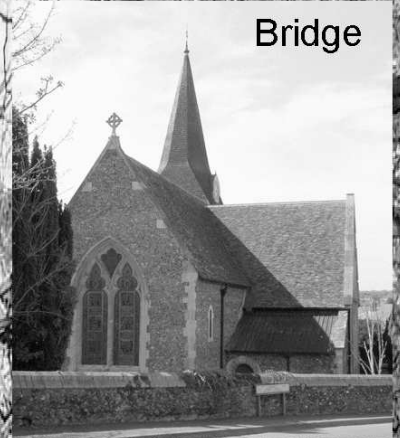


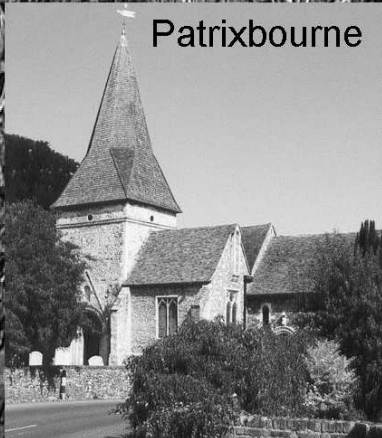
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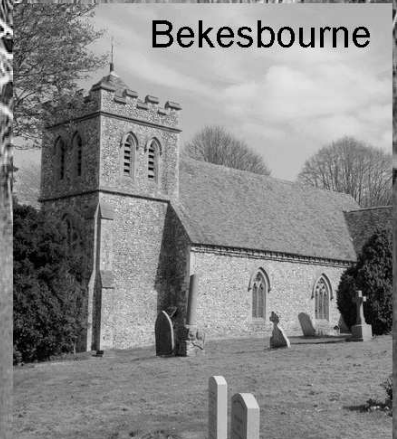
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4th Feb Prov.8. 1, 22-31 John 1. 1-14	<i>All welcome at Lower Hardres</i>	11.00am Benefice Family Communion Rev Estella Last	<i>All welcome at Lower Hardres</i>		
11th Feb 2 Cor. 4.3-6 Mark 9.2-9	9.30am Sung Eucharist Rev Estella Last	3.30pm Evensong MC	9:30am Family Communion TCW	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion Rev Estella Last
14th Feb Ash Wednesday 2 Cor. 5.20b – 6.10 John 8.1-11	<i>All welcome at Bridge</i>		7:00pm Communion with imposition of ashes Rev Estella Last	<i>All welcome at Bridge</i>	
18th Feb 1 Pet. 3.18-end Mark 1. 9-15	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	9.30am Family Service MC	11.00am Choral Eucharist Rev Estella Last	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	9.30am Sung Eucharist JB
25th Feb Rom. 4. 13-end Mark 8.31-end	9.30am Sung Eucharist RO	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion Rev Estella Last	9.30am Matins MC	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>
			11.00am Community Worship BL		
4th Mar Ex. 20. 1-17 John 2. 13-22	8.00am BCP Holy Communion Rev Estella Last	11.00am Family Communion RH	6.00pm Evensong MC & EL	9.30am Sung Eucharist Rev Estella Last	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>

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February 2018

Dear Friends

I imagine that by the time you read this I will have been licensed to the Benefice as Priest in Charge and you may have been able to attend my Licensing Service. We may even have met out and about in the villages, outside the school or in one of the churches. In any case it is my pleasure and privilege to have been appointed to serve as the Priest in Charge of the Bridge Benefice and I am looking forward to working together with all the volunteers who work so hard to keep our churches open and looking beautiful.

As I hope you can imagine these first few weeks and months in the Benefice are going to be a bit of a whirlwind and a steep learning curve as I seek to get to know each of the churches and generally how things are done here. I trust in your patience as I 'find my feet' in this beautiful new place to which God has called me.

During February we will find ourselves entering the season of Lent, traditionally a time of quiet and prayerful preparation as we begin to look towards the commemoration of the most significant events of our faith and the celebration of Easter. This seems fitting as we spend time getting to know one another and preparing ourselves to work together in whatever ways the Spirit leads. I have been and will continue to pray for all who live in the villages of the Benefice and the beginning of our journey together.

There will, in the coming weeks and months, be an opportunity to join me for coffee at the Vicarage. Sign up lists will be available in the churches once the dates have been set up so do look out for these. In the meantime, my contact details are now readily available and I look forward to hearing from you if there is anything you feel that we in the church can help you with.

Yours in Christ

[OBJ]

Rev. Estella Last, Vicar

Dates for the diary – February 2018

Tuesday 6th

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

3:00pm – Holy Communion, Bridge Haven

Monday 12th - 7:30pm - Caring and Sharing

Tuesday 13th – Shrove Tuesday

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

2:30pm – Holy Communion, Mansfield Court

Wednesday 14th – Ash Wednesday

10:00am - FISH pop-in coffee, Bridge Village Hall

2:00pm - Social Afternoon, Lower Hardres

7:00pm – Imposition of Ashes, Bridge Church

Tuesday 20th

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

3:00pm – Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge

7:30pm – After 8's, Mansfield Court

Wednesday 21st - 3:00pm - Hymns at Bridge Haven

Monday 26th - 7:30pm - Caring and Sharing

Tuesday 27th – 9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

Lower Hardres News

1. A sincere thank-you to all who came along to help with the Christmas Coffee Morning, and children's workshop. It was lovely to see so many at our Christmas Services. A belated Happy New Year to you all.

2. Womens World Day of Prayer - This will take place on Friday March 2nd at 11.00am at Bridge Church. Men and women are welcome for this service, which has been prepared by the Christian women of Suriname. It will also be nice for as many of us as possible to attend as we hope to see and welcome our new Vicar, Estella. There will be refreshments following the service.

3. Some dates for your dairy:

Tuesday 13th February - Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 14th - Ash Wednesday - Imposition of Ashes, 7pm at Bridge

Church

Sunday 11th March - Mothering Sunday 9.30am Family Service, Lower

Hardres.

Margaret



CHRISTIAN AID LENT LUNCHES

Please come to lunch!

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

When: the 6 Thursdays of Lent – February 15th & 22nd, March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd.

Time: any time between 12 noon and 1.30pm.

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

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Bekesbourne Songs of Praise

Everyone is warmly welcome to the first Songs of Praise in 2018.

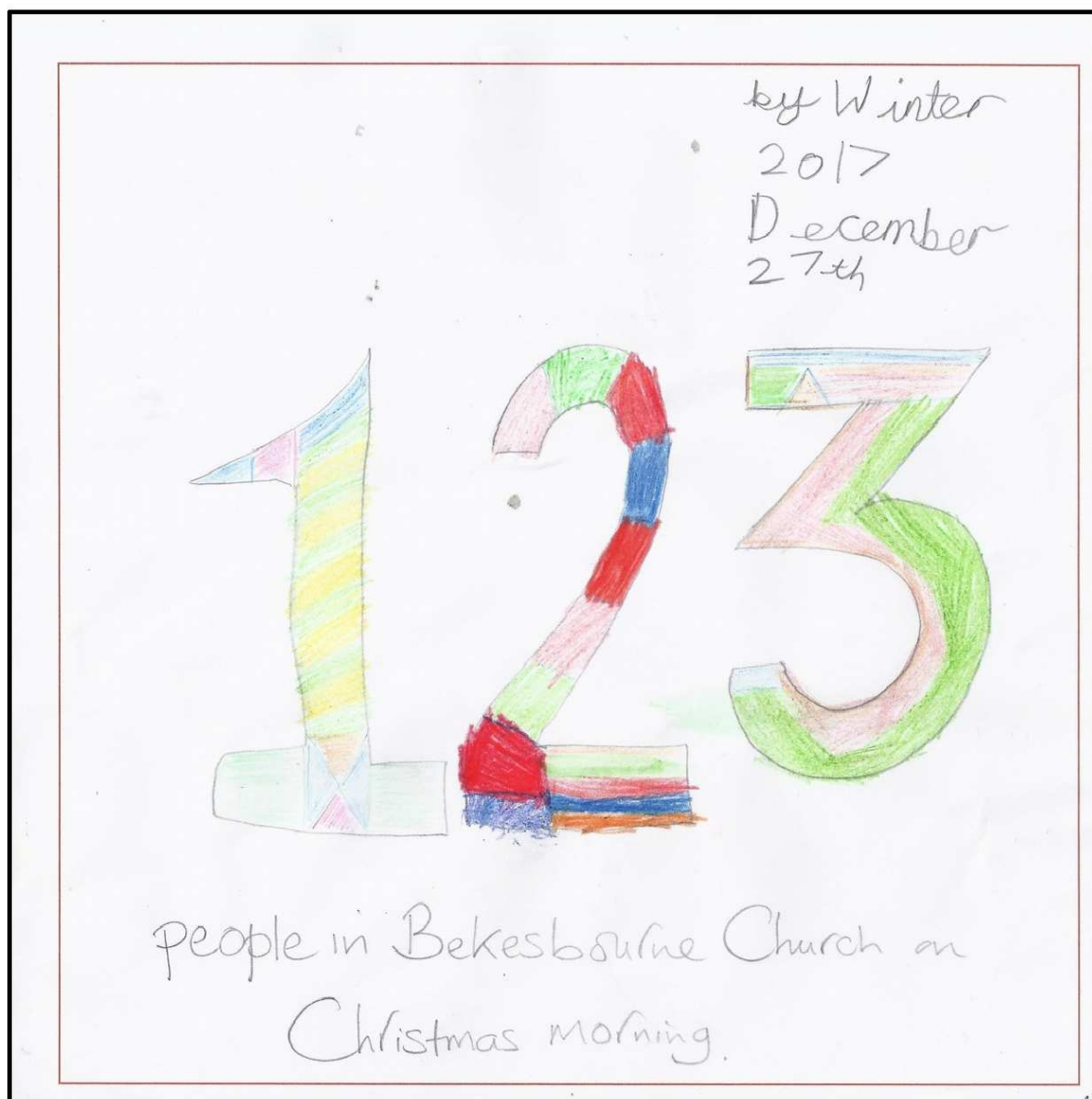
The service, for Epiphany, was led by Maggie. We learnt all about the three kings and their gifts and joined in a chant recounting their journey. This was very loosely based on the children's book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and was appreciated by young and old alike. There was a good selection of hymns, some very familiar and some not so. We all sung heartily and were greatly assisted by Andrew accompanying us on the organ and Stuart on the violin. The informal service was followed by tea or coffee and biscuits and a chance to chat.

Unfortunately there will be no Songs of Praise in February as there is a Benefice Service at Lower Hardres. It is the first service for our new vicar Rev. Estella Last. I know that many of you will want to attend.

In March there is a slight change to that Songs of Praise will not be on 4th March but on Mothering Sunday the following week—11th March.

Pat will lead the service and it will follow the usual format. The theme will be Mothering Sunday and posies will be distributed after the service. We look forward to seeing lots of you there.

Nicky (PCC sec Bekesbourne)



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A big thank you to the young resident of Patixbourne who has raised £230 for the church by organising and carrying out a sponsored skip. And, of course, to the people who so generously sponsored her.

Bridge & District History Society

The next meeting will be held in Bridge Village Hall on Thursday February 15th at 7.30pm. Steven Edney, Head Gardener of the Salutation, Sandwich will outline the history of the garden designed in 1912 by Sir Edward Lutyens. A visit to the garden will follow in June.

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

Further details from David Gilmour. Tel: 832450.

Children's Christmas Party

I would like to thank all the children and their parents for coming to our belated party in January in the John Baker White Village Hall. We had a lovely time with plenty of food and lots of games and music.

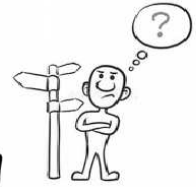
Especially I would like to thank Emily and William for all their help with the games, the children had a lovely time.

Margaret

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The first evening talk in this year's programme is on Tuesday 13 February when Linda Ford from Deal will be giving an illustrated talk on the Sandown Community Garden (on the site of the old Sandown Castle at the northern end of Deal).

As always, non-members will be most welcome. There is a small charge to include refreshments.

Please note that Schedules for both the Spring and Summer Shows are now available. Please contact the Show Secretary, Kathy Walder (tel: 07791 656539), Chairman, Rajini Dasan (tel: 830313) or Secretary Brenda Wood (tel: 831704) if you have not already received yours.

Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute

On **Tuesday 20 February** at the usual time of 7.30 pm in **Bridge Village Hall** the guest speaker is **Emma Slade** who will be giving a talk entitled "**Awakening - The Magic of Bhutan**".

Emma is a Buddhist nun, originally from Whitstable, who is now running a charity in Bhutan. The **competition** for February is for members to bring an interesting item beginning with the letter "B". And remember, we are always delighted to welcome visitors and guests at our meetings.

Coffee Cake and Concert

Reg Humphriss shared many of his 'favourite things' at the CCC in St Peter's Bridge on Saturday 20th January. A thoroughly entertaining hour with Reg at the helm, lovely cakes and good company. Thank you Reg.

Thanks also to Alan and Jean for organising these events, why not come along to our next one on 24th February and hear Bettina sing, donation on entry includes refreshments.

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It is with regret that this will be the last Poppy Appeal that we organise for this area but the good news is that Ranjit Dhaliwal, has agreed to take up the task and to organise this year's Poppy Appeal.

Please support Ranjit and his collectors in 2018 and beyond. Ranjit will be contacting all current volunteers in September and if more of you would like to volunteer, please have a word with Ranjit in Bridgeway Stores.

Emily Shirley

Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

We hope that by the time you read this everyone will be over the winter ailments which have beset us recently and are looking forward to the spring months.

Our Poppy Appeal collection total for 2017 is now totalling around the £5,000 mark with a small amount more to come in. Well done everybody!

We are looking forward to the 1918-2018 commemorations in November to mark the end of World War 1. Talented people locally will be sought to knit or crochet poppies for a display at Littlebourne Church. If you can help please contact 01227 472023.

We are looking to book a Beef Pudding Supper Night at the Hay Wain again in the spring - so watch this space.

Our next two monthly branch meetings will be on Tuesdays 13 Feb and 13 March both at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

We wish you all a belated happy, healthy and peaceful new year.

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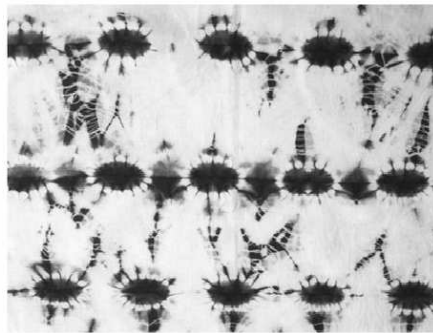
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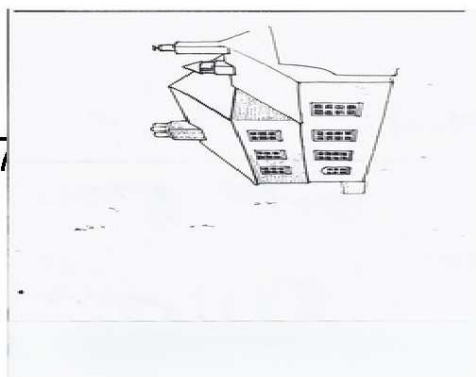


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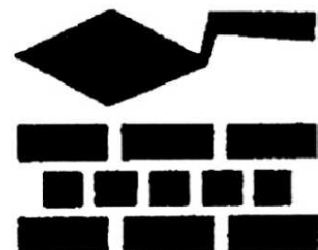
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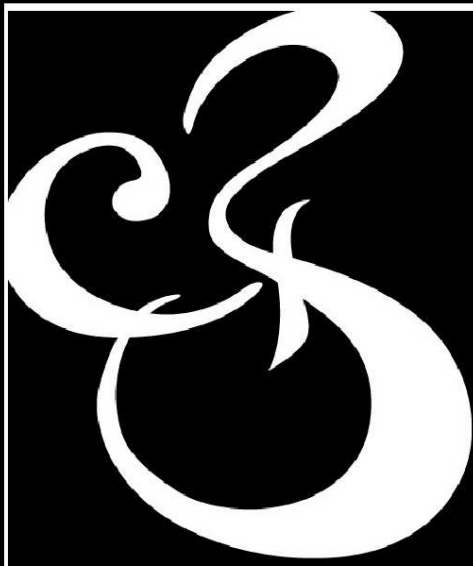


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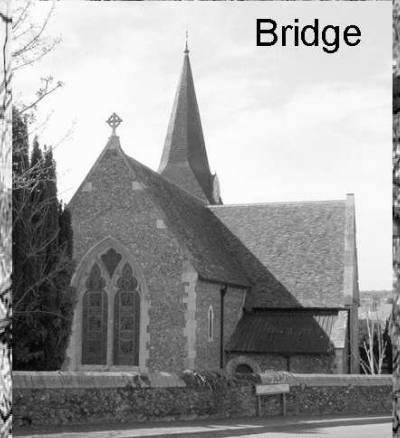
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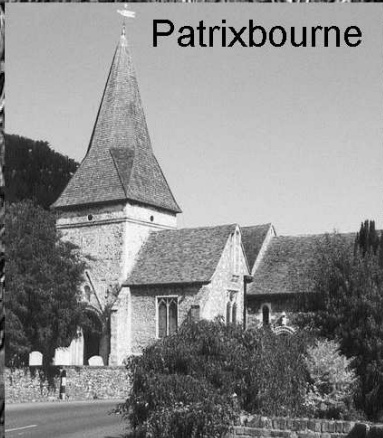
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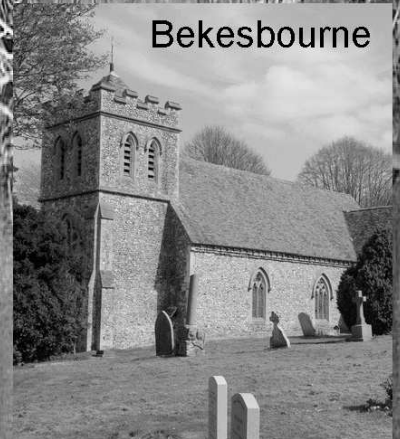
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4th Mar Ex. 20. 1-17 John 2. 13-22	8.00am BCP Holy Communion EL	11.00am Family Communion RH	6.00pm Evensong MC & EL	9.30am Sung Eucharist EL	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>
11th Mar <u>Mothing Sunday</u> Col. 3. 12-17 John 19.25b-27	9.30am Sung Eucharist RH	9:30am Family Service MC 3.30pm Evensong MC	9:30am Family Communion EL	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	10.00am Songs of Praise Lay led
18th Mar Heb. 5. 5-10 John 12. 20-33	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	9.30am Family Service MC	11.00am Choral Eucharist DL	8.00am BCP Holy Communion RH	9.30am Sung Eucharist JT
25th Mar <u>Palm Sunday</u> Mark 11.1-11 Isa. 50.4-9a	<i>All welcome at Bridge</i>		<u>11.00am</u> Palm Sunday Benefice Service <u>10:45am</u> Procession starting from the Vicarage Community Worship with Communion EL	<i>All welcome at Bridge</i>	
29th Mar <u>Maundy Thursday</u>	<i>All welcome at Patribourne</i>			7:00pm EL	<i>All welcome at Patribourne</i>
30th Mar <u>Good Friday</u>	<i>All welcome at Bekesbourne</i>				2:00pm Good Friday Service EL
1st Apr <u>Easter Sunday</u> Acts 10. 34-43 John 20.1-18	8:00am BCP Holy Communion Rev Estella Last	11.00am Family Communion EL & MC	6.00pm Evensong MC	9.30am Sung Eucharist Rev Estella Last	10.00am Songs of Praise Lay led

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



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March 2018

Dear Friends

Firstly I need to say a big thank you – to everyone who has welcomed us so warmly to the Benefice, to those who have sent cards and gifts, to all those involved in my licensing, first services in the different churches and the attendant ‘bun fights’! It has been a joy to meet so many of you and to begin to get to know these beautiful villages a little better.

As I write this I am contemplating what it means to begin the journey of Lent in a new place alongside a new community of people and I am wondering what we will experience together and how God will be present among us during this time of waiting and preparation.

Journeying will be an important theme for me this March as I will be making my first trip to the Holy Land – a long awaited and much looked forward to event. I hope to bring lots of photographs and experiences back with me to share with those of you who might be interested.

Journeying will also feature in our worship life together as a benefice when we join together at 11am on Sunday 25th March (Palm Sunday) in St Peter’s Church in Bridge for a Benefice service of Community Worship with Holy Communion. Hopefully something for everyone – young and old! Palm Sunday begins the week during which we commemorate the events leading to Jesus’ death (Good Friday) and Resurrection (Easter Sunday). Holy Week is in itself a journey which, for those who would like to, we will begin (weather permitting!) at 10.45am on Palm Sunday on the Vicarage driveway for the Blessing of the Palms and a procession (anyone got a donkey?!) to the church in time for the 11am service. Everyone is welcome!

I also intend to walk from St Peter’s Church Bridge to St Peter’s Church Bekesbourne on Good Friday arriving in time for the 2pm Service of reflection with the Cross. Anyone who wishes to join me for this short pilgrimage is welcome – I will be setting off from Bridge at 1pm.

If we haven’t already met I look forward to meeting you, there will be further opportunities to join me for coffee at the Vicarage – look out for the lists! Otherwise I look forward to hearing from you if there is anything that we in the church can help you with.

Yours in Christ

[OBJ]

Rev. Estella Last, Vicar

Tuesday 6th

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge
3:00pm – Holy Communion, Bridge Haven
7:30pm – Lent Discussion Group, Mansfield Court

Tuesday 13th

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

Wednesday 14th

10:00am - FISH pop-in coffee, Bridge Village Hall
2:00pm - Social Afternoon, Lower Hardres

Tuesday 20th

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge
3:00pm – Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge
7:30pm – Lent Discussion Group, Mansfield Court

Wednesday 21st - 3:00pm - Hymns at Bridge Haven

Tuesday 27th – 9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

FOSP Event - Our local Betjeman Players will perform their latest presentation on Sunday 22 April in Bridge Church at 3pm followed by tea & cakes.

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St. Peter's Bridge. Stonework Repairs



Good News! 98% of the exterior stonework repairs have been completed.



The scaffolding was finally removed just before Christmas.



After a period of drying out it is hoped interior repairs / plastering / painting will commence by the end of April

Patixbourne with Bridge Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is to be reviewed. If you are already on the Roll you need do nothing.

If you would like your name to be added please complete a form which will be at the back of the church from 21st March 2018 and hand it to one of the churchwardens or leave it at 54 Bridge Down by 4th April 2018

St. Peter's Bridge Flower Arrangers

Easter is fast approaching and the time has come for the flower arrangers of St. Peter's Bridge to think about decorating the church. Anyone who would like to purchase a Easter Lilly in memory of a loved one please contact either a churchwarden or Viv Brasier. I am hoping to maintain the cost of previous years and therefore each lilly will be £3.

The numbers of ladies on the flower rota is gradually declining and so we are always looking for volunteers for this very rewarding job. We are only a country church, not the cathedral so please do not be daunted, a vase of hedgerow flowers and greenery is all that is needed to make the church look welcoming to its visitors. Help will be readily given if you are interested. Viv Brasier.



CHRISTIAN AID LENT LUNCHESES

Please come to lunch!

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

When: the 6 Thursdays of Lent – February 15th & 22nd,
March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd.

Time: any time between 12 noon and 1.30pm.

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

This invitation is to everybody, not just church members. It's friendly and informal and if you haven't been before you would be very welcome.

All donations will go to Christian Aid.

Please ring 831956 the day before to book.

Alan & Jean Barber.



CHRISTIAN AID LENT AND EASTER APPEAL 2018

Across the world more than 40 million of our neighbours have been forced to flee their homes. They are refugees but, remaining *inside* their own country, they are mostly overlooked and ignored. Will you walk with them this Lent, and bring them hope?

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How Christian Aid is helping. Thanks to the generosity of people like you, Dimma is now receiving money for food and animal feed from Christian Aid, which keeps her animals alive. She says: 'Our life is on the line. If it wasn't for this kind of aid, we couldn't have survived.'

How we can help.

The 'Count Your Blessings calendar' gives us an opportunity to reflect each day through Lent on the blessings in our own lives and to pray, take action or donate a small amount to support those who don't enjoy these blessings. Copies of the calendar are available in church.

By donating to the Lent and Easter Appeal on line at www.christianaid.org.uk or by placing a donation in an envelope and passing it to me. I will make sure all donations go to the Christian Aid Appeal.

Many thanks

Jean Barber (01227 831956)

Fish Scheme (Neighbourly Help) News

The March Pop-In is on Wednesday 14th in Bridge Village Hall from 10 to 11.15. There will be a representative of Hi Kent there to help with hearing aids. Everyone is most welcome. Our telephone number is 07953 966 080. The Spring Outing will be on Thursday April 19th. Please phone the Fish number if you would like to go and were not able to pick up a form at the February Pop-In.

Bridge & District History Society

The next meeting will be on Thursday March 15th in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm. Chris Price will give a talk on the Catch Club which existed in Canterbury for those interested in music and singing from 1779 - 1865 .

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

Further details from David Gilmour Tel:832450.

Its all Smash and UHT this month

I was taken by the piece in the November edition of the Parish Magazine suggesting we abandoned our Advent Calendars and contribute to the Canterbury Food Bank instead. I did just that, but then spoke to a collector of the contents of said yellow bins, who suggested I might like to volunteer and so I applied. I have now done my initial trial run and am on the rota at the Military Road Distribution Centre. I asked at this first visit what is most needed – the answer now is for UHT full fat milk, potatoes either in tins or as Smash, canned vegetables eg carrots and UHT orange juice. This will change no doubt and so to be contd....*'Food for Thought'*

IT Group

This will take place on the third Friday in the month at 10.30 am at the Red Lion, Bridge commencing on Friday 16th March 2018

For those wanting help and advice using mobile phones, tablets/i pads and laptops come and join us. Wifi is available at the Red Lion. Beginners especially welcome. Any 'Experts' able to come along to assist with the group, particularly welcome! For further details please ring landline 01227 830976 or mobile 07860591887. info@blackvanilla.org.uk

Bekesbourne 100 Club

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to the 100 Club which is now in its 18th year and still raising valuable funds for the upkeep of Bekesbourne church.

The winners in January were: Phyl Denne £50; Sarah Wetherell £25; and Amanda Barker £15.

The winners in February are: Wendy Howard £50; Mandy Williams £25; and Ned Walters £15.

David Farbrace won the £250 Christmas bonus prize. Steve Thomas

Annual Church Meeting at Bekesbourne Recreation Ground

Please note we have a new venue for our Annual meeting this year!

We will meet at Bekesbourne rec. on Thursday April 12th at 7.30 pm to elect two churchwardens for 2018/19. Everyone is welcome to attend and may vote at this meeting.

This will be followed by the Annual Church Meeting, at which the Parochial Church Council and Sidesmen/women for the coming year will be elected. It is an opportunity to thank all those people who have worked so hard to care for our church and churchyard and keep our church flourishing over the last year. We celebrate the achievements of 2017 look forward to continuing the journey together in 2018

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 Jill Gillanders, Nicky Fry or Lindsay Sharp-Kinsey.

If you would like to receive the agenda and reports before the meeting please ensure that I have your email address. There will only be a limited number of printed copies available on the night. Thank you
Nicky Fry, Secretary



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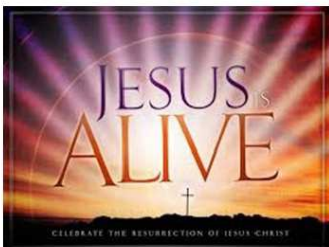
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Bridge with Patixbourne Women's Institute

On **Tuesday 20 March** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, **Eve Muggridge** will perhaps be giving away some secrets when she gives her talk with demonstration on "How I Make Stained Glass Items". The **competition** for March is for members to bring an interesting item beginning with the letter "C". Please remember that we are always delighted to welcome non-members and visitors to our meetings.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

For our meeting on **Tuesday 13 March** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, **Steve Ware**, Whitstable Station Manager, is giving an illustrated talk on **Whitstable Coastwatch**, which is part of the National Coastwatch Institution and a registered charity. The station at Whitstable is manned by uniformed volunteers from the local community. Do come along to learn more about the vital service that Coastwatch provides. All are welcome. There is a small charge to cover refreshments.

And now for advance notice of our **Annual Spring Show** on **Saturday 7 April** in Bridge Village Hall and open to the public from 11.00 am until 1.00 pm. There are three classes which are open to all, not just members, with voucher prizes awarded to the winners. Please do think seriously of giving it a go. Details of these open classes are as follows:

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*"New Life" - a **photo**, unframed, not to exceed 8" x 6"*

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If anyone requires a Show Schedule or would like more information, please contact the Show Secretary, Kathy Walder (tel: 07791 656539), Chairman, Rajini Dasan (tel: 830313) or Secretary Brenda Wood (tel: 831704)

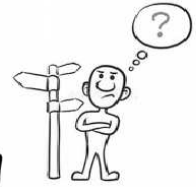
National Vegetable Society - Kent Association

The Society returns to Bridge Village Hall for its 2018 programme of evening talks, starting on **Wednesday 14 March** (7.30 for 8.00 pm) with the **Annual General Meeting** and a talk on "**What's New (and Not So New) in the Seed Catalogues**" by **Ian Clemens**, Fellow of the National Vegetable Society. Non-members are most welcome to come along to the meetings.

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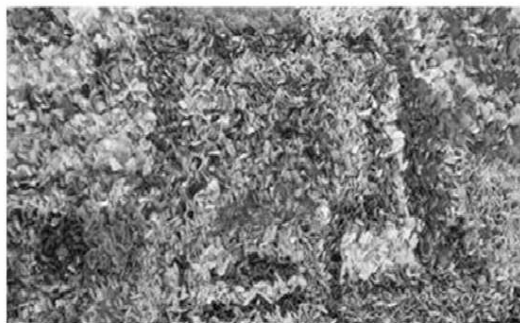
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With not too much to report on at present, could we mention that we are always seeking new Legion members to join us in the Branch. You do not have to be ex-service - just someone interested in the aims of the Legion. If you would like more information please ring the Secretary on 01227 472023.

As mentioned last month, we are looking forward to the 1918-2018 commemorations in November to mark the end of World War 1. Talented people locally will be needed during the year to knit or crochet poppies for a display at Littlebourne Church. If you can help please contact the above number.

Our next two monthly Branch meetings will be held on Tuesdays, 13 March and 10 April both at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

Snowdown Colliery Welfare Male Voice Choir

On Saturday March 3rd, Snowdown Colliery Welfare Male Voice Choir will be performing their traditional St David's Day Concert at the Aylesham Community Project, Ackholt Road. This year the Special Guests will be Aylesham Ladies Choir. Admission £3 at the door. Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.

News from St Mary's, Lower Hardres

Mothering Sunday - This falls on March 11th. At 9:30 am we will have a Family service when posies and cards will be given to everyone. Obviously we will have our traditional Simnel cake. Lots for children to participate in.

On March 18th we will have our usual Family service.

Good Friday Workshop - This on March 30th and we are thrilled to welcome Revd. Estella. She will lead a short service at the end of our Children's Workshop. The Workshop runs from 9:30 until 12 noon. Please ring Julie; 788316 or Margaret; 765598 to book a place. If your child is under school age be stay with them. Donations towards the cost of materials are welcome. We will have fun!

Easter Day - April 1st On this day we will have a Family Communion at 11:00 am, when Revd. Estella will officiate. Refreshments will be served at the end, and we will have our Easter Egg Hunt. Children will decorate our lovely white cross to God's Glory. Do come!

A Very Happy and Blessed Easter
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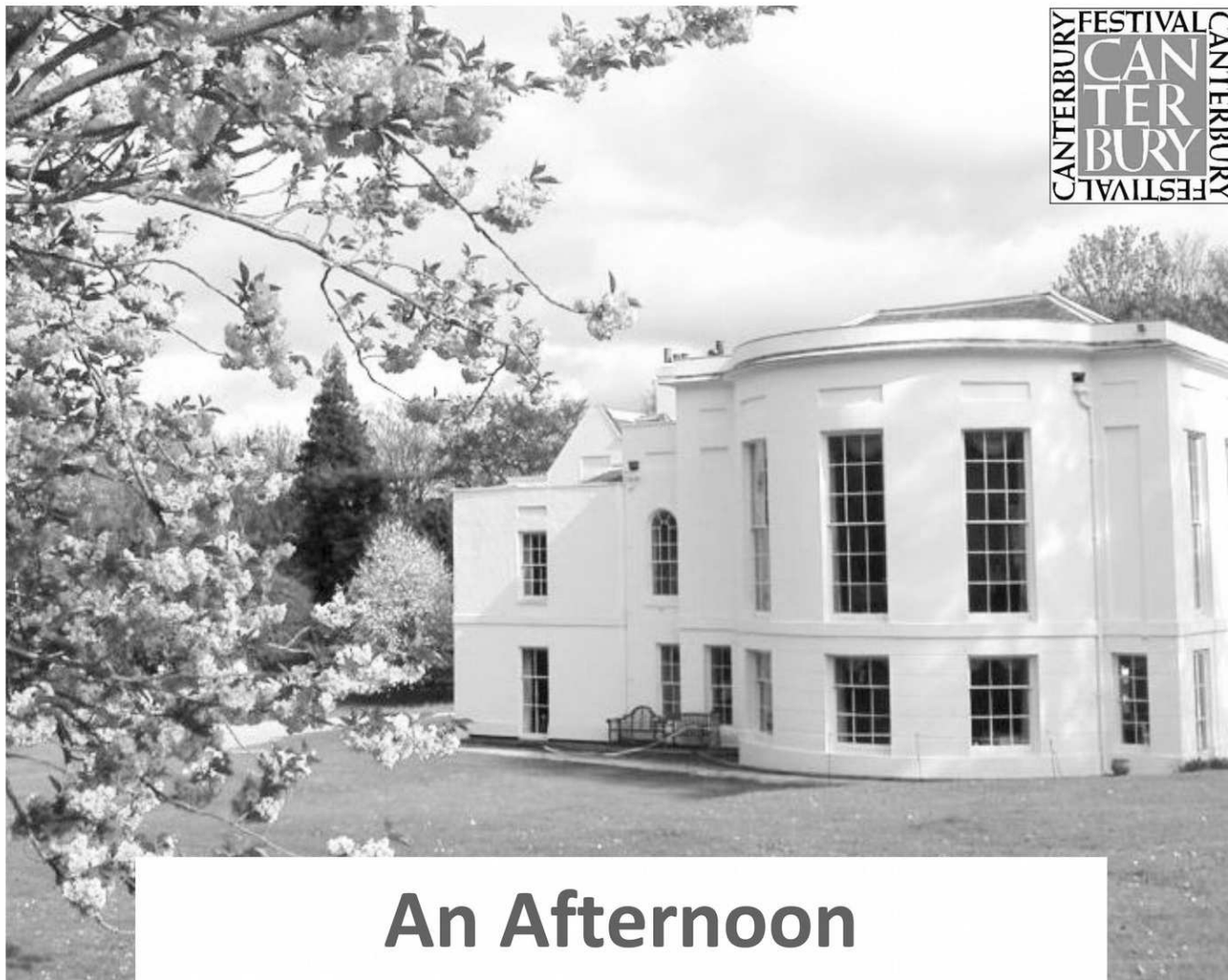
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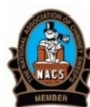
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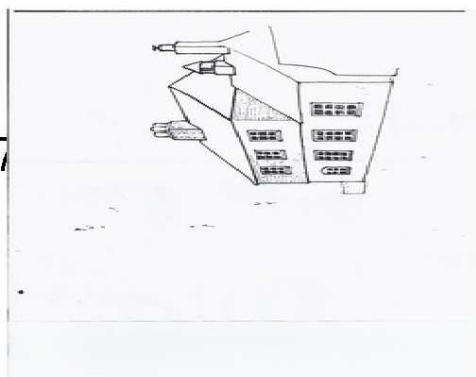


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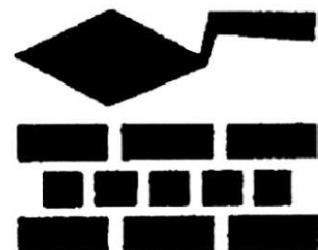
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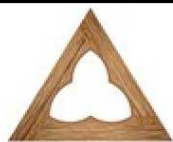
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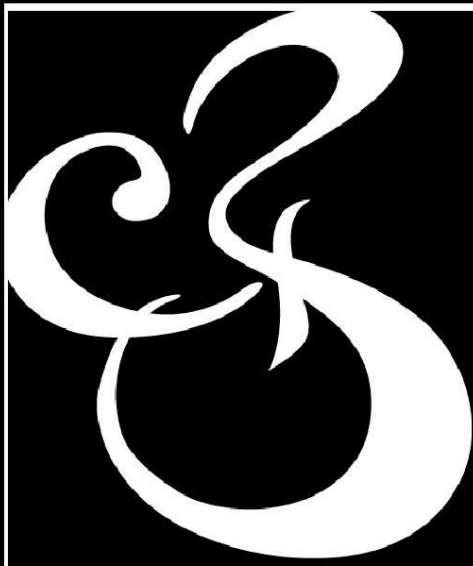
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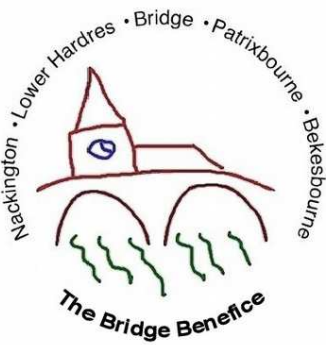
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8th Apr Exodus 14:10- end;15:20-21 Acts: 4:32-35 John 20:19-end	9.30am Sung Eucharist RH	6pm Evensong MC	9:30am Family Communion EL	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	8:00am BCP Holy Communion EL
15th Apr Zeph 3: 14-end Acts: 3:12-19 Luke 24:36b-48	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	9.30am Family Service MC	11.00am Choral Eucharist EL	8.00am BCP Holy Communion EL	9.30am Sung Eucharist EL
22nd Apr Genesis 7:1- 5,11-18: 8:6-18; 9:8-13 Acts 4:5-12 John 10:11-18	9.30am Sung Eucharist EL	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	8:00am BCP Holy Communion EL 11.00am Community Worship BL	9.30am Matins MC	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>
29th Apr Genesis 22:1-18 Acts 8:26-end John 15:1-8	<i>All welcome at Patribourne</i>			11am Benefice Service Sung Eucharist	<i>All welcome at Patribourne</i>
6th May Isaiah 55:1-11 Acts 10:44-end John 15: 9-17	8:00am BCP Holy Communion EL	11.00am Family Communion EL & MC	6.00pm Evensong MC	9.30am Sung Eucharist	10.00am Songs of Praise Readings for Rogation Days – see Estella for list or p10 CW Lectionary Lay led (+ EL)

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Dear Friends

Happy Easter! Or, as we say in the Church, “Alleluia! Christ is Risen!” I hope by the time you read this that we have really begun to see some proper signs of spring in our villages – the premature daffodils that were clobbered by the recent snowfall have just begun to raise their heads again as I write. Springtime brings with it the hope of warmer days, greener fields and the beauty of the world we inhabit literally springing forth.

Hope too of renewal in our church life - we have enjoyed some wonderful worship in our churches just recently with more than 150 people (adults and children) worshipping together around the benefice on Mothering Sunday! How good it was to see so many of you in your ‘Mother’ church, celebrating God’s gifts of love and care and giving thanks. I am hoping too that we will have had a full church on Palm Sunday for our Benefice Service in Bridge (and that the donkey behaved himself!). Do join us for our Benefice Service at Patrixbourne on 29th April – the more the merrier!

The celebration of Easter is also all about hope, the hope that we have in the Risen Christ showing us that our human life with its trials and tribulations isn’t all there is and that we have something more to look forward to. Our hope as Christians though isn’t purely based on what might be to come in ‘the glorious hereafter’ but is also firmly rooted in the promise that we are loved by a God who will never abandon us, will always forgive us when we go wrong and longs to walk alongside us as we journey through life. Our beautiful churches bear witness to His enduring presence in the life of our communities for generations past and hopefully generations to come.

I am beginning to get to know you all a bit now but if I haven’t been to visit your interest group or activity in any of the villages do give me a bell and invite me along. If we haven’t already met I look forward to meeting you. There will be further opportunities to join me for coffee at the Vicarage – look out for the lists or give me a ring to book yourself in. Otherwise I look forward to hearing from you if there is anything else that we in the church can help you with.

Yours in Christ

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Dates for the diary – April 2018

Sunday 1st – Easter services throughout the Benefice

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 & 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 & Sharing

Tuesday 24th – 9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS (APCM) 2018

Every parish in the Church of England is required to hold its APCM by the end of April.

Bekesbourne is holding its APCM at the Recreation Ground Pavilion on Thursday 12th April at 7.30pm (for details see page 17 of the March edition of 'On the Nail').

Patricxbourne with Bridge is holding its APCM in St Peter's Church, Bridge on Wednesday 18th April at 7.30pm (see details below)

The acronym **APCM** is cleverly described by one of the parishes in our diocese as – **A**ppointing Churchwardens; **P**CC members needed; **C**ome onto the Electoral Roll; **M**anaging our church.

Adopting that model: -

A the Churchwardens are elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (aka Vestry Meeting); all from the civic parish are welcome to attend and may vote at this meeting; it precedes the APCM.

P the Annual Report & Financial Statements of the PCC for 2017 is available in both churches or from the Churchwardens. It notes we were in interregnum for the whole year (from Sept 2016); it gives thanks to all who helped us through the vacancy and rejoices at the news that the Reverend Estella Last will be our next Priest in Charge. Estella was licensed & installed on 30th January and will chair this APCM. Its Agenda will include brief (1 minute) reports from various church groups.

C the Church Electoral Roll entitles you to vote at the APCM – please speak to a Churchwarden if you wish to be added to the roll.

M the Priest, Churchwardens & PCC are key figures in managing both our churches. Do please support them by attending the APCM, volunteering to serve on the PCC and/or as Sidespersons and voting in their elections; also offering to help in many other ways.

Alan Barber – Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC Secretary

Mothering Sunday at St Peter's Bekesbourne

The start of the service had to be delayed as more and more poured through the door on Mothering Sunday at St Peter's Bekesbourne. A staggering 49 adults and 20 children packed into the church for their Songs of Praise. Aply led by Pat Kusel the congregation sang their hearts out with familiar hymns and the very popular "My Mum's one in a million" being sung with particular gusto with both organ (Andrew Cooper) and CD accompaniment. Pat gave a particularly poignant explanation of the difference between the biblical 'Mothering Sunday' and the secular "Mother's Day", and why the day comes in the middle of Lent, in a manner understood by all. These services continue to be very popular attracting many who would not normally attend a more conventional church service.

Stuart Field

Lower Hardres News

KYLE THOMAS PLOMMER

It is with great regret that today (15th March) I am off to officiate at Kyles funeral. We was only 19, and was involved in a car crash. Dear Kyle came to St Mary's Church, Lower Hardres. He said prayers and sang in the choir. He was such fun, always laughing, lively and very loving. He attended Bridge School and he was know as 'Cheeky Chap!'. He attended Archbishops School, and loved all sports, especially Cricket. He played at Street End, Kenfield, Littlebourne and Sturry. He loved his dog, Alfie. Kyle was full of love and very popular. He brought love and joy to everyone he met. God Bless and thank you Kyle. R.I.P.

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News From the Quiet View

EASTER DAY SUNRISE SERVICE 6.30 am – a short pilgrimage walk around the garden when we light a fire and candles, sing and hear the Easter story followed by breakfast in the yurt. It would be helpful to know if you'd like to come!

TAIJI QIGONG will be on Mon 9^h April at 7.30 and Thursday 26th April at 2.30. £6 The practice naturally harmonizes the mind, body & spirit. Please contact Melanie French at m.s.french00@btinternet.com if you are interested

FINDING KEYS TO BODY WISDOM with Revd Magdalene Mei Halkes - **Sunday 8th April 11am – 5pm** A whole day to explore Magdalene Mei's *Pause, Touch and Feel* technique to help us find harmony in every aspects of our being – physical, emotional and spiritual. Magdalene, who is an Inter-Faith Minister, has led her workshops in the UK, Hong Kong and Mexico and from personal experience I know she has exceptional wisdom to share. Suggested donation £25 includes Madeleine's homemade refreshments. **NOT TO BE MISSED!** Also a follow –up evening on **Thursday April 26th 7pm – 9pm**. Suggested Donation £10 Please book with Lizzie for both workshops.

RED TENT KENT – this is an exciting women's group coming monthly to the Quiet View. It is part of an international organisation that seeks to encourage women to find healing and peace through meditation, sound, art, prayer, music and other healing gifts. **Friday 13th April 7pm – 9pm**. Please contact Karalyne Howes if you are interested. 077255 89935 Donations very welcome. From May onwards it will be on the 3rd Friday of the month.

SILENT RETREAT 'Maintaining Resilience Through Compassion Practices' - led by Dr Julia Ronder, Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Mindful Self-Compassion Teacher, Co-ordinator of the Kent Group of the Janki Foundation.

Saturday 28th April 11am – 4pm. Please book with Dr Julia Ronder at www.newron.co.uk Suggested donation £12.50

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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It's in the bag

Continuing with life at the Military Road Food Bank Distribution Café, I am learning as I go along. The items placed in a yellow bin, whether in a supermarket or in the Church, are regularly collected and taken to the Chestfield Collection Centre by volunteers.

There they are separated into individual bags: Adult 1, Adult 2 and children. These bags represent sustenance for 3 days emergency supplies – the contents have been put together by a nutritionist taking into account the limitations (no fresh foods/homemade items). They are issued on a voucher system by various agencies (Church, Schools, CAB to name but 3) and these vouchers are given to people in need of emergency help, but only up to 5 vouchers per year. The CAB and the Canterbury Debt Advice Centre are present to give further assistance. I will attempt to list the contents of the individual bags on a future occasion, but they all contain UHT milk and juice, tinned vegetables and meat, both as a meal or for slicing, plus other items including pasta and jam. If known in advance, bags are made up to suit individual needs, eg vegetarian.

This is a Christian Agency backed by many local businesses and the Rotary Club and is very well organised. If you only donate one item a month, it will be very well received and it will help someone in our District area to get through a very difficult patch in their life.

'Food For Thought'

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Spring Show



Saturday 7 April
Bridge Village Hall

Show open to public 11am to 1.00pm

Presentation of Prizes 12.45 pm

Includes 3 Open Classes (for all to enter):

- 5 sticks of rhubarb (pulled & leaves trimmed)
- 6 chitted seed potatoes in an egg box
- a photo, unframed, not to exceed 8" x 6" entitled "New Life"

Refreshments

Raffle

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Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

The guest speaker at our meeting on **Tuesday 17 April** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall is local artist **Colette Baumbach** whose talk is entitled "**The Westgate Murals and More**". Colette will be telling us all about this project which has brightened up the underpass at Toddler's Cove. The **competition** for April is for members to bring an interesting item beginning with the letter "D". If you are interested in this talk or in the WI generally please do come along. We are always delighted to welcome visitors and guests.

And a date for the diary. On **Friday 11 May** we will be holding our fund-raising **Afternoon Tea** in the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground. Watch out for more details.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Our **Annual Spring Show** is on **Saturday 7 April** in Bridge Village Hall and open to the public from 11.00 am until 1.00 pm, with Prize Giving at 12.45pm. There is no entry fee and there are several trophies to be won. There are also 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*

*"New Life" - 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).

And we must not forget the always popular "Chairman's Challenge" which this year is to bring along the pot of daffodil bulbs (variety "Binkie") which you would have been given in the autumn.

Our members put a lot of effort into staging the Show and it would be nice if everyone would make time to pop in to appreciate the display of exhibits and the fragrance emanating from a hall filled with sweet scented spring flowers.

For more information or a show schedule, please contact the Show Secretary, Kathy Walder (tel: 07791 656539), Chairman, Rajini Dasan (tel: 830313) or Secretary Brenda Wood (tel: 831704).

National Vegetable Society - Kent Association

On **Wednesday 11 April** (7.30 for 8.00 pm) in Bridge Village Hall, there will be a talk on "**Chrysanthemums**" by **Alan Wright** of the National Chrysanthemum Society.

Non-members are always most welcome. So, if you are already a keen chrysanthemum grower or want to find out more, please do come along.

Bridge Childcare Centre

Bridge Childcare Centre Committee is a charitable body that was created to raise funds to purchase and maintain Bridge Childcare Centre. The Centre is home to Bridge After School Club and Woodpeckers Nursery, both charities in their own right, and is situated on the grounds of Bridge and Patixbourne C.E.P school.

After a recent condition survey it has been discovered that £30,000 is needed to carry out the essential repairs to ensure the future of the current building. The committee plan to raise the funds necessary to carryout these repairs over the next 12-18 months to secure the future of two well used local charities.

The committee, made entirely of parent volunteers from Bridge After School Club and Woodpeckers Nursery, are appealing to anyone locally that may be able to help with donating materials, time or money to help to raise the sum needed.

For more information or to offer any support please contact the committee in one of the following ways.

Phone: 01227 831159

Email: woodpeckerscommittee@gmail.com or basc_fundraising@yahoo.com

Post: Bridge Childcare Centre, Bridge and Patixbourne School, Conyngham Lane, Bridge, CT4 5JX

Any and all help will be gratefully appreciated. Thank you.

Bridge Childcare Centre Committee.

Vets News



are the most common parasites that can infest your pets and spread diseases to pets and people.

The most common tick in the UK is *Ixodes Ricinus* or the sheep tick which is found lurking in shady, grassy areas. They are most active in the warm, wet weather of Spring and Autumn when they seek out mammals to attach to and we are seeing quite a few at the moment now that the weather is warmer and wetter!

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 this 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 10th September from 10am to 4pm and hope lots of you can make it. Please come and have a look at our new scenes, learn more about what we can do to help you look after your pet and see lots of interesting and unusual animals. You'll also be able to visit our Diagnostic Clinic and Rehabilitation Clinic. This is a great day out for all and is completely FREE and we hope we'll see lots of you there.





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Bridge Parish Council meeting
Thursday 8 March 2018 in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

There was good public attendance (about 40 people) at the extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council on 15 February 2018 to discuss the modified Highland Court proposals.

Canterbury City Council have now confirmed a grant of £649 to be put towards improving the heating system in the pavilion.

Neighbourhood Plan: The Plan is currently out to regulation 14 consultation. There will be two formal consultation events in the village hall on Sunday March 18 (2-5 p.m.) and Saturday 7 April (5-8 p.m.) The Neighbourhood Plan committee will consider all responses and amend the plan if they choose before the final consultation with Canterbury City Council.

Cllr A Atkinson reported on a meeting of the River Group held on 10 February. An official from Kent County Council outlined the scale of recent budget cuts, though she conceded that further work is needed on the soakaway at the end of Conyngham Lane and that drainage in the High St needs further review. Villagers and councillors should continue to log drainage problems on the KCC highways website. The local region is in a state of water stress at the moment-with water levels very low in both reservoirs and aquifers. Further national funding to pay for flood protection in the Nail Bourne valley should be released by the end of 2018.

Council agreed to the fireworks and bonfire event being held on 3 November 2018.

Cllr Fawke stated that Green Court developments had been hampered by the recent severe weather but that they would be renewed as soon as possible (to include further groundworks, replanting of trees and planting of new shrubs and flowers).

Council voted unanimously in favour of two motions:

That BPC does not support the latest revised proposals for development of Highland Court Farm as presented on 15 February 2018

That BPC explores the costs and options for a new website

With regard to motion (b) Council was keen to ensure that the current volunteers who provide an excellent service to the village website are informed of the reasons for this motion and are encouraged to take part in the proposed review.

FULL MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE ON PARISH NOTICEBOARDS AND ON THE BRIDGEVILLAGE WEBSITE

Charity Calendar of Bridge Photos 2019



We are looking for donations please of your lovely photos of Bridge to enable us to compile a Calendar for 2019 all monies raised to go to: Pilgrims Hospices, in conjunction with the Red Lion Inn, Bridge who have kindly offered to sponsor this project.

**Please send photos to:
bridgecalendar2019@gmail.com**

Photos of Bridge & surrounding areas only.

Open to all ages & abilities (providing photos are of a printable quality)

Please submit photos by the end of May

We are hoping this will be fun activity for all, showcase our beautiful village and history in the process. Any question to the about to Sharon & Amanda x



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Further information on the web site and from John Corfield - tel: 01227 830976



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Inventiveness, when living more than walking distance away from a shop, is all-important! Frustrated by a wish to make a lovely warming fudge crumble combined with a lack of the usual rhubarb, I was forced to investigate the freezer for alternatives.... Result... Sweet cherries and home grown raspberries make the most delicious pudding imaginable. It made up beautifully using gluten free digestive biscuits. If you do use them, use a little less butter.

Cherry and Raspberry Fudge Crumble

1 ½ lb/900g frozen cherries and raspberries (approx.)
2oz/50g sugar, white or brown (to taste – I usually use less)
Slug of cassis/framboise

for the crumble:

4oz/110g butter (3.5oz/90g if using gluten free biscuits)
4oz/110g Demerara sugar
6oz/170g digestive biscuits, crushed to crumbs
1 rounded teaspoon ground cinnamon

Defrost the fruit in an ovenproof dish. Add the liqueur and sugar to taste.

Set the oven to 200 deg C.

Melt the butter in a saucepan, stir in the Demerara sugar, digestive crumbs and cinnamon. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring from time to time. Then cover the fruit with the crumble and bake in a hot oven 200 deg C for 15 to 20 minutes until golden brown. Remove from the oven and serve either warm with vanilla ice cream (home made, naturally!) or cold with whipped cream/Greek yoghurt.

For more fabulous recipes visit my blog: <https://katespuddings.blogspot.co.uk>



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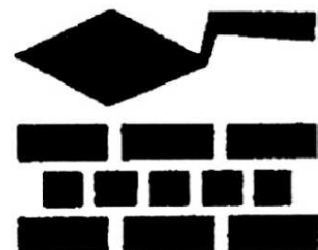


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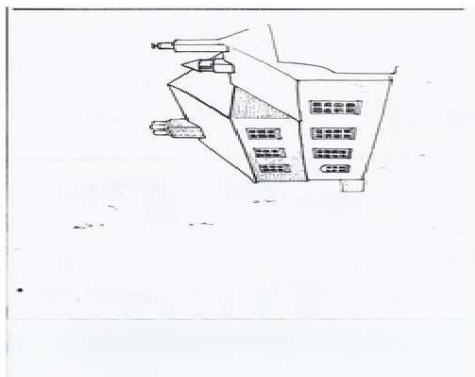


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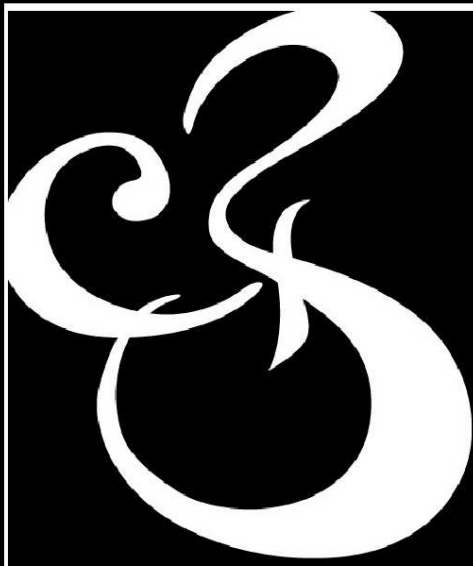


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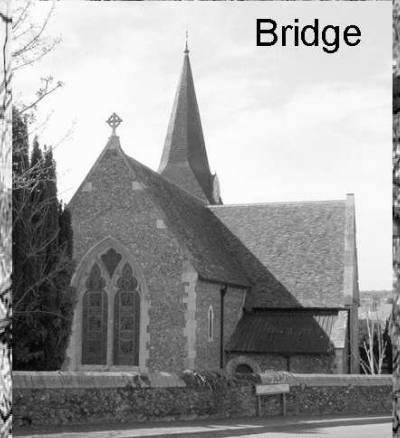
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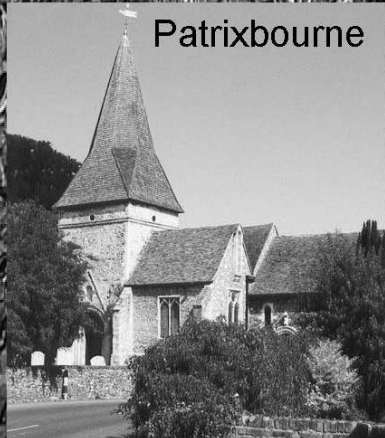
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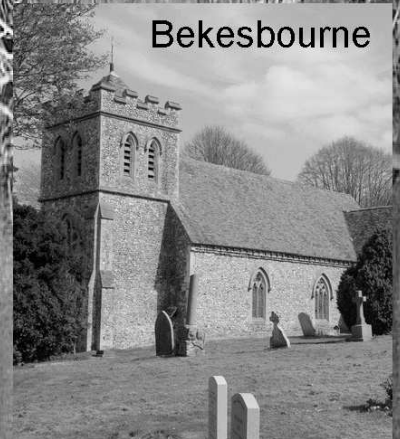
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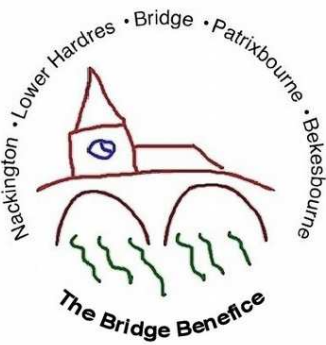
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May 2018	St Mary NACKINGTON	St Mary LOWER HARDRES	St Peter BRIDGE	St Mary PATRIBOURNE	St Peter BEKESBOURNE
6th May Isaiah 55:1-11 Acts 10:44-end John 15: 9-17	8:00am BCP Holy Communion EL	11.00am Family Communion EL & MC	6.00pm Evensong With St Edmunds Chamber Choir and Organist	9.30am Sung Eucharist GB	10.00am Songs of Praise Readings for Rogation Days – see Estella for list or p10 CW Lectionary Lay led (+EL)
10th May Ascension Day Daniel 7:9-14 Acts 1:1-11 Luke 24:44-end	<i>All welcome at Lower Hardres</i>	7.30pm Ascension Day Service of Holy Communion	<i>All welcome at Lower Hardres</i>		
13th May Ezek 36:24-28 Acts 1:15-17, 21-end John 17:6-19	9.30am Sung Eucharist RH	6pm Evensong MC	9:30am Family Communion with Thanksgiving for Christian Aid Week EL	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	8:00am BCP Holy Communion EL
20th May Pentecost (the birthday of the Church) Ezek 37:1-14 Acts 2: 1-21 John 15: 26-27; 16:4b-15	<i>All welcome at Bekesbourne</i>				11am Benefice Service for Pentecost (Family Communion) EL
27th May EL away Trinity Sunday Isaiah 6:1-8 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17	9.30am Sung Eucharist RO	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	8:00am BCP Holy Communion DL 11.00am Community Worship BL	9.30am Matins MC	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>
3rd June EL away 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20] 2 Cor 4:5-12 Mark 2:23-3:6	8:00am BCP Holy Communion RH	11.00am Family Communion DL	6.00pm Evensong MC	9.30am Sung Eucharist JB	10.00am Songs of Praise Lay led

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



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May 2018

Dear Friends

Well we made the papers again with the lovely donkey that accompanied us on Palm Sunday! We had a beautiful day for that service and a full church and full congregations throughout the Benefice again on Easter Sunday (who were I hope not too alarmed by the Vicar's April Fool's day trickery!). We have also held each of our Parish's Annual Meetings at which all were pleased to report that our buildings are in good condition and our finances are holding up thanks no small part to all the volunteers who work to keep our churches going and all those who support our various 'Friends' groups.

This month as we settle into a more regular rhythm of life in our churches following the seasons of Lent and Easter we still have much going on and much to celebrate. In our churches May is all about the aftermath, the fall-out if you will of the extraordinary event of the Resurrection – the 'what happened next?'. On May 10th we will commemorate Jesus' ascension with a service of Holy Communion at Lower Hardres at 7pm and then ten days later, on Sunday 20th May we will celebrate the birthday of the Church (Pentecost) in joyful style with a Benefice Family Communion Service at Bokesbourne Church – we do very much look forward to welcoming you to Bokesbourne for this service.

May is also a time when we seek to reinvigorate our prayer life so during the nine days between the Ascension and Pentecost we will be joining with Christians throughout the World engaging in prayer through the 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative. Canterbury diocese has produced Novena prayer booklets for us to use and here in our Benefice we will be holding 9 Prayer events to which all are welcome (details of which can be found elsewhere in the magazine). If you've never tried prayer, if you're a bit mystified by church, if you're worried about whether you would know what to do etc. give it try at one of our 9 events – they are all different, on different times and days and in different places around the benefice. You can be assured of a warm welcome as we gather together to try praying in different ways.

I am still keen to get out and about and to meet as many of you as possible (although the work of the Benefice often keeps me desk bound!) Do give me a ring or drop me an e-mail if there is something you'd like me to come along to or if there is anything you think we in the church can help with.

Yours in Christ

[OBJ]

Rev. Estella Last, Vicar

Dates for the diary – May 2018

Tuesday 1st

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

Tuesday 8th

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

Wednesday 9th

10:00am - FISH pop-in coffee, Bridge Village Hall
2:00pm - Social Afternoon, Lower Hardres

Monday 14th –

7:30pm, Caring & Sharing

Tuesday 15th

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

Wednesday 16th -

3:00pm - Hymns at Bridge Haven

Tuesday 22nd –

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

Tuesday 29th –

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

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11-19th May 2018
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Benefice Prayer Events—All Welcome!

Friday 11th May 8.45am for coffee, Prayers from 9am.
St Peter's Bridge

Saturday 12th May 8-9.30am Prayer Breakfast
St Peter's Bridge

Sunday 13th May 6pm Praying through Evensong,
St Mary's Lower Hardres

Monday 14th May 7.30pm, Praying with 'Caring and
Sharing' 8a Conyngham Lane

Tuesday 15th May 9.30am Praying through Holy
Communion, St Peter's Bridge

Wednesday 16th May 9am Morning Prayers
St Mary's Patrishbourne

Thursday 17th May 10.30-11.30 Prayers and Coffee,
The Vicarage, Bridge

Friday 18th May 6pm Evening Prayers
St Mary's Nackington

Saturday 19th May 10.30am Prayers and Cake
St Peter's Bakesbourne

For further details please email estellalast@gmail.com

Annual Parochial Church Meetings 2018 Update!

During April the three ecclesiastical parishes of our Benefice held their Annual meetings and presented their reports and accounts for the year up to the end of December 2017.

The meetings were all very positive as the parishes were able to report on the good state of their church buildings and financial accounts. This is wholly due to the work which keeps your churches open and functioning and which is carried out in the main by committed teams of **volunteers** who all give of their time and expertise.

Local churches **receive no direct funding** from The Church of England at a national level or from central government and rely on the regular giving of those who attend and the fundraising efforts of those who support through events and activities run through groups such as the 'Friends of' groups which are active in all of our churches – again thanks to the energy of volunteers.

In the year up to the end of December 2017 your church councils were able to demonstrate that the parishes were viable and capable of sustaining the ministry costs of a full time Vicar, which many of you will know some other communities have not been able to do.

Whilst many value the presence of beautiful churches in their communities most are unaware of the work and the challenges that go into maintaining the churches and keeping them in a safe and good state to be able to welcome the wider community for family events such as weddings and christenings and the popular festivals at Christmas and Easter.

All of your church councils have vacancies on them and if you are interested in learning more about how you can get involved please do get in touch with Rev'd Estella for an informal (no obligation!) chat.

Lastly if you would like to become a regular donor to any of the churches in the Benefice please contact the Benefice office for Bank details and gift aid forms – email to bridgeoffice23@gmail.com.

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But this time there were signs of hope. Christian Aid had been there all the time, working with its partner organisation, Korai, to build disaster-resistant homes for the displaced Haitian people. Of the dozens of new homes they managed to build before the hurricane, only one lost its roof; the others stood firm.

But there is still much to be done. This Christian Aid Week please give generously so that this work of re-building Haiti can continue. Collectors from the Benefice will be dropping the familiar red envelopes in your letter boxes and coming back later to collect your donations. We have a loyal band of collectors but if we had more, we could cover more roads. If you can help, please make contact. There will be envelopes available in the churches if we don't manage to reach you.

LOWER HARDRES NEWS

FAMILY SERVICE. On May 20th, there will be no family service, but there will be a Benefice Service at Bekesbourne. We will be celebrating Pentecost at this service, so please come along. It is a Family Communion, and it will be lovely to see the

Children.

ASCENSION DAY - 10th May. This will be celebrated at 7.30, at St Mary, Lower Hardres. It is a Holy Communion Service, and you are all very welcome.



Margaret

CHRISTIAN AID



A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Lent soup lunches at Riverside Mews this year, whether by attending, donating, cooking or serving. Although we had to cancel one of the 6 Thursdays due to snow, your donations raised nearly 2400 (£2467 when Gift Aid is added). This excellent total will help pay for Christian Aid's humanitarian and development work across the world, and especially in 2018 its work among people internally displaced by emergency, disaster or conflict.

FISH SCHEME NEWS, MAY 2018
The annual Fish Scheme Bring and Buy will be on Wednesday May 9th to coincide with the Coffee Pop-In in Bridge Village Hall.
As usual we hope for a good supply of cakes, plants, books and, this year, please look out for any costume jewellery you think might sell. Everybody is very welcome.
The Scheme telephone number is 07935 966 080

Bridge & District History Society
On Sunday 13th May at 6.30pm in St Dunstan's Church, London Road, Canterbury, we have our Annual Canterbury Christian Aid Service. Come (Please note the venue is not now The White Horse as originally advertised) Sheila Swetnam and Canterbury Christ Church University will talk about 'Standing Sineas' in the Middle Ages and the idiom 'to be under the law'.
Members £4.00 from non-members village £5.00 with a drink & refreshments.

Full details reports and the news about Haiti are on page 2450 and exploitation by a few people working for other aid charities in Haiti may make you feel a bit uneasy about donating this year. Christian Aid has issued a statement about its own record and protocols and if you would like to see a copy please contact me.
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The items are sorted into three main bags: Adult 1, Adult 2 and children.

The children's bags contain: UHT fruit juice and UHT full fat milk, cereal, biscuits, baked beans x2, tinned pasta, soup, pasta sauce, canned vegetables x2, dried pasta/potatoes, tinned meat x2, tinned tuna, jam, tinned fruit and a dessert (tinned or UHT).

In the week leading up to Easter, 140 bags were filled to order following requests from several of the local schools in the Canterbury/Herne Bay/Whitstable area for handing out to children deemed to be in need. These all contained the above, together with an Easter Egg.

Next time: the Bonus Table at the Distribution Café and what is a Morsbag? Making one of these could help to cut out the use of plastic bags at the Distribution centres in our area. I will find out more about them and pass this on.

Food For Thought

The League of Friends of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital

The AGM and Coffee Morning of the Nailbourne Group was held on Saturday 17 March 2018 at Bridge Village Hall, £98 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 £2,250 was raised last year.

We welcome donations of used stamps, over £195 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 with Patixbourne Women's Institute

The WI has two events in the calendar for the month of May.

Firstly on **Friday 11 May** we are holding our annual fund-raising **Afternoon Tea** in the **Pavilion** on the Recreation Ground from 2.30 until 4.30 pm. We will be serving tea and cakes during the afternoon (£3 charge) and there will be a bring and buy stall and a raffle (to be drawn at 4.00 pm) to tempt you while you relax with friends, hopefully in the spring sunshine. Everyone is welcome so do come along and join us on Friday the 11th.

Our regular monthly evening meeting is on **Tuesday 15th** 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 item beginning with the letter "E".

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Rachel Castle is the guest speaker for our meeting on **Tuesday 8 May**, 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, and she will be giving an illustrated talk on the cultivation of the popular plant **Primula Auricula**. Rachel will also be bringing along plants for sale. A reminder that everyone is welcome to come along to our meetings and there is a small charge to cover refreshments.

National Vegetable Society - Kent Association

On **Wednesday 9 May** (7.30 for 8.00 pm) in Bridge Village Hall, **Carole Passey**, a member of the Society who works for the National Trust, will be taking us for "**A Walk in the Park**" during her illustrated talk on **Knole Park**, the last medieval deer park in Kent now looked after by the National Trust. As always, non-members are most welcome.

Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

We held a very enjoyable Beef Pudding Supper Night recently at the Hay Wain, Bramling when we raised £160 for the Poppy Appeal.

We have a good response for knitters of the poppies for this November, but any extra offers will still be welcome. Ring 01227 472023.

Our next two monthly meetings will be held on Tuesdays 8th May and 12th June both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

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If you would like to know more about learning the art of bell ringing contact me Gill Moon the tower captain 832134 or e mail gillandsidmoon@gmail.com

Bekesbourne 100 Club

The winners in March were: Poppy Holmquist £50; Charlie Chester £25; and Jenifer Skinner £15.

The winners in April are: Owen Watts £50; Sylvia Wilson £25; and Martin Fry £15.

Nick Jagers drew the winning numbers for both draws.

Steve Thomas

The Quiet View

Saturday 5th May is WORLD LABYRINTH DAY – and so we ‘Walk as One at One’ Meet in the Yurt at 12pm for a brief introduction to the labyrinth and prepare to walk on behalf of the worldwide human family. Walk the Labyrinth at 1pm followed by Bring and Share Lunch - If very wet we’ll walk the fabric rainbow labyrinth in the yurt. Suggested donations £5– it would help to know if you would like to come.

RED TENT KENT – this is an women’s group coming monthly to the Quiet View. It is part of an international organisation that seeks to encourage women to find healing and peace through meditation, sound, art, prayer, music and other healing gifts.

Friday 18th May 7pm – 9pm. Please contact Karalyne Howes if you are interested. 077255 89935 Donations very welcome

The film ‘A Rising Tide of Silence’ is a reflective portrait of the contemplative monk Thomas Keating in his 95th birthday year. It shows very movingly Father Keating’s experience of the Divine Love that transcends all religious boundaries. Tues 15th May 7pm – 9pm Suggested donation £5 includes refreshments. Please book with Lizzie

Taizé prayers continue on the first Friday of every month at 7pm – just turn up.

Taiji Qigong takes place on Mon 14th May at 7.30pm and Thursday 24th at 2.30 pm. Please contact Melanie French if you are interested - m.s.french00@btinternet.com

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This is my Dad/Grandad'

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Competition for primary school aged children to bring a pre drawn picture of their Father/Grandfather to the Church Fete being held in the garden of the Red Lion, Bridge on Saturday 16th June 2018

Judging will take place at the Fete at 3 pm at which their Father/Grandfather, or photograph of him, must be present for comparison.

The first prize will be a shampoo and cut to the value of £30 kindly donated by Neil of Amazon. There will be prizes for runners up.

Further details in the June edition of 'On the Nail'.

**Bridge Parish Council meeting Thursday 12 April 2018 in
Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

Neighbourhood Plan: The Plan is currently out to regulation 14 consultation. The Neighbourhood Plan committee will consider all responses and amend the plan if they choose before the final regulation 15 consultation with Canterbury City Council.

Green Court will be completed very soon-hopefully during the weekend of 14-15 April.

The following motion was passed unanimously:

“Work is authorised by nominated and agreed individuals in the village acting in a voluntary capacity led by Neil Kirk, in conjunction with Mark Esdale and John Corfield, to put together a proposal for a new parish council website with improved modern design, accessibility (to include ease of data uploads) and features (e.g. incorporating parish council email log ins).” Council decided to purchase 4 more folding tables for the pavilion and remove the wooden tables. The Clerk will order and purchase if under £500.

Council reviewed the draft programme for the Annual Parish Meeting on 26 April (as circulated on 27 March) and made recommendations regarding the invitation of village groups.

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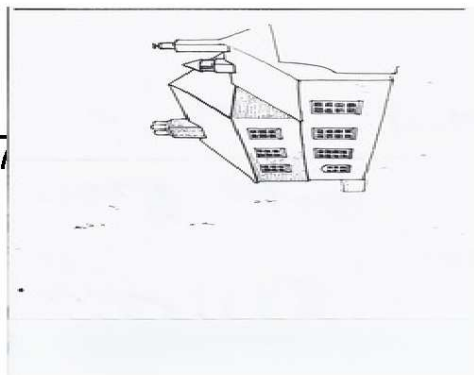


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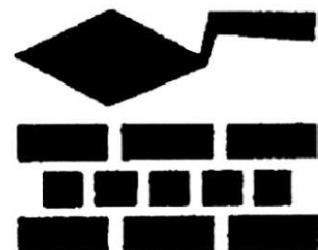
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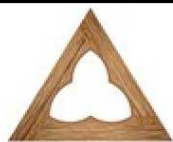
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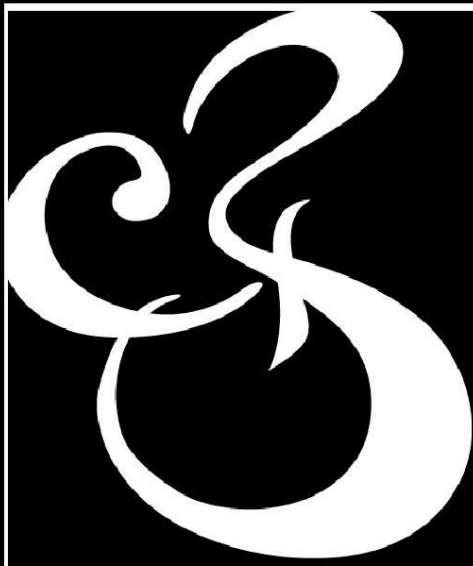


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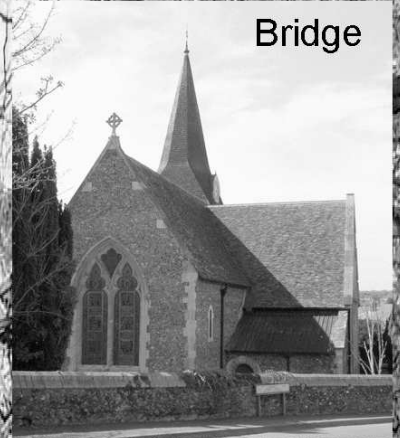
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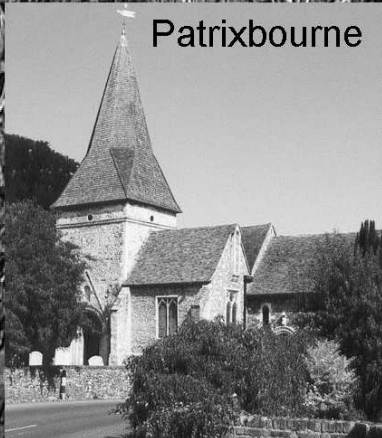
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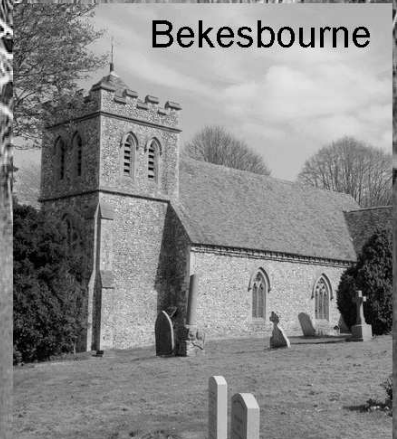
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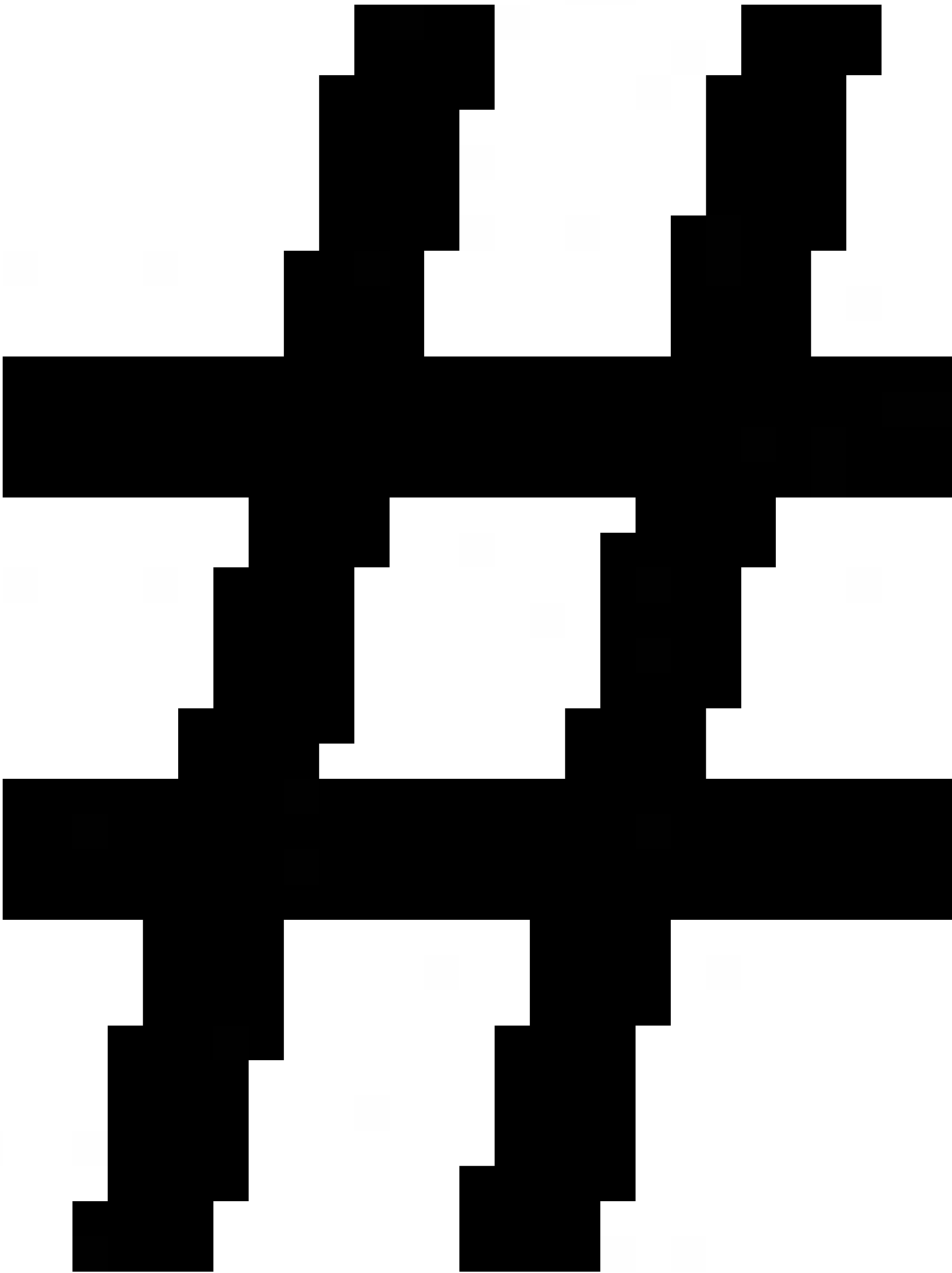
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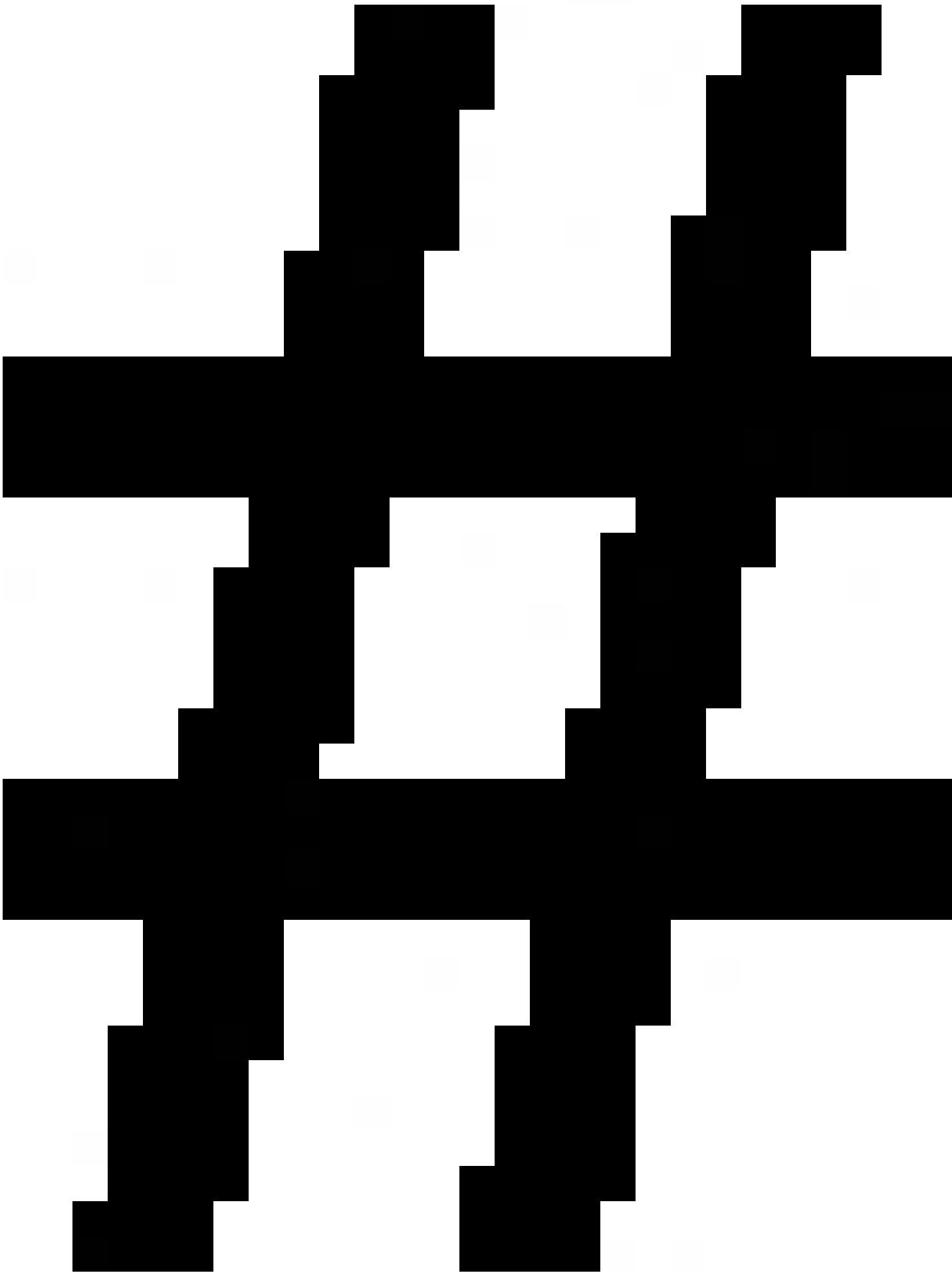
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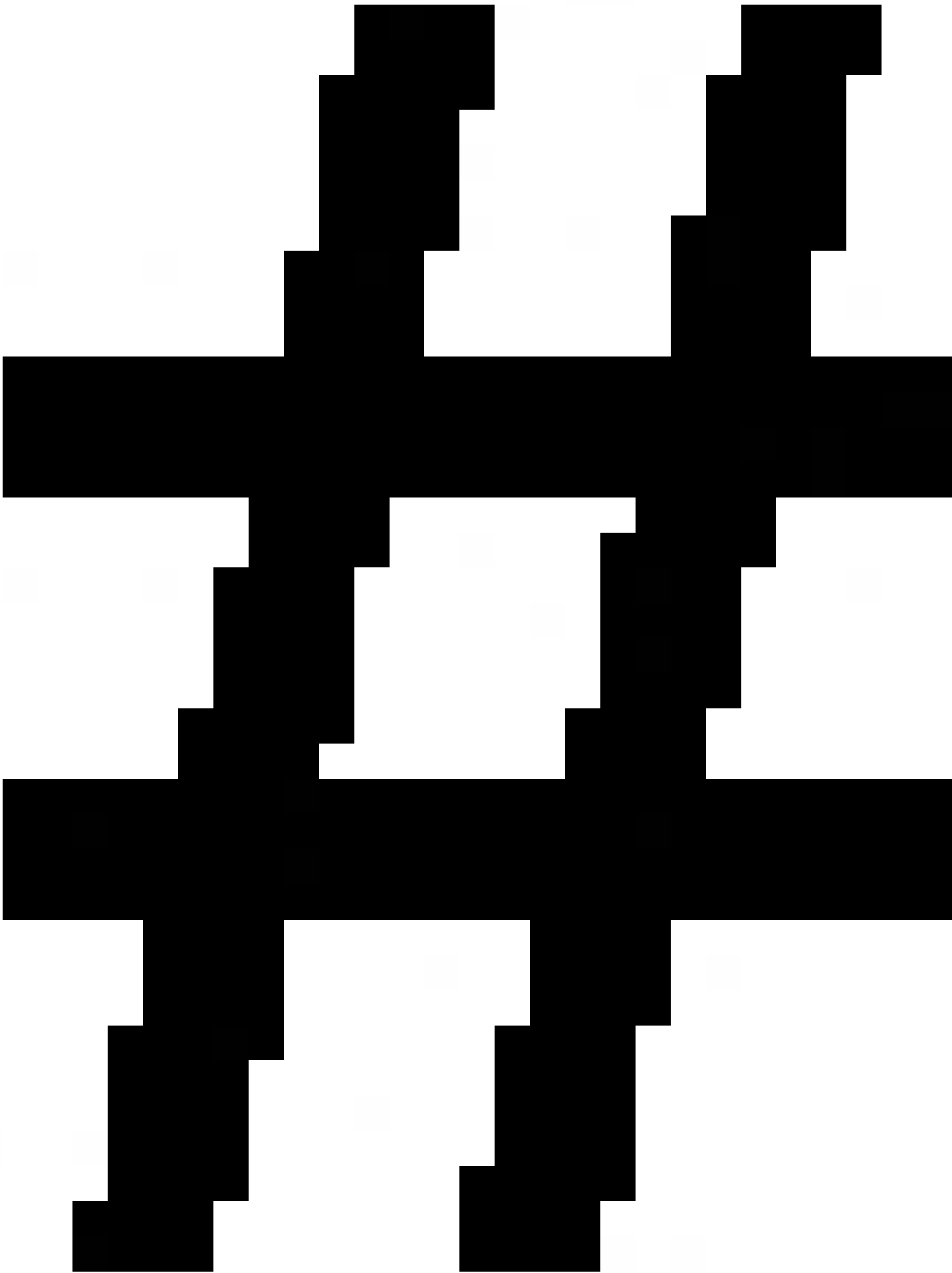
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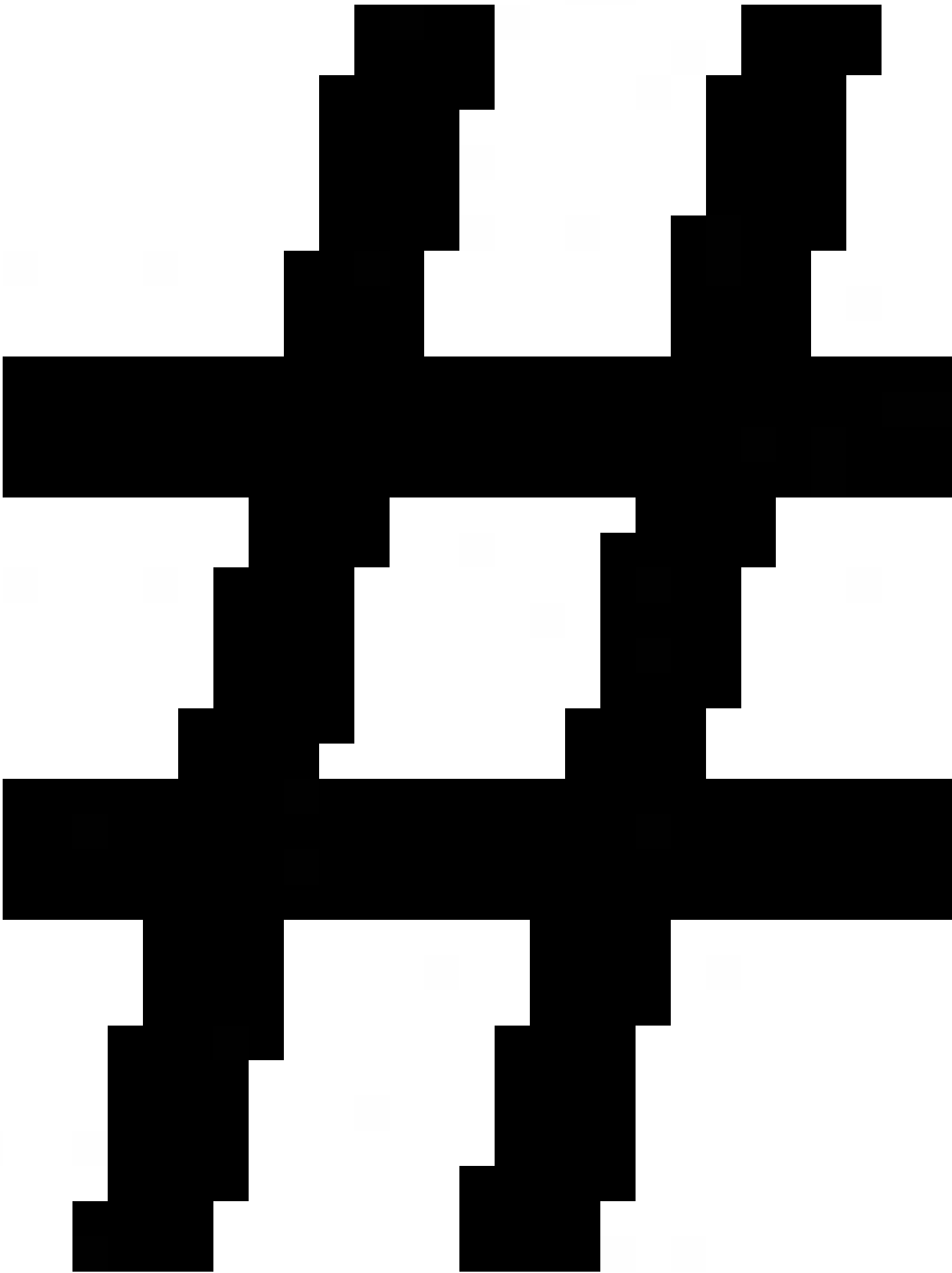
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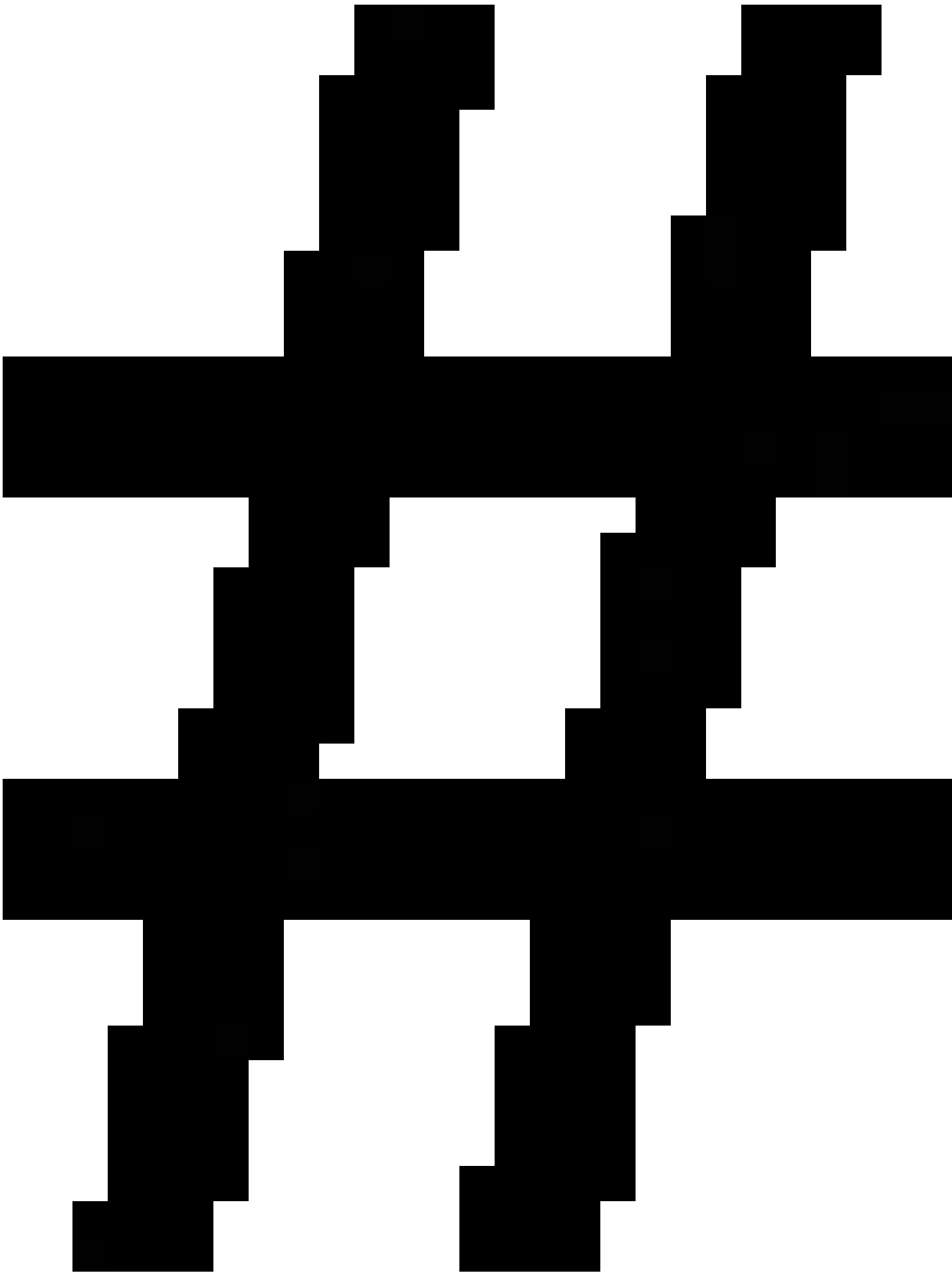


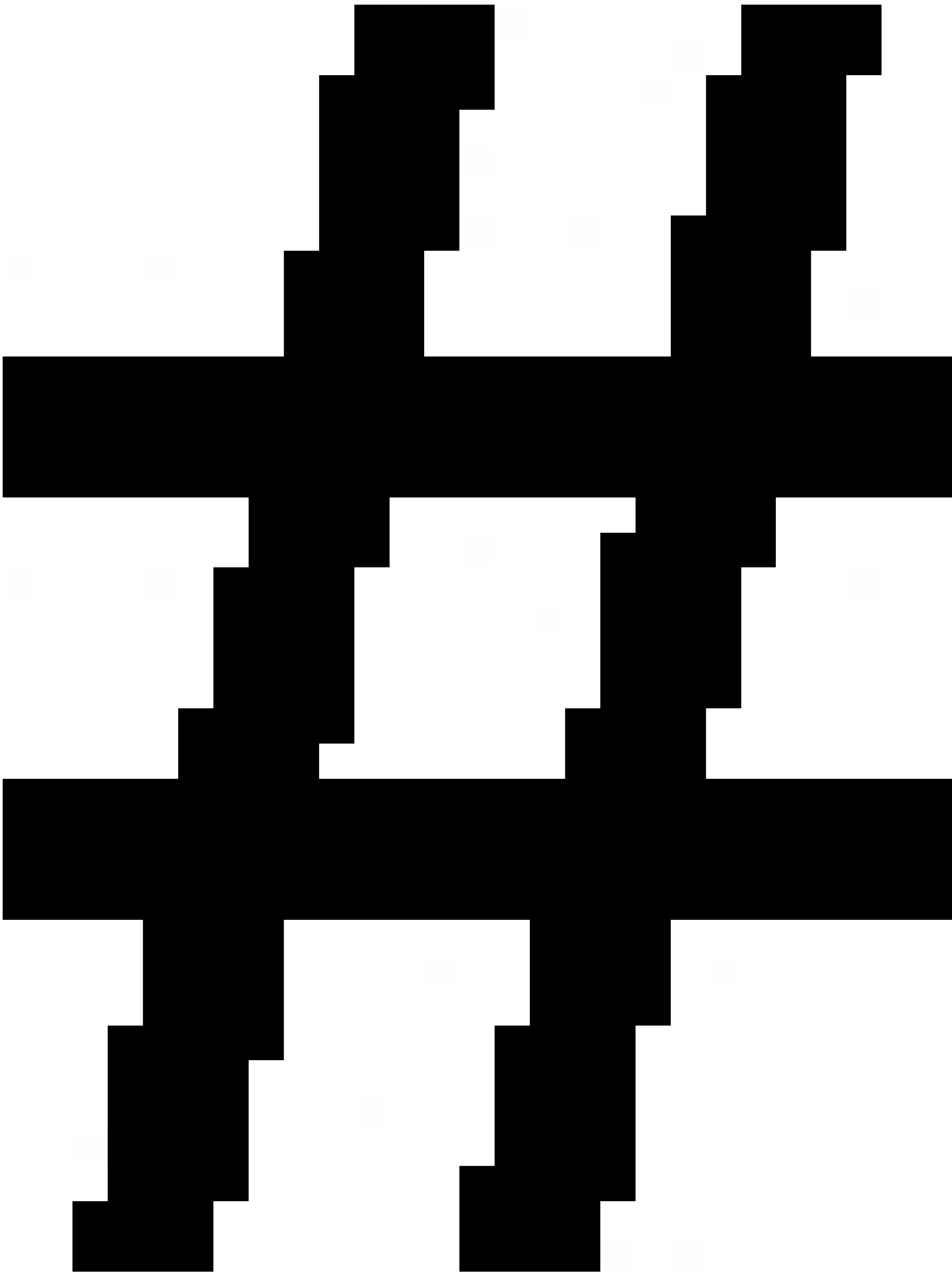


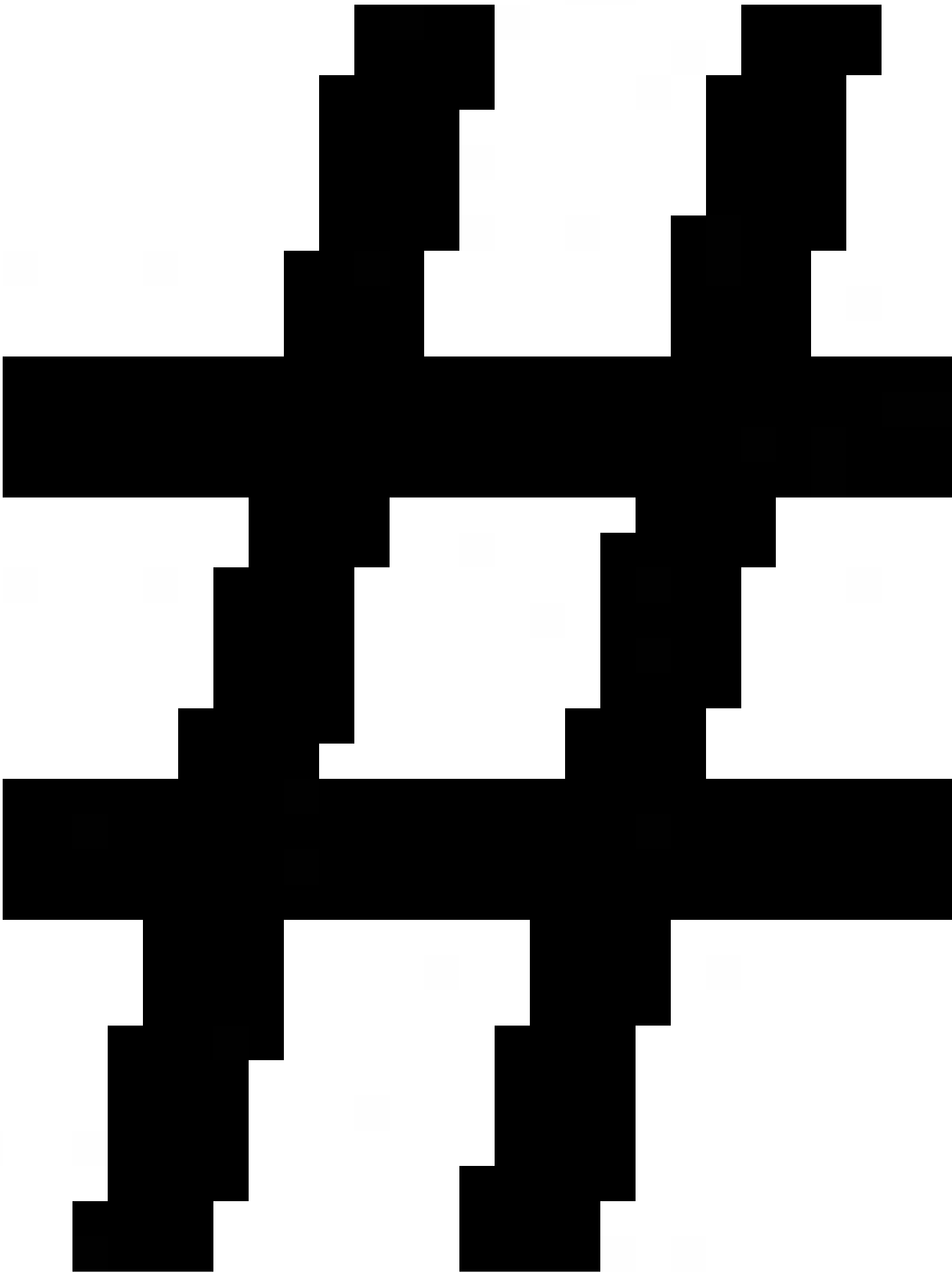


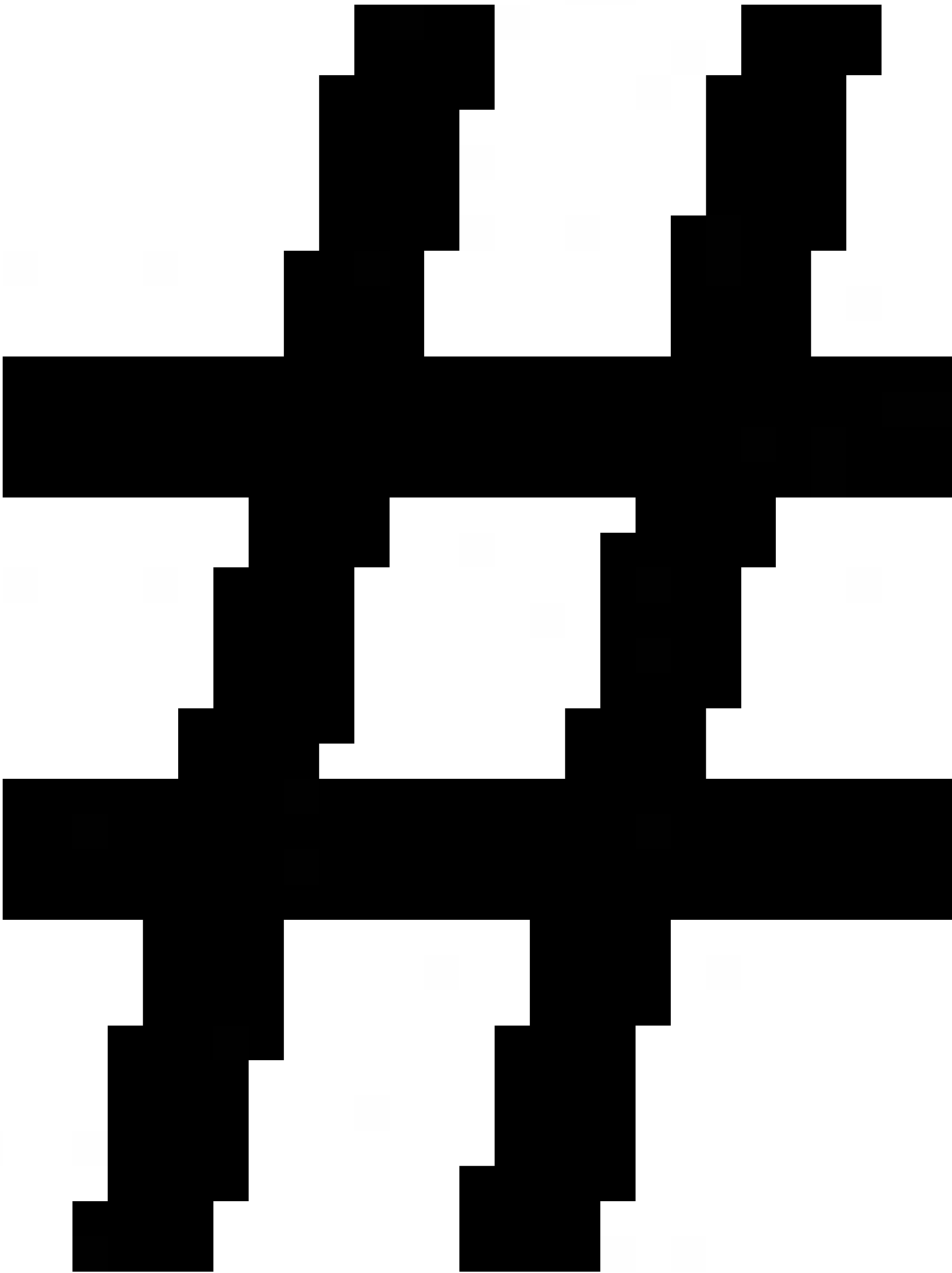


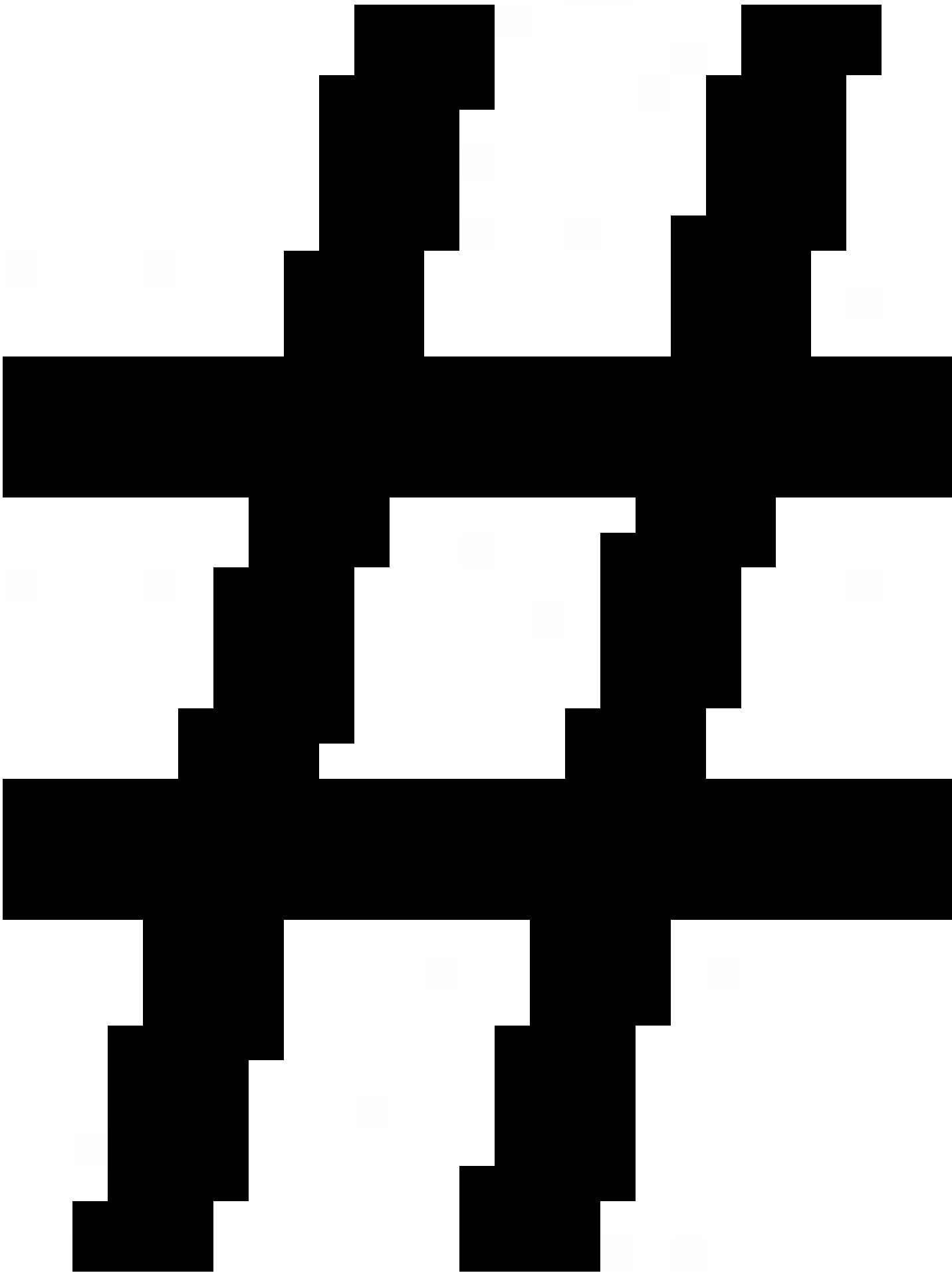


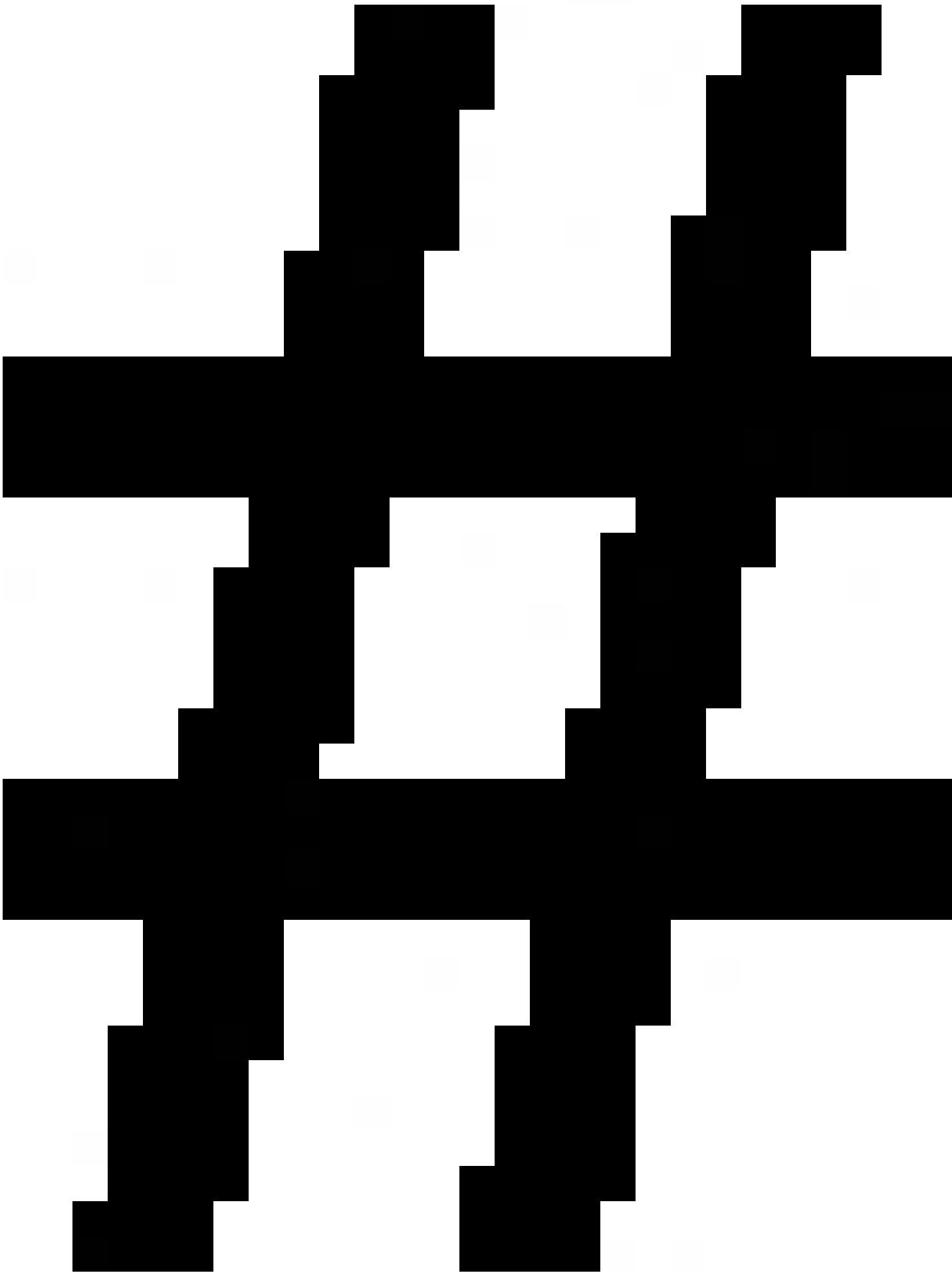


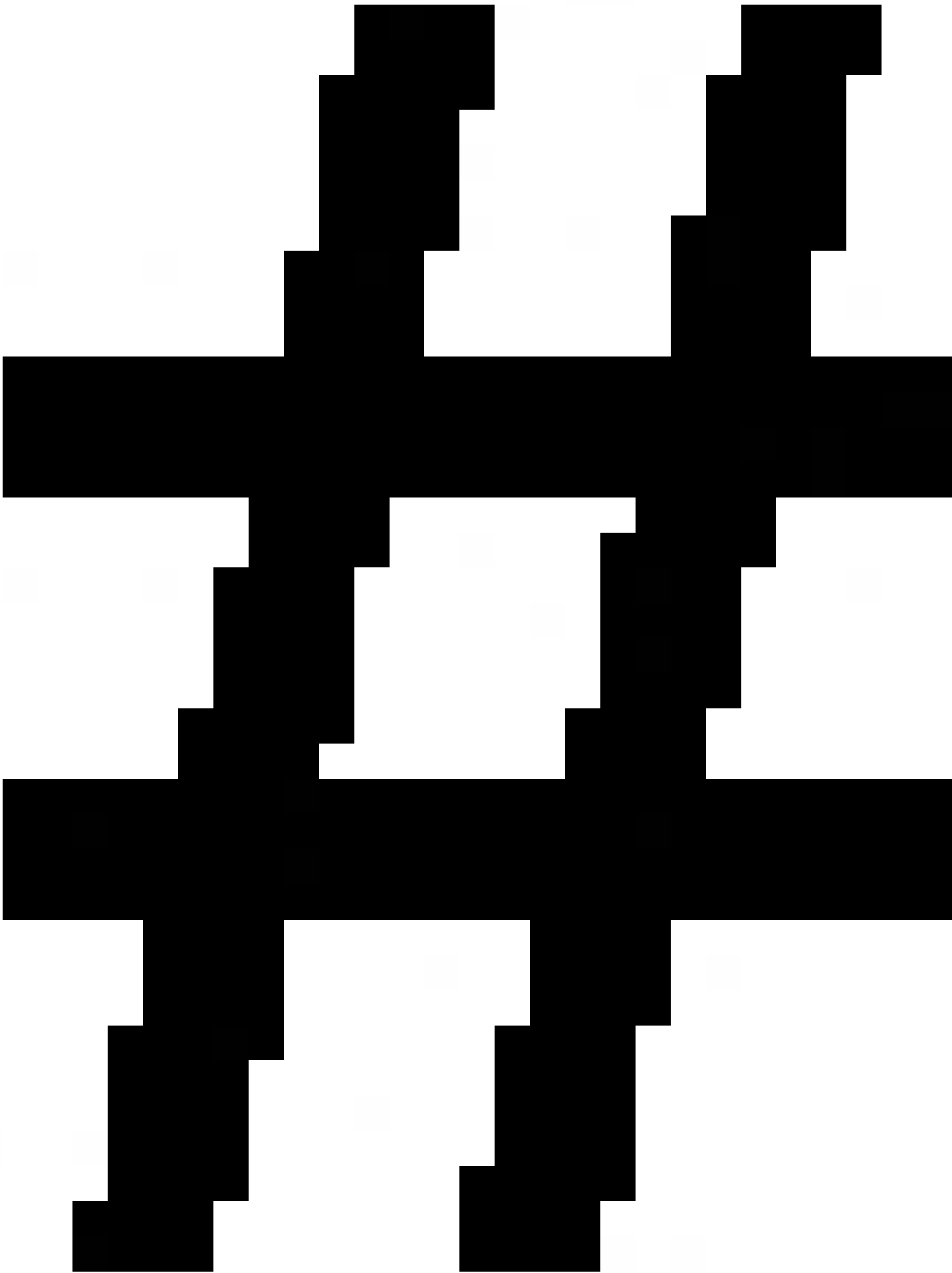


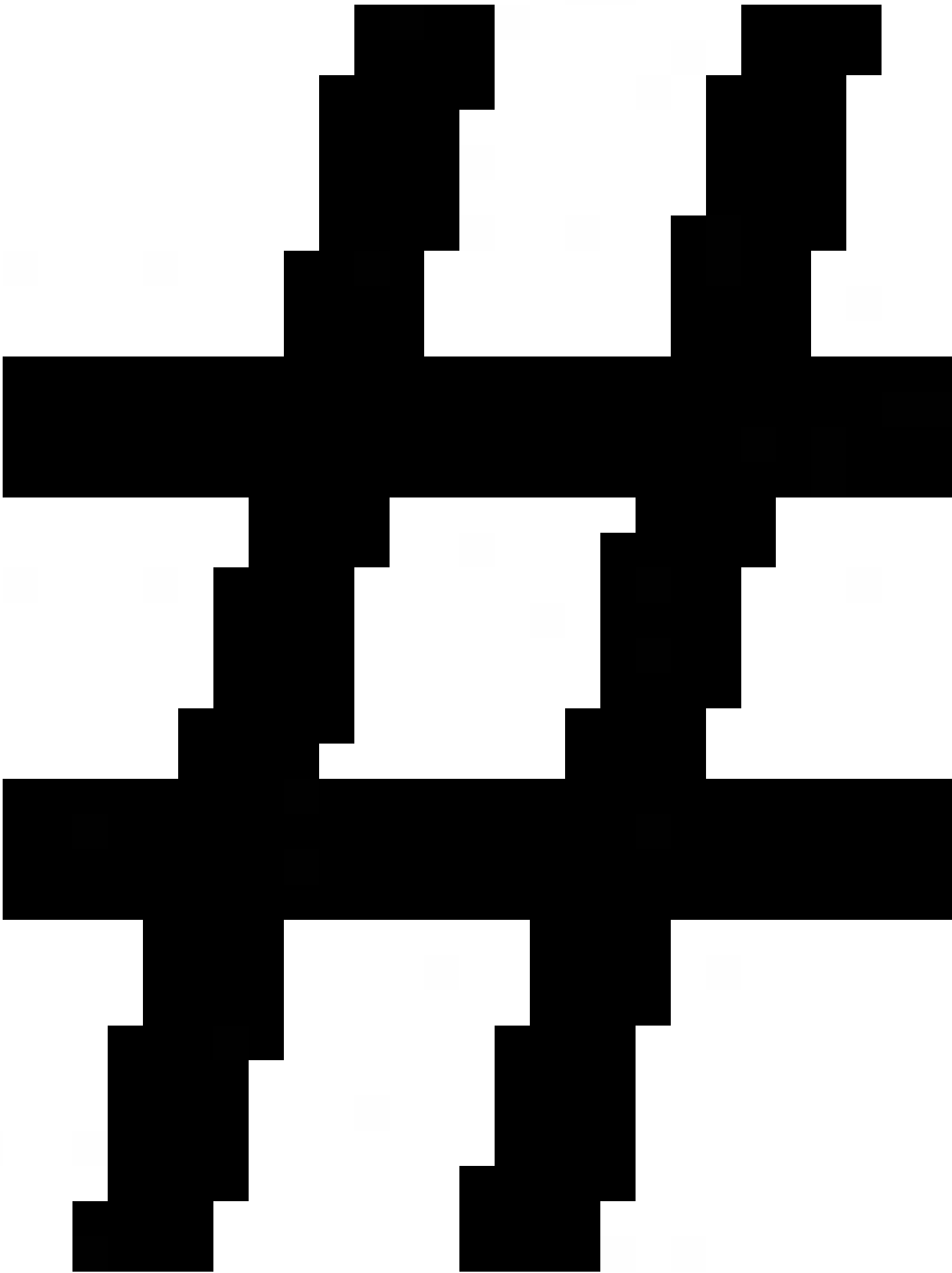


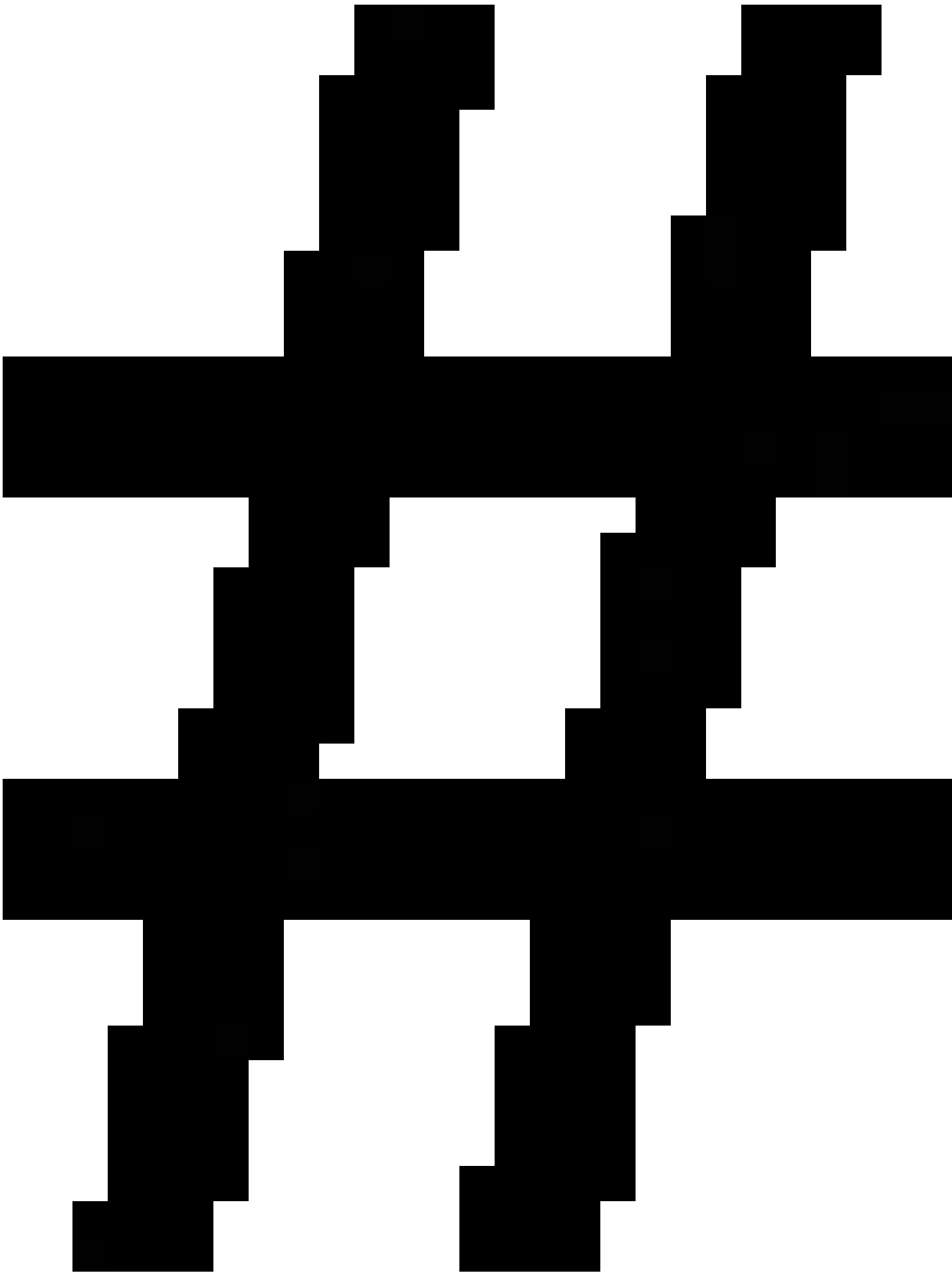


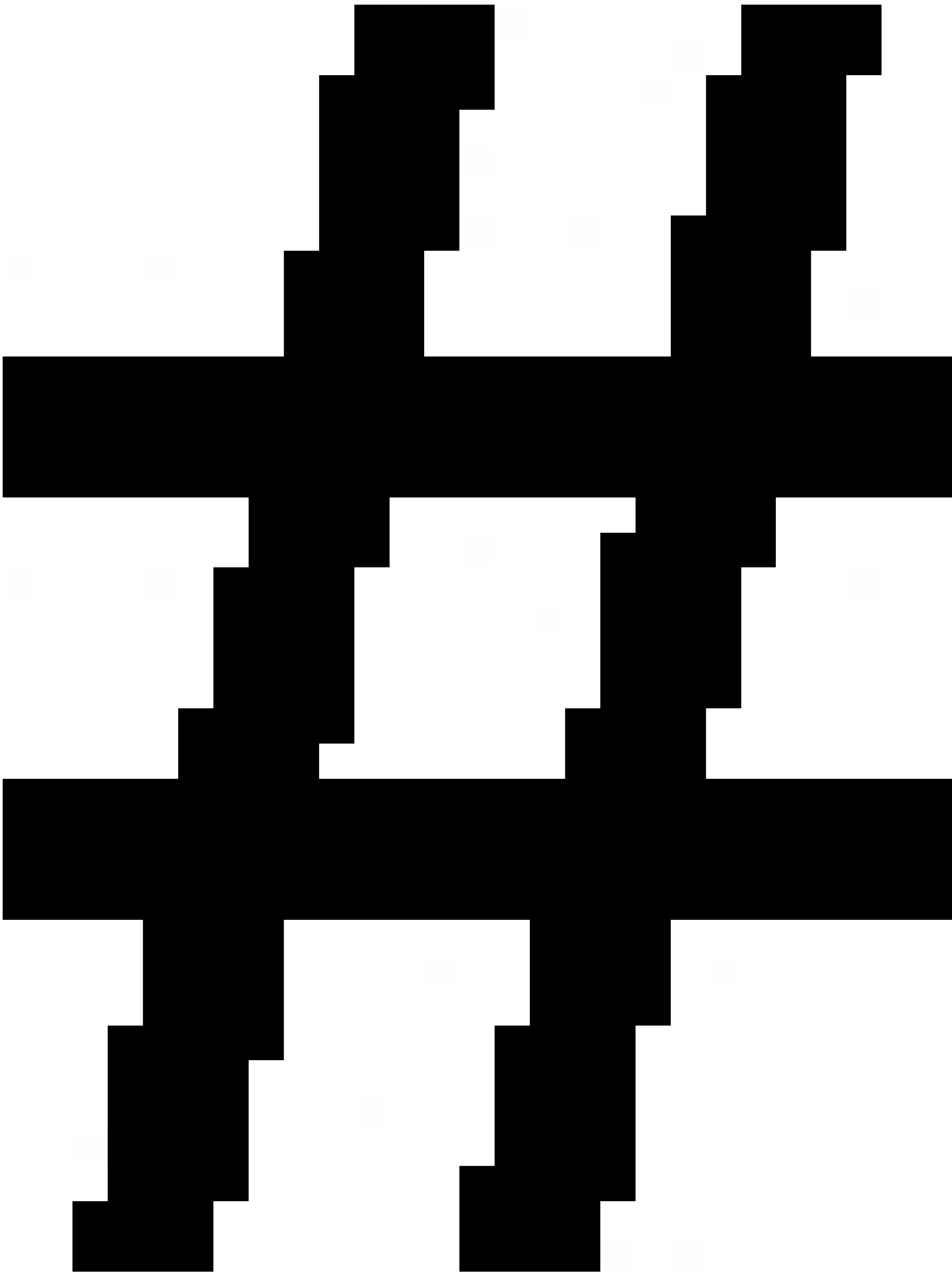


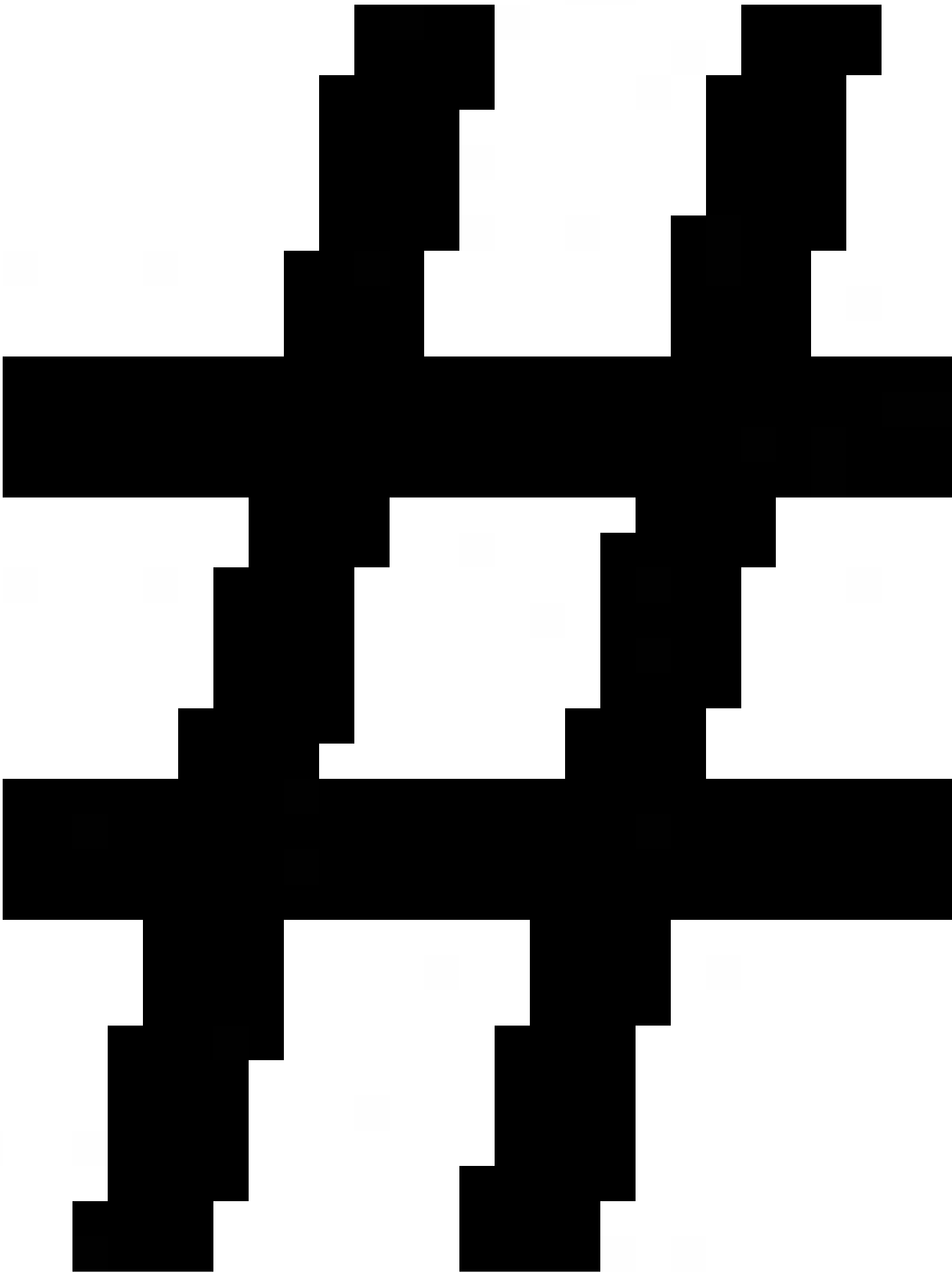


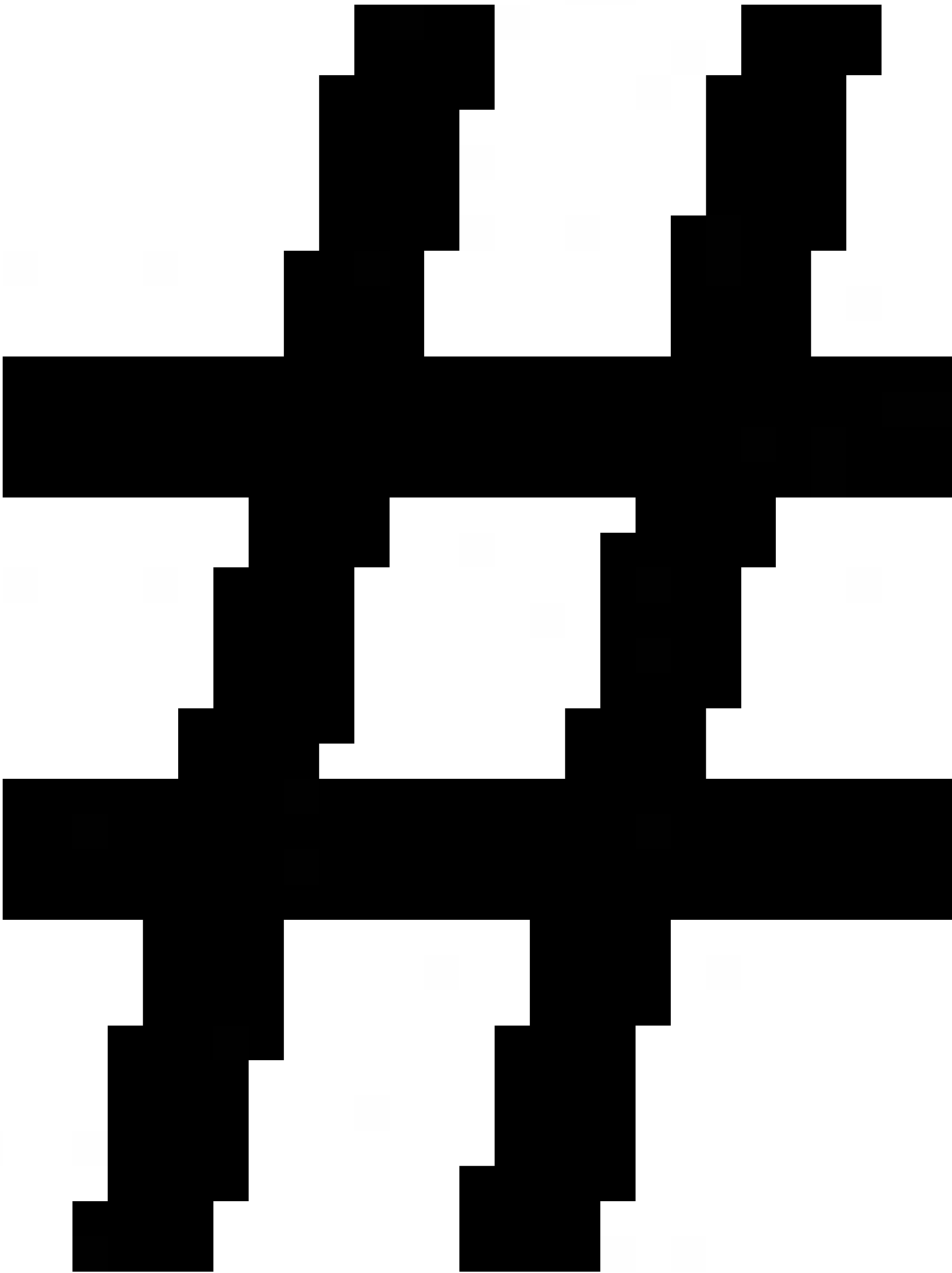


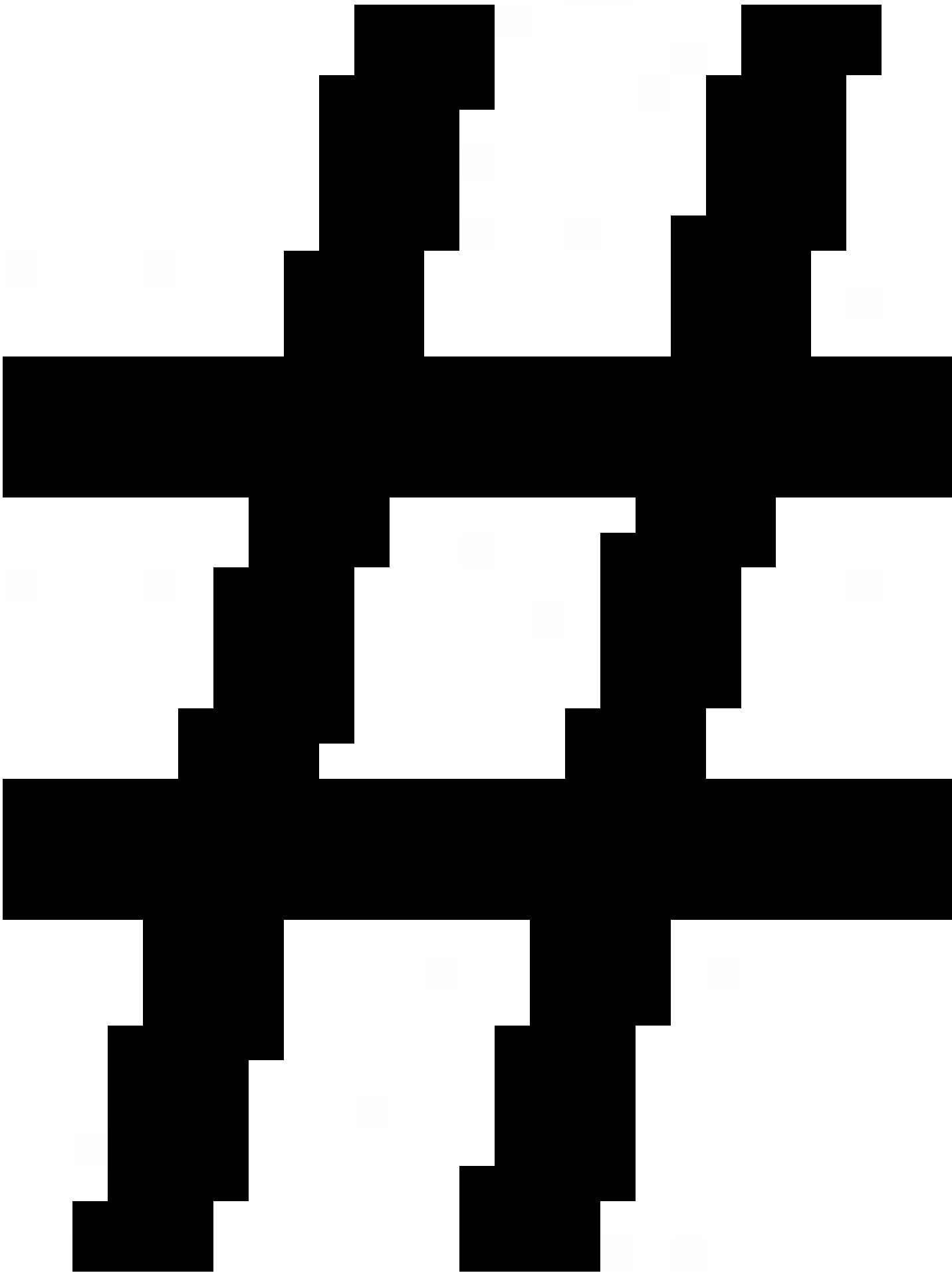


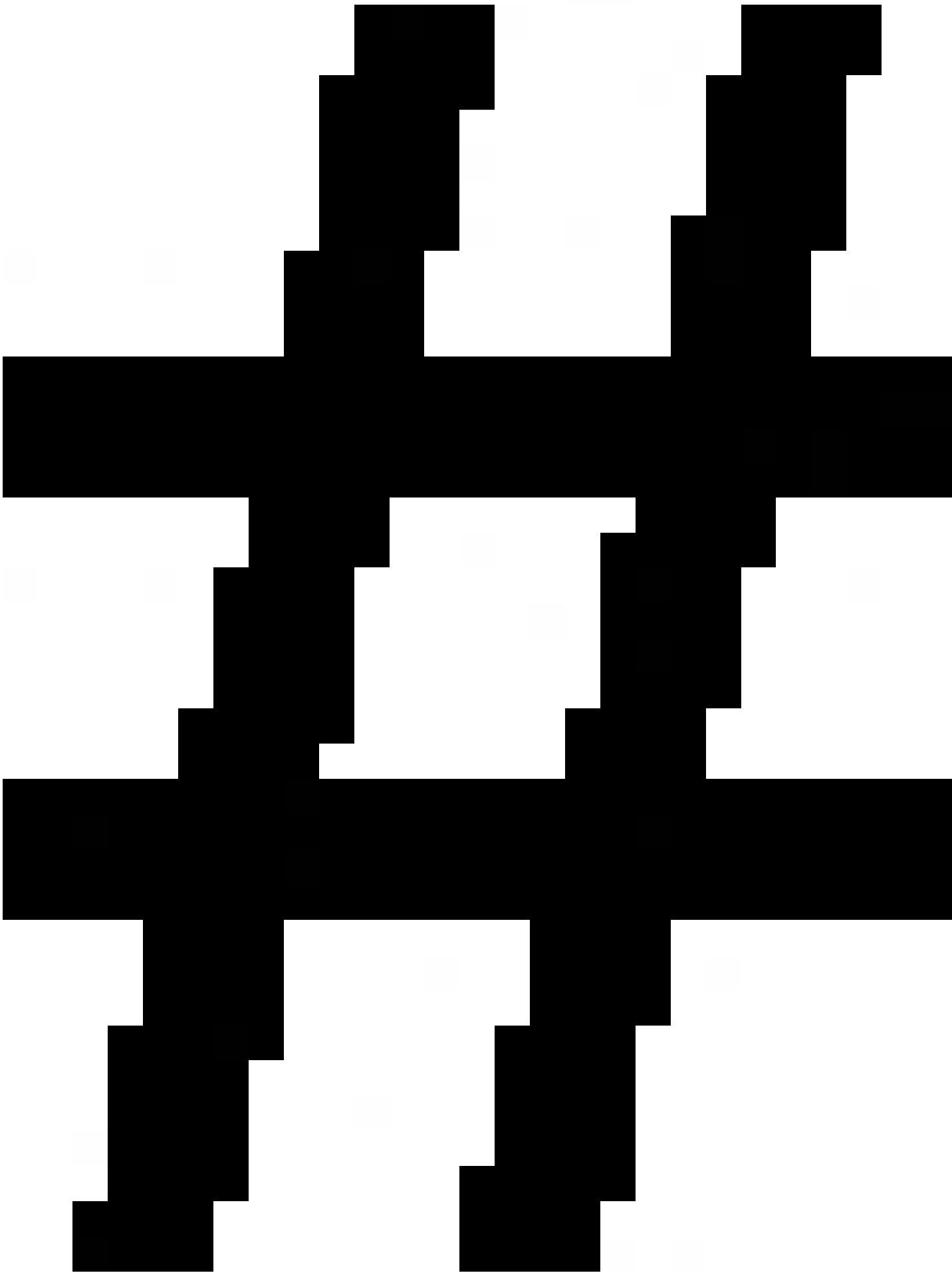














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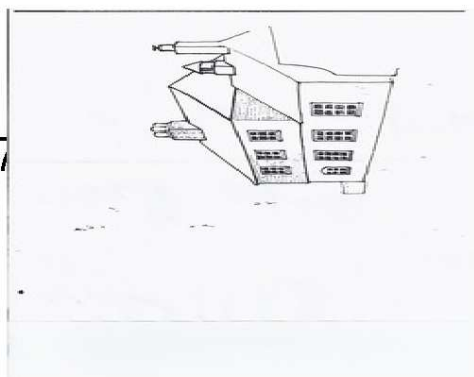


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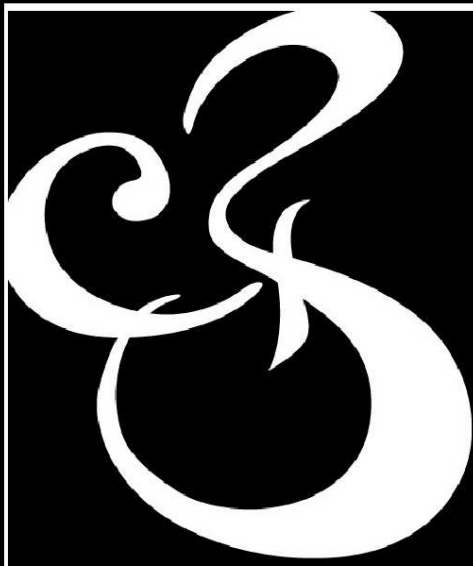
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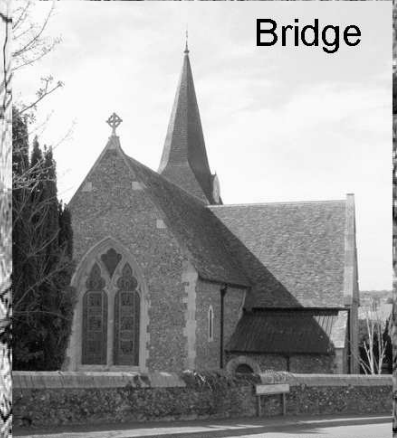
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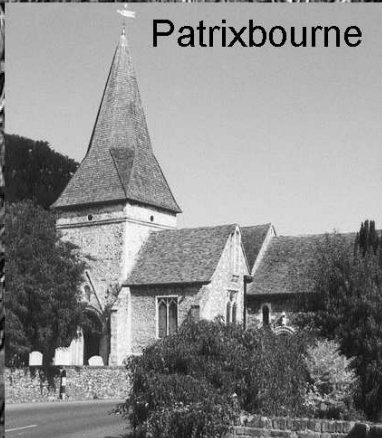
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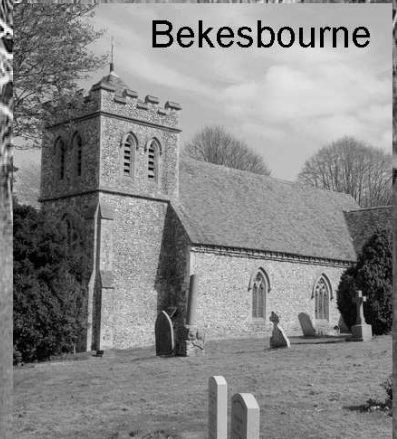
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1st July 1 Sam 1:1, 17-end; 2 Cor 8:7-end; Mark 5: 21-end	8.00am BCP Holy Communion EL	11.00am Family Communion RH	6.00pm Evensong MC / EL	9.30am Sung Eucharist DL	10:00am Songs of Praise Lay Led service with baptism - EL
8th July 2 Sam 5:1-5,9-10; 2 Cor 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13	9.30am Morning Prayer with Hymns Daphne Reece and MC	6.00pm Evensong MC	9.30am Family Communion EL	<i>All welcome at the services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion EL
15th July 2 Sam 6:1-5, 12b-19; Eph 1:3-14; Mark 6: 14-29	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	9.30am Family Service with Baptism MC & EL	11.00am Choral Eucharist EL	8.00am BCP Holy Communion EL	9.30am Sung Eucharist JT
22nd July 2 Sam 7:1-14a; Eph 2:11-end; Mark 6:30-34, 53-end.	9.30am Sung Eucharist EL	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion EL 11.00am Community Worship BL	9.30am Matins MC	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>
Summer Schedule starts here One 9.30am Eucharist Service in each church over the next five Sundays.					
29th July 2 Sam 11:1-15, Eph 3:14-end, John 6:1-21	<i>All welcome at the Benefice Service</i>	Benefice Service Family Communion 9.30am	with Baptism BL/EL <i>All welcome at the Benefice Service</i>		
There is Holy Communion every Tuesday at 9.30am to 10.00am at Bridge Church, followed by coffee. All welcome.					



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July 2018

Dear Friends

This is now the 6th letter I have written to you – meaning we have been with you here in the Benefice for almost 6 months which seems both impossible and yet hardly a surprise as we have settled so well and been made so very welcome.

While we were away at 'The Big Church Day Out' (a huge Christian music festival held over the late May Bank Holiday weekend) we heard from Tearfund that in a survey conducted by them in January this year it was revealed that one in two (51%) adults pray. "Among those who pray, over half (55%) say that they are most likely to pray in a crisis. The next most common reasons cited by those who pray is because they believe in God (39%), or because they believe that prayer makes a difference (32%)". So I wonder, if you really studied yourself – how often would you say that you pray? And what are the types of things you pray for? Have you ever caught yourself praying without even realising that's what you were doing?

Even in a society where it seems as though Church going itself is in decline, there is still I think an underlying culture of belief. Our beautiful church buildings here in the Benefice are evidence of this as they stand as witness to centuries of prayer in our communities.

Prayer is important and I am always glad to see that those who drop into our churches when they are open (most are open every day!) value the quiet space to pray and often leave notes of their prayer requests for us to offer to God in our regular worship. Part of my role here is to pray for all of you, every day, and I do. Living in a Parish or Benefice means that you are automatically entitled to receive the care of the Parish church – regardless of whether you attend regularly or not.

So please know that you are prayed for and cared about each and every day.

Yours in Christ

Estella Last

Rev. Estella Last, Vicar

Dates for the diary – July 2018

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 & 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 & Sharing

Tuesday 24th - Bridge

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter

Lower Hardres Dates for the Diary—more info next month

EDITORS MESSAGE.

Ride and Stride charity cycle ride or walk is on Saturday 8th September.

Will all contributors please note that the next edition of

On the Nail

The Benefice Harvest Lunch is on Sunday 30th September at 12.30.

Will be the combined AUGUST / SEPTEMBER one.

Harvest Service at Lower Hardres is on Sunday 7th October at 11.00.

Could I please have all items for this edition

By **SUNDAY 15th JULY.**

Preferably email, laurence.dunderdale@gmail.com

or

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2018



Another Christian Aid Week has gone by and people from 1000s of churches and organisations across Britain and Ireland will have stepped out to help the world's most vulnerable people. This year we were thinking particularly of those suffering from the effects of the earthquake and hurricane in Haiti – people like Marcellin, struggling to survive with his family in an abandoned shower block.

I'm delighted to report that in this Benefice we have had another record-breaking year and it's heartening to know that people really do still care and want to give. A massive thank you to all those who collected and donated to help raise the magnificent sum of £2671.37 (with Gift Aid of over £300 to be added).

In Bridge & Patricbourne School the children learnt how Christian Aid is helping partner organisations to provide water pumps, so that people can have access to clean water and improve their health. Each class filled plastic water bottles with silver coins, raising a marvellous £508.36. Well done children, parents and teachers!

In Haitian Creole there is a saying: 'Mwen santi mwen an vi. Mwen santi mwen egziste' which means 'I feel like I am alive. I feel like I am part of existence'. Thank you for helping to keep that hope alive.

Jean Barber

For more information go to www.christianaid.org.uk

Patricxbourne with Bridge Midsummer Fete.

On Behalf of Rev. Estella, the Churchwardens and PCC we would like to thank everyone who made the day a success, whether by helping, donating items or by attending.

The weather was kind to us and the garden of the Red Lion is a wonderful setting for the event. Thanks Rene & Harry for letting us use the garden. Thanks to Peggy Pryer for "masterminding".

We raised a total of £1215 for church funds.

Thanks to all who helped raise this amount. Special thanks to Rene and one "regular" of the Red Lion who both made generous donations.

Evelyn Andrews & Laurence Dunderdale, Churchwardens

Fish news July 2018

First I must apologise for raising hopes. The Bring and Buy made £318 and not £3018. So the bar will not be too high for next year.

The July Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 11th in Bridge Village Hall. The phone number for lifts is 07935 966 080

Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

We had an enjoyable June meeting which unfortunately our Chairman Ray Tupper was unable to attend due to health problems. We wish him a speedy recovery. The poppy knitters are working hard making the poppies for Littlebourne Church display in November. Any extra knitters or donations of wool would be appreciated. Contact the secretary on 01227 472023.

Our next two monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays 10 July and 14 August, both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne starting at 8pm. All members and friends are welcome. Anyone interested in more information about joining the branch please contact the telephone number above.

Professor Joe Connor 1938—2018

It was with great sadness that the Village of Bridge learned of the death of Professor Joe Connor following an accident in April 2018.

Joe and his family had lived in Bridge since 2002, for fourteen years in Bourne Lodge until they moved to 1, The High Street.

Following a distinguished career at the University of Kent at Canterbury, where Joe was both Professor of Chemistry, Dean of Faculty, and for six years pro-vice chancellor. Joe worked tirelessly for the Village. He served on the Parish Council for 4 years and more recently took on the somewhat challenging task of heading up the Committee for the Neighbourhood Plan for 6 years.

Joe was always concerned with those less fortunate than himself and devoted his time to the welfare of others, spending many years as a Prison visitor, where his gift for languages came in very useful. He also acted as a volunteer at the Pilgrims Hospice, and a visitor for Macmillan Cancer support. In fact, he was happy to do whatever task needed to be done.

His untimely death has robbed the Village of Bridge of one of its most caring and concerned citizens.

Joe Connor leaves a wife, 2 daughters and 6 grandchildren.

Jennifer and Martin Vye

Arthur Hulyer

Arthur Frederick Hulyer born May 4 1923 died January 19 2018

Arthur lived in Bridge for over 54 years and was well known to many people.

He and his wife Patricia moved to one of the new houses in Bridge Down when Arthur took up a new post at South Kent College in Folkestone. He lectured there in motor engineering until his retirement some 30 years ago.

Cars were the love of his life and he worked for Ford in Dagenham before taking up teaching. During WW2 Arthur enlisted with the RAF and was selected for pilot training in Canada and the States. He flew several missions with Bomber Command over Germany in Stirlings and had many tales to tell of his time with them.

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Arthur was a very open, friendly guy and very skilled at making things. He will be much missed.



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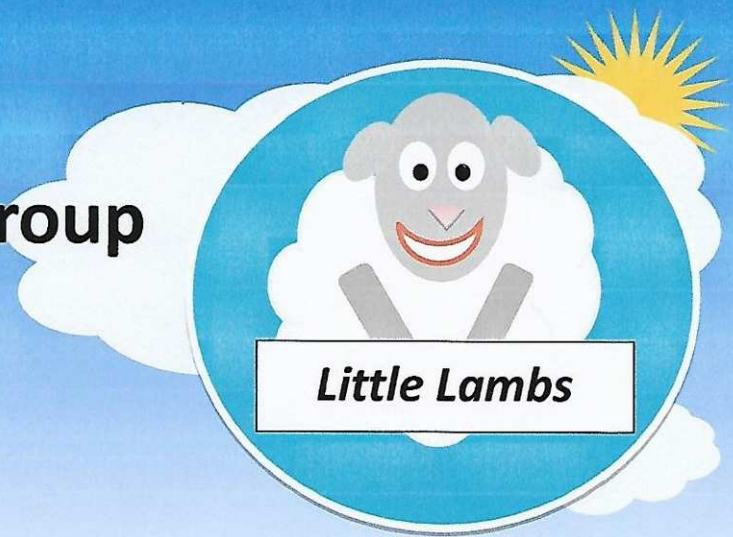
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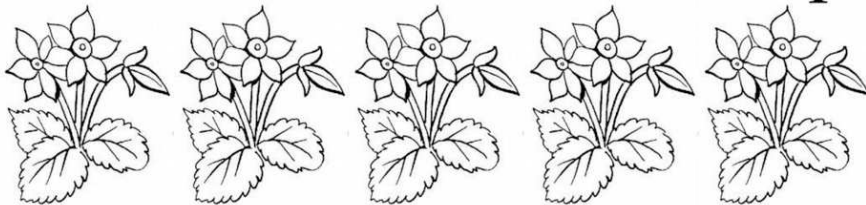
Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Summer Show



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- **A Vegetable or Fruit Oddity**
- **A Vase of Mixed Flowers** - anything in flower (Vase supplied)
- **Two photo classes** - "Reflections" and "Wheel(s)"

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Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute

For our regular monthly evening meeting on **Tuesday 17 July** (7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall), **David Tadd** is our guest speaker and he will be giving what promises to be a fascinating and enlightening talk entitled "**Forensic Response to Homicide**". As we feel that this subject may be of general interest, we have decided to open this meeting to everyone, partners, friends, visitors and interested persons alike. So do join us on the 17th. You will be most welcome.

The competition this month is for an interesting item beginning with the letter "H".

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Our **Annual Summer Show** is on **Saturday 28 July** in Bridge Village Hall. The Show will be open to the public from **11.30 am until 2.00 pm** with presentation of prizes at 1.45 pm. Refreshments will be available throughout the day and there will also be a raffle and plant/bring and buy stall. Do please come along to support us and enjoy the varied display of exhibits - vegetables, flowers, cookery, floral arrangements and handicraft, not forgetting the popular Chairman's Challenge which this year is a chili pepper - staged by our members.

For those of you who are exhibiting, please note that there is no entry charge this year. Please submit your entries by Thursday 26 July to Show Secretary Kathy Walder, 62 High Street, Bridge Tel: 830057/07791 656539 or to one of the following:

Ann Edmonds, Cosby, Higham Lane, Bridge Tel: 830795

Julia Cooper, 26 Conyngham Lane, Bridge Tel: 832896

Rajini Dasan, 15 Union Road, Bridge Tel: 830313

If you prefer, please email your entries direct to the Show Secretary (kath@askwalder.com).

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.

A reminder that we have again included several open classes in the Show for everyone to enter, with garden vouchers as prizes. These are:

Any Other Vegetable - not included in any other class, ie NOT spring onions, onions, beetroot, potatoes, carrots, French beans, runner beans, peas, courgettes, shallots, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber. There are still a few! And please use common sense as to the number exhibited.

A Vegetable or Fruit Oddity

A Vase of Mixed Flowers - anything in flower (Vase supplied)

Two photo classes - "**Reflections**" and "**Wheel(s)**"

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

The Vegetable Society does not have an evening talk in July but they can be found on their stand at the Kent County Show at Detling from Friday 6th to Sunday 8th July.

A supermarket day for the Food Bank

It was the first BH Saturday in May and a bright sunny day, although there was a strong breeze at Sainsbury's, Chestfield where we had been invited to distribute leaflets and collect for the Canterbury Food Bank. There were 3 sets of volunteers all doing 2 hours and I was with the final slot between 2-4 in the afternoon.

The whole 6 hours had an excellent response raising £396.33 in cash and 494 food items. In answer to the query as to why cash is also important, the warehouse storing all the dried foods, cans and UHT products works to a prescriptive list for the Adults and Children's bags.

Sometimes there is an excess of items (usually baked beans and soup) and then there can be a shortage (currently UHT milk and juice and tinned meat products for children) and so if this occurs then the cash is used to purchase them.

I was on the exit door which had more sunshine than the entrance with another volunteer and we were kept busy for the entire 2-hour slot. One person challenged us as to why a Food Bank is necessary in this area, which was easy to answer, otherwise approximately 10% of the busy shoppers stopped to talk and donate, which was very pleasing.

Thank you to everyone who supports the Food Bank by donating in the yellow bin in St Peter's Church in Bridge. It is delivered to the All Saints Centre on a Tuesday when I volunteer, and where the CFB van has already unloaded for distribution in the Café and so has room to take the donations. They go straight to the Collection Centre in Chestfield where each item is logged in, checked for damage or out of sell by date and then sorted into the bags or if in excess for the Bonus Table, which I wrote about last month.

There are CFB volunteers who give talks to Societies in the Food Bank area and so any Club/organisation in the Bridge and villages who is interested, is invited to either visit the website or email info@canterburyfoodbank.org

Food For Thought



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Did you know that slugs and snails can be a real threat to your dog as they can carry potentially life threatening lungworm larvae. Lungworm has spread considerably in recent years and is now endemic in much of the UK. There have been 20 reported cases in Kent and we have seen 2 cases of Lungworm this spring at Bourne Veterinary Practice.

Lungworm also known as *Angiostrongylus vasorum* are slender worms about 2.5 cm long which live in the heart and lungs of dogs and can cause a lot of damage. Symptoms of lungworm infection are varied but often include coughing, lethargy, weight loss, poor appetite, vomiting and diarrhoea.

Dogs can become infected with this life-threatening parasite by swallowing infected slugs and snails. Slugs and snails can be very small and even if dogs don't eat slugs and snails on purpose they may do so accidentally when eating grass, drinking from puddles, rummaging in undergrowth or playing with toys outdoors.

If spotted and treated early enough most dogs will make a full recovery, but as this parasite can be fatal, the best way to ensure your pet is protected is by regularly using a product that acts as a preventative. However, not all wormers are effective against lungworm so be sure to ask your vet for advice. Remember, for lungworm prevention, treatment must be monthly; using a product every 3 months will not prevent this potentially fatal parasite, as this leaves your dog unprotected for too long between doses.

The average UK garden is thought to contain more than 20,000 snails and slugs, any one of which could be carrying lungworm larvae. As lungworm cases are on the increase in our area please ask your vet about a lungworm prevention plan. You can call us at Bourne Veterinary Practice on 01227 832322 for more information.

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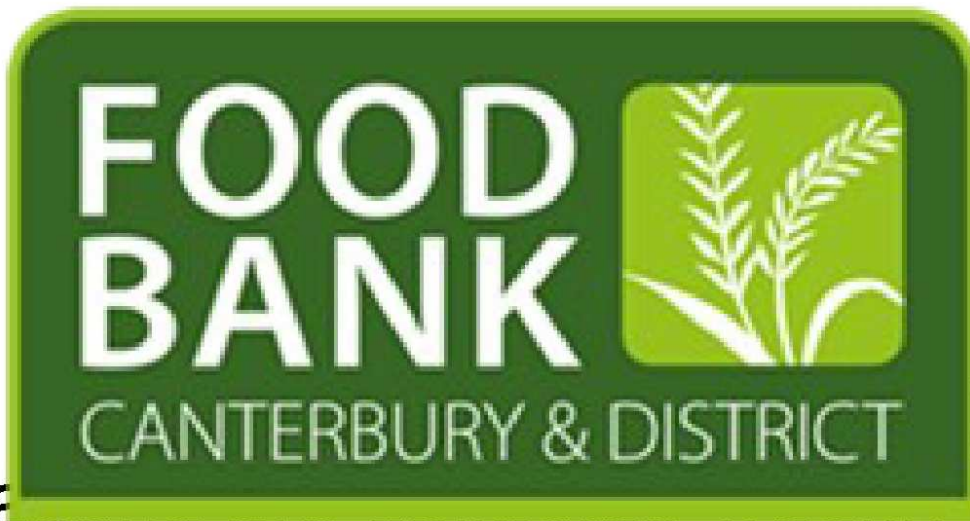
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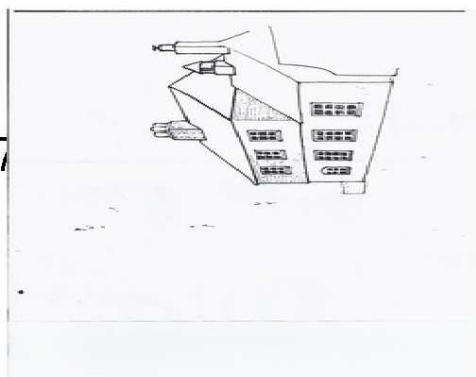


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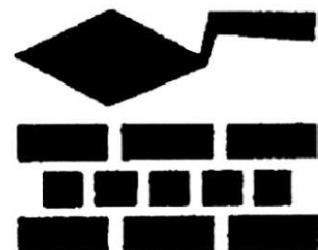
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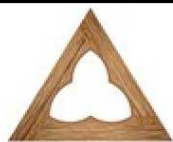
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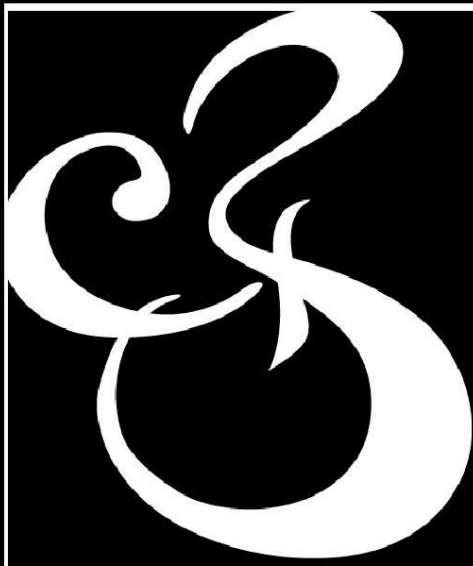


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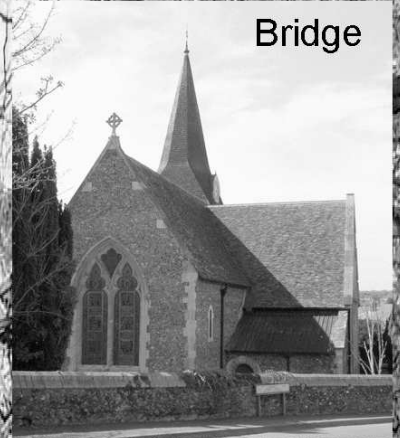
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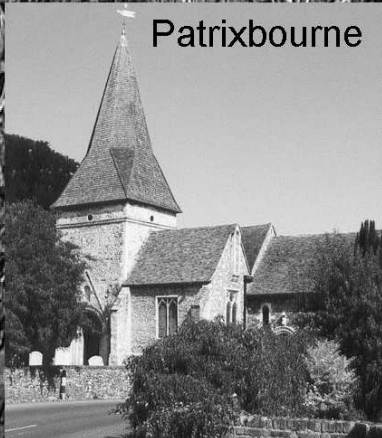
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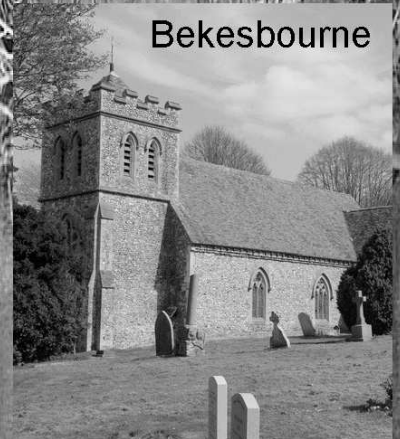
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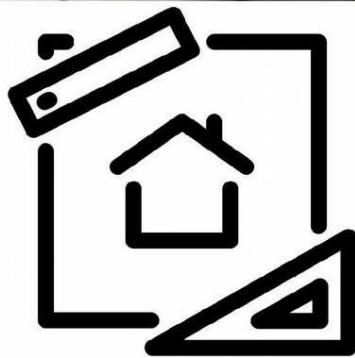
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August 2018	St Mary NACKINGTON	St Mary LOWER HARDRES	St Peter BRIDGE	St Mary PATRIBOURNE	St Peter BEKESBOURNE
5th August 2 Sam 11:26-12:13a; Eph 4:1-16; John 6: 24-35.	<i>All welcome at the Benefice Service</i>			9.30am Benefice Service Sung Eucharist EL	<i>All welcome at the Benefice Service</i>
12th August 2 Sam 18:5-9,15, 31-33; Eph 4:25-5:2; John 6:35,41-51	<i>All welcome at the Benefice Service</i>	9:30am Benefice Service Family Communion EL		<i>All welcome at the Benefice Service</i>	
19th August 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Eph 5:15-20; John 6: 51-58	<i>All welcome at the Benefice Service</i>				9.30am Benefice Service Sung Eucharist RH
26th August 1 Kings 8: [1,6,10-11] 22-30, 41-43; Eph 6: 10-20; John 6:56-69	9.30am Benefice Service Sung Eucharist EL	<i>All welcome at the Benefice Service</i>			

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Sept 2018	St Mary NACKINGTON	St Mary LOWER HARDRES	St Peter BRIDGE	St Mary PATRIBOURNE	St Peter BEKESBOURNE
2nd Sept Song of Sol. 2:8-13; James 1:17-end; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.	8.00am BCP Holy Communion EL	11.00am Family Communion EL	6.00pm Evensong MC /EL	9.30am Sung Eucharist EL	10.00am Songs of Praise Lay led
9th Sept Prov.22:1-2,8-9,22- 23; James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 7:24-end.	9.30am Morning Prayer with Hymns Daphne Reece and MC	6.00pm Evensong MC	9.30am Family Communion 'Back to School' EL	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	8am BCP Holy Communion
16th Sept Prov 1:20-33; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27- end	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	9.30am Family Service MC	11.00am Choral Eucharist EL	8.00am BCP Holy Communion EL	9.30am Sung Eucharist EL
23rd Sept Prov. 31:10-end; James 3:13-4:3, 7- 8a; Mark 9: 30-37. Nackington may want to choose Harvest readings Ps 126 & 1 Tim 2:1-7 & Matt 6:25-33	9.30am Harvest Sung Eucharist EL	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	8:00am BCP Holy Communion EL 11.00am Community Worship BL	9.30am Matins MC	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>
30th Sept + Benefice Harvest Lunch at the JBW Hall. Joel 2:21-27; 1 Tim 6:6-10; Mat 6:25-33		Benefice Harvest Service at Bridge 11am Family Communion with Rev Estella Last <i>All welcome</i>			
7th October Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Heb 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16. Or Harvest readings: Psalm 126 & 1 Timothy 2:1-7 & Matt 6:25-33	8am BCP Holy Communion EL	11.00am Harvest Family Communion EL	6.00pm Evensong MC	9.30am Harvest Sung Eucharist EL	10.00am Harvest Songs of Praise Lay led

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Dates for the diary – August 2018

Tuesday 7th

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

Wednesday 8th

10:00am - FISH pop-in coffee, Bridge Village Hall

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

Tuesday 28th – 9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

Dates for the diary – September 2018

Tuesday 4th

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

3:00pm – Holy Communion, Bridge Haven

7:30pm – After 8's, Mansfield Court

Saturday 8th – 10am- 6pm Ride and Stride

Monday 10th – 7:30pm - Caring & Sharing

Tuesday 11th

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

2:30pm – Holy Communion, Mansfield Court

Wednesday 12th

10:00am - FISH pop-in coffee, Bridge Village Hall

2:00pm - Social Afternoon, Lower Hardres

Tuesday 18th

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

3:00pm – Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge

7:30pm – After 8's, Mansfield Court

Wednesday 19th - 3:00pm - Hymns at Bridge Haven

Monday 24th – 7:30pm - Caring & Sharing

Tuesday 25th – 9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

Sunday 30th – 12:30pm - Lower Hardres Benefice Harvest Lunch

ADVANCE NOTICE Our Coffee, Cake & Concert on 10 November will (by request) commemorate the Armistice which led to the end of World War 1.

It will feature songs such as *Pack up your troubles & A long way to Tipperary* etc. and #



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August / September 2018

Dear Friends

One of the things I guess we are all mindful of is money – have we enough and how we can earn more because so often, currently, even if we do ‘have enough’ we always seem to crave more.

Money too is a huge concern in the local church. Something I hear all the time is ‘well the Church has got pots of money!’ And on the face of it this looks to be true especially if you believe everything you read in the press. But here’s a quick challenge – see how much you know?

<p>Question 1: The local church is funded by: a) The Government b) The Church of England / Church Commissioners / The Diocese c) The Council d) Our taxes e) Donations</p>	<p>Question 2: In order to marry or have your funeral in the local church you have to: a) attend every week b) call yourself a Christian c) have been christened d) have a family connection with the church e) live in the parish or benefice</p>
<p>The answer to both these questions is ‘e’. Surprised? In the case of marriage even if you don’t live here you can be married here if you have one of several different connections with the parish.</p>	

The reason there is a church in almost every village in England is that the Church of England exists for the benefit of everyone who lives here. The challenge for the churches in our villages is that they each come with their own needs in terms of heating, lighting, insurance, costs of ministry, maintenance etc. All the money to meet this need comes from the donations by folk who regularly attend and those who support the ‘Friends’ groups and various fundraising activities.

It is widely acknowledged that churches make an immeasurable contribution to the local community especially (but not only) in rural settings. And let’s face it we all love a carol service at Christmas even if we don’t attend all year round.

Over the coming months we will be thinking seriously about our financial situation in the Benefice and we will be reaching out and asking for more support from the community.

We aspire to becoming a benefice community which has enough through the generous regular giving of our populace, so that when we fundraise, rather than fundraising for our churches, we can fundraise to make a difference to the lives of those who truly don’t have enough and who are truly in need.

If you think you can help or have any questions about this please do get in touch.

Yours in Christ

Rev. Estella Last, Vicar

Bekesbourne News

We have had a busy time recently at Bekesbourne church..

Nicky and Martin Fry opened their beautiful gardens for the National Garden Scheme on 9 and 10th June. Bekesbourne church and Friends provided the teas and homemade cakes. We were very busy and sold out of cakes on both days but made £1,350 from the teas and £430 from plants and produce. A big thank you to Nicky and Martin and to all the helpers who worked so hard to make this such a success.

Our Songs of Praise service in June was themed a Pets Service and we had 12 very well behaved dogs, 8 Guinea pigs and 2 hamsters. The pets were blessed by Margaret and given treats donated by Bourne Vets.

July Songs of Praise was about Baptism and during the service brother and sister Thomas and Lucy were baptized by Estella in front of a large family congregation. There will be no Songs of Praise in August but will be back again on Sunday 2nd September.

There have been 2 churchyard working parties and thanks go to the hard working volunteers who keep our churchyard looking so tidy.

Lower Hardres News

Harvest Lunch at Lower Hardres.

The Benefice Harvest Lunch on Sunday September 30th, 12.30. This will follow the Benefice Harvest Service at Bridge at 11.00. Prices: Adults £5.00, Senior Citizens: £3.50, Children are free. Do come and support us. Children will have some activities. It will be a wonderful occasion and everyone is welcome. Please ring Margaret for tickets on 765598.

Harvest Service at Lower Hardres.

This will take place on Sunday October 7th at 11.00am. 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, Potato animals etc., all connected to harvest. They can be brought to church on the Saturday morning to be judged. Three Classes: 8 and under, 9 to 16, and 16 onwards to 100! We have always had amazing entrants.

Party for Children

There will be a Benefice Children's Party at J.B.W.Hall on 12th January 2019 from 12-2.30m. There will be games galore, and refreshments, pizzas etc. This is a free event. For further information contact Margaret on 765598.

Mum Loves Visitors

A big thank you to all my friends who in various ways helped me and my girls to keep Mum (Mabel Harrison) in her own home for as long as we did. Saxon Lodge is now her new home, If anyone has a spare half hour to walk Mum around the block, play Scrabble or just sit and have a chat, Mum would be delighted.

Brenda Rubin

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