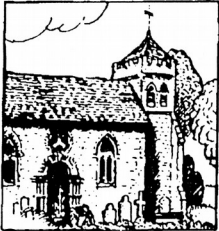


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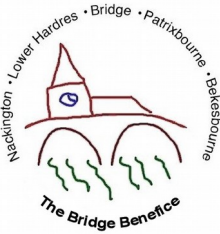
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There is Holy Communion **every Tuesday at 9.30am** to 10.00am at Bridge Church, followed by coffee.



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

Dates For Your Diary

May 2017

- 02/05 09.30 Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
 15.00 Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
 19.30 After 8's at Mansfield Court
- 08/05 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
- 22/05 19.30 Caring and Sharing
- 23/05 09.30 Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
- 30/05 09.30 Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge

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Thank you,
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60 years of Christian Aid Week: 14-20 May

British churches founded Christian Aid in 1945 to help refugees who had lost their homes and possessions in the 2nd World War. Twelve years later Christian Aid Week was launched to help fund this ongoing work.

Christians refused to stand by while people suffered in refugee camps or endured poverty and injustice, and for the last 60 years volunteers have delivered more than 7 million envelopes house-to-house, collecting money to support Christian Aid's partner organisations all over the world.

Christian Aid supporter Theodor is 91 and lives in Scotland. After the 2nd World War he was a refugee in camps in Europe. He says he owes his life to the work of Christian Aid supporters. 'It was Christian Aid who sent us care packages; it was Christian Aid who fed us. I feel I owe my life to the cause.' Theodor volunteers every Christian Aid Week because of the vital support he received when he was a refugee.

Please give generously this Christian Aid Week. If you are able to help by delivering and collecting envelopes I would be delighted to hear from you.

Jean Barber 01227 831956

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.

The Bring and Buy with plants and cakes will be held during the Coffee Pop-In on Wednesday May 10th. Everybody is most welcome.

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(if anyone wishes to give us their wartime memories of Littlebourne please ring Nancy on 721823 or Barbara on 472023 and we can add them to the display)

Continuing overwhelming popularity of Bekesbourne Church's 'Songs of Praise'!

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?

Stuart Field

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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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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**".

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St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

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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-Spaull 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.

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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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Womenswold Church News

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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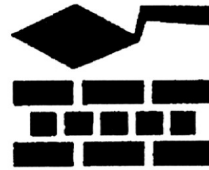
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