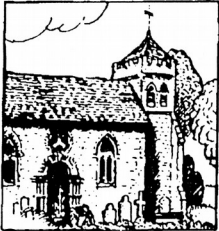


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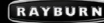
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5 Feb 2017 4 th Sunday before Lent Green 1 Corinthians 2: 1-end Matthew 5: 13-20	8.00am BCP Holy Communion Canon R. Humphriss	11.00am Family Communion and Holy Baptism Canon R. Humphriss and Mrs. M. Clarke	6.00pm Choral Evensong Canon G.Manley	9.30am Sung Eucharist The Rev D. Lugg	10.00am Songs of Praise Lay member of Bekesbourne
12 Feb 2017 3 rd 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
19 Feb 2017 2 nd 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
26 Feb 2017 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>

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



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,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
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 Christs 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 Peters, 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,
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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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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

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
Churchwardens

The background of the entire page is a photograph of three lit white candles. The candles are of varying heights and are placed on a white surface. In the foreground, there are several white flowers, possibly lilies or similar, scattered around the base of the candles. The lighting is soft and warm, creating a peaceful and inviting atmosphere. The text is overlaid on this background in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

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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 or 01227 830881, Evelyn Andrews evpurlins@btinternet.com or 01227 830960 and Charlie Bainbridge Estate Agents, Broad Street, Canterbury - charlie@charlesbainbridge.com or 01227 780227

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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 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.

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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;

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One person for Conyngham Lane

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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).

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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

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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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Steve Thomas - December 2016



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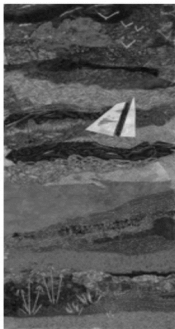
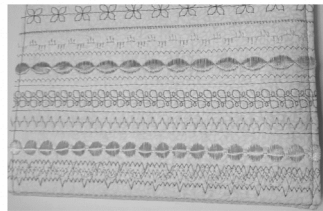
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Thank you to my team of flower arrangers for doing such a wonderful job in decorating St Peter's Church for Christmas. Special congratulations to the pupils of Bridge School for their terrific efforts in making displays for the window cills.

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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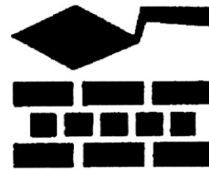
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