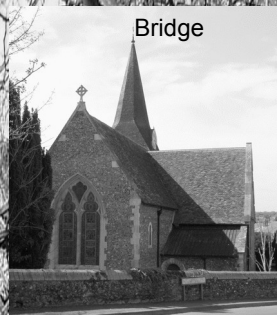




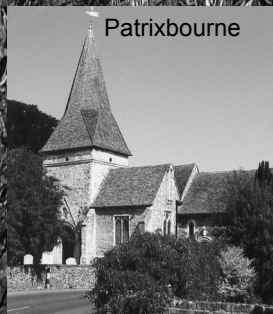
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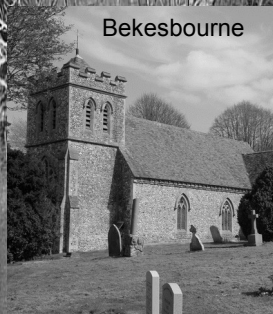
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2 Dec Advent Sunday	8am BCP Holy Communion Service	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	10.00am Songs of Praise
9th Dec The second Sunday of Advent	9.30am Advent Carol Service	4.00pm Carol Service	9.30am Family Communion	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
16th Dec The third Sunday of Advent	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	3.00pm Crib Service	6.00pm Carol Service	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist
21st Dec	<i>All welcome at Patrixbourne</i>			7.00pm Carol Service Lay led + EL	<i>All welcome at Patrixbourne</i>
23rd Dec The fourth Sunday of Advent	9.30am Sung Eucharist	<i>All welcome at other services in the Benefice</i>	8am BCP Holy Communion	<i>All welcome at other services in the Benefice</i>	
24th Dec Christmas Eve	10.00pm Christmas Eucharist	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	3.00pm Christingle 5.00pm Christingle 11.30pm Christmas Eucharist	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	
25th Dec Christmas Day	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	9.30am Family Service	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	9.30am Christmas Sung Eucharist	11.00am Carol Service
30 Dec 2018 The First Sunday of Christmas	<i>All welcome at Patrixbourne</i>			10am Benefice Communion Service	<i>All welcome at Patrixbourne</i>

CHURCH SERVICES FOR Jan 2019	St Mary NACKINGTON	St Mary LOWER HARDRES	St Peter BRIDGE	St Mary PATRIBOURNE	St Peter BEKESBOURNE
6 Jan 2019 The Epiphany	<i>All welcome at Bekesbourne</i>				10am Songs of Praise with Family Communion
13 Jan 2019 The Baptism of Christ	<i>All welcome at Bridge</i>	10am Benefice Communion Service		<i>All welcome at Bridge</i>	
Saturday 19th January	Messy Church 4-6pm at Bridge and Patribourne CEP				
20 Jan 2019 The third Sunday of Epiphany	<i>All welcome at Lower Hardres</i>	10am Benefice Communion Service	<i>All welcome at Lower Hardres</i>		
27th Jan 2019 The fourth Sunday of Epiphany	10am Benefice Communion Service	<i>All welcome at Nackington</i>			
3 Feb 2019 Candlemas – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple	8am BCP Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	10.00am Songs of Praise

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

Dates for the diary – December 2018

Saturday 1st December

9.30-12 noon -
 Children's Workshop, Lower Hardres Village Hall
 10am -
 Village Hall Bokesbourne Christmas Bazaar. Bokesbourne

Tuesday 4th

9:30am -
 Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge
 3:00pm -
 Holy Communion, Bridge Haven
 6-7.30pm -
 Nailbourne Scout Group Christmas event, Bridge Church
 7:30pm -
 After 8's, Mansfield Court

Thursday 6th

9.00am -
 Little Lambs Christmas Party
 7.30pm -
 Salvation Army Carols at Bridge School

Monday 10th

Caring and Sharing Christmas Lunch (Pre-booked)

Tuesday 11th

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

Wednesday 12th

9.30am -
 Bridge School Nativity in Church
 10:00am -
 FISH pop-in coffee, Bridge Village Hall
 10.30am -
 Charlton Park Larks Carols at Patribourne
 2:00pm -
 Social Afternoon, Lower Hardres

Thursday 13th

9.30am Bridge School Nativity in Church -

Monday 17th

1.30pm Annual Afternoon Entertainment for Senior Citizens at Bridge School. -

Tuesday 18th

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

Wednesday 19th

2.30pm - Carols at Bridge Haven -

Thursday 20th

6:00pm Carols at The Red Lion -

Tuesday 27th

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge - #



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Dear Friends

Well here we are – December 2018 is upon us! I wonder what you were thinking as the 1st of this month approached. Did you get to Saturday 1st and think – yes its finally December we can get started with Christmas or did you get there and think of my goodness its December already that means it will soon be Christmas?

Whether you are a 'let's get the tree up its December' kind of person or a 'hang on a minute calm down everybody it's still nearly a month away' kind of person – there is something about the beginning of December / the season of Advent which marks the transition as we turn our faces to the celebration we all look forward to at the end of the month - full of hope and expectation. I wonder what that hope looks like for you? In our churches this is the time of waiting and preparation for the celebration of Christmas which for us doesn't begin until Christmas Eve when we celebrate not simply the birth of a baby in a stable but the momentous act of God, coming to earth as a human to reconcile all humans to Him. December will be a busy bustling glorious time when we join together across our Benefice, in the churches, the pubs, the school to celebrate and sing – remembering I hope that Christmas, the coming of Christ, is the means through which we are drawn into relationship with God and reconciled to him. And in remembering this, now is a good time to seek to restore lost or broken relationships, to reach out with kindness and forgiveness to those from whom we have become estranged, to seek to share light in our homes, our families and our community even as God sought to bring his light to us.

Then, after the glorious busyness of Advent and Christmas itself, I hope we will have time to be quiet, to rest and reflect, to take a sabbath from the busy world and to seek the deep peace of God. In January you will see from the schedule of services that we are taking a 'sabbath' of our own and we will be worshipping all together at 10am each Sunday post-Christmas and throughout January giving us all the opportunity to worship as one Benefice family and giving all our valued volunteers a bit of respite from the work they do for our churches every week.

Wherever you live in our Benefice you are welcome in any of our churches and at any of our services and I am very much looking forward to my first Christmas here with you all. Lastly if you know of anyone who needs support at this or any other time of year please do get in touch.

With blessings for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours in Christ

Rev. Estella Last, Vicar

Canterbury Food Bank at Christmas

I am writing this to meet the deadline for the magazine, having just completed the busiest session I have experienced all year at the Distribution Café. We gave away every single bag we had on the van and the Bonus Table was seriously depleted. This was good news for all concerned and although we overran by 40 minutes and made the van late for its next commitment it was a very satisfactory session.

The response to the crisis in the Canterbury area for Food Banks has been excellent and we have Christmas approaching very fast. As Christmas Day and New Year's Day both fall on a Tuesday the All Saints' Distribution Café will not be operating on these two days.

This means that the Distribution Café at All Saints on Tuesday 18th will be the last one before the New Year and several of us have volunteered to attend the St Dunstan's Distribution Café on Friday 21st December to help make up the shortfall. This Centre will also not open on the following week either.

To this end, donations must be received in good time before these dates to allow the Collection Centre to process them into the Adults' bags (2 types) and children's bags plus fill the boxes with the items for the Bonus Table (excess items to those in the bags, plus additional items).

I shall be at the Café on Tuesday 11th December and will be collecting the bags from Evelyn the night before. This should give adequate time for the sorters and packers to process them in time for the following week. I shall then not be collecting donations until the New Year.

If you want ideas for items suitable for the season then the following may help, but please bear in mind that UHT milk, canned vegetables, Smash, baby foods, nappies, cereals, meat products in tins are still in demand.

Men's and Ladies' toiletries (deodorant, shower, hair etc), Children's confectionery, Household items, things you might treat yourself to (eg chocolates, chocolate biscuits), non-basic breakfast cereals, UHT cream, luxury jam etc. Try to avoid Christmas puddings, as I remember we still had these on the Bonus Table at Easter and mince pies in boxes are not suitable for storing at the Collection Centre. Think outside the box and come up with something simple but tasty and different. It could make all the difference at this time of the year for a family with little to look forward to. Thank you and Happy Christmas to everyone who has donated items during the year. They have all been much appreciated.

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Patricxbourne News

Thank you- what an amazing community response.

Thank you to everyone who turned out on Thursday 8th November, at Patricxbourne Church or Bekesbourne Recreation Ground, to welcome the 100 veterans and serving military personnel, walking the 100 miles 'Long Walk Home' from Ypres to the Cenotaph, to mark 100 years since the signing of the Armistice. Helping to put up the field kitchen, serving food, cake, tea or coffee, talking to the walkers: the organisers from Haig Housing were overwhelmed by the numbers of people who came out to help, and for the warmth of the community response to them during their short stop here. I hope we cheered them on their way!

Thank you to Year 6 pupils and staff from Bridge and Patricxbourne C.E.P. School who came to Patricxbourne Church on Friday 9th, to visit the six silhouettes representing the soldiers named on the War Memorial, and to hear their stories. The children brought poppies to decorate the church and laid wreaths at the war memorial. The pulpit was decorated with wool poppies made by ladies from Bekesbourne.

Thank you to everyone who visited the church over the weekend, the stewards who greeted them and the children who rang the bells at lunchtime on the 11th. At 4pm on the 11th we commemorated the six soldiers by listening to their stories and hearing poems, by singing hymns and war time songs, and by taking a collection for the charity 'Remembered', which encompasses six charities, supporting modern day Veterans and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Thank you to everyone who took part; over £230 was raised for the charity and it was a fitting way to say 'We Will Remember Them' about the six lost soldiers of Patricxbourne.

The Churchwardens, St Mary's Patricxbourne

Lower Hardres News

1 By the time you read this magazine, the workshop will be over, so I would like to say thank you to the children, the parents and the helpers.

2 Christmas services at Lower Hardres

Carols at Evensong

Our annual Carol Service will take place on Sunday 9th December at

4 pm

followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

3 Lower Hardres Crib Service

On the 16th of December at 3 pm we have our Crib Service. It is a special service of Celebration when the children will assemble our crib, in preparation for

Christmas. Our charity this year will be the Canterbury Food Bank.

Please bring along your festive food gifts to our Christmas Crib service and make Christmas 2018 special for others.

It would be lovely if the children could dress in Nativity character.

4 Christmas Day Service

Lower Hardres at 9:30 am. A short friendly service and a chance to meet friends and worship on Christmas Day.

5 On Sunday 20th January 2019 at 10 am we will hold a Benefice Holy #

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SALVATION ARMY AND BRIDGE and PATRIBOURNE SCHOOL CHOIR CAROL CONCERT

This Annual Event is to be held in Bridge School Hall
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Fish News. (Tel no: 07935 966 080) The December Coffee Pop-In will be on
Wednesday 12th complete with carols. Do come.

The League of Friends of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital

Nailbourne Group held a very successful Talk and Supper in Bridge Village Hall on
17th October raising £595 for the benefit of the hospital. Dick Bolton presented a very
interesting and informative talk about Oman entitled “Oman, land of forts and
frankincense” Thanks to everyone who supported the event.
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BRIDGE & PATRICKBOURNE CEP SCHOOL NEWS

I would first like to express my gratitude and appreciation for all the support that I, and the school, have received over the past few months. I have done my best to be involved in the Bridge community from attending the Parish Council meeting to introduce myself to keeping an eye on the Bridge Village Facebook Group (no-one mention the parking! J)

Estella and Margaret continue to support the school and we are incredibly grateful to both of them for their time and commitment. We have enjoyed our Harvest Festival services at St Peter's Church and I was especially humbled by the sheer number of community members that attended the school's Act of Remembrance on Friday 9th November.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the small time that I have already spent at Bridge and, as I show prospective parents around the school, I am reminded of how special a place it is; the children are a credit to the school, their parents and their community.

We have plenty more events in the near future: our annual Salvation Army Concert, we will be welcoming the residents of Bridge Haven for an afternoon tea and we will also be holding a Carol Concert around the Tree on the last day of term, Wednesday 19th December.

You can keep up to date with these events by 'liking' our new Bridge & Patricbourne CEP School Facebook page and I look forward to welcoming you to the school.

Yours sincerely, James Tibbles Headteacher.

BEKESBOURNE ALL SAINTS SONGS OF PRAISE

St Peters Bekesbourne was packed on the 4th November for our first combined Songs of Praise/Benefice Service with Family Communion. A particularly pleasing aspect was that there were no less than 13 children present. Very ably lay lead by Nicky Fry the format was similar to the usual Songs of Praise Service but with a simplified family communion service added. Nicky produced a gasp from the congregation when she produced a 'Saints Shirt' (that of Southampton Football Club) as she introduced the theme of 'All Saints Day'. Estella explained the reading about the raising of Lazarus from the dead in a way that was simple to understand both for the adults and children present. A particularly moving and poignant highlight for me was the simple, but highly effective act of bringing forward all the children present, separately, inside the altar rail before the formal communion, so they could see close up where the act of communion took place and then receive a very personal blessing from Estella.

Another unique feature was the presence of a separate small table at the chancel steps where subsequently the children could eat bread and drink red fruit juice supervised by Church Warden Jill Gillanders, to emulate the adults taking communion. As always the bells rang beforehand, popular hymns were sung with gusto accompanied by the violin and John Harris on the organ. Everyone I spoke to afterwards agreed that this was a fantastic 'first' and a real chance to take a leap forward in the worship in our benefice with a totally "all inclusive" service. Well done to everyone concerned.

Stuart Field

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St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

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And lots of chatting!



Carol choices to Jill Gillanders please

St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

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And lots of chatting!

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

A quick reminder of our meeting on **Tuesday 4 December** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall when Leigh-Anne, of Majestic Flowers and Tulip Tearooms fame, will be inspiring and entertaining us with her demonstration on how to make a **Christmas wreath**.

The demonstration will be followed by light festive refreshments and there will be a charge for the evening of £5 (£7 for non-members) to include refreshments.

Moving on into the New Year, we have our **AGM** in Bridge Village Hall on **Tuesday 22 January** at 7.30 pm. This is the time when subscriptions are due for renewal (still held at £6 for single and £10 for joint/family membership). We have a full programme of interesting talks and an outing arranged for the coming year as well as our Spring and Summer Shows, the schedules for which will be available at the AGM.

At the AGM we would also like to take time to consider the future of the Society. Just as other clubs and societies are finding it hard to recruit members to serve on committees, we too need more members in general as well as people who are willing to take on a little additional responsibility as one of the officers. This is a plea to everyone. If you would like this long-standing village society to carry on, it is now the time at the AGM to come forward and make your views known.

After the business is completed, the committee will be serving wine and cheese.

Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute

Our December meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of December, namely **Tuesday 11th** (7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall). This year we are fortunate to have **Jennifer Roording** as our guest speaker and she will be showing us how to make **Christmas boxes** in time for the approaching festive season. There will also be the chance to purchase items. The demonstration will be followed by a light supper and the chance to chat with friends.

The competition for the month is for an interesting item beginning with the letter "L". We start our 2019 programme on **Tuesday 15 January** (usual time and place) with guest speaker **Mary Smith** who will be giving her much acclaimed illustrated talk on "**A Schoolgirl's War**" and, still working our way through the alphabet, the competition for January is for an interesting item beginning with the letter "M".

Please remember that the annual subscription (£42) is payable then and preferably by cheque.

We are always delighted to welcome guests and visitors to all our meetings.

(The WI has its own noticeboard outside the village hall with details of all our events and contacts.)

Bridge Farmer's Market

CHRISTMAS MARKET. Tuesday 18th December from 3pm.

Please support if possible.

Bridge & District History Society

The first meeting of 2019 will be on Thursday January 17th at 7.30 in Bridge Village Hall. Dick Bolton's talk is entitled "Windows, Walls and Weather Vanes", showing how our buildings have evolved over nine hundred years under a variety of influences.

Members £4.00, non-members £5.00

BOURNE VETS NEWS



All this cold weather is making us dream of summer holidays! Please be aware though that you may need to plan ahead if you want to take your pets away with you next summer.

The government has issued advice for pet owners outlining how pet travel arrangements may change if the UK leaves the EU with no deal. In a no deal situation, pet owners would still be able to travel to Europe with their pet after Brexit, but they could need to take additional steps and start preparations at least four months ahead of their planned departure date. If you are looking to travel to the EU with your pet after March 2019, then you should speak to your vet as soon as possible, ideally before the end of November 2018, to give enough time for health checks, vaccination and testing to be carried out. With the Easter holidays falling soon after EU exit day, it's essential that pet owners know to start planning ahead now to avoid disappointment.

At the moment if your pet is at least 12 weeks old and has a microchip, they can have a rabies vaccination, be issued a passport and travel 3 weeks after the vaccination date, with the rabies vaccine needing boosters within 3 years. If the UK leaves the EU with no deal we could be treated as an unlisted country and in this situation your pet will need a blood sample taken at least 30 days after the rabies vaccine and the results the blood test must show that the vaccination was successful. You must then wait 3 months from the date the successful blood sample was taken before you can travel. You will also need to take your pet to an Official Veterinarian (OV) no more than 10 days before travel to get a health certificate. This health certificate will be valid for 10 days after the date of issue for entry into the EU, for 4 months of onward travel within the EU and for re-entry to the UK for 4 months after the date of issue. On arrival in the EU, pet owners travelling with their pets will be required to enter through a designated Travellers' Point of Entry (TPE) where they may be asked to present proof of microchip, rabies vaccine and the blood test result alongside their pet's health certificate. In order to return to the UK your pet will need either an existing EU pet passport, an EU health certificate or a UK pet health certificate.

As we don't yet know what will be happening in March it's important to plan ahead and be prepared for the worst case scenario if you want to ensure that your pet doesn't miss their summer holiday!

Everyone at Bourne Vet Practice would also like to take this opportunity to wish you and your amazing pets a very Happy Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2019 and thank you all for your support during 2018. We are lucky to have such a great job and really love meeting all your wonderful pets!

Bridge Recreation Ground

November has been a busy month. Thank you to the children of Bridge and Patricbourne Primary School for planting Narcissi bulbs along the banks of the Nailbourne. We had a lot of fun. A big thank you also to the adults who came to prune some shrubs, clear the weeds and dig the flower beds ready for the winter. Your on-going help is much appreciated.

Sue Hodges



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Here are the dates of some regular events:

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Lizzie Hopthrow

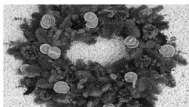
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Friends of St Giles Carol Concert The annual Carol Concert, hosted by the Friends, will be held on Saturday, December 22 in St Giles Church at 6pm. Choir members from the prize winning Elham Valley Voices, led by Jackie and Rod Spencer, will perform a variety of pieces for your enjoyment. There will also be the opportunity to join in with traditional carols, and maybe some fun items. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served during the interval to encourage you to take part in the second half. As this is a fundraising event all adult tickets are £5 (but you can enjoy the mulled wine and mince pies), and are available from Maureen Taylor on 01227 831738 (maureen_taylor3@sky.com) or John Morgan 01227 831047. Any funds raised will be put towards the maintenance of St Giles Church.

**Condensed Minutes of a meeting of Bridge Parish Council Thursday 8
November 2018 in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

(Full minutes are posted on the noticeboards by the White Horse and on Bridge Down and on the village website)

Council decided to limit the parking restrictions on Riverside Close to all properties from Mansfield Court towards Patricbourne Rd.

A new bench for Western Avenue has been ordered and should arrive within the next few weeks thanks to a generous donation from a villager.

The external noticeboard for the pavilion has been purchased and affixed.

The meeting was updated on the latest funding and engineering developments in the plans to replace the bus stop opposite Higham Lane.

Cllr Fawke said that **Green Court** was now effectively completed. Residents close to the proposed new fencing in Western Avenue have been consulted and given their approval. Council resolved to spend up to £3,000 on the necessary works.

Villager Martyn Vye, CHEK committee member, outlined the current nature of plans and consultations for **hospital provision in Canterbury and East Kent** more widely. He encouraged as many people as possible to participate in the current "listening events" due to close on 25 November. They can be accessed at www.Kentandmedway.nhs.uk/where-you-live/plans-east-kent/ekjccg and www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/EastKentNHS2018

Council resolved to work in partnership with Ash Parish Council in dealing with the ongoing failure of the **Post Office** to open an outreach branch in the village.

VACANCY—PARISH CLERK—BRIDGE, CANTERBURY There is a vacancy for the position of Parish Clerk in the village of Bridge near Canterbury. Previous experience is not necessary but good administrative skills, a reasonable level of numeracy and the ability to maintain accounts are essential. Applicants must be computer literate. There is a national pay scale. Training is available. Applicants would be expected to work from their own home and be available for some evening meetings. A job description is available. The post involves working for 15 hours per week at times to be agreed with the Parish Council. Applicants should provide a CV with the names of two referees and contact the Chairman Alan Atkinson on 01227 830629 or email clerk@bridgevillage.org.uk by 12.00 noon on the closing date: Thursday 6 December 2018



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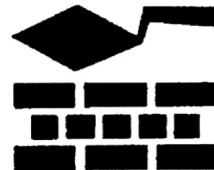


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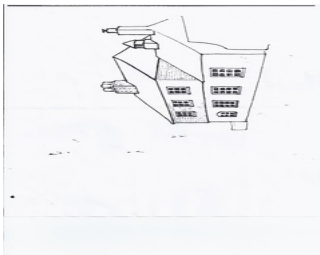
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