<b>30 July 2017</b>					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.

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			RO	Rev Richard Owen
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# 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 (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.

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Steve Thomas ([s.thomas@which.net](mailto: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**"

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## **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.

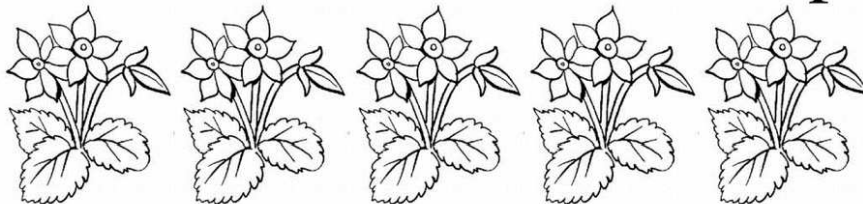
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- **Two photo classes** - "Garden Visitor" and "Our Village"

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# 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.

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## ings – What's cooking?

lemon, lime and mint sorbet which I am assured  
an ice bowl for effect, it has a charm of its own.  
t of sorbet, so I would be very tempted to double it,

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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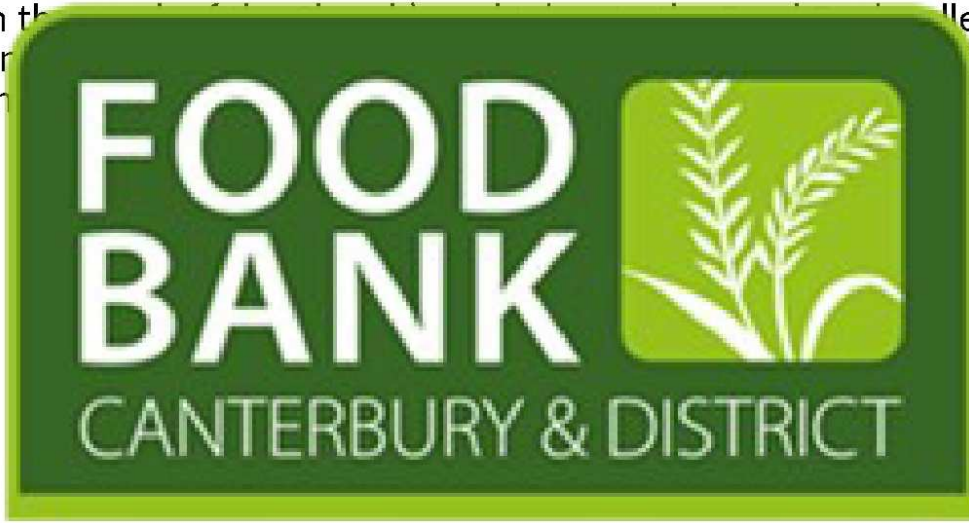
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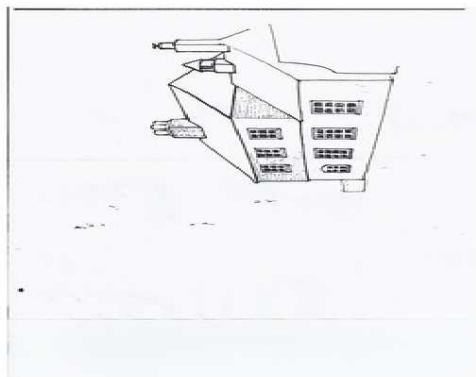
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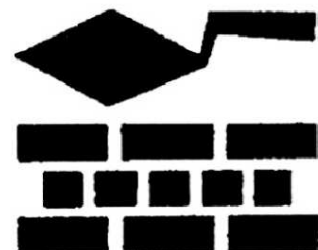
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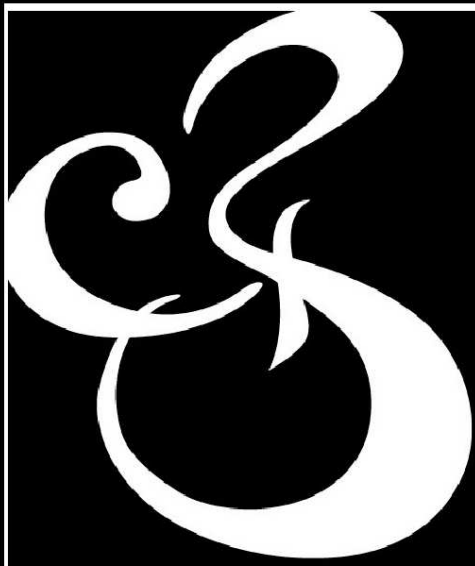
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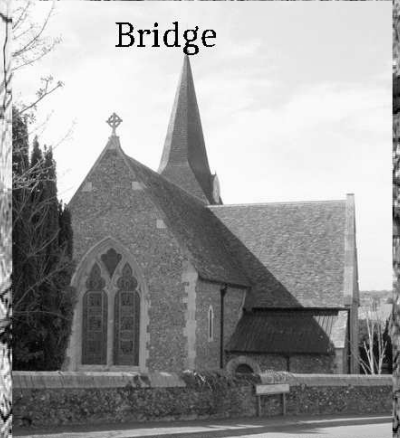
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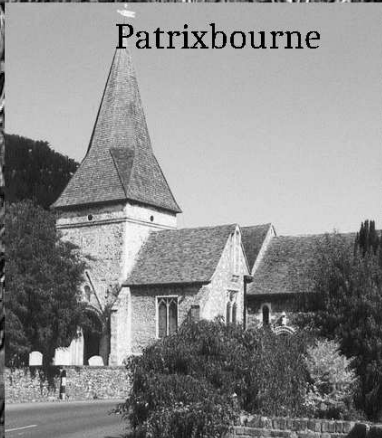
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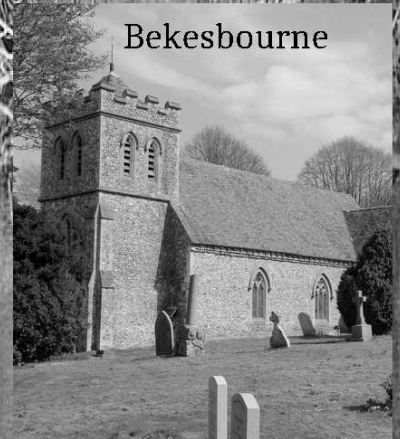
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<b>August 2017</b>					
<b>6 August</b> 2 Peter 1.16-19 Luke 9 28-36	<b>8.00am BCP Holy Communion</b> CP	<b>11.00am Family Communion</b> RO	<b>6.00pm Evensong</b> MC	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b> CP	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>
<b>13 August</b> Romans 10.5-16 Matthew 14. 22-33	<i>All welcome at Bridge</i>	<i>All welcome at Bridge</i>	<b>9.30am Family Communion with Baptism</b> GB	<i>All welcome at Bridge</i>	<i>All welcome at Bridge</i>
<b>20 August</b> Romans 11. 1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15. 10-20, 21-28	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	<b>9.30am Family Service</b> MC	<b>11.00am Choral Eucharist</b> GM	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b> GB
<b>27 August</b> Romans 12. 1-8 Matthew 16. 13-20	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b> DL	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	<b>11.00am Community Worship</b> BL	<b>9.30am Matins</b> 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 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.



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

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## August 2017

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

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

No one can fail to have been moved by the tragedy of the fire at Grenfell Tower in North Kensington London. At 3am on the morning of the 14th June the local Parish Church of St Clement opened its doors as an emergency relief depot for the traumatised residents, others affected in the local community, and the emergency services. Additional relief centres were also set up in the area and volunteers and donations of food, clothes and many other things flooded in. St Clement's and its associated sister organisation the Clement James Centre are still heavily involved in the relief operation.

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.

The Rev Mary Clarke has written and says:

"My mum has kept me in touch with the generous and thoughtful collection that has been happening in your benefice - many, many thanks.

The response by so many has been amazing and extraordinary. We are very aware that this will take years of work and prayer and hope for the community. Many of our congregation were evacuated and some are still not back in their flats as there is no hot water. There are also those who do not want to move back which is understandable. They were living in the flats directly next to the tower. People are understandably traumatised. The money sent will be used to help all those directly affected by the fire."

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## 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](mailto: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

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## **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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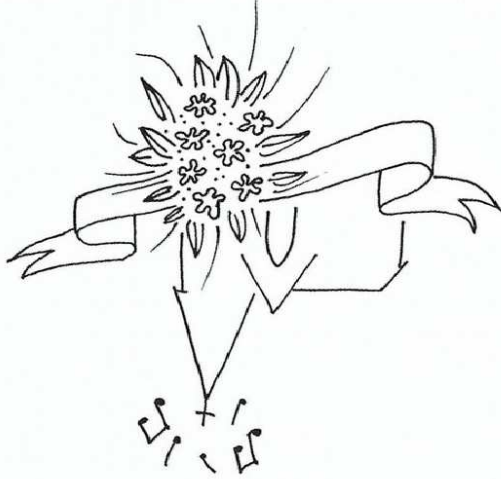


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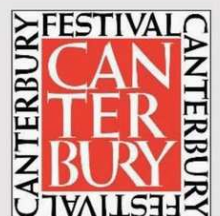


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And GREGGS now have loads of Fairtrade products in their shops. You can pick up a fairer tea, coffee, hot chocolate, juice and bananas when you go into Greggs. In the 10 years that Greggs and Fairtrade coffee farmers have been working together, they've 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](http://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**

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### **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.

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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.

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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.

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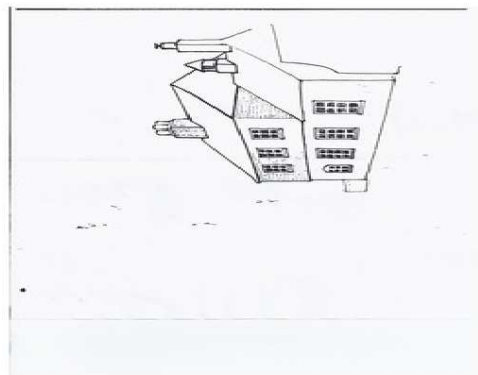
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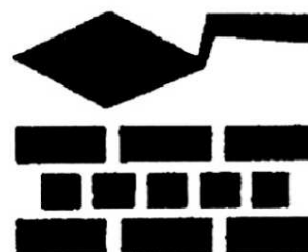


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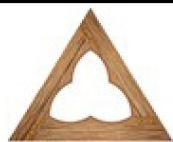


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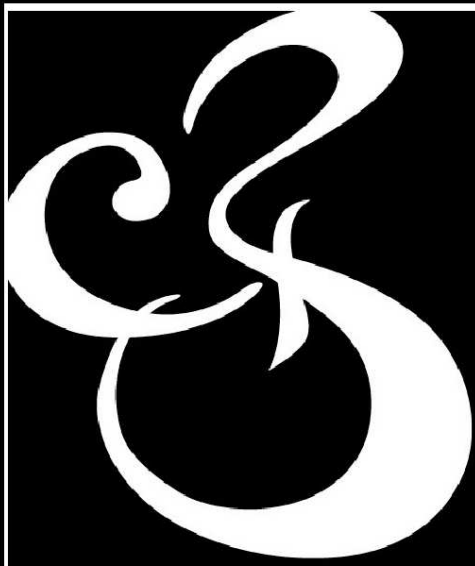
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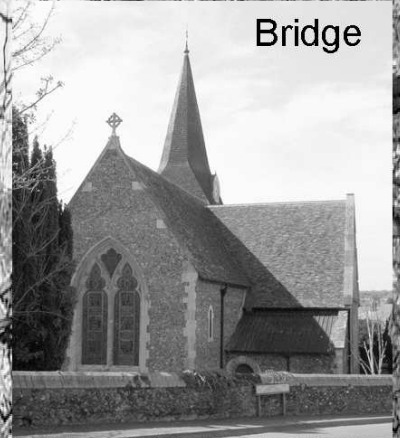
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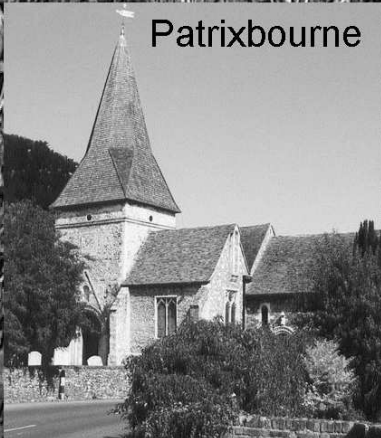
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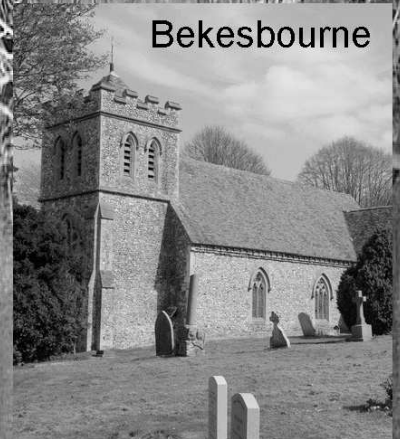
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<b>1 Oct 2017</b> 2 Cor. 9.6-end Luke 12.16-30	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	<b>11.00am Harvest Family Communion</b>  GB	<b>6.00pm Evensong</b>  MC	<b>9.30am Harvest Sung Eucharist</b>  RH	<b>10.00am Harvest Songs of Praise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

Another of our 3 monthly Silent Retreats which bring clarity and comfort to those who come. This one, The Sound of Silence, will be led by Lizzie. Suggested donation £12.50 and please book with Dr Julia Ronder at [www.newron.co.uk](http://www.newron.co.uk)

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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## **Fish News October 2017**

Thanks to your generosity £250 was raised at the September Coffee Pop-In for the Macmillan Cancer Care Appeal. A wonderful effort.

The October Pop-In will be on Wednesday October 11th. The number to phone for lifts is 07935 966 080

## **RIDE & STRIDE—THANK YOU**

Romany Cowans, Gill Moon and Wendy Durell would like to thank everyone who sponsored them on the '**Ride and Stride for Churches**' held on Saturday 9th September.

They visited 16 churches in Canterbury and between them raised a magnificent sum of £315 in aid of 'Friends of Kent Churches' and St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne.

Many thanks to all their sponsors who helped to make this day so successful.

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

Your Church needs you.....

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.....

..... but this not the end of the story. The building needs to be kept wind and weathertight, areas of dampness need attention as do sections of the roof and guttering. The church building needs your continued support to ensure it survives. Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne churches do too. We really value your continued support.....

.....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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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](mailto: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 Patricbourne 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 chrysanths 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 Patricbourne**

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## **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](mailto: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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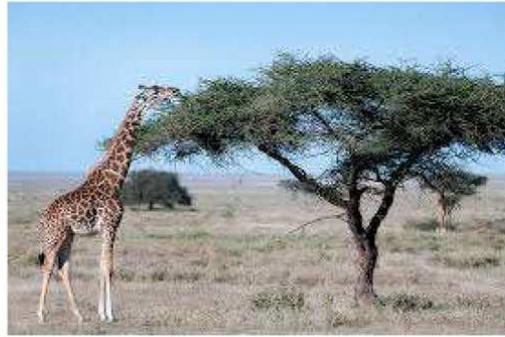
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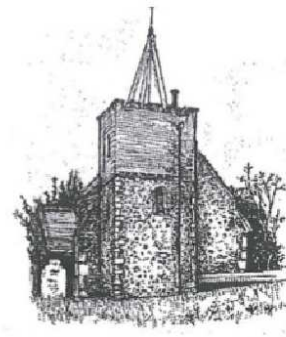
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## **Flower Festival**

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.

Thank you. Emily Shirley



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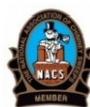
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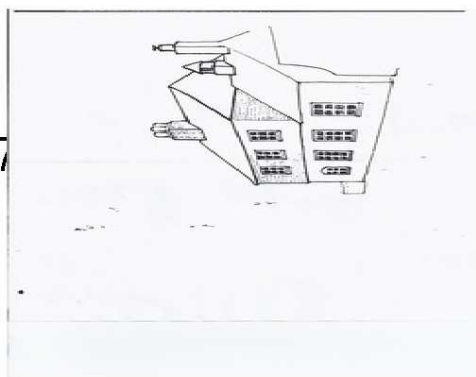


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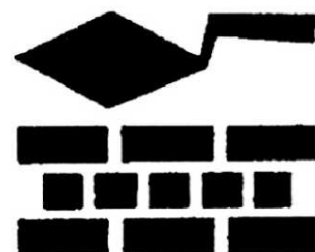
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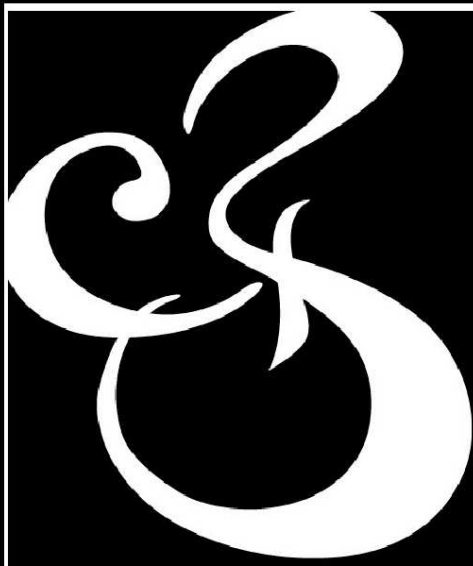
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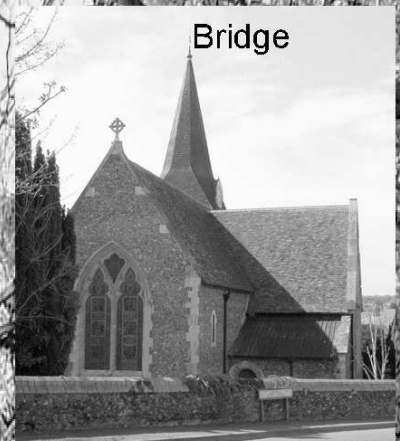
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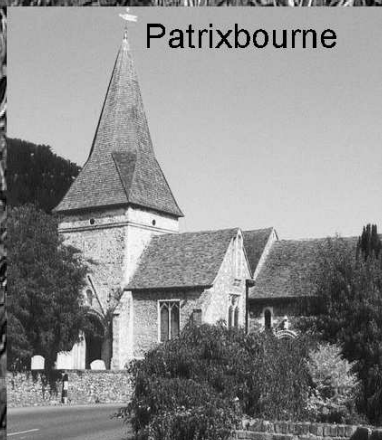
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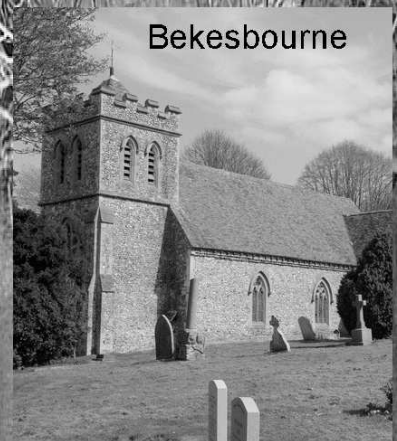
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<b>5 Nov 2017</b> 1 Thess. 2.9-13 Matt. 24. 1-14	8.00am BCP Holy Communion  CP	11.00am Family Communion  DL	6.00pm All Souls Evensong  MC	9.30am Sung Eucharist  RO	10.00am Songs of Praise  Lay led
<b>12 Nov 2017</b> <b>Remembrance</b> 1 Thess. 4.13-end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

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 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*  
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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**

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.

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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.



St Peter's Church Bridge

Saturday 4th November  
10.30 to 11.30 am

## **John and Billie Anderson Remembered**

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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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# ***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  
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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 Patricxbourne 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.

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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 Patricbourne 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.

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**

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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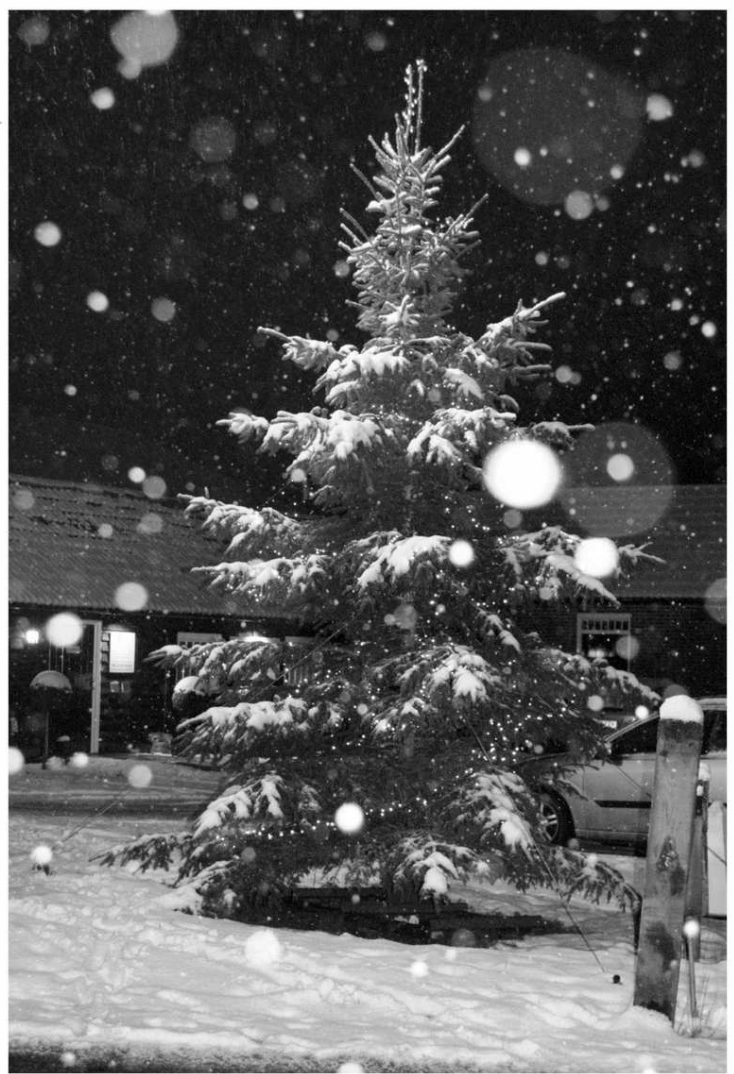
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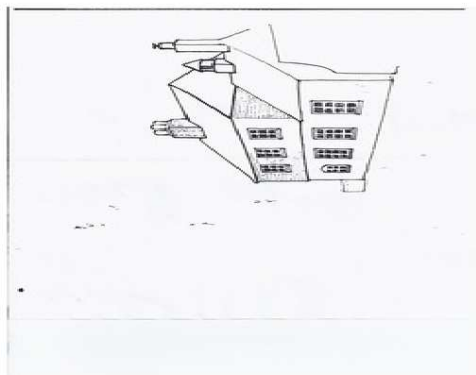
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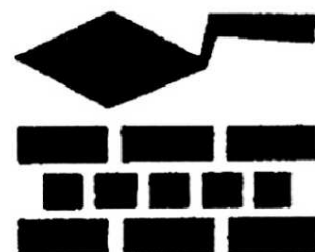
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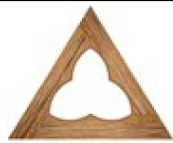


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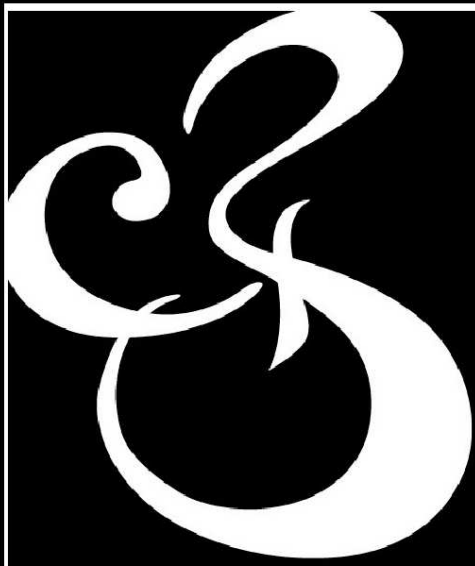
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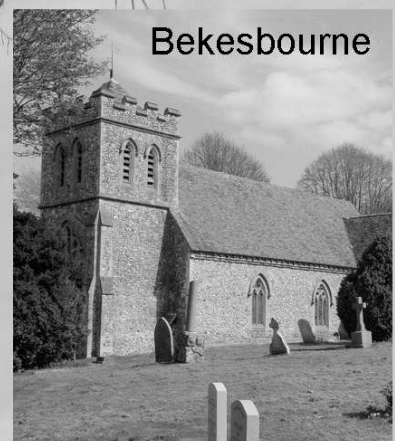
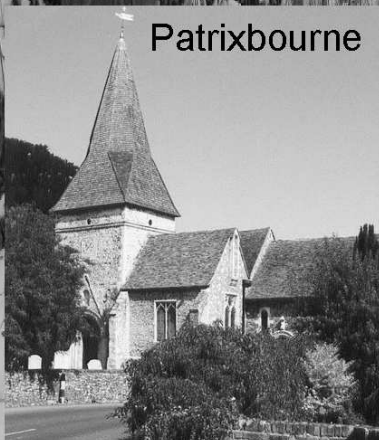
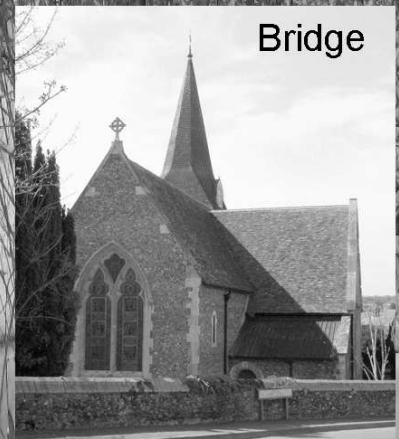
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<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Dec</b> 1 Cor. 1.3-9 Mark 13. 24-end	9.30am Advent Carol Service  Lay led	11.00am Family Communion  RH	6.00pm Evensong  MC	9.30am Sung Eucharist  JB	10.00am Songs of Praise  Lay led
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> 2 Pet. 3.8-15a Mark 1.1-8	9.30am Sung Eucharist  RH	4.00pm Carol Service  MC	9.30am Family Communion JT	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion JT
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> 1 Thess. 5.16-24 John 1.6-8, 19-28	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	3.00pm Crib Service  MC	11.00am Choral Eucharist  GB  6.00pm Carol Service Lay led	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	9.30am Sung Eucharist  RO
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	<i>All welcome at Patribourne</i>			7.00pm Carol Service  Lay led	<i>All welcome at Patribourne</i>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> Rom. 16.25-end Luke 1.26-38	10.00pm Christmas Eucharist  RO	9.30am Communion by extension  MC	3.00pm Christingle MC  5.00pm Christingle BL  11.30pm Christmas Eucharist TCW	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	11.30pm Christmas Eucharist  CE
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> Heb. 1.1-4 John 1.1-14	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	9.30am Family Service  MC	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	9.30am Sung Eucharist  DL	11.00am Carol Service  Lay led
<b>31<sup>st</sup> Dec</b> Isa. 61.10-62.3 Luke 2.15-21	<i>All welcome at Lower Hardres</i>	9.30am Benefice Service  RH	<i>All welcome at Lower Hardres</i>		

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



<b>CHURCH SERVICES FOR Jan 2018</b>	<b>St Mary NACKINGTON</b>	<b>St Mary LOWER HARDRES</b>	<b>St Peter BRIDGE</b>	<b>St Mary PATRIXBOURNE</b>	<b>St Peter BEKESBOURNE</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> Epiphany  Isa. 60.1-6 Matt. 2.1-12	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Family Communion</b>  <b>RH</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>Evensong</b>  <b>MC</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Sung Eucharist</b>  <b>CB</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>Songs of Praise</b>  <b>Lay led</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>  1 Sam. 3.1-10 [11-20] John 1.43-end	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Sung Eucharist</b>  <b>RH</b>	<b>4.00pm</b> <b>Evensong</b>  <b>MC</b>	<b>9:30am</b> <b>Family Communion</b>  <b>DL</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Jan</b>  Rev. 19.6-10 John 2.1-11	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Family Service</b>  <b>MC</b>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Choral Eucharist</b>  <b>CB</b>	<b>8.00am</b> <b>BCP Holy Communion</b>  <b>DL</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Sung Eucharist</b>  <b>RH</b>
<b>28th Jan</b>  Deut. 18.15-20 Mark 1.21-28	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Sung Eucharist</b>  <b>RO</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Community Worship</b>  <b>BL</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Matins</b>  <b>MC</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>  Mal. 3.1-5 Luke 2.22-40	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Family Communion</b>  <b>RH</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>Evensong</b>  <b>MC</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Sung Eucharist</b>  <b>CP</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>Songs of Praise</b>  <b>Lay led</b>

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## Dates for the diary – December 2017

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

9:30am - Holy  
Communion, St Peter Bridge  
3:00pm – Holy  
Communion, Bridge Haven  
7:30pm – After  
8's, Mansfield Court

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>** – 7:30pm -  
choir and Salvation

Carols and Readings with School

Band

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>** – 2:30-3:00pm – School Prayer Meeting, St Peter Bridge

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>

9:30am - Holy  
Communion, St Peter Bridge  
2:30pm – Carol  
Service, Mansfield Court

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

9:30am – Bridge  
School Nativity – all welcome  
10:00am - FISH pop-in  
coffee, Bridge Village Hall  
2:00pm -  
Social Afternoon, Lower Hardres

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

9:30am –  
Bridge School Nativity – all welcome

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>** – 1:30pm –  
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### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>

9:30am - Holy  
Communion, St Peter Bridge  
3:00pm – Carol  
Service, Saxon Lodge

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>** - 2:00pm - Carols at Bridge Haven

## Dates for the diary – January 2018

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:30am - Holy  
Communion, St Peter Bridge  
3:00pm – Holy  
Communion, Bridge Haven

## News from Bridge & Patrixbourne Church of England Primary School

Since the beginning of the academic year in September, it has been a very busy and successful time for our school. Our children exhibited at Art in Bridge and have opened up the school to parents and the community to view their learning. Our Year 6 children have performed both Romeo & Juliet and A Midsummer Night's Dream, a part of the Royal Shakespeare Schools' Festival, at the Gulbenkian Theatre, and as part of the Canterbury Festival, our orchestra performed in the Spiegel Tent.

It was fantastic to see so many people in the village community and beyond, attending our fireworks display and this helped us to raise much needed funds for the school, so that we can continue with the development of art and music, especially in this time of significant budget cuts. We have also contributed some of these funds to the Royal British Legion and to the Oncology Department at Kent & Canterbury Hospital.

In terms of our achievement, we have recently received a letter from Patrick Leeson, Corporate Director of Children, Young People and Education, at KCC, recognising the achievements in our school of the children. To view the letter, please visit our school website at [www.bridge.kent.sch.uk](http://www.bridge.kent.sch.uk).

Our great learning and ethos was also recognised in October, where we underwent a Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) inspection, in which we were graded Outstanding across all aspects.

As I mentioned in the summer term, I will be leaving Bridge & Patrixbourne Church of England Primary School on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017, having been at the school for over 12 years. The school and the village community will always hold a dear place in my heart.

In this time of change for our school, we have also appointed a new Chair of Governors, Matthew Jones, who will continue to help guide the Governing Body, along with the Senior Leadership Team, to strategically lead our school. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Dr Jeremy Hayter, our previous Chair of Governors, for all his help, devotion and hard work, during his term as Chair.

Once again, I would like to say that it has been an absolute pleasure to have worked in our school and serve the local community and I would like to thank you for all your support and kindness; I will miss you all.

**Renuka Chinnadurai Headteacher**

As Ren mentioned in the summer, I will be taking over as Acting Headteacher through until September 2018, and during this time our school will be looking for someone to take on the permanent position of Headteacher. I look forward to working closely with the village community, continuing to build strong links with you and the church and to meeting you around the village.

**Matt Harper Deputy Headteacher**



### Christmas Workshop

On Saturday, December 2nd, there will be a Christmas Workshop at John Baker White Hall, at 9.30am to 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. A small contribution of £1.00 per child for materials would be appreciated. For a place, please ring Julie on 788316 or Margaret on 765598. Do come along, it'll be fun!

Lower Hardres Carol Service on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00. Followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

Lower Hardres Crib Service – on 17<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm we have our Crib Service. It is a special service of celebration, when the children will assemble our CRIB, in preparation for Christmas. It would be lovely if the Children could dress in Nativity Character. Our charity this year will be the Canterbury Food Bank. Please bring along your gifts Festive Food to our Christmas Crib Service, and make Christmas 2017 special for others.

Christmas Day Service, Lower Hardres at 9.30am. A short, friendly service, and a chance to meet friends and Worship on Christmas Day.

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 11am, which is our Family Communion, we will celebrate Epiphany, when the Wise Men came to worship our Lord.

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR — Margaret

***Bridge and Patixbourne C. E. Primary School***

The staff and children of the school invite you to an  
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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.

### Fish News December 2017 and January 2018

The December Coffee Pop-In on Wednesday 13th will again have carols with the kind accompaniment of Stuart Field and Jean Barber. A representative from Hi Kent will also be there in Bridge village hall.

The January Pop-In is on Wednesday 10th and the Winter Warmer Lunch will be on 31st. The Fish phone number is 07935 966 080

### Ride and Stride Bridge

Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Ride and Stride, the Recorders and Ian and Amy Osterloh who raised £184. A further £95 was raised by the Recorders giving a total of £279. This meant that St. Peter's received £139.50 towards Church funds. David Edmonds.

### St. Peter's Bridge Flower Arrangers

There will be a flower meeting on Friday 8th December at The Archways, Conyngham Lane, Bridge to discuss Christmas decorations for St. Peter's church Bridge and the rota for next year. All welcome to come for a cuppa and homemade cake to see what we flower arrangers do and join us in 2018 if you wish. Viv Brasier. tel: 01227 830891.

### Bridge & District History Society

The first meeting of the new year will be held on Thursday 18th January 2018 at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. Anthea Bryant will give a talk on Hidden Castles and Gardens of the South East.

Members £4.00, non-members £5.00 to include refreshments.

Further details from David Gilmour, Tel: 832450.

### Recreation Ground

October and November have been busy months on the recreation ground. Some of the children of Bridge and Patricbourne C. E. Primary School spent an afternoon planting bulbs on the banks of the Nailbourne. Adult volunteers have cleared fallen leaves in the wild flower area and along the path to the school. Thank you for all your hard work in making the recreation ground a pleasant place to visit and enjoy.

Sue Hodges

### Thank you

May I thank the kind people who sent me cards and gifts and visited me with good wishes for my recovery from having the second hip replaced. It has been a success and I am making slow progress. So glad I do not have four legs, two is enough!

Thank you all again and God Bless. Diana

*You are warmly invited to  
Come and Sing Carols*

*at St Peter's, Bridge - 6pm on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>*

and, more particularly, to join us in the **Bridge Choir**, which will be sp<sup>e</sup>ci<sup>a</sup>lly

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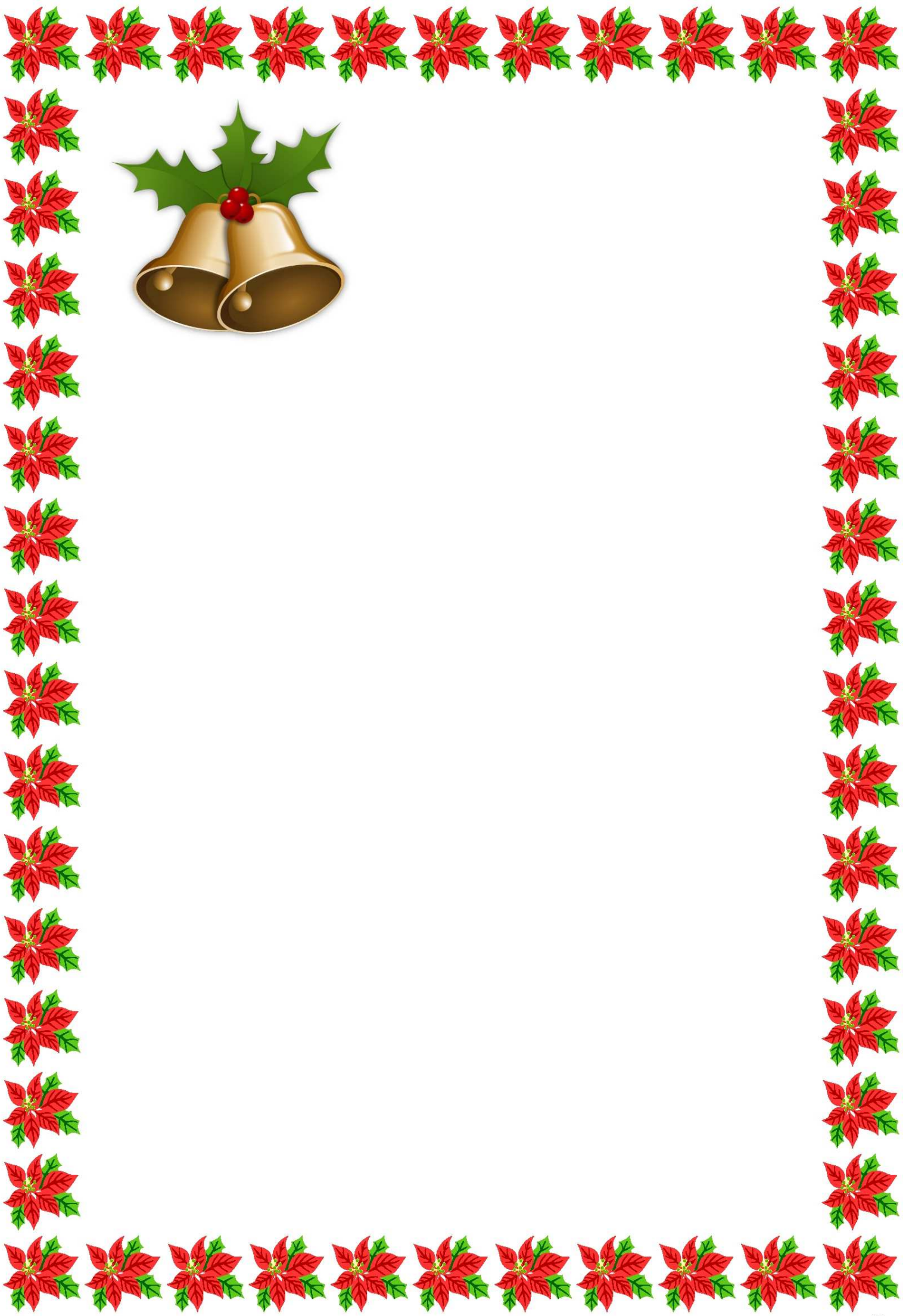
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## ADVENT SONGS OF PRAISE



10am Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>



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*FOLLOWED BY TEA, COFFEE OR JUICE AND BISCUITS*

*And lots of chatting!*





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This year Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal focuses on the fight against hunger and malnutrition In Burkino Faso and South Sudan. Hunger is not a simple problem; it's driven by issues such as climate change and conflict.

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Christian Aid wants everyone to have a story like Aluel and Collette. In a world of plenty, when we in this country can stock our larders and freezers to bursting point with luxury Christmas food, hunger like this should not exist.

If you would like to make a gift to Christian Aid this Christmas, the UK government's UKaid scheme will match every pound you give to the Appeal up to the 5 February 2018, meaning that even more people living in poverty can have their lives transformed.

You can donate direct to [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk) or if you prefer, place your gift in an envelope and pass it to me and I will make sure it goes to the Christmas Appeal.

Many thanks      Jean Barber (01227 831956)

## Nailbourne Horticultural Society

We will be holding our annual **Social Evening** on **Tuesday 5 December** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. On arrival, you will be welcomed with mulled wine and nibbles to get you in the mood for what, I promise, will be a "not to be taken too seriously" garden related **quiz**, done in tables, followed by a light festive finger buffet and, of course, a raffle. And there you have all the ingredients to start off your Christmas celebrations. We will be charging £5 per person for what promises to be a fun, sociable and uncomplicated evening.

Moving into the New Year, we have our **AGM** in Bridge Village Hall on **Tuesday 23 January** at our usual start time of 7.30 pm. This is the time when subscriptions are due for renewal (£6 for single and £10 for joint/family membership) and when the schedules for the Spring and Summer Shows will be available. As always, we are also on the look-out for new committee members. The committee generally only meets three times a year which is not too onerous and it would be greatly appreciated if you would consider joining us. Please speak to any of the committee members or make yourself known at the AGM itself.

After the business is completed, as a departure from our normal evening, there will be a session for members to share their **gardening tips, hints and humorous anecdotes**.

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with mulled wine

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### Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

Our December meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month, namely **Tuesday 12 December** (7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall) when we will be celebrating the coming festive season with a **Members' Social Evening** with In-House Entertainment to be rounded off with a shared buffet supper.

The competition for the month is for an interesting white coloured item.

We then start our 2018 programme on **Tuesday 16 January** (usual time and place) with guest speaker and local resident **Peter Giles** who will be giving advice in a practical talk entitled "**Your Voice and How to Make the Most of It**". Please remember that the annual subscription (£41) is payable then and preferably by cheque. The competition for January is for an interesting item beginning with the letter "A".

It goes without saying that we are always delighted to welcome guests and visitors to all our meetings.

(The WI has its own noticeboard outside the village hall with details of all our events and contacts.)



Please join us

## CAROL SINGING

Sunday 10th December 2017 2.30pm

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WE CANNOT ACCEPT ELECTRICAL ITEMS ~ THANK YOU

Villager David Latham will contact Cllr Fawke with dates and times for defibrillator training-the new defibrillator is now located on the wall of the Londis shop.

Police cars will be patrolling lorries parked on the Highland Court access road to the A2.Villagers can suggest roads which should be added to the secondary roads list for maintenance during cold weather by contacting Kent County Council Highways department.

Villager and school PTA chair, Rob Moon, thanked the council for permission to use the Recreation Ground for the recent fireworks event, which was judged by all councillors to have been a great success. Cllr Hodges recorded her thanks to the children of the school for planting bulbs.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** Following a discussion about the nature of the Cantley proposals, whether their current offer represented the best offer obtainable and protocols governing the composition of the Neighbourhood Plan, Council agreed by 6 votes to 2 (those voting against were Cllrs Dhillon and Ferguson) to endorse the recently published Cantley proposals in a forthcoming leaflet and to include a statement from the council in the same leaflet to be distributed to all households over the period 18/19 November. This leaflet will remind villagers of the vote to be held on November 25 in Bridge Village Hall.

Joint meeting with other invited local parish councils held on 19 October 2017 to discuss HICO (Highland Court) development plans. The Chair reported back on the meeting. Another joint meeting of the parish councils will take place on November 23 at 7.30 in Bridge Village Hall. Cllr Fawke has joined the Barham Downs Action Group.

The parish council **budget for 2018-2019** will be set on 14 December. A note of the parish precept request has been asked for by Canterbury City Council with a final deadline of 31 December 2017.

Cllr Dhillon provided feedback on 3 separate **speedwatch sessions** on 16 and 26 October and 2 November. More volunteers are needed. 2 vehicles had been recorded at speeds of over 60 mph. **The next meeting will be on Thursday, 14 December 2017 at 7.00 p.m.**

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## Bridge and Patricbourne Year 2 pupils

**Will be performing their Nativity Play in St Peter's Bridge on  
Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December  
at 9.30am**

**All villagers welcome.**

**Refreshments will be served**

**Please come and support the children**



## Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

With the Poppy Appeal having been a busy time once again, we would like to thank all those who have been helping the Branch with its collections.

Our recent Beef Pudding Supper Night raised £160 for the Poppy Appeal - thanks to Kevin at the Hay Wain and those who joined us to make it a really nice evening.

At time of sending this report we had not held our AGM so details of elected officers for the coming year could not be included. However, there will also be a list of these in our notice board outside Littlebourne War Memorial Hall.

Once again - if anyone is thinking of becoming a member of the Branch they will be very much welcomed. Contact either the President on 01304 812292 or the Secretary on 01227 472023 for more details.

Our Christmas Meeting will be on Tuesday, 12th December 2017 and the first of the New Year will be on Tuesday, 9th January 2018, both at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne (entrance to the right behind the Hall).

### **“This Turbulent Priest” –**

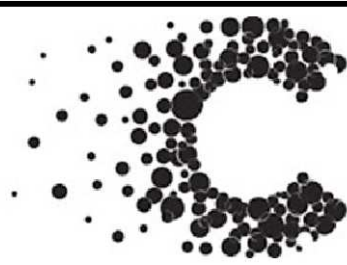
written by Jane Hardy and Michael Conaghan and performed by actors Robert McCrea and Paul Kavanagh is a play produced by Bad Husky Productions in partnership with The Board of Canterbury Cathedral and very fittingly is being staged in Eastbridge Hospital which was originally built to provide hospitality for pilgrims visiting the tomb of St Thomas Becket.

Historically accurate the play is a riveting dramatisation of the conflict between Becket and King Henry II resulting in Becket's brutal murder in Canterbury Cathedral and will appeal to both adults and children alike.

**“This Turbulent Priest” – to be performed on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 1.30pm and 3pm from 25th November until 29th December** (the anniversary of Thomas's death) in **Eastbridge Hospital**, High Street, Canterbury.

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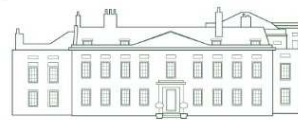
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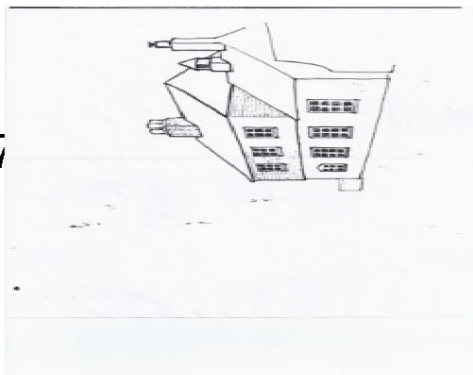
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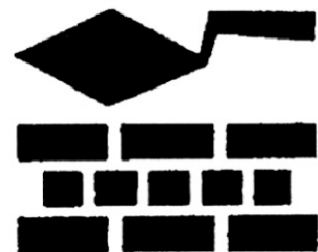
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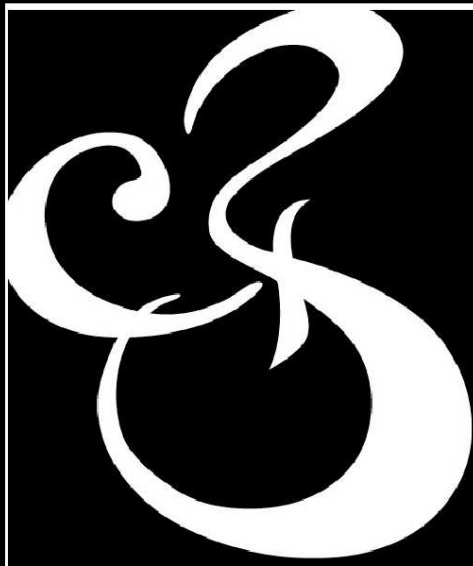
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