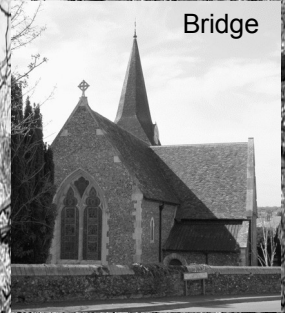


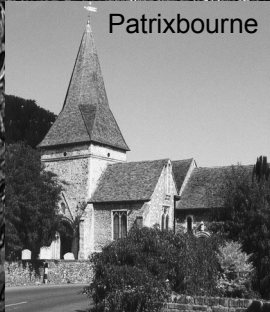
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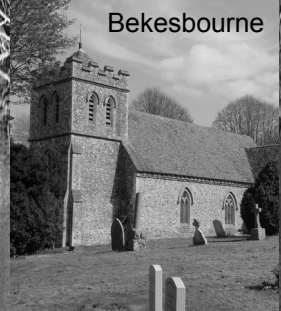
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5th August 2 Sam 11:26-12:13a; Eph 4:1-16; John 6: 24-35.	<i>All welcome at the Benefice Service</i>			9.30am Benefice Service Sung Eucharist EL	<i>All welcome at the Benefice Service</i>
12th August 2 Sam 18:5-9,15, 31-33; Eph 4:25-5:2; John 6:35,41-51	<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>			

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



Sept 2018	St Mary NACKINGTON	St Mary LOWER HARDRES	St Peter BRIDGE	St Mary PATRIXBOURNE	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.

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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?

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<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 bought 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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Time to wonder.....

Take a moment to think about 'LOVE'. The writer of the letter to the Ephesians writes this:

“Even before the World was made.....Because of his love ⁵ God had already decided that through Jesus Christ he would make us his children—this was his pleasure and purpose. ⁶ Let us praise God for his glorious grace, for the free gift he gave us in his dear Son!” (Ephesians 1:4-6 Good News Translation)

This is the mind-blowing truth of the Christian faith; that we are loved, before we are even formed in the womb, we are thought of and held in high regard and the gift of Jesus is all the evidence we need of this gracious love so freely given. Each and everyone of us destined for adoption as children of God.

Imagine the difference this could make to your life if you lived as if you believed this; that no-one's approval is necessary, that no-one else's judgements define you, that you have no expectations to fulfil save those of an ever-loving God who loves you so completely that he loved you and knew you before you were even made.

This is the love expressed in the passage from Ephesians – it is the most excessive, tender and richly abundant love that we can ever imagine – summed up in the words of St Hildegard of Bingen thus:

“God hugs you. You are encircled by the arms of the mystery of God. You shine so finely, it surpasses understanding”

This offers a counter to the world's understanding of 'worth'. It isn't simply that we are somehow special or worthy but rather that we have been taken up into something extraordinary and offered this gift to receive as our own.

This is the invitation that is open to us all regardless of who we are, regardless of where we come from, regardless of whether we are religious or not. Like a pauper invited to take the place of a prince or princess – we are all invited to share in the riches of God's grace and to live as God's children.

Amen

Anne Mummary 1937-2018

The Mummary family would like to thank the village for their kind support and numerous condolences that they have received following Anne's death on 9th June 2018. Anne and Brian lived at Great Pett Farm from 1966 and brought up their children in the village. Anne threw herself into village life at Bridge School; she continued to be regularly involved in many activities there over a number of years through her grandchildren who also attended the school. She enjoyed many lasting friendships during her lifetime, and this was sincerely appreciated during the difficult times when her health was failing. Anne and Brian moved to Laughing Waters in Brewery Lane and she would take great pleasure observing from her armchair, the comings and goings of her fellow villagers in the Brickfield.

Anne was a proud wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She is survived by her husband Brian, children Claire, Alan, Jane, Sarah, granddaughters Jenny, Emily, Alice, Daisy Georgina and great grandson Finley.

Her funeral took place on July 11th, and the family were moved to see so many people attend to pay their respects.

Fish News

The Coffee Pop-ins will be on Wednesday August 8th and Wednesday September 12th in Bridge Village Hall with a Hi Kent helper at the September event. The number for lifts is 07935 966 080.

Bridge & District History Society

The first meeting of the Society will be on Thursday September 20th in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Following a short AGM Jackie Eales will give a talk entitled 'Witchcraft in Early Modern Canterbury and Kent'. She will examine how witchcraft accusations in Tudor and Stuart Canterbury and Kent can be interpreted in the light of recent research.

Members £4.00, non-members £5.00.

Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

We held an enjoyable July branch meeting attended by 14 members.

It seems a long way off but we will soon be seeking extra collectors for the autumn Poppy Appeal. Could we ask if anyone feels that they could spare some time to help with this valuable work, that they contact the branch on 01227 472023. We will need help in Littlebourne, Adisham and Bekesbourne especially.

Our next two monthly branch meetings will be on Tuesdays 14 August and 11

Baby and Toddler Group

Every Thursday until 9th August when we will have a celebration picnic—older siblings welcome if the weather is fine.

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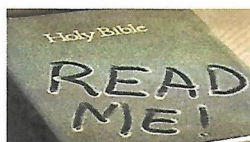
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life on all items.**

**The service will be followed by a Benefice Harvest
Lunch at Lower Hardres Village Hall. All Welcome.**

FRIEND of KENT CHURCHES

RIDE & STRIDE. SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 10am – 6pm.

Each of the churches in our Benefice will be participating in this event.

It is important because Friends of Kent Churches have in the recent past (and hopefully in the future) made donations to our churches for the repair/upkeep of the buildings.

All monies raised on the day are split equally between Friend of Kent Churches and your local (or your choice) church.

Riders/Striders plan their own route around the churches locally/Canterbury/Countywide. A list of participating churches/chapels will be available.

Each of our churches are looking for:-

- (A) Riders/Striders to take part
- (B) Sponsors for the Riders/Striders, and the volunteers at churches.
- (C) Volunteers to provide a welcome and refreshment at our churches (1 hour stints normally).

If you feel you could participate/sponsor/greet please contact our church co-ordinators:-

Bridge	David Edmonds	830795
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Bekesbourne	Jill Gillanders	830894
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Nackington	Scilla Wright	463265



The Bridge Benefice Back to School Service

Sunday 9th September 9.30am
At St Peter's Church, Bridge



As a community we will be praying
for all teachers and pupils as they
return to school and especially for
those starting new schools.

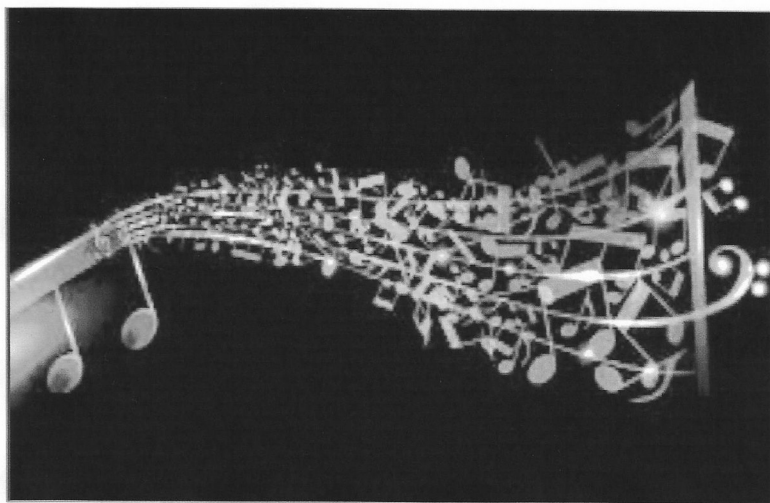
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Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute

Instead of an evening meeting in August, we have decided to have a **gentle stroll** on the morning of **Tuesday 21st** through Bourne Park and across to "Tadpoles" in Bishopsbourne for coffee. We will start off from the Western Avenue/Green Court area at 10.00 am, meeting those joining from Bridge Down at Bridge Church. For those who do not want to walk there will be transport from Western Avenue at 10.15 am.

Our guest speaker at our meeting on **Tuesday 18 September** (7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall) is **PJ Wellspring** from Whitstable. PJ Wellspring is an ex RAF pilot, then RAF and civil Air Traffic Controller and in his illustrated talk, he will be posing the question "**How Safe are our Skies?**" If this subject interests you or you would like to find out more generally about the WI do remember that we are always delighted to welcome guests and visitors to our meetings.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

After the summer break, our programme of talks recommences on **Tuesday 11 September**, 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, when our own local **Simpsons Wine Estate** based at Barham are to give a presentation entitled "**From Grape to Glass**". The presentation will cover the expertise needed in the vineyard and winery to create elegant English wine and will include **tasting** of two of their wines - most probably a Roman Road Chardonnay 2017 and one of their Southern French Sparkling wines. There will also be the opportunity to purchase wine. The charge will be £5 per person, to include two wine tastings. As always everyone is welcome.

National Vegetable Society - Kent Association

The Society has a full schedule for August and September

On **Wednesday 8 August**, 7.30 for 8.00 pm start in Bridge Village Hall, the Society has invited **Dr Sarah Arnold**, behavioural entomologist at the University of Greenwich and an expert in pollination, to give a talk on "**Pollinators and Pollination**".

Then towards the end of the month on 26 and 27 August, the Society will have their stand at the Edenbridge Show, should anyone be venturing out of East Kent on the Bank Holiday weekend.

Over the weekend of 8 and 9 September, the Society is holding its Annual Show, again this year in Wingham Village Hall. The Show will be open to the public from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm on Saturday 8th and from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm on Sunday 9th.

This will be closely followed by an evening talk, back in Bridge Village Hall and at the usual time of 7.30 for 8.00 pm, on **Wednesday 12 September**. The title for this talk by **Chris Spree** is "**A Walled Garden and Sex!**" It could be interesting

There is a sales table and raffle at all meetings and non-members will be made most welcome. #

K&CH League of Friends Summer Fair...and Fun Dog Show

The League of Friends of the Kent & Canterbury Hospital will be holding its annual fair on Saturday 18th August in the Outpatients' car park at the hospital.

The fair will be opened by the Lord Mayor of Canterbury, Cllr Colin Spooner, at 11am and will run until 2pm when the grand draw with a top prize of £1,000 will take place.

This year, the fair will again include the fun dog show with lots of entry categories including 'the waggiest tail' as well as a children's art competition with entries from three local primary schools.

In addition to the familiar stalls selling books, DVDs, local produce, etc., there will be a wide range of other entertainments, including a brass band, a coconut shy, Punch and Judy and, especially for the children, a bouncy castle and face painting. Food from the barbeque, refreshments and ice cream will also be available.

All funds raised by the fair will be used by the K&CH League of Friends to buy equipment and other gifts benefitting patients and staff at the hospital. For further information, please call Lynne Bannon on 01227 864030 or email: ekh-tr.leagueoffriends@nhs.net

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6. Most appealing expression
7. Dog/bitch in best condition
8. Waggiest tail
9. Best small dog/bitch under 18 inches at shoulder
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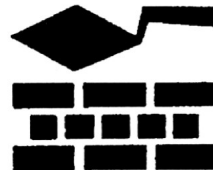
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