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4 June 2017	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
11 June 2017	9.30am Sung Eucharist Rev Garth Barber	6.00pm Evensong MC	9.30am Family Communion Rev John Tomlinson	All welcome at the services of the Benefice	8.00am BCP Holy Communion CP
18 June 2017	All welcome at the other services of the Benefice	9.30am Family Service MC	11.00am Choral Eucharist GM	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist
25 June 2017	9.30am Sung Eucharist RO	All welcome at the other services of the Benefice	8.00am BCP Holy Communion 11.00am Community Worship BL	9.30am Matins MC	All welcome at the other services in the Benefice

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

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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, 1sth 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 BekesbourneVillage Hall Saturday, 27th January, 2018 ~ Jumble Sale in Bekesbourne Village Hall Saturday, 10th March, 2018 ~ Wine & Wisdom in BekesbourneVillage Hall. There will be more events to follow in 2018.

Benefice Administrator Vacancy

We are currently looking for a Benefice Administrator to work approx. 8hrs per week. Post to start at the beginning of June. Please contact <u>bridgeoffice23@gmail.com</u> or the Churchwardens for further information. Thank you, The Churchwardens.

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 Patrixbourne 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

our June monthly meeting will be on Tues 13th and the July meeting on Tues 11th both at the recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION " tea, CAKE & chat Afternoon" (In aid of the Poppy Appeal)

Saturday, 3rd June 2017, at 2p.m. in the War Memorial Hall, Littlebourne Entrance £1.50 (including refreshments) Many Varied Stalls (Contributions for cake stall & plant stall welcomed)

There will also be a Wartime Memorabilia Display (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)

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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Patrixbourne		 Pauline Pritchard 						
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Eighteen parishioners attended the annual meeting of St Peter's Church on 27 April in Bekesbourne Church followed by refreshments at The Old Palace._

he 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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Lizzie Hopthrow The Quiet View 146 The Street Kingston 01227 830070 <u>lizziehopthrow@gmail.com</u> www.quietview.co.uk



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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 (<u>830057/kath@askwalder.com</u>) 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"** Photos should be unframed, not to exceed 8 inches x 6 inches, not be digitally enhanced and should be produced within the last 12 months.

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 Patrixbourne 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.

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Carol Murray

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BOURNE VETS NEWS

Every we summer we see at least one dog that is seriously ill after being left in the car, even for a short time. A car can become an oven very quickly even when it doesn't feel that warm. When it's 22°C outside, within an hour, the temperature in a car can reach an unbearable 47°C. Many people still believe that it's ok to leave a dog in a car on a warm day if the windows are left open or they are parked in the shade. However, this can still be very dangerous and cause a lot of distress, discomfort and anxiety for your pet. It's important to remember that dog's only sweat minimally through their paws. Their main means of heat loss is panting and as the air in the car heats up this becomes a completely ineffectual way for the dog to control it's temperature.

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.

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s - made and cooked in 20 minutes, it is -made jam (and sometimes cream too!), -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 a plate and dredge with sugar.



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