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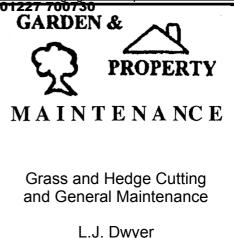
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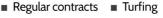
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5 March 2017 First Sunday of Lent Genesis 2: 15- 17. 3: 1-7 Matthew 4: 1- 11	8.00am BCP Holy Communion Bishop Trevor	11.00am Family Communion Mrs M. Clarke	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist The Rev. D. Lugg	10.00am Songs of Praise Lay member of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

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

If you have an administrative church matter (including wedding and baptism requests) please email Mrs Lindsay McInally, The Bridge Benefice Administrator, who works on Thursdays, at <u>bridgeoffice23@gmail.com</u> 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. Caroline and Fiona Hollands would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who provided support on the day, baked the delicious cakes and provided donations. Special thanks go to Greenhills Fresh Foods, Duskin Apple Juice and Woodlands Hair & Beauty for their generous raffle prizes.



## ISTIAN AID LENT LUNCHES

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Our annual home-made soup and bread lunches will take place in Bridge this year on Thursdays. <u>When</u>: the 6 Thursdays of Lent – March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and April 6th, between 12.0 and 1.30pm. <u>Where</u>: 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; Landscapes - Saturday 8 April 2017 10.30am to 12.30pm Journeys - Saturday 22 April 2017 10.30am to 12.30pm Explorations - Saturday 13 May 2017 10.30am to 12.30pm £12 per session or £30 for all three. If you are unable to walk the labyrinth, someone could walk on your behalf and there are also finger labyrinths available. Please contact Nicky to book www.pebblepoetry.co.uk <u>nicky@pebblepoetry.co.uk</u> 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.

Our TAIJI QIGONG, classes are very popular and continue on the 2nd Monday evening of each month and the 4th Thursday afternoon. The practice naturally harmonizes the mind, body & spirit. Please contact Melanie French at m.s.french00@btinternet.com if you are interested.

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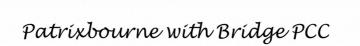
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### Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

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:

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### 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 <u>heather.howe1@hotmail.co.uk</u> Many thanks,

Heather Howe Secretary Bridge Allotment Association

### SINGLES LUNCHES

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 LUNCHES

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

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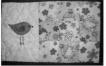
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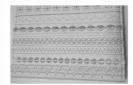
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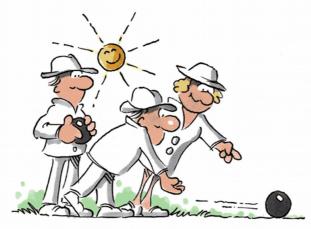
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Put the oats into a cup and pour boiling water over. Leave them to soften while you grate the apple. Strain the oats and put the oats, apple, nuts and fruit into a bowl. Mix together, adding lemon juice (to keep the apple pale and add a bit of a tang)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

It keeps for a day, and has a more solid texture, but doesn't look quite so appealing.

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.

### WORKAID

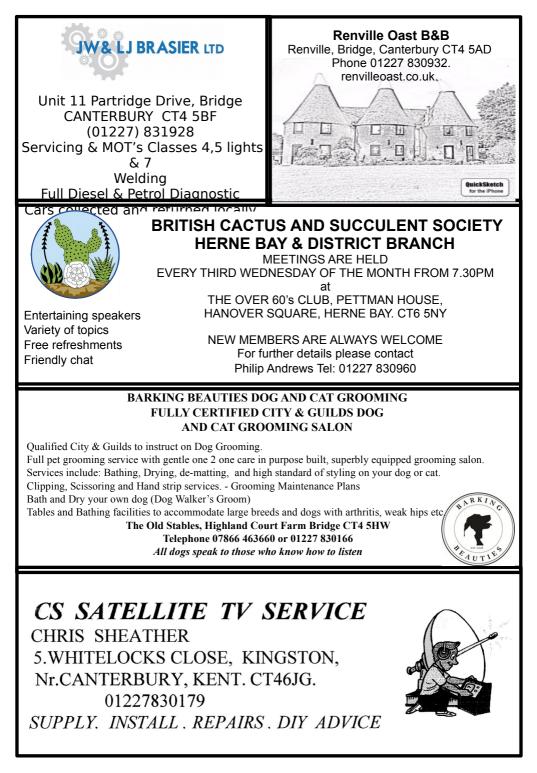
### "HELPING PEOPLE TO FIND THEIR DIGNITY"

**WORKAID** is a charity, headquartered in Chesham, Buckinghamshire, which collects unwanted tools and equipment from across the country, refurbishes them and distributes them to people in need to help them to earn a living. **WORKAID** is committed to tackling poverty in a practical way by helping disadvantaged people in East Africa, and in the UK, to help themselves through practical skills training.

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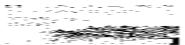


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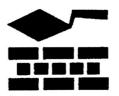
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