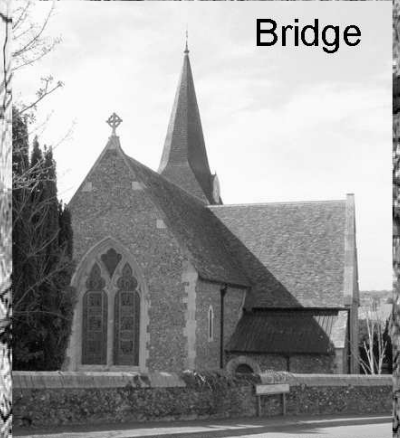


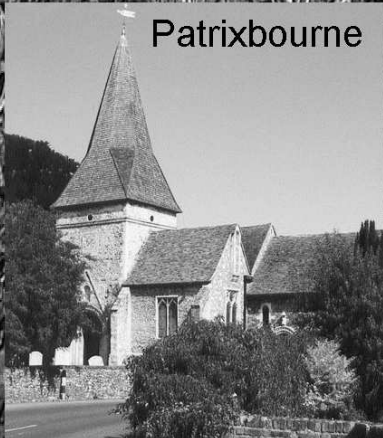
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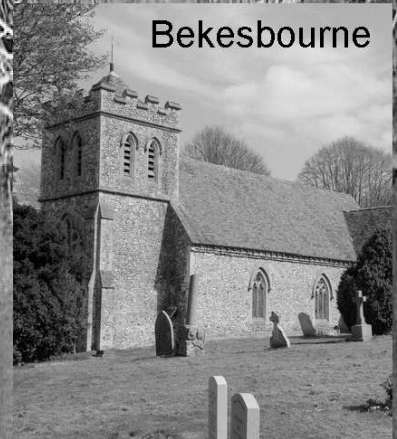
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4th Feb Prov.8. 1, 22-31 John 1. 1-14	<i>All welcome at Lower Hardres</i>	11.00am Benefice Family Communion Rev Estella Last	<i>All welcome at Lower Hardres</i>		
11th Feb 2 Cor. 4.3-6 Mark 9.2-9	9.30am Sung Eucharist Rev Estella Last	3.30pm Evensong 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).

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.

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Bekesbourne Songs of Praise

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

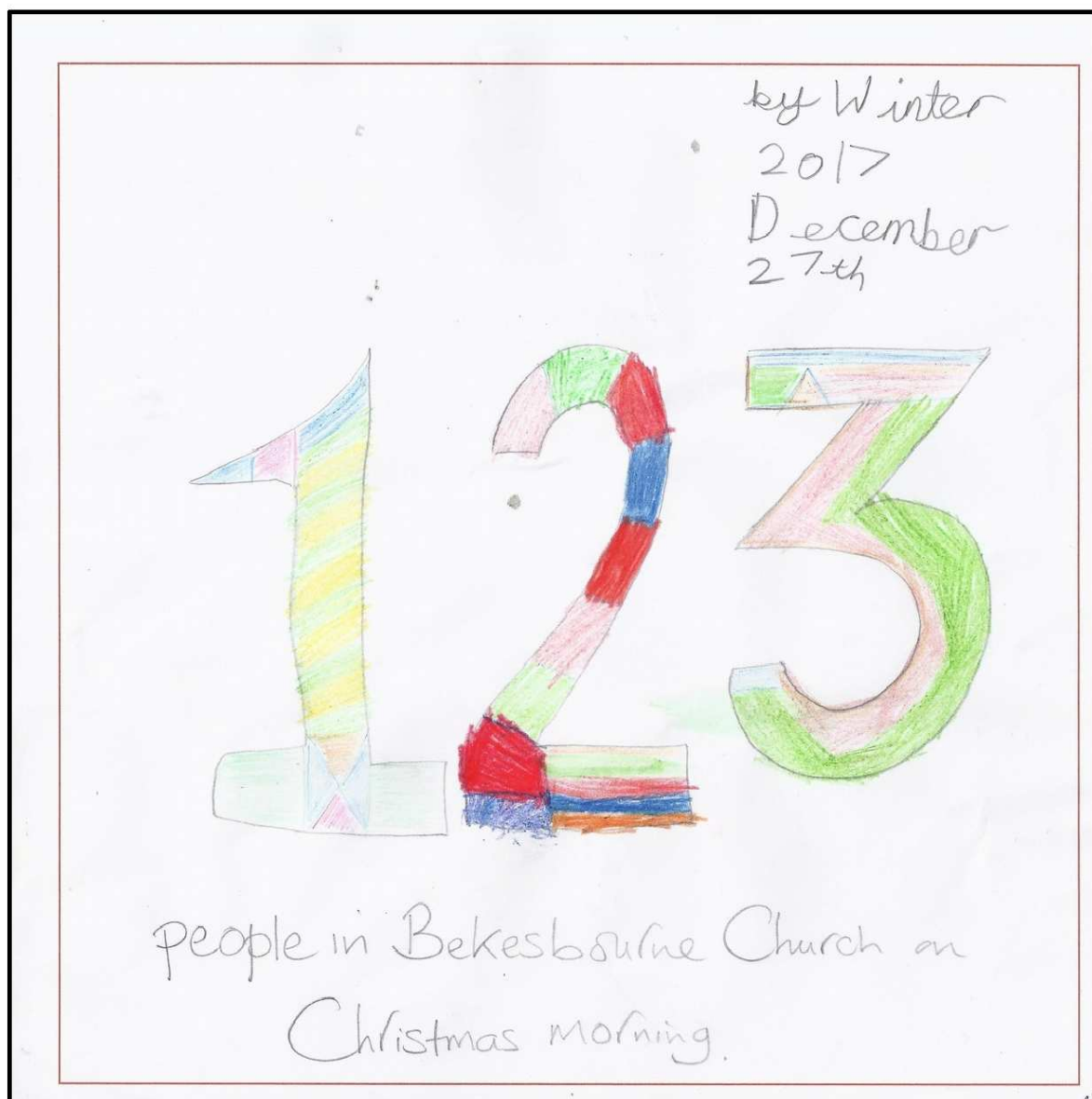
The service, for Epiphany, was led by Maggie. We learnt all about the three kings and their gifts and joined in a chant recounting their journey. This was very loosely based on the children's book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and was appreciated by young and old alike. There was a good selection of hymns, 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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Sponsored Skip Thanks

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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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

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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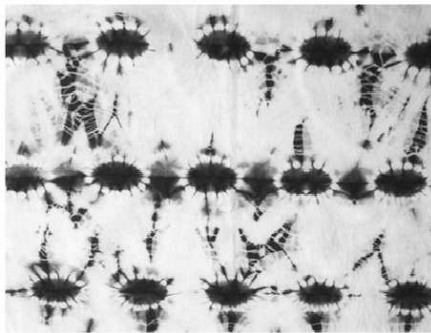
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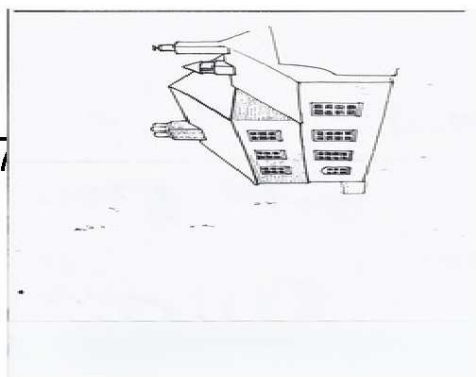


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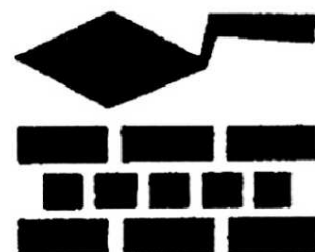
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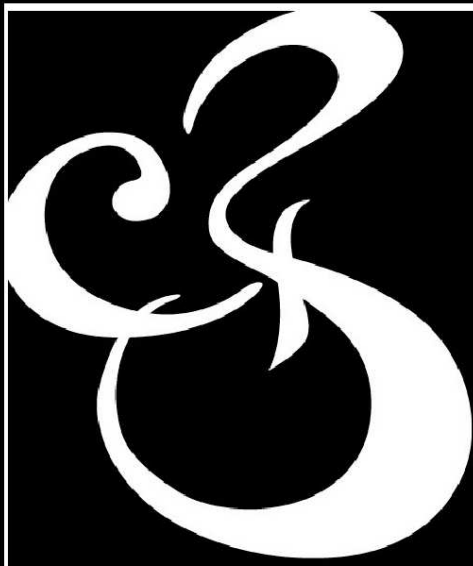
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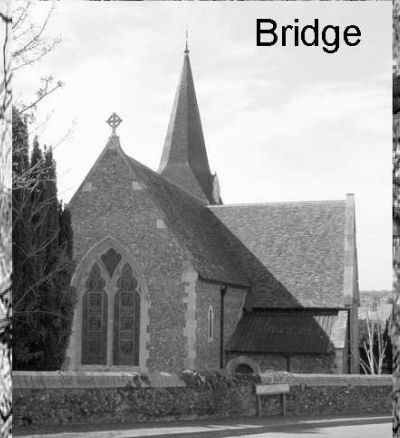
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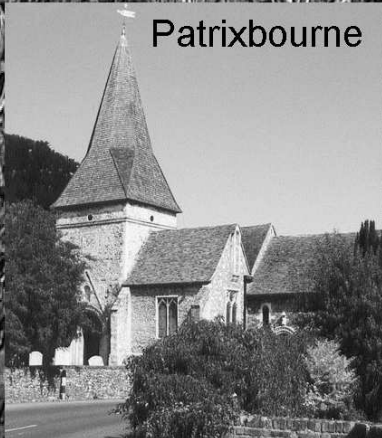
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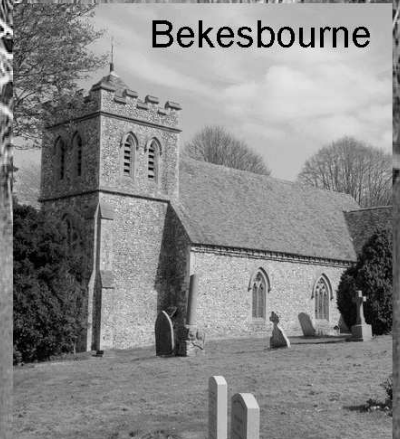
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4th Mar Ex. 20. 1-17 John 2. 13-22	8.00am BCP Holy Communion EL	11.00am Family Communion RH	6.00pm Evensong MC & EL	9.30am Sung Eucharist EL	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>
11th Mar <u>Mothing Sunday</u> Col. 3. 12-17 John 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

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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

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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.

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Nicky Fry, Secretary



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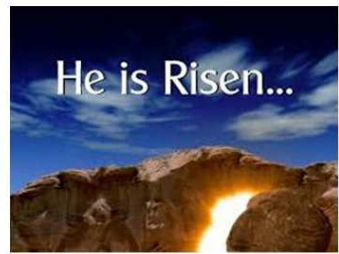
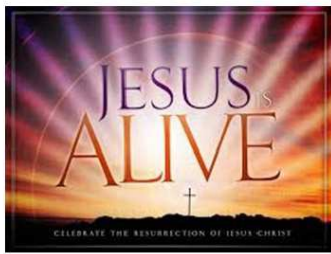
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Bridge with Patixbourne Women's Institute

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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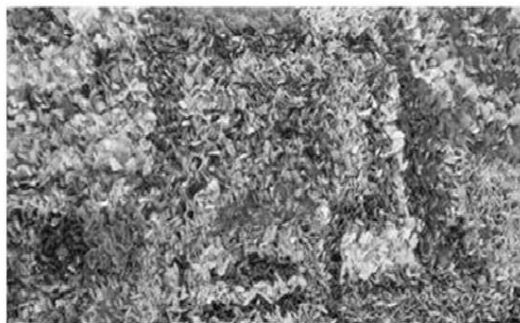
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Now that Spring is on its way we hope everyone is recovering from the Winter "bugs" that have been besetting us in the past weeks!

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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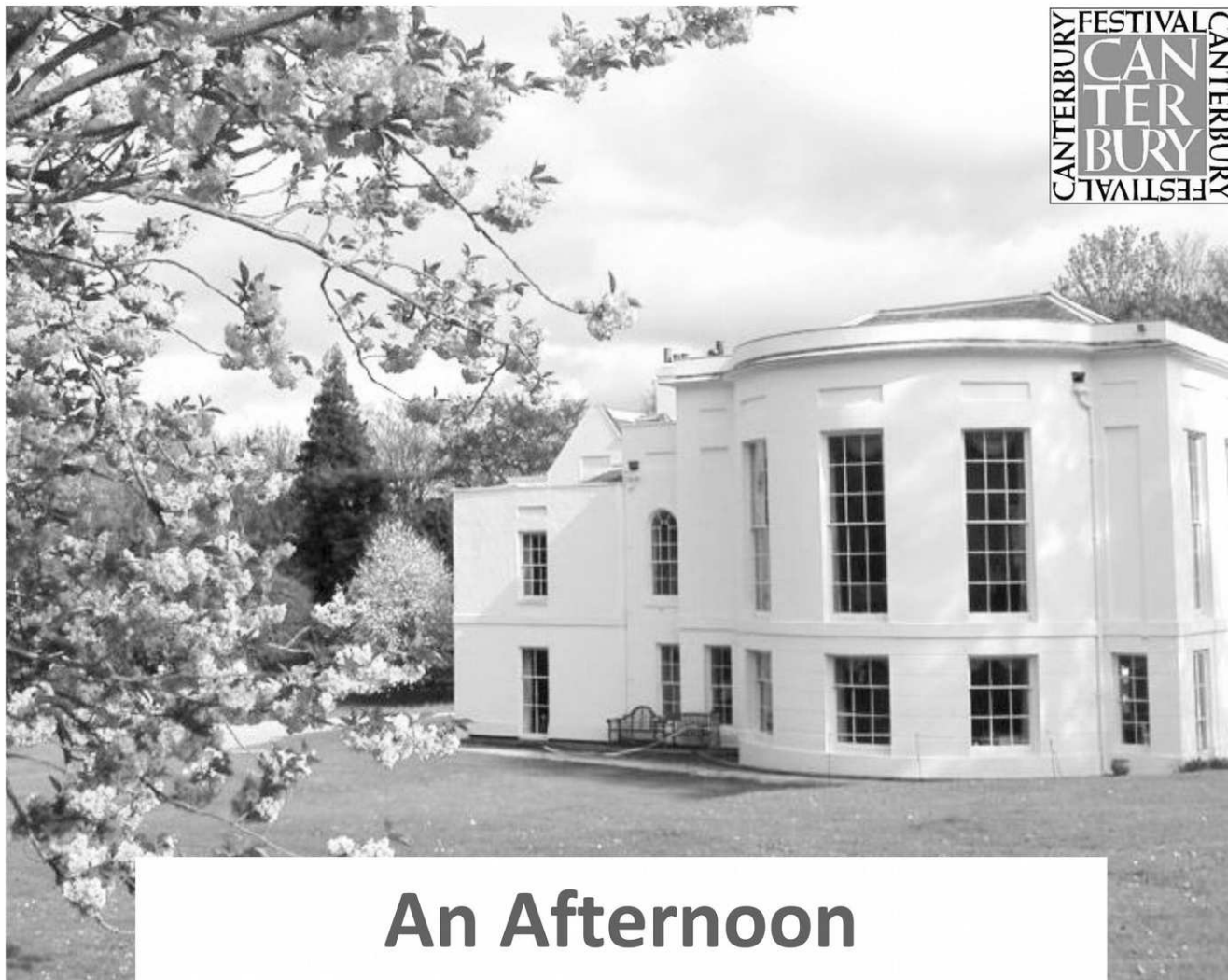
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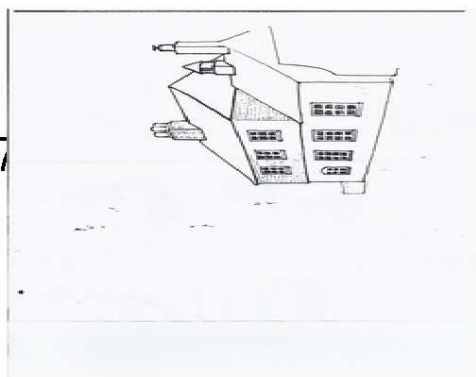


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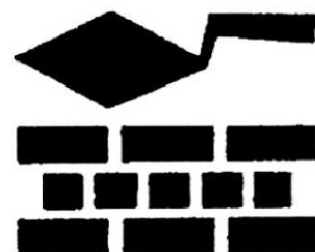
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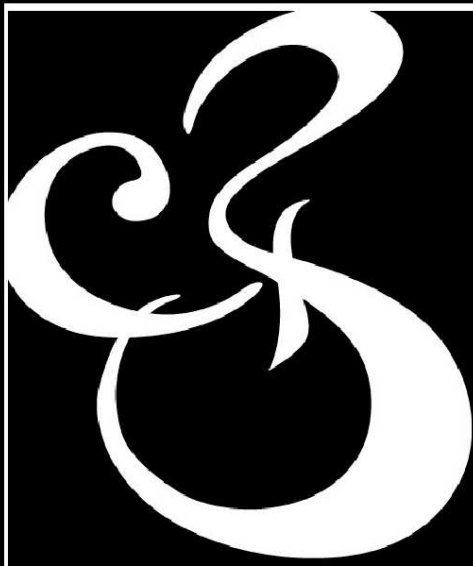
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8th Apr Exodus 14:10- end;15:20-21 Acts: 4:32-35 John 20:19-end	9.30am Sung Eucharist RH	6pm Evensong MC	9:30am Family Communion EL	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	8:00am BCP Holy Communion EL
15th Apr Zeph 3: 14-end Acts: 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
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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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Rev. Estella Last, Vicar

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

Plant/Bring and Buy Stall

For Show Schedule and more details, telephone Brenda on 831704

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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.

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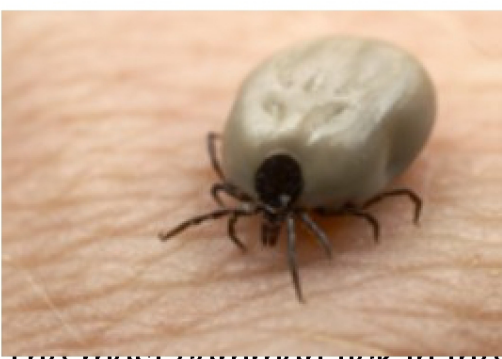
Email: woodpeckerscommittee@gmail.com or basc_fundraising@yahoo.com

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 various 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 Conyngnam 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.

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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.

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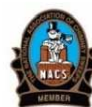
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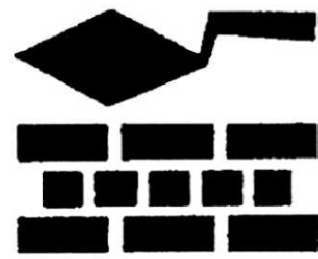


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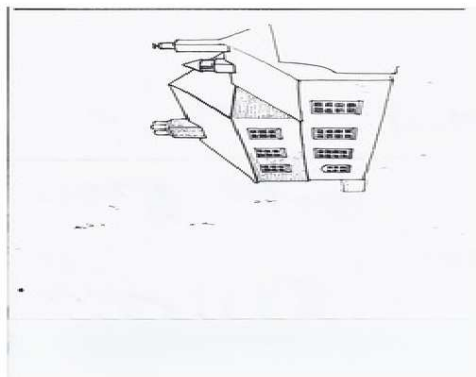


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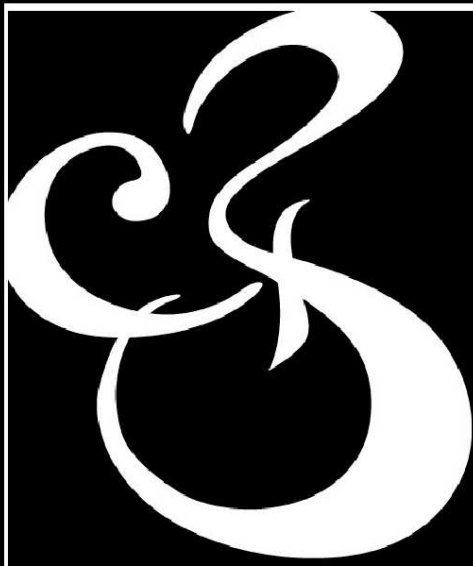
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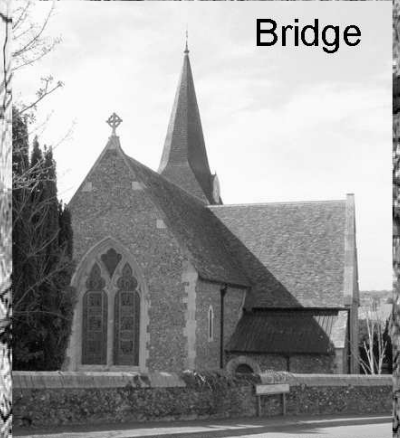
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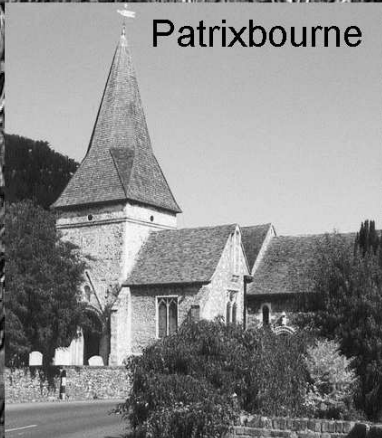
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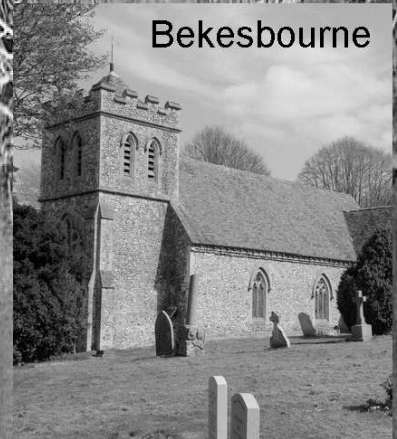
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6th May Isaiah 55:1-11 Acts 10:44-end John 15: 9-17	8:00am BCP Holy Communion EL	11.00am Family Communion EL & MC	6.00pm Evensong With St Edmunds Chamber Choir and Organist	9.30am Sung Eucharist GB	10.00am Songs of Praise Readings for Rogation Days – 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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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 Patrington

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 Bekesbourne

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 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



FISH SCHEME NEWS, MAY 2018
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. 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 'Squas Rots in the Middle Ages and the dirt you still breathe in the air. Members £4.00 from members village to include refreshments. Full details reports and news about Haiti on page 50 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. Jean Barber 01227 831956 / jbarber@uk2.net

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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.

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Primula Auricula

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by

Rachel Castle

Tuesday 8 May

7.30 pm

Bridge Village Hall

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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

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

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This is my Dad/Grandad'

(Fathers' Day Sunday 17th June!).

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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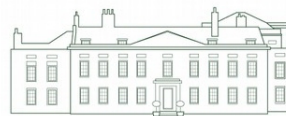
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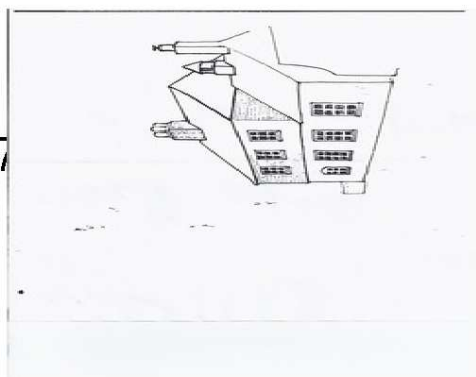


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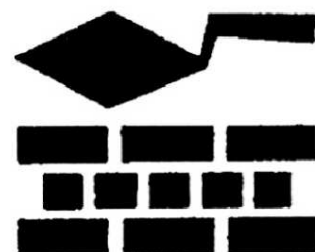
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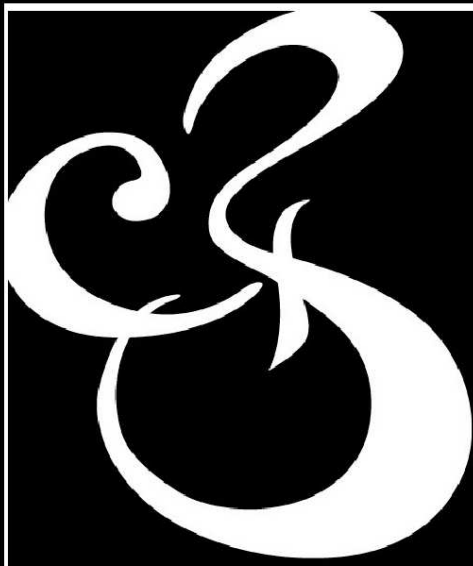
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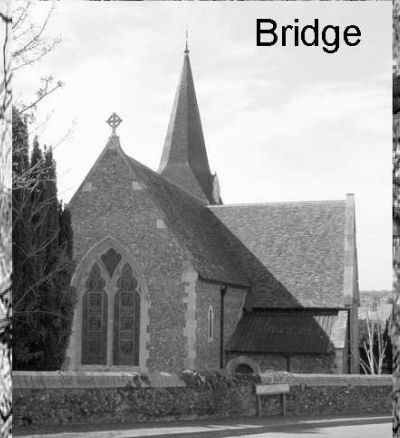
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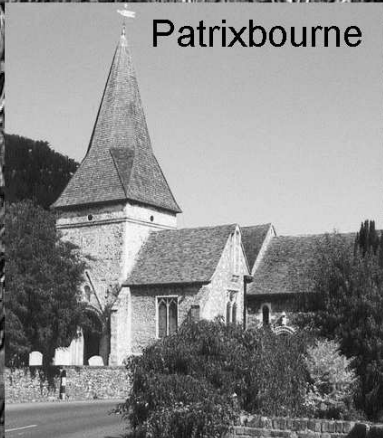
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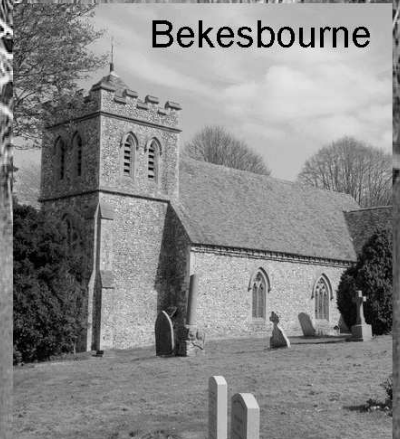
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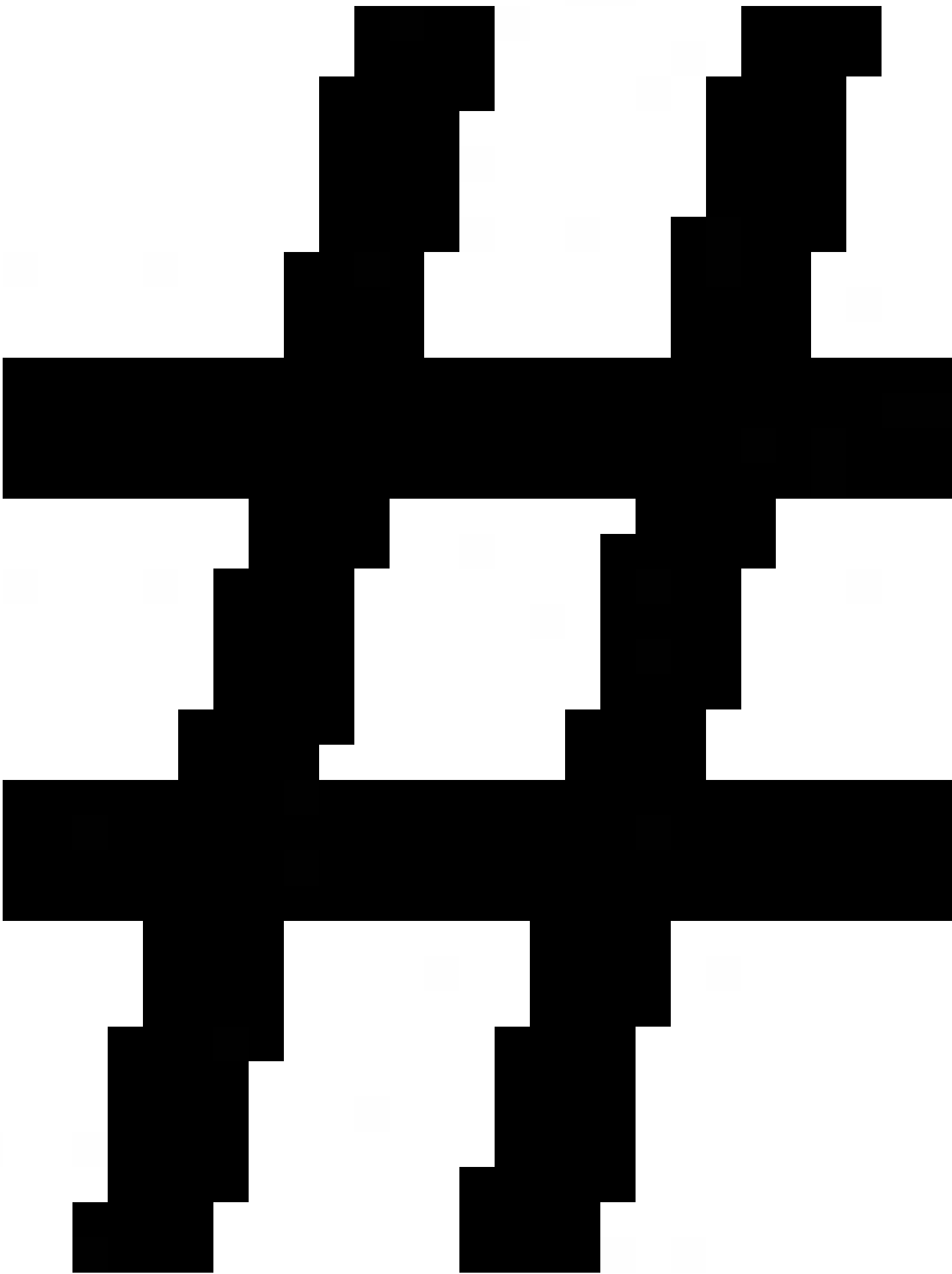
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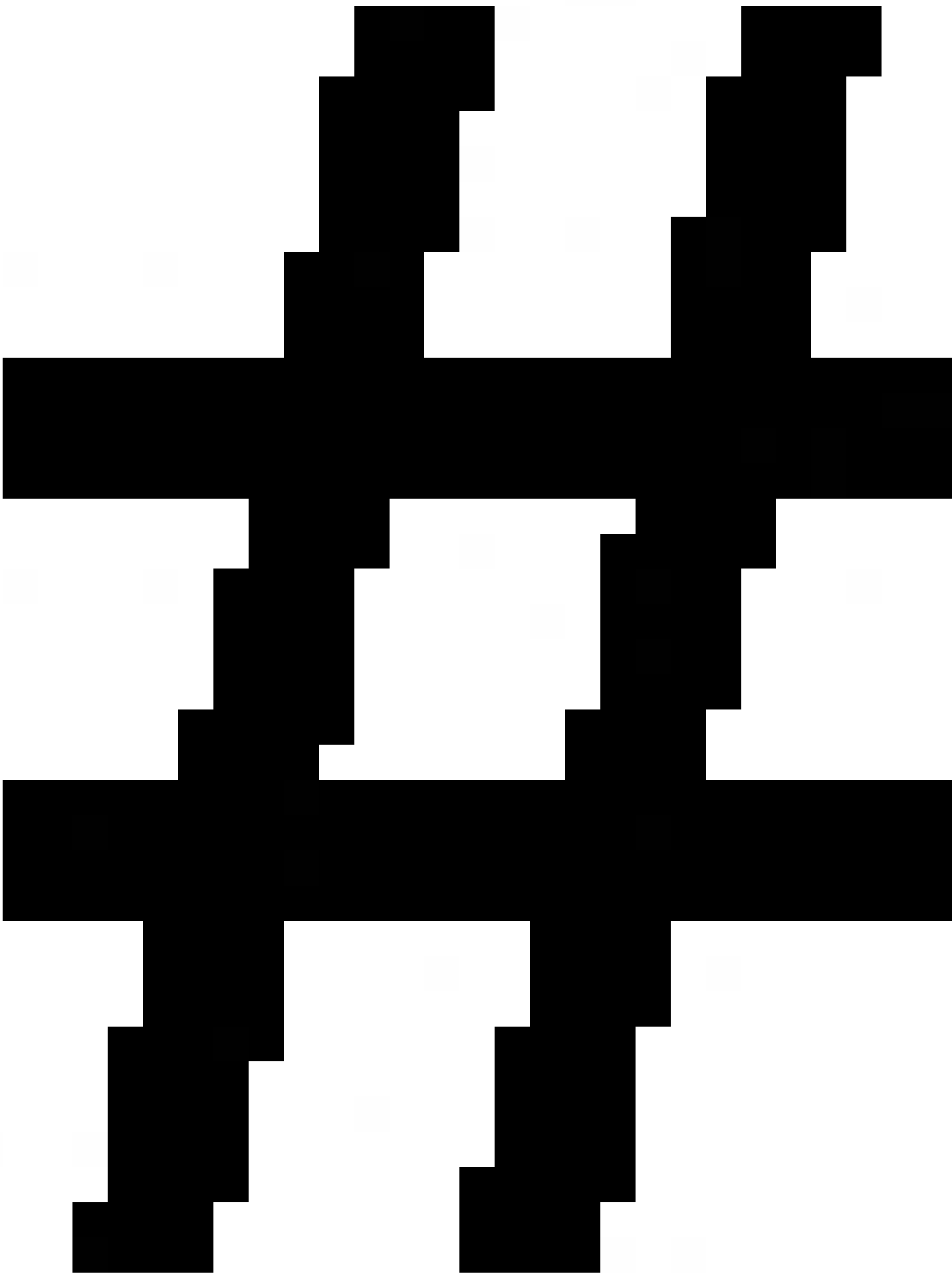
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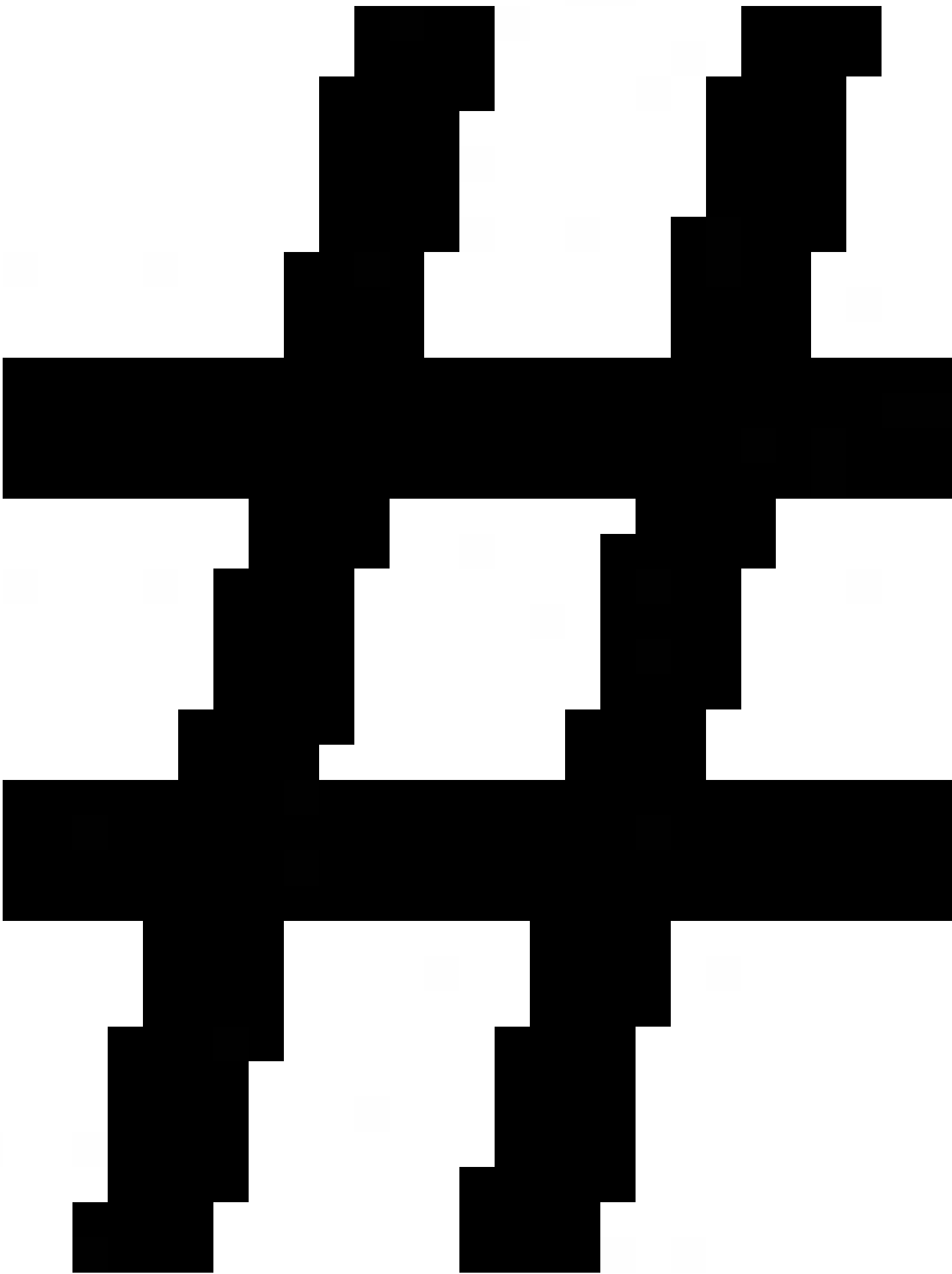
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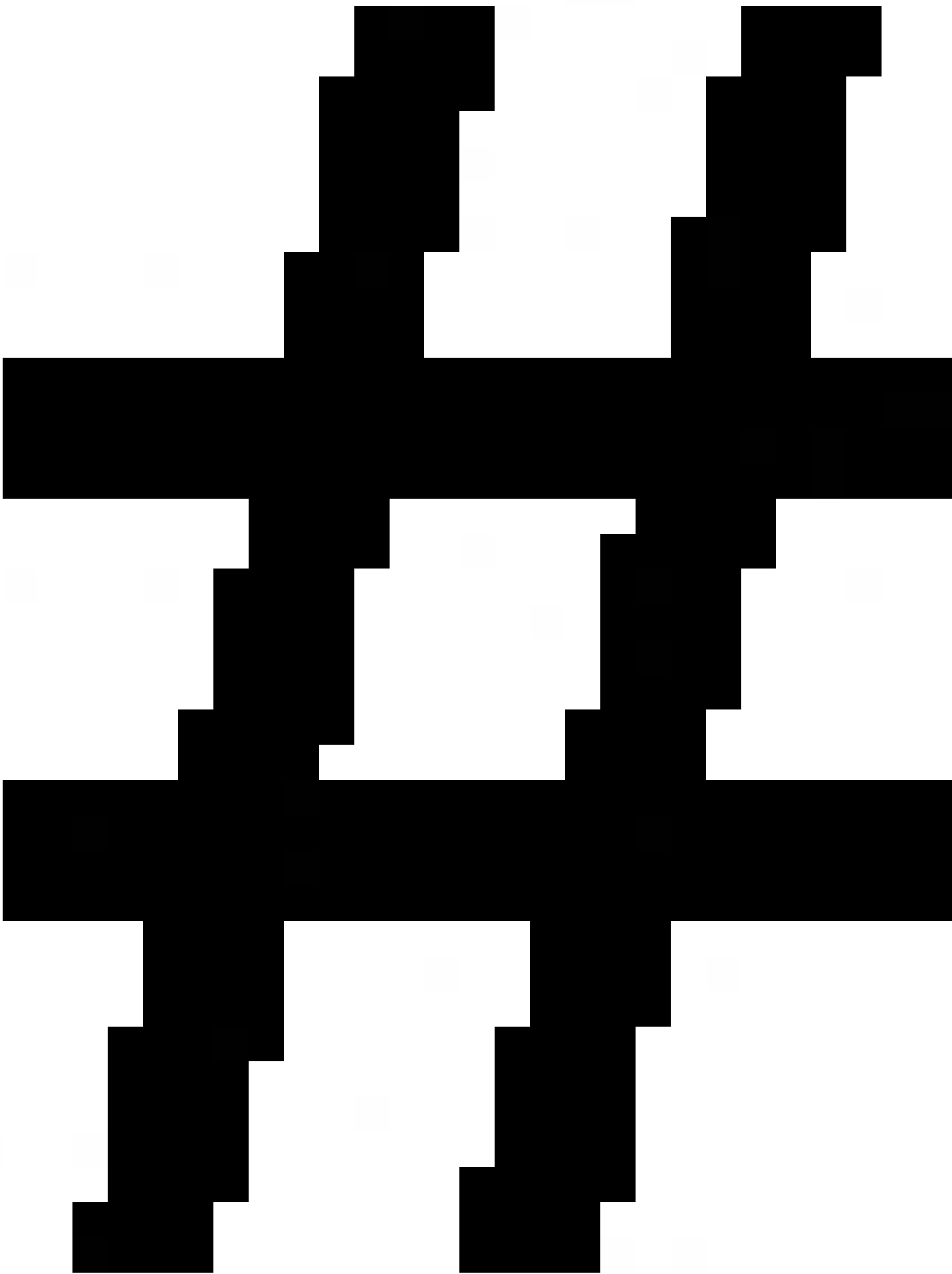
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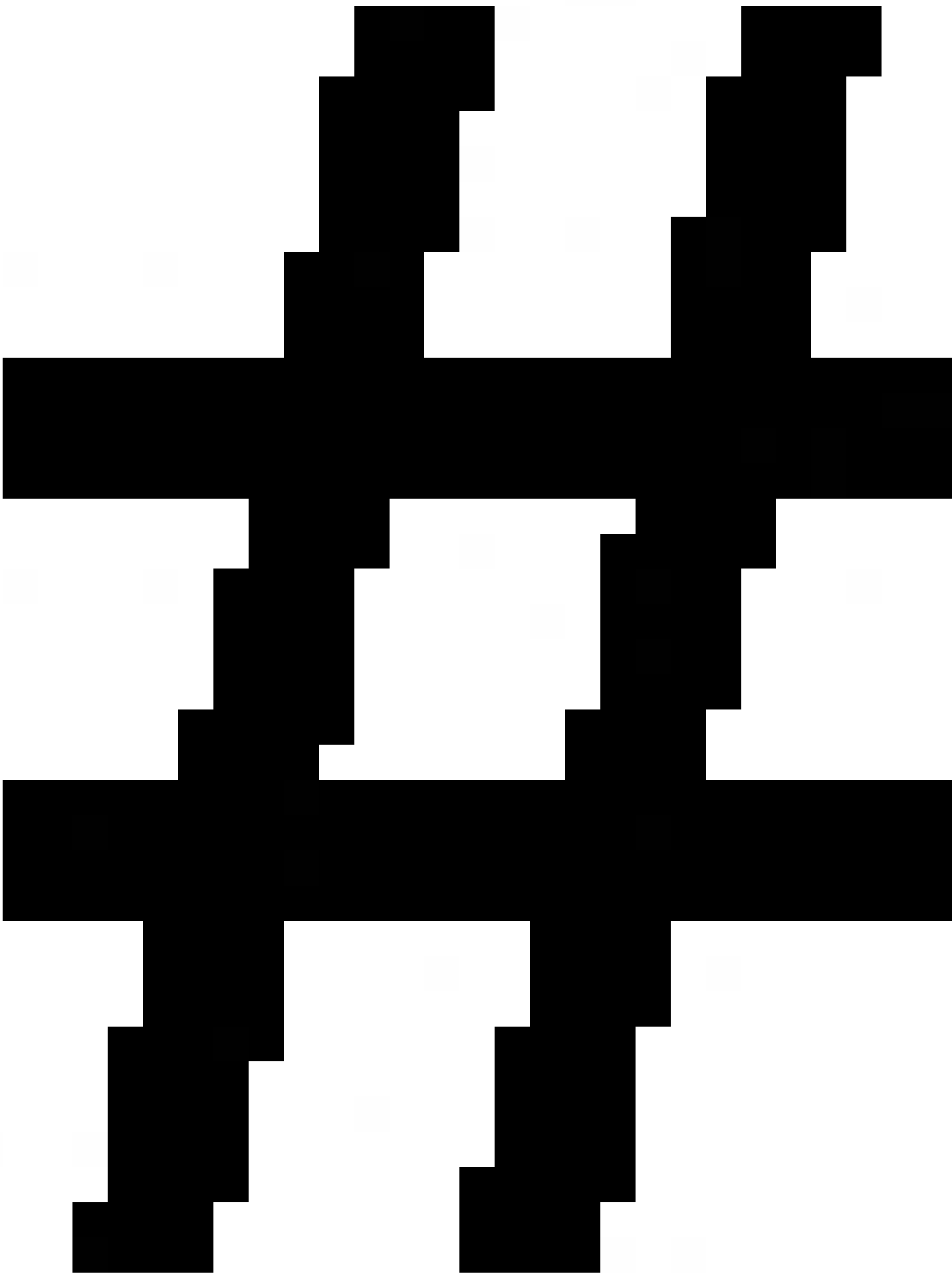


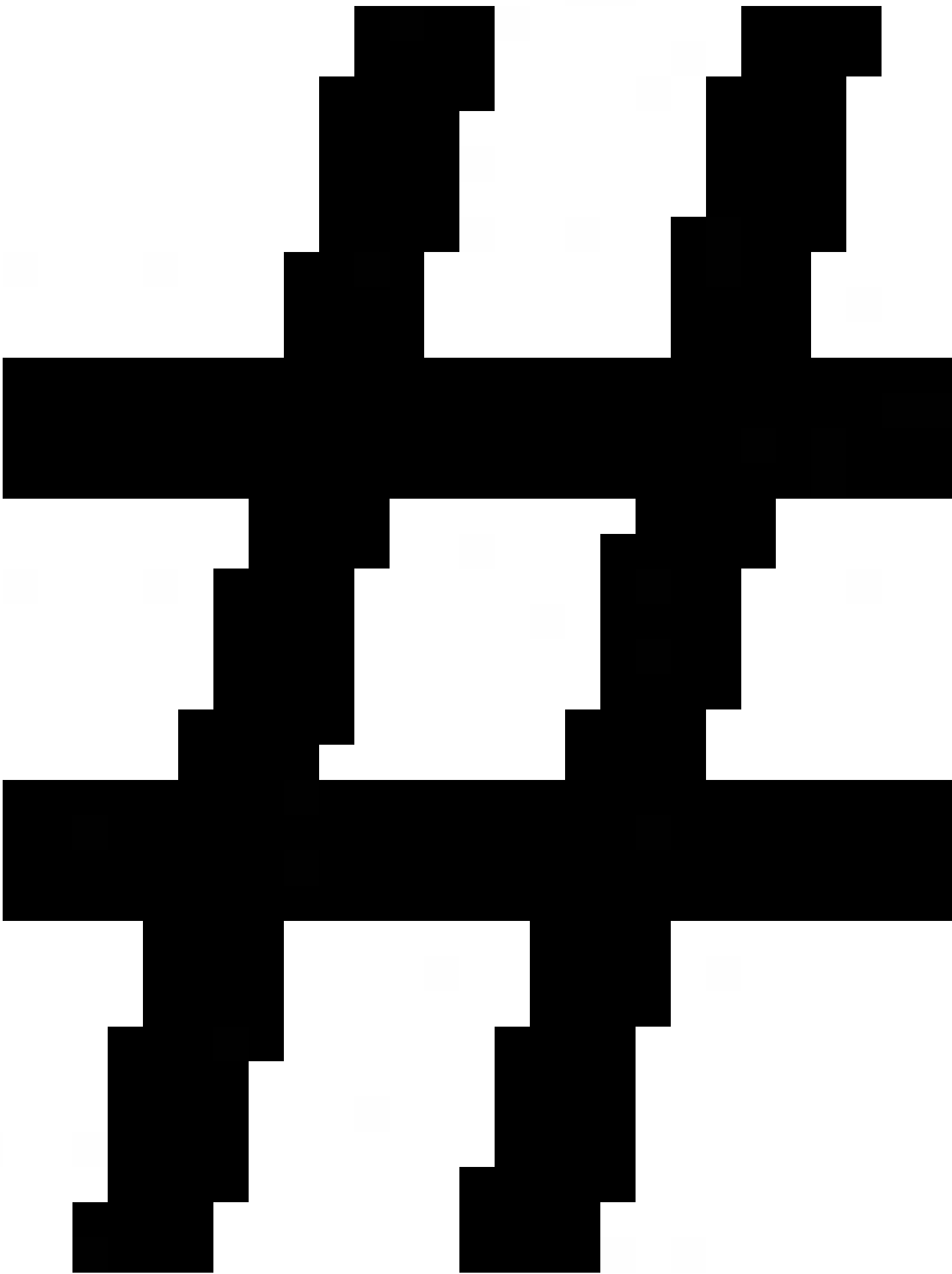


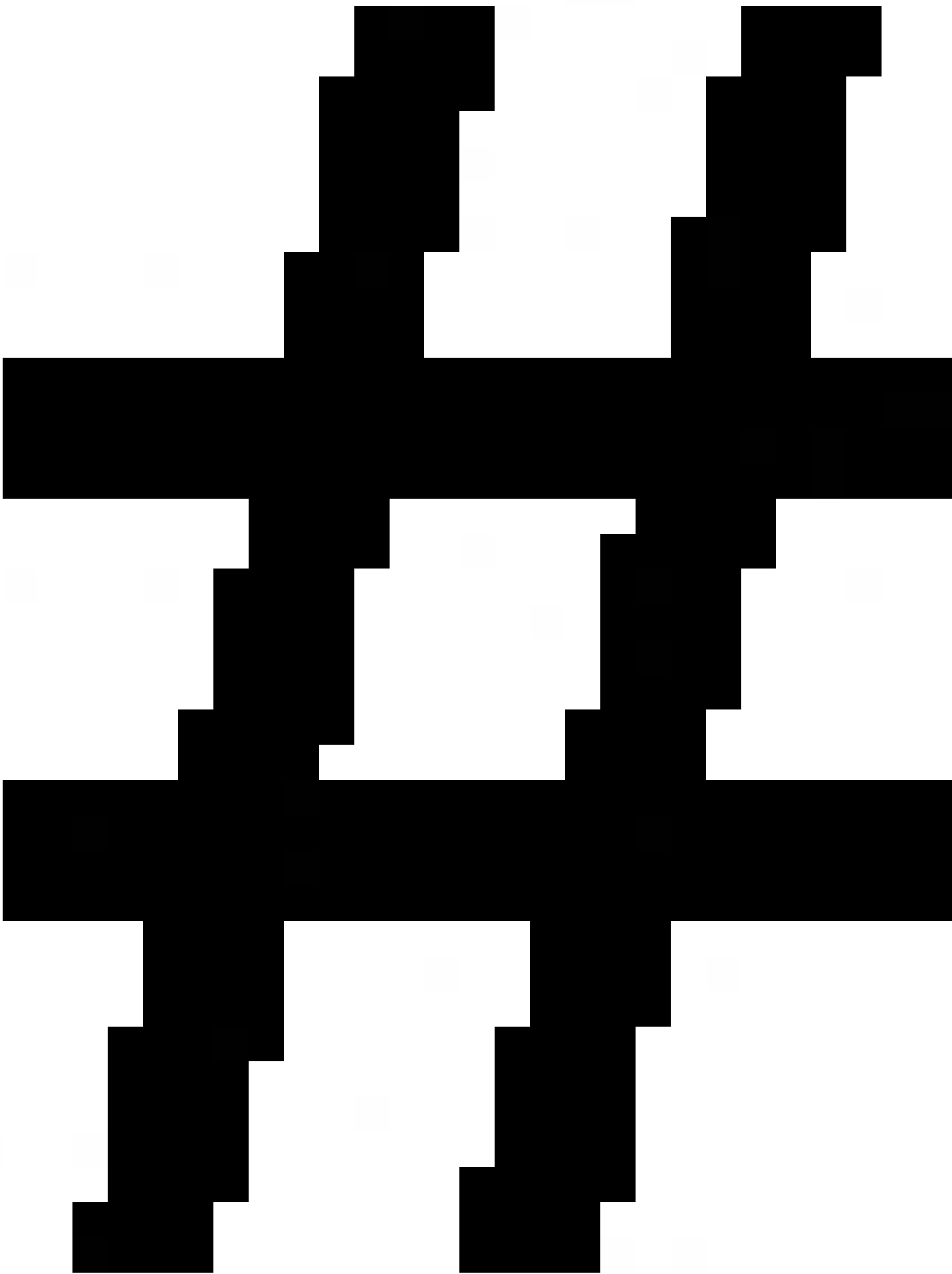


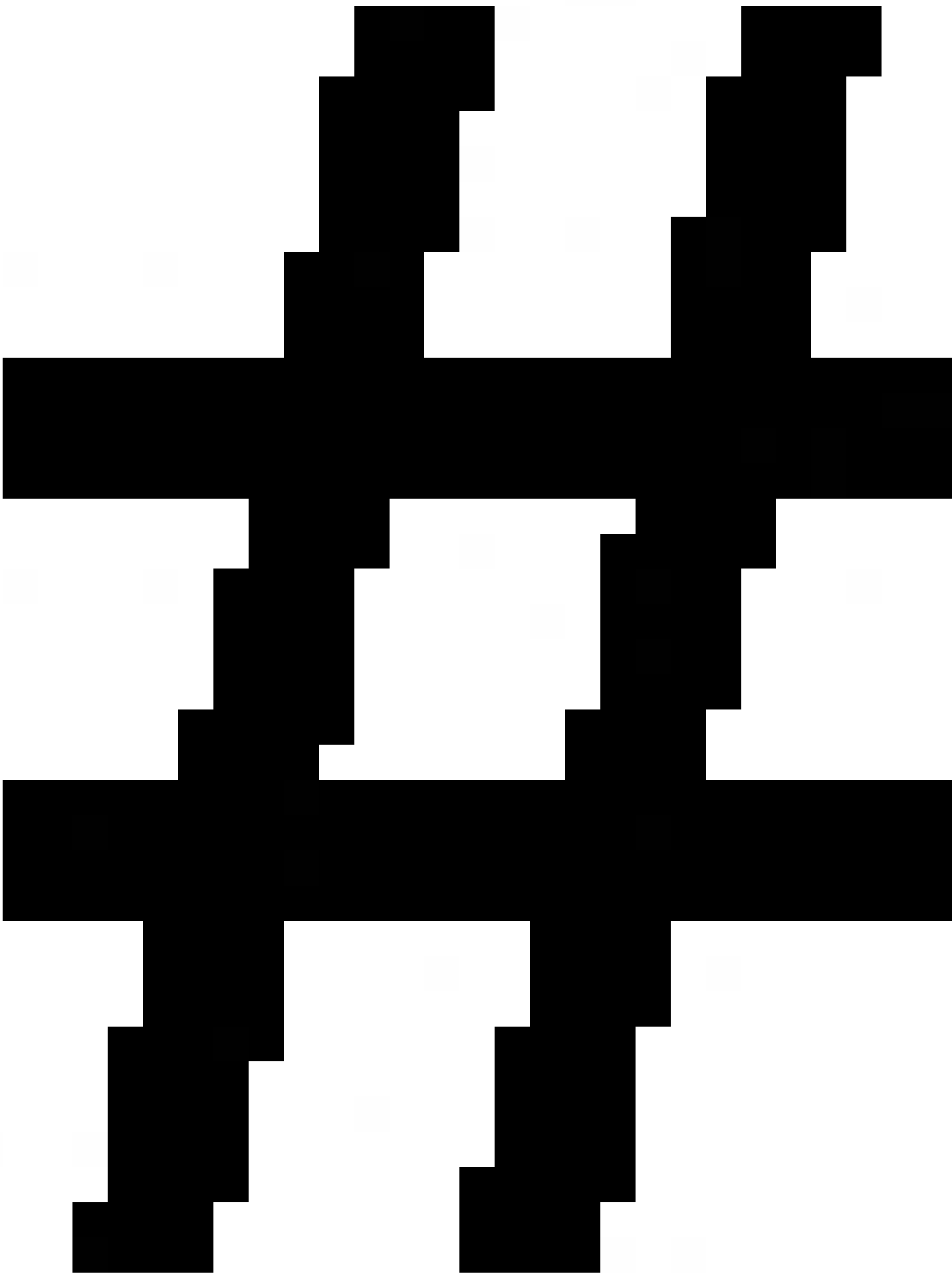


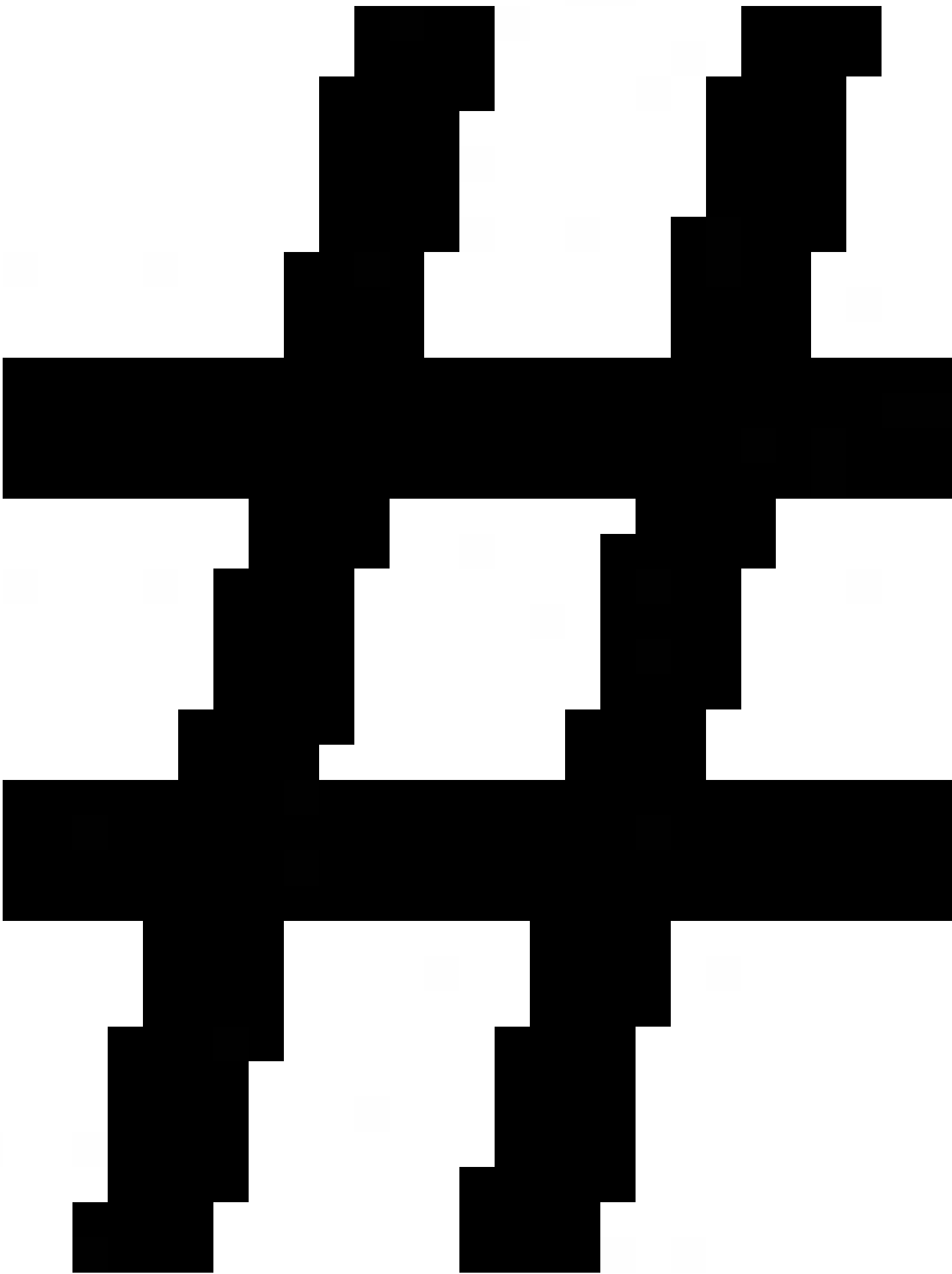


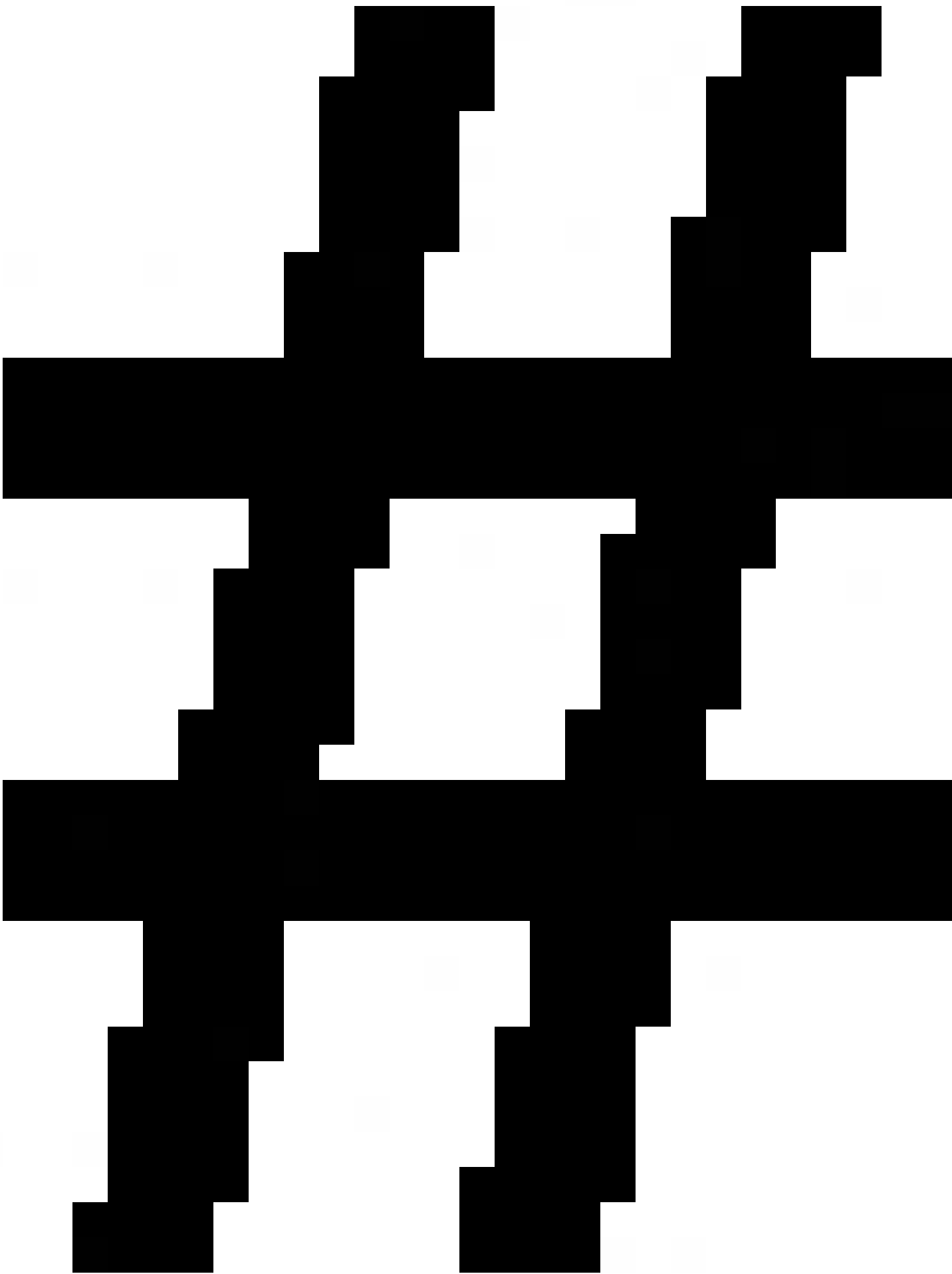


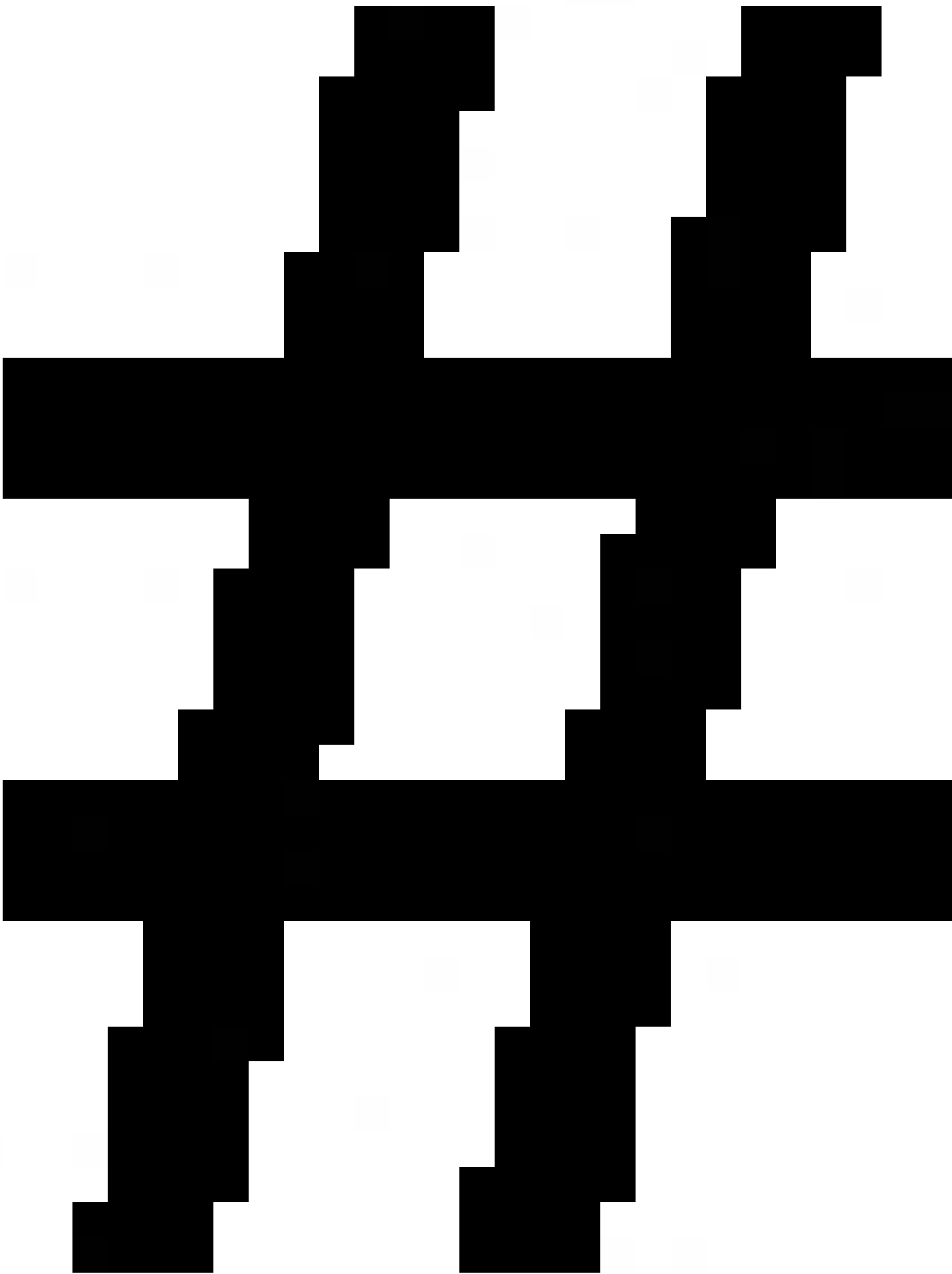


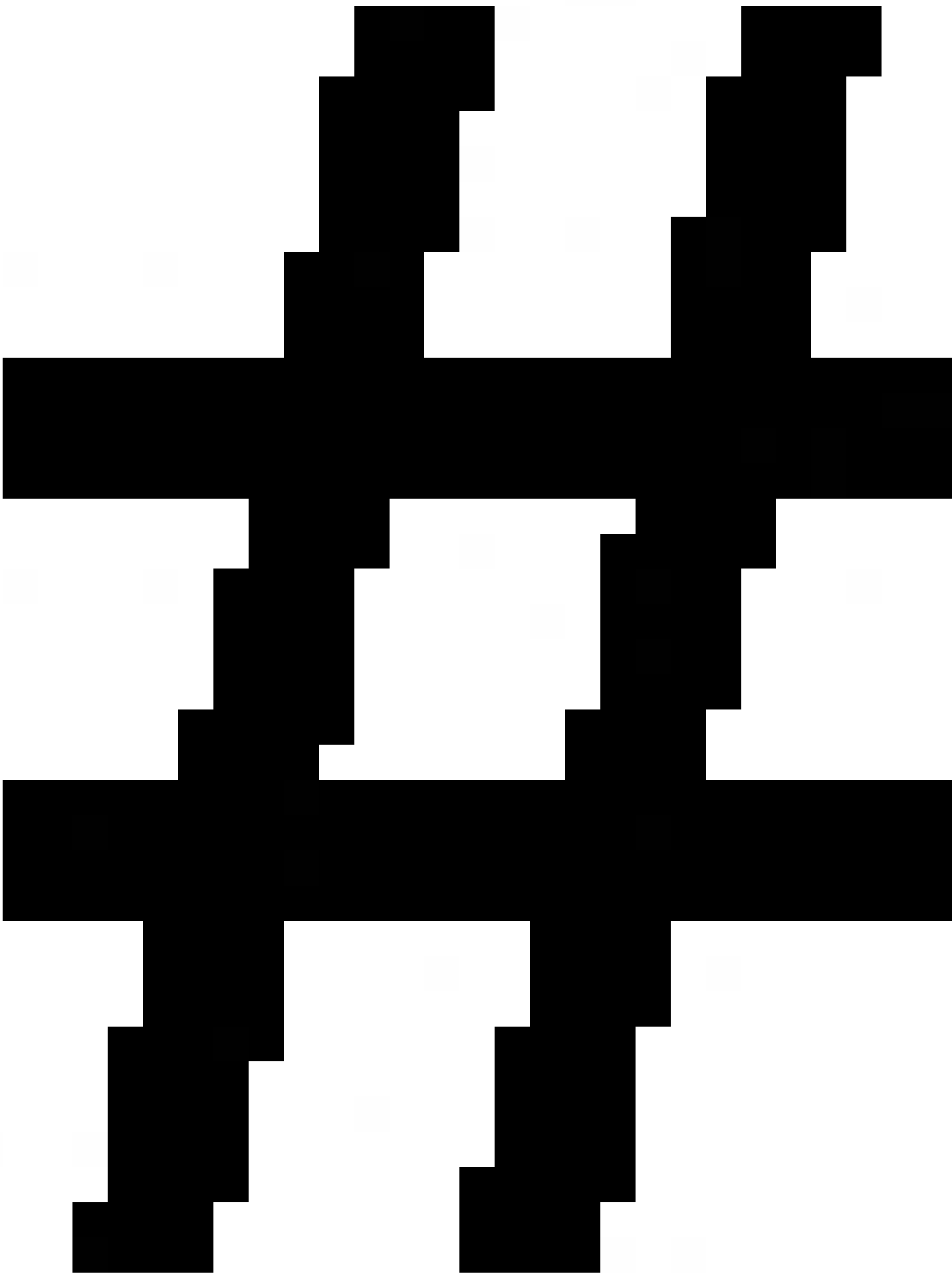


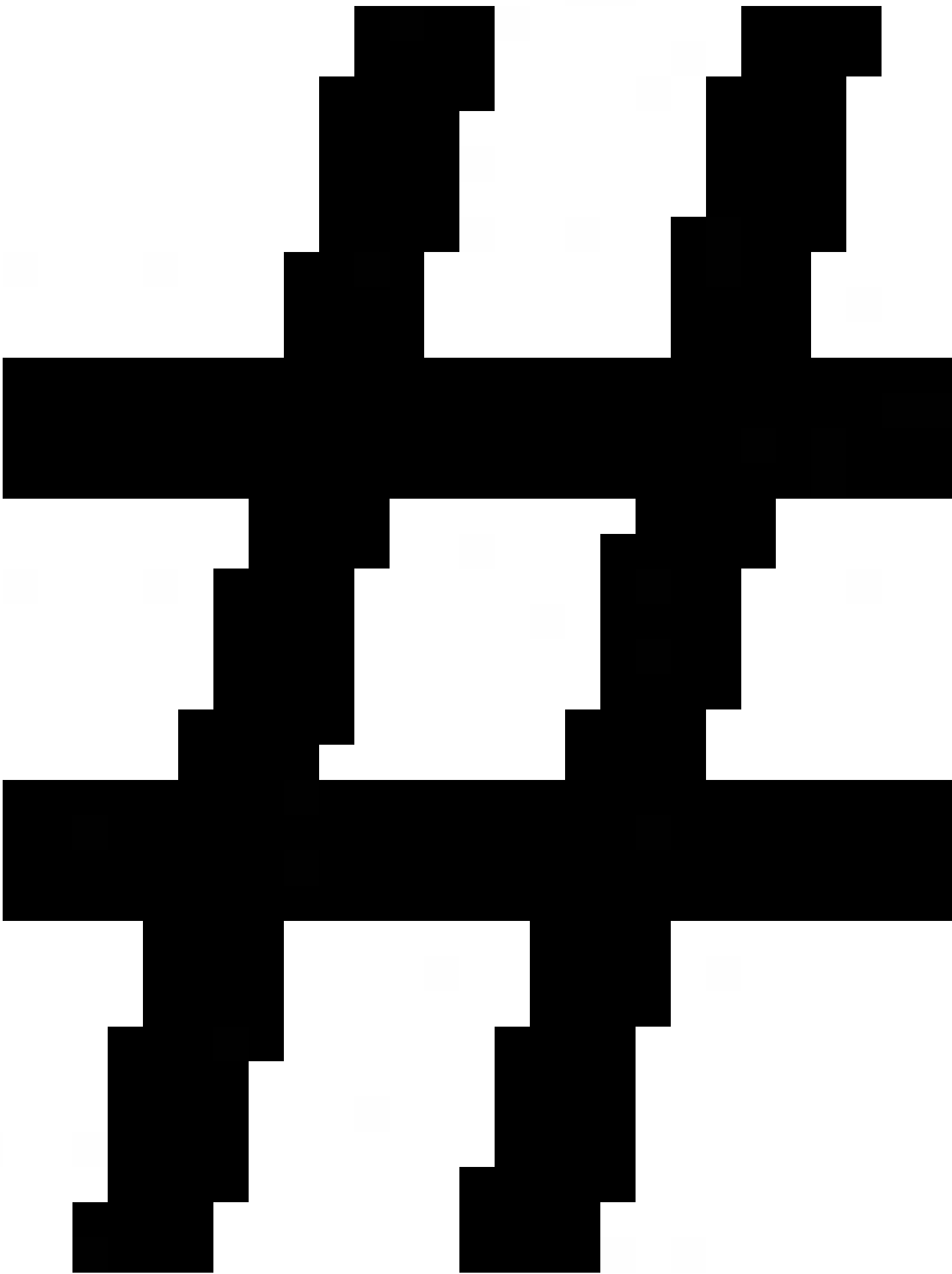


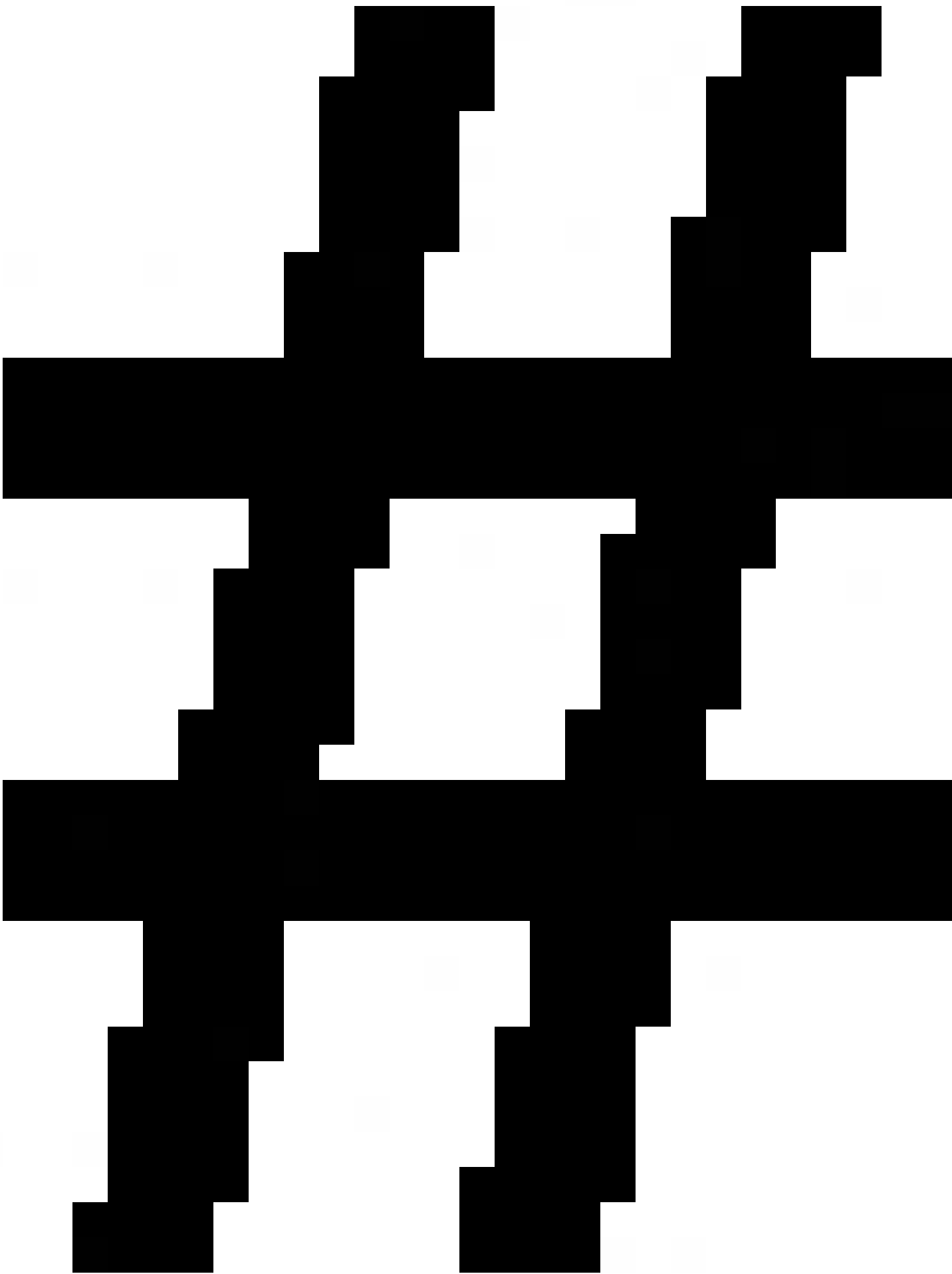


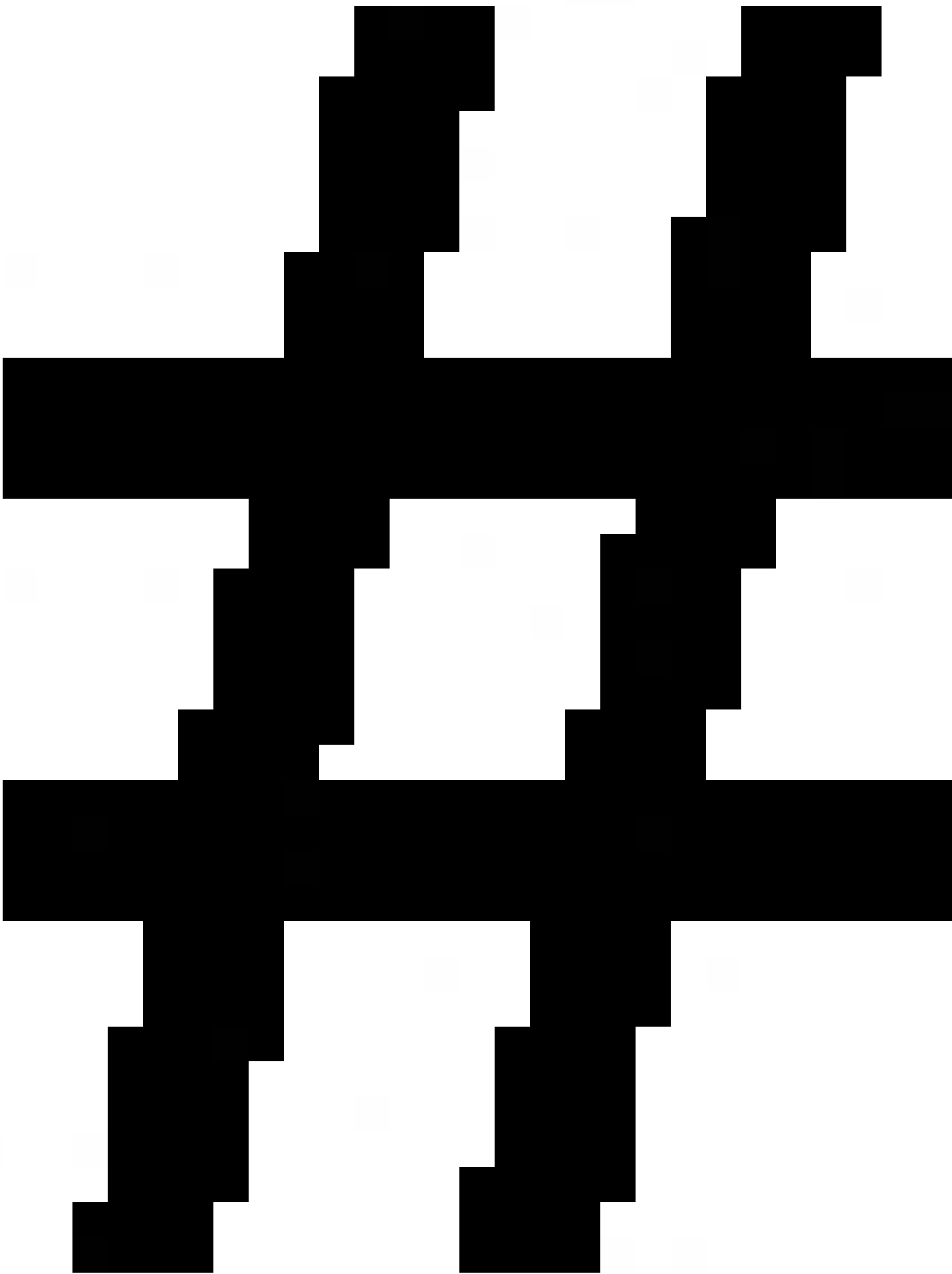


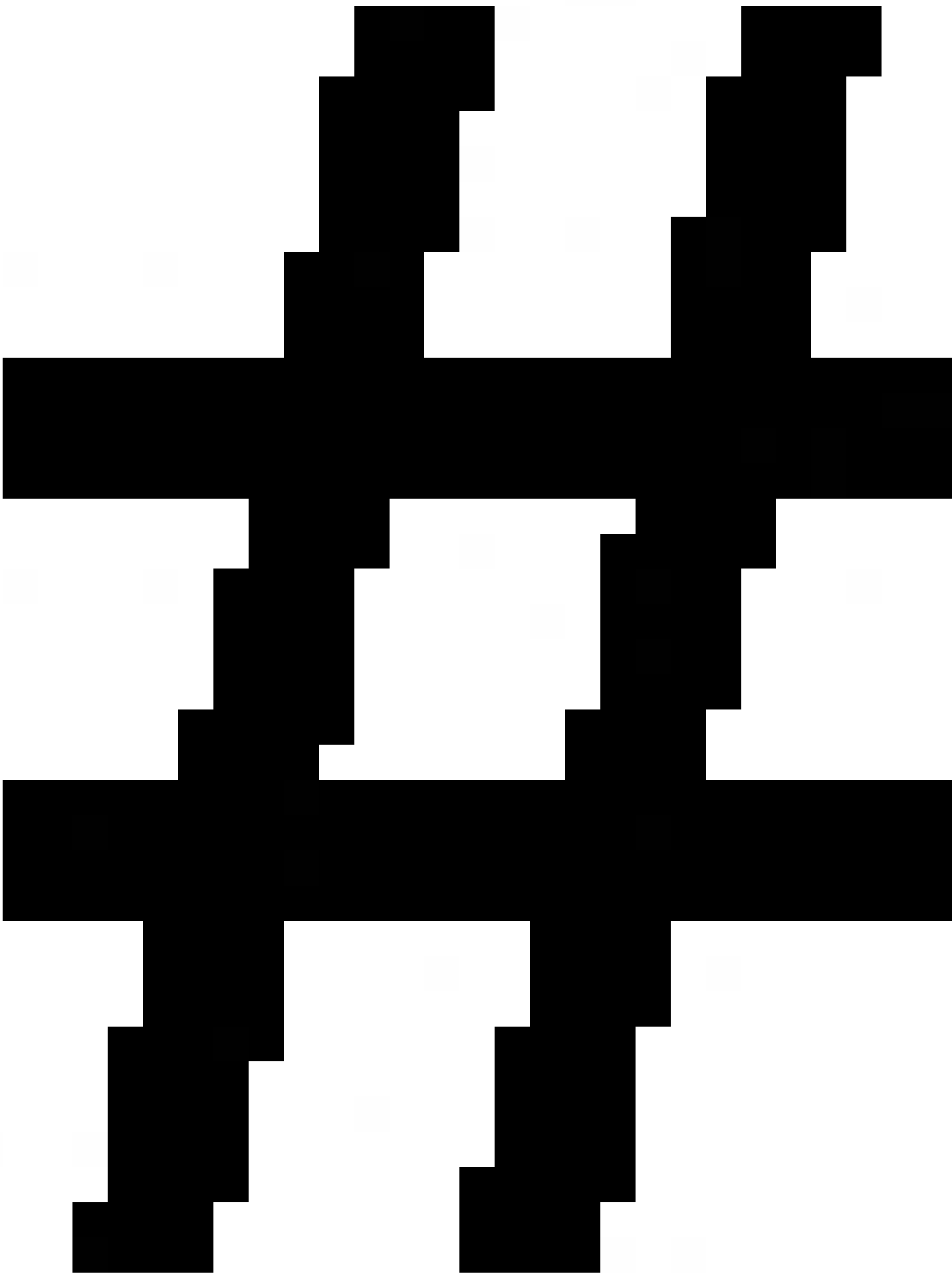


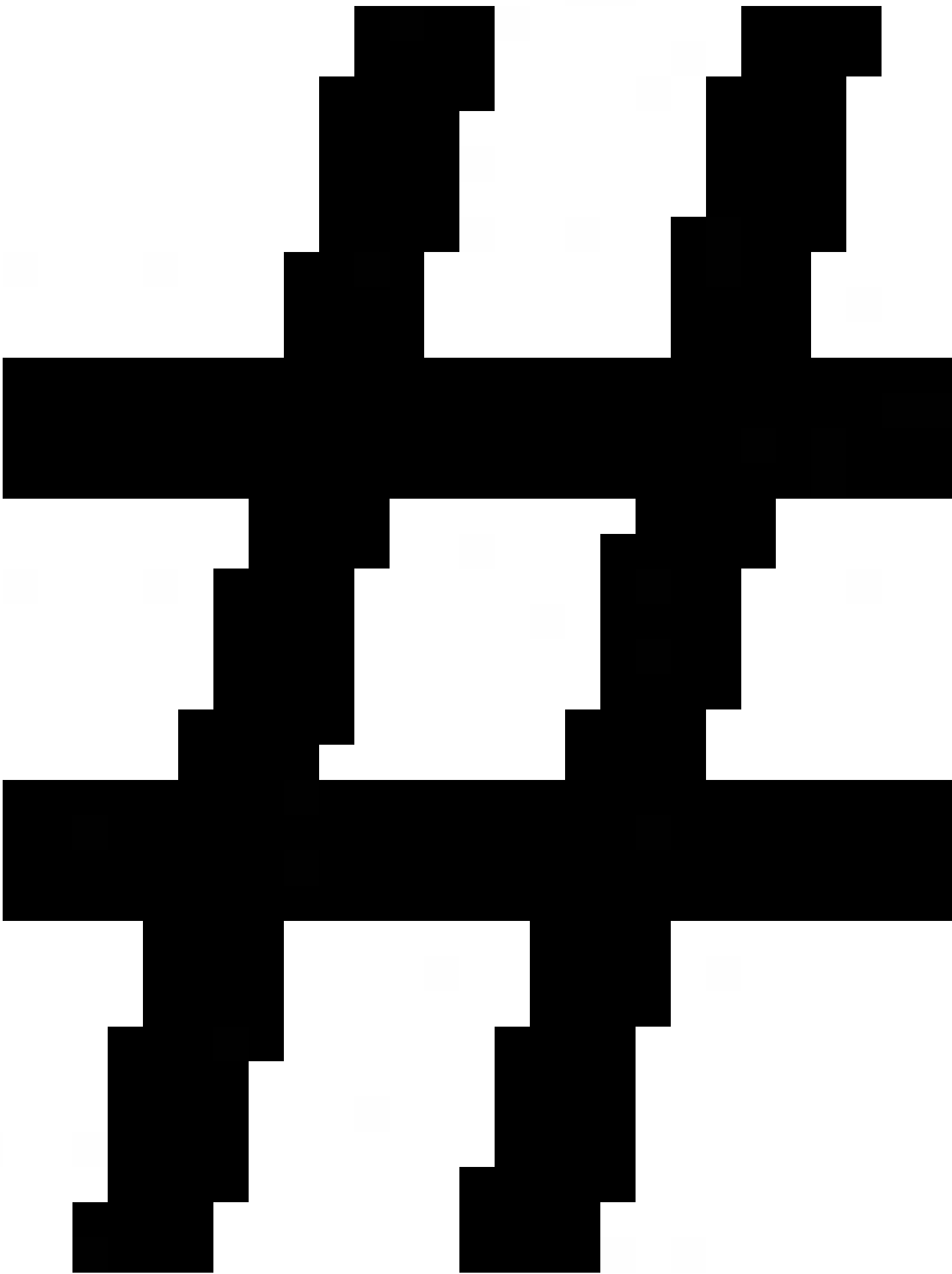


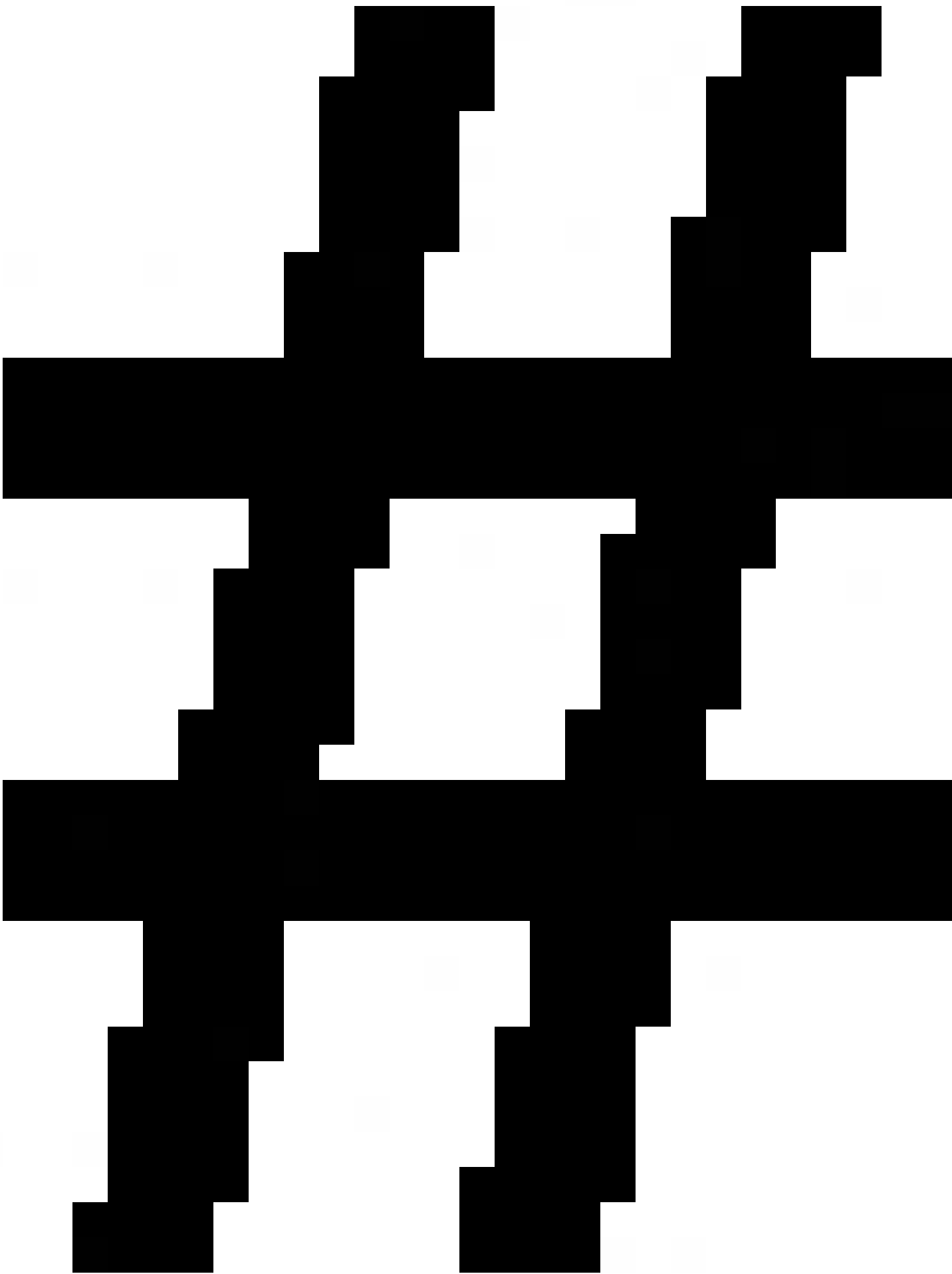














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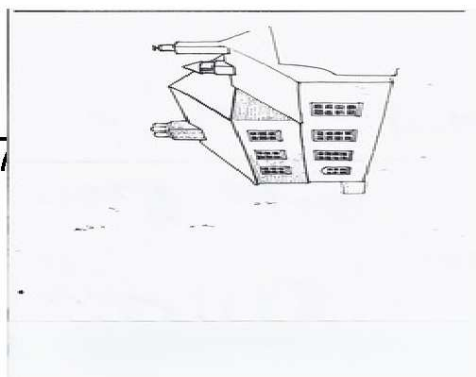


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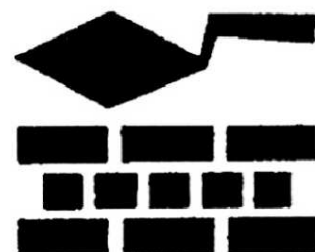
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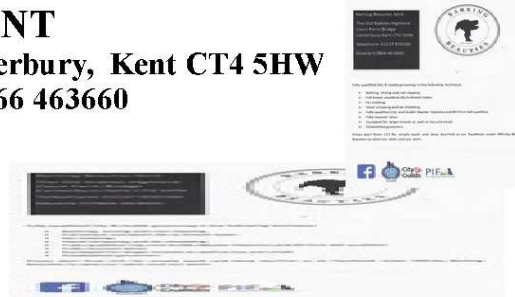
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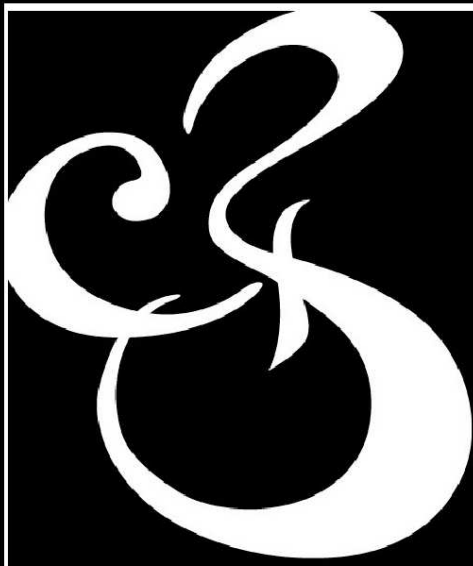
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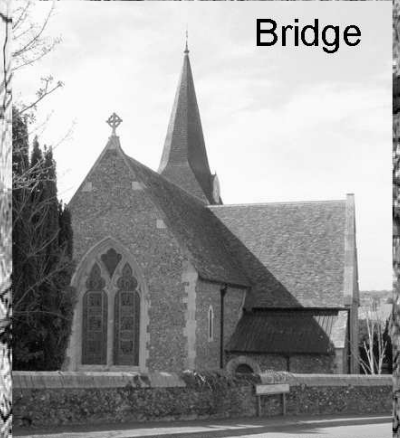
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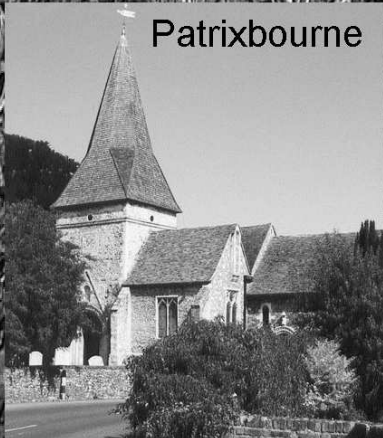
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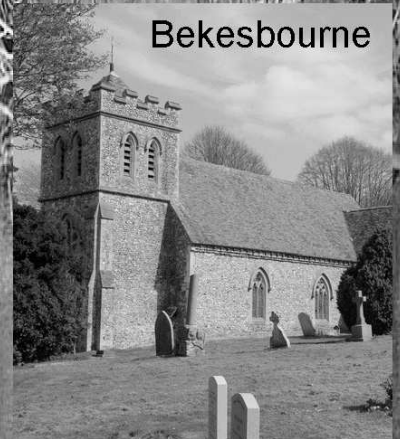
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1st July 1 Sam 1:1, 17-end; 2 Cor 8:7-end; Mark 5: 21-end	8.00am BCP Holy Communion EL	11.00am Family Communion RH	6.00pm Evensong MC / EL	9.30am Sung Eucharist DL	10:00am Songs of Praise Lay Led service with baptism - EL
8th July 2 Sam 5:1-5,9-10; 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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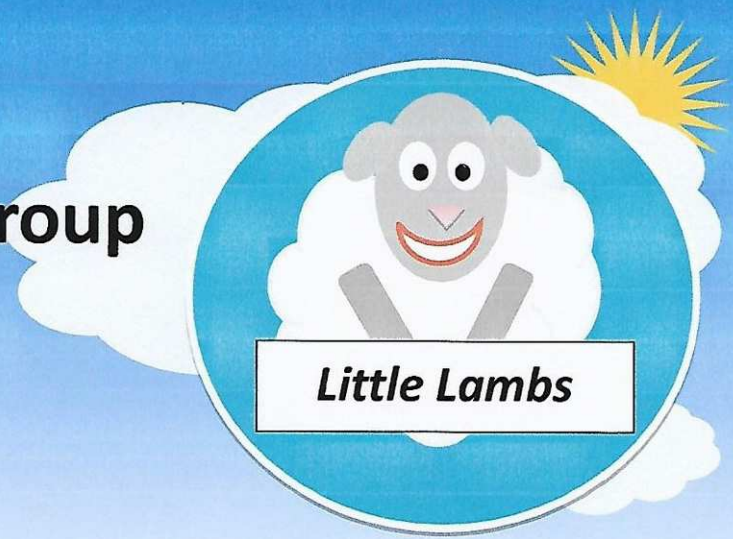
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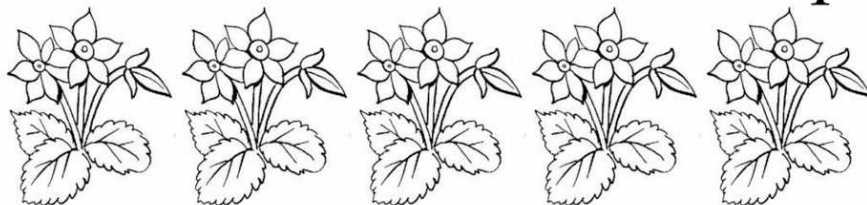
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Summer Show



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- **A Vegetable or Fruit Oddity**
- **A Vase of Mixed Flowers** - anything in flower (Vase supplied)
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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.

The Quiet View

TRINITY GARDEN TEA PARTY Sunday 22nd July at 3.30pm – we have created a new garden based on a trefoil design, which is not only used in architecture but also in Christian symbolism,- God invites us into the Divine dance. To bless the garden, Christina Horton will lead a dance in through the sunflowers and we'll sing and have tea. Everyone is welcome to join us. Please let us know for catering purposes.

2 SILENT RETREATS - Thursday 5th July 11 -4 with the Janki Foundation - 'Mindfulness, with an art-based Introduction' - led by Lorraine Millard, Counsellor and Mindfulness Trainer, University of Kent, Psychotherapist and Supervisor, Author of Sheldon Mindfulness: Stress, 2015 - please book at newron.co.uk. £12.50 and **Sunday 8th July** with Caroline Armstrong , Mindfulness teacher, Counsellor and Supervisor 10am – 3pm – please book with Caroline at mindzone14@gmail.com - £20 - £40 depending on what you can afford.

RED TENT KENT – this is a monthly women's group that 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 20th July 7pm – 9pm**. Please contact Karalyne Howes if you are interested. 077255 89935 Donations very welcome

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

Taiji Qigong takes place on Mon 9th July at 7.30pm and Thursday 26th July at 2.30 pm. Please contact Melanie French if you are interested - m.s.french00@btinternet.com

We would love to welcome you to the Quiet View at an event or come by yourself to rest in an inspirational setting.

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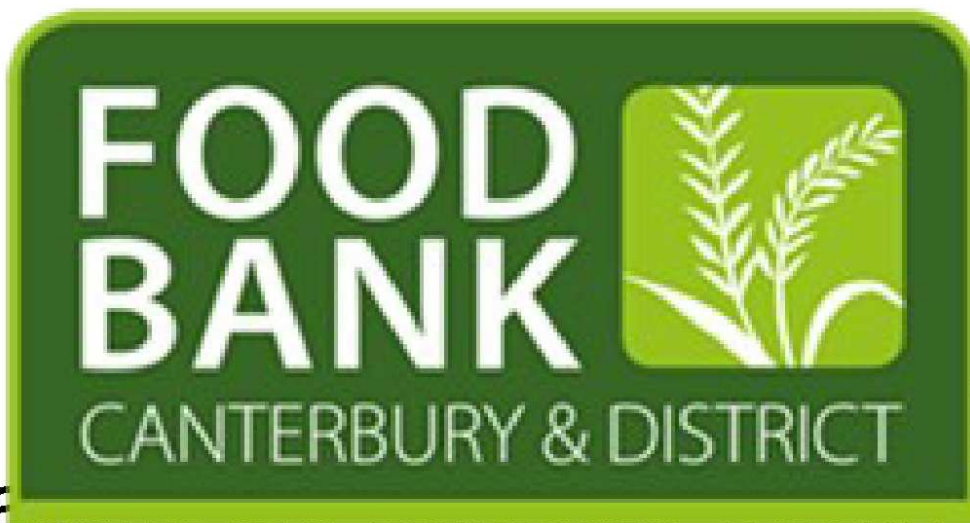
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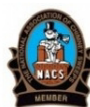
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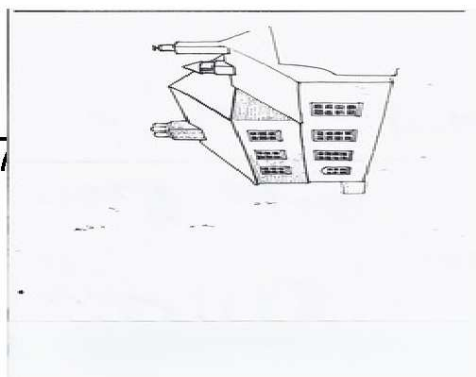


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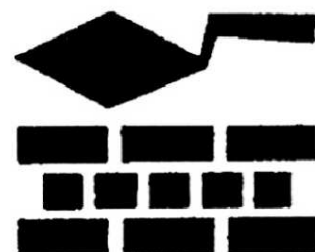
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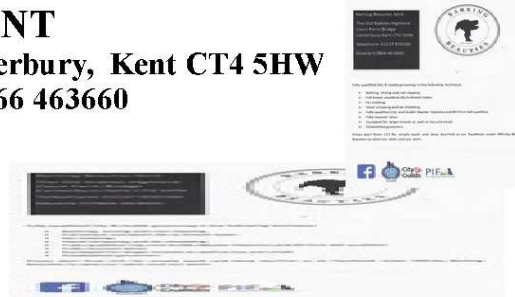
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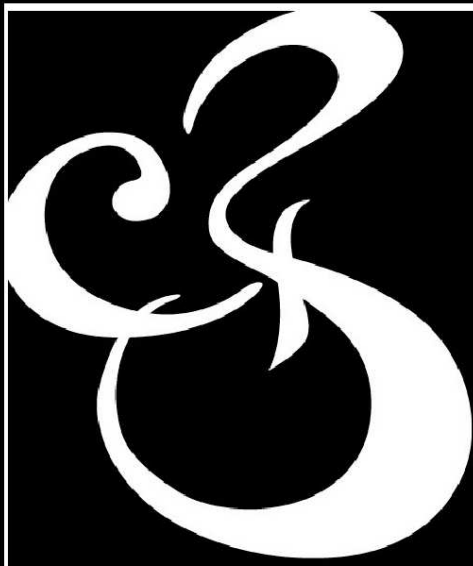
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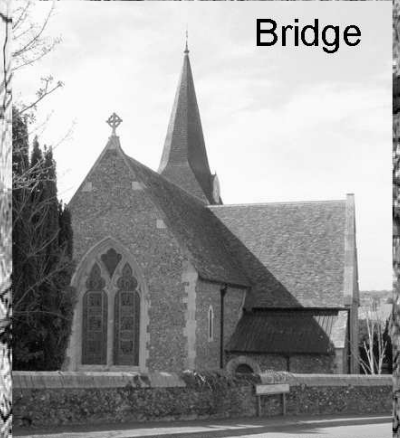
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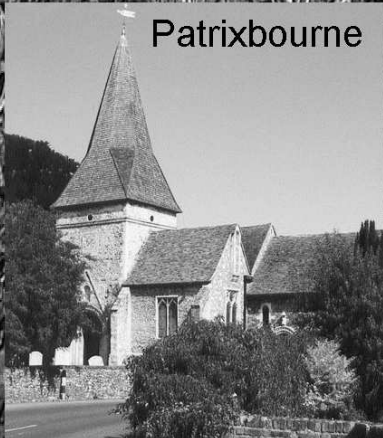
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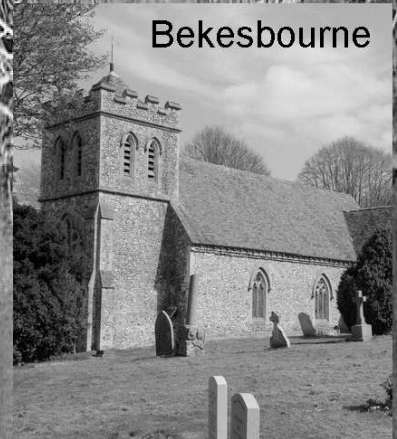
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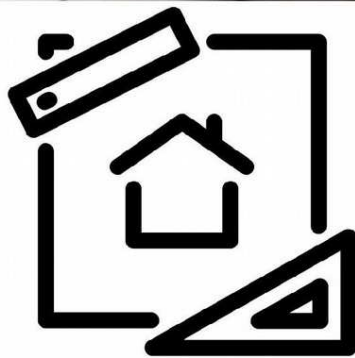
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August 2018	St Mary NACKINGTON	St Mary LOWER HARDRES	St Peter BRIDGE	St Mary PATRIBOURNE	St Peter BEKESBOURNE
5th August 2 Sam 11:26-12:13a; Eph 4:1-16; John 6: 24-35.	<i>All welcome at the Benefice Service</i>			9.30am Benefice Service Sung Eucharist 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 #



The Vicarage, 23 High Street, Bridge
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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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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 Mummery 1937-2018

The Mummery 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.

Then every week from Thursday 6th September.

Bridge Recreation Ground Pavilion

Open to all pre-school age babies and toddlers (with parent / guardian). Come and enjoy a cuppa and a chat in a relaxed safe atmosphere while your children play with others. Sessions include free-play, drinks & snacks, craft activity.

Suggested donation £1 per child.

For more information contact estellalast@gmail.com

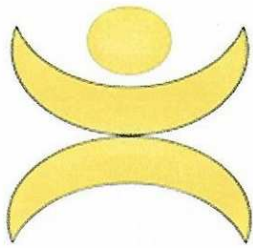


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10am Sunday 2nd September



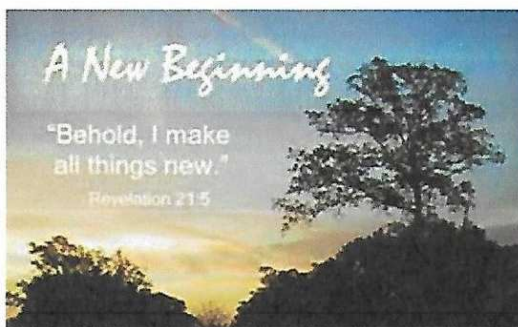
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**The service will be followed by a Benefice Harvest
Lunch at Lower Hardres Village Hall. All Welcome.**

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
Patixbourne	Pauline Pritchard	830685
Bekesbourne	Jill Gillanders	830894
Lower Hardres	Anne Nicholls	700533 or Margaret Clarke 765598
Nackington	Scilla Wright	463265



The Bridge Benefice

Back to School

Service

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



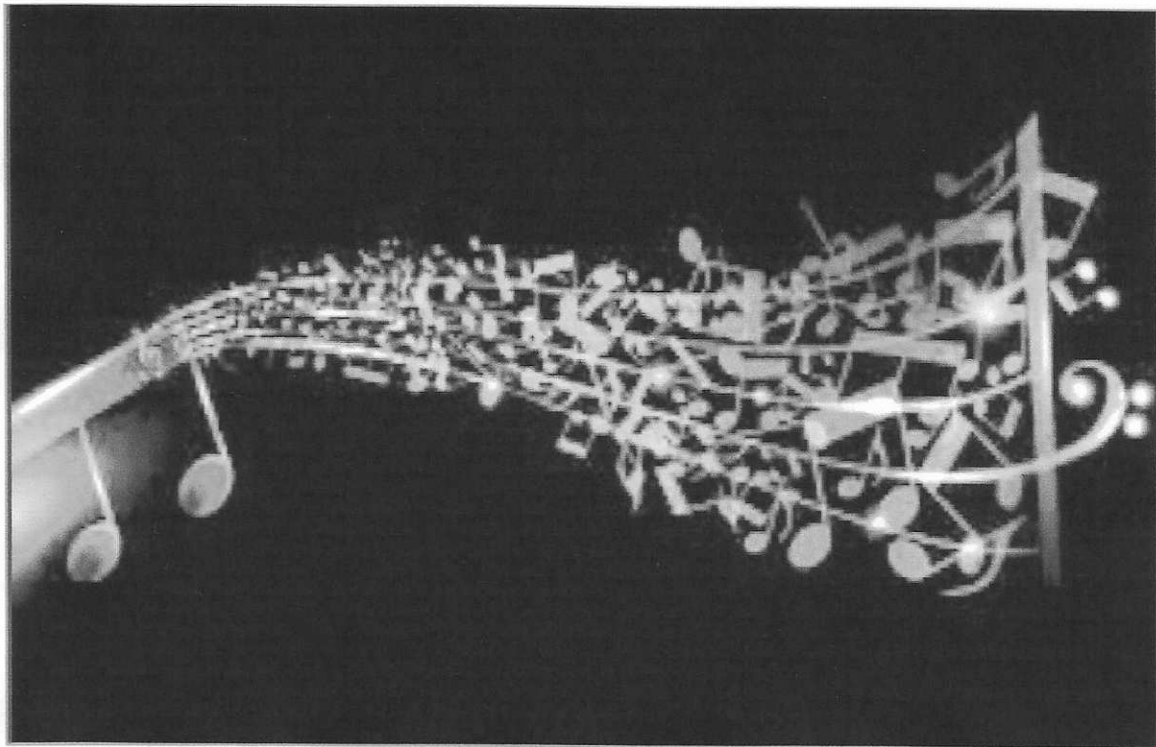
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Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute

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
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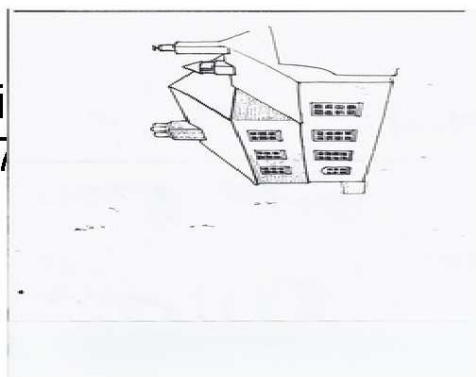


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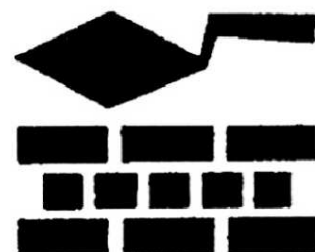
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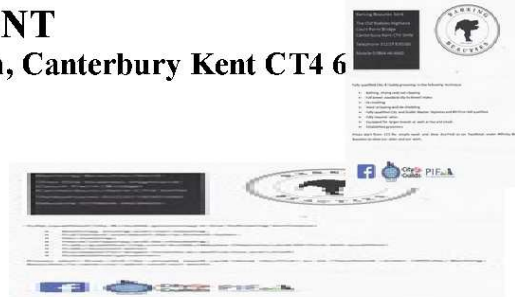
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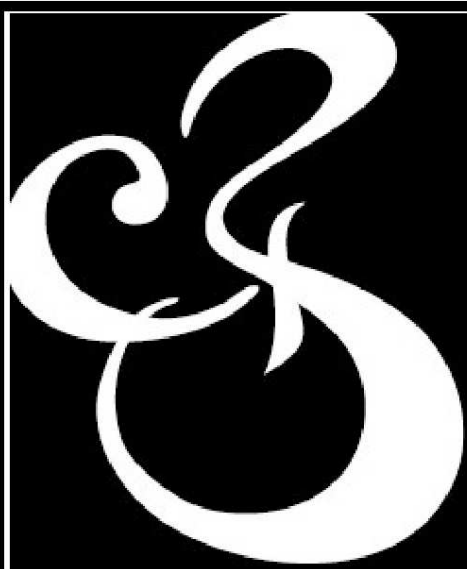
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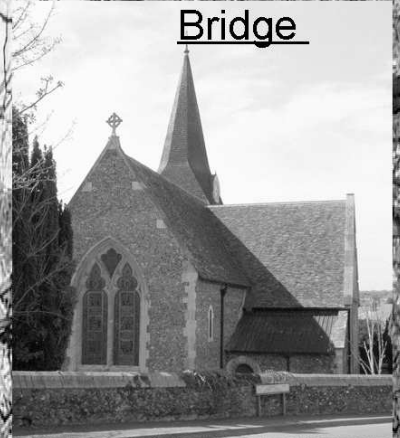
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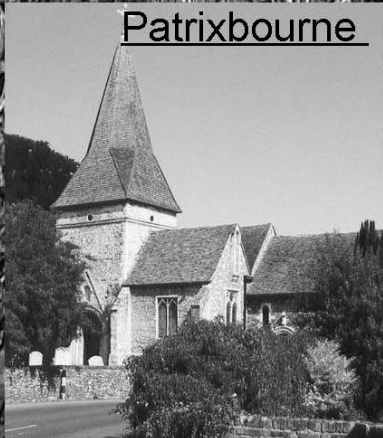
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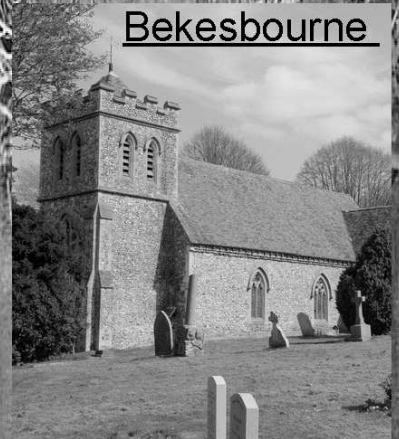
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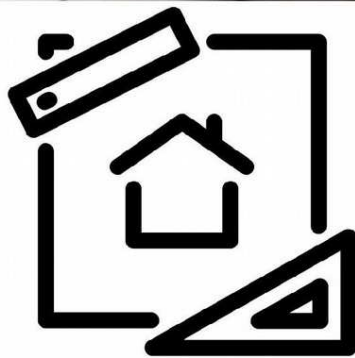
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It seems a long time since I last wrote to you as we have had the whole summer in between. I am sure like me, you are grateful in equal measure for the glorious sunshine we have enjoyed and the welcome rain that has brought everything back to green again. By the time you read this we will be in the full swing of celebrating Harvest in our parishes, giving thanks for all that God has provided for us and reflecting his generosity by giving gifts ourselves in support of worthwhile causes.

This week I have been thinking about courage especially in the context of having the courage to stand up for what we believe in as Jesus asks his disciples to do. Churches often find themselves overwhelmed by large numbers of people seeking an appropriate place to respond with their grief when tragedy strikes a community or nation and rightly so. It is the privilege of every church to be able to support and serve its community in this way. But what about the rest of the time? When life is good and we don't 'need' the support of the church? It costs an estimated average of £8,000 per month to keep our 5 churches open, insured, maintained, lit, and ministered to. Every penny of which comes from donations and fundraising. The supposed 'wealth' of 'The Church' is I'm afraid rarely something from which the local church can benefit.

So here I am banging on about money again! Yes sorry but this is about more than money – this is about courage. If we do believe that the church is the place to go to when someone is ill, dying or has died; if we do believe the church is still the place we want to mark our life events at (weddings, baptisms etc); if we do want to celebrate Christmas with a traditional carol service; if we do think that we are 'Christian' as 65% of people admitted to hospital said they were in a recent survey, then we need to stop hedging our bets, pluck up our courage, stick up for what we believe in (even if it is flawed and we don't have all the answers) – and yes, we need to put our money where our mouth is. Otherwise the church won't be here for future generations (well the buildings might remain as ancient monuments to a bygone era) but the heart of the church, its role in our communities won't.

I'm afraid I am going to keep saying it until everyone gets the message – the church can't subsist on thin air any more than the rest of us can and whilst it might be an imperfect institution, run by imperfect individuals in an imperfect world it's what we've got and in some of our villages it is the last remaining community space since the pubs, shops and post offices succumbed to financial unviability.

The Church is here for you whether you are a person of strong faith or none, and even if you just don't know. The Church represents something far bigger than our cultural and interfaith/interdenominational squabbles over doctrine or inclusivity, but the church is in financial deficit in spite of the hard work of all our faithful volunteers – something has got to give – maybe you could?

As well as giving money – there are so many ways you could help your local church.

Volunteers do many things to help the life of the church and to keep costs down – everything from strimming the churchyards to arranging the flowers, singing in the choir to cleaning the pews - there are endless opportunities. Our services are open to everyone (even if you're not sure what you really believe) and are advertised on our web and Facebook pages as well as in this magazine. You are assured of a warm welcome and who knows you might meet some nice people and make some new friends.

Yours in Christ

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Rev. Estella Last, Vicar

Dates for the diary – October 2018

Tuesday 2nd

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

Wednesday 3rd – 7:00pm – Deanery Confirmation Service, St Peter Bridge

Monday 8th – 7:30pm - Caring & Sharing

Tuesday 9th

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

Wednesday 10th

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

Tuesday 16th

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

Wednesday 17th - 3:00pm - Hymns at Bridge Haven

Monday 22nd – 7:30pm - Caring & Sharing

Friends of St Peter's Church, Bridge

COFFEE & CAKE & CONCERT

20th October 10:30 to 11:30

Allan Richardson

Lyricist vocalist humourist guitarist



Established Kent Folk Singer Allan will perform a variety of modern songs and music in the English folk tradition to delight, amuse and join in (and since he's the Vicar's Dad she'll make an appearance too!)

Suggested donation £3, children free
All proceeds are for upkeep of the church



QUIZ NIGHT

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Saturday 13th October

7.00 – 9.30pm

St Stephen's Church Hall

Hales Drive

Canterbury CT2 7AB

Come as a team of 4 or 8 or just on your own

Bring your own refreshments

Raffle

Tickets £6 from 01227 831956

All proceeds to Christian Aid



*Tuesday Morning
Communion and Coffee*

Looking for a bit of quiet time to reflect?
Join us in Bridge at 9.30am every Tuesday morning for a short communion service (no hymns!) with time for prayer & a thought for the day. Stay for a coffee and chat or head off to start your day!

Coming soon in 2019!!



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RIDE & STRIDE

A big thank you to all of this years Riders and Striders who have raised money for our Churches. We were lucky with the weather, and were thankful for the warm hospitality shown to us in many of the Churches visited. Many thanks to all of the sponsors who helped make this day so successful.

LOWER HARDRES NEWS

Reminder

On Sunday October 7th at 11.00am, there will be a Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Lower Hardres. We will be collecting food e.g. tins and packets for Age Concern. There will be a competition for children, young people and adults - paintings, photography, drawings and vegetable animals, all connected to Harvest please. They can be brought to Church on the Saturday morning to be judged. Classes - age 8 years and under, age 9 - 18, and 18 onwards. Children can help to decorate the Church if they wish.

We would like to thank everyone who helped and contributed to the Harvest Lunch.

Fish news.

40 years ago three remarkable women set up the Fish Scheme in Bridge, Patrixbourne, Bekesbourne and Bishopsbourne . They were Ann Young, Muriel Packer and Joan Warren. Joan, the last of them, died during the summer. Based on the idea of a GP and a vicar in Headington, Oxford, the Scheme set out to provide help to fellow villagers. Friends provided transport to the surgery and hospital, a weekly lunch club at the old Close, a housebound library service and a chiropodist clinic. Over the years it changed to provide increasingly for lifts to Ashford and Margate hospitals, the weekly Coffee Pop-ins and an annual outing. Until recently Ann Medhurst manned the Fish phone alone to liaise hundreds of lifts each year. Now about 25 drivers are asked to give lifts when they can. But the needs are as great as ever. If you could - or know someone who might - please consider becoming a driver. In her last years Joan and her husband used the Scheme themselves. She left us a truly wonderful legacy.

The next Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday October 10th from 10 to 11.15. And thanks to all who helped Rosy's Macmillan Coffee Morning to raise £188 for a great cause.

Bridge and District History Society

The next meeting will be on Thursday October 18th at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. Geoff Downer's talk is entitled "Something Different", giving various links to Kent including three 16th century Arctic expeditions, probably the biggest financial scandal of Elizabeth I's reign and pirates!

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

Recreation Ground Working Party Saturday 17th November 2018

There will be a working party on the recreation ground on the above date from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon. Everyone is welcome including children so long as accompanied by a responsible adult. Please bring warm clothes and gardening gloves.

Refreshments in the pavilion as usual.

I look forward to seeing you.

Sue Hodges

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Bridge & Patrixbourne C.E.P. School
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Monday 10th September

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Bridge & Patrixbourne School. At the time of writing this, I have only been at the school for a week, but already I am struck by the sense of community that exists and feel very privileged that I have the opportunity to be a part of this.

You would all be familiar with the phrase that 'it takes a village to raise a child' and I certainly hold true to this. As members of the community we all have a responsibility to ensure that the next generation coming through our schools are prepared for the challenges that they will face as they grow up. We achieve this by focusing not solely on their academic achievement but also by developing their values and their talents (whatever they may be).

I am very keen to develop the school's links with the wider community and, in particular, the benefice and look forward to the opportunities for the children that these links will bring. It is a fact that the vast majority of our pupils are not regular church-attendees; herein lies an opportunity to reach the children through different means and Rev. Estella and I have already discussed plans which we hope to detail further in the near future.

In the meantime I would like to express my gratitude for the warm welcome I have received from those members of the community with whom I have already met and thank you in anticipation for your support for the children of Bridge & Patrixbourne CEP School.

Please do feel free to get in touch via the school office if you feel that you could support the school or even have an opportunity for the school to engage in the local community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James Tibbles'.

James Tibbles
Headteacher



Wisdom ~ Trust ~ Forgiveness ~ Thankfulness ~ Friendship ~ Compassion

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM- the lost soldiers of Patrixbourne

November 11th this year, marks the centenary of the ending of the First World War and the signing of the Armistice. The Remembrance Day Service will be held at St Peter's Bridge this year, but at 4pm there will be a more informal event to remember the six lost soldiers named on the War Memorial at St Mary's Patrixbourne.

The soldiers named are Capt. J. McB. Ronald, The Buffs; Lieut. 5th Marquis Conyngham, South Irish Horse; C.S.M., D. Alexander, The Buffs; Sapper F.S. Brickenden R.E; Pte. C.H. Stevens K.R.R.C.; Pte. A.E. Stevens 3rd Dragoon Guards. They will be represented in the church by six bench top Perspex silhouettes. The six figures have been awarded to us by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust and are part of the 'There but not there' project, and their presence in the church will demonstrate what a gap the loss of six young lives left in the church, and the community, of the small village of Patrixbourne, at the time.

The event will be an opportunity to hear the stories of the soldiers, and to remember all those lost, in words and music. There will be hymns and songs such as 'Keep the home fires burning'. Everyone is invited to attend and if you know any descendants of the men named they will be particularly welcome. (It would be good to hear from them in advance- please contact me at dr.andreanicholson@gmail.com) Any former soldiers are particularly welcome as it is hoped that the event will help fulfil the project's aim of bringing community and veterans together. Tea and cake will be served afterwards.

The silhouettes themselves will be on display in the church on Saturday 10th, 10am-4pm., and on the Sunday too. Please come and see the silhouettes, as the display is part of a nationwide display of silhouettes.

'There but not there' is a 2018 Armistice project hoping to raise funds for the charity 'Remembered', which supports six charities (The Royal Foundation; Walking with the Wounded; Combat Stress; Help for Heroes; Project Equinox- Housing Veterans and Medical Students; Commonwealth War Graves Commission). A collection for 'Remembered' will be made over the weekend. Later that Sunday, at 7.05pm, the bells at Patrixbourne will be rung and will join bells across the country, marking the signing of the Armistice which saw the end of the First World War.

Andrea Nicholson, Churchwarden St Mary's Patrixbourne



St Mary's Church Patrìxbourne
Sunday 11th November 4.00pm

*'WE WILL REMEMBER THEM-the lost
soldiers of Patrìxbourne'*

*Come and hear the stories of the six soldiers
named on the War Memorial.*



First World War Songs, Hymns and
poetry to commemorate the fallen.

'Silhouettes' will be
seated in the congregation.

**Church open 10-4pm Saturday
10th, and Sunday 11th to view the
Silhouettes**

***Donations invited for
'Remembered'***

**7.05pm ringing of the
Church bells to mark the signing of
the Armistice**



St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

SONGS OF PRAISE

10am Sunday October 7th



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Suggested donation £1 per child.

For more information contact estellalast@gmail.com



With thanks to Bridge Parish Council

You are warmly invited to
Come and Sing Carols

at St Peter's, Bridge

on Sunday, December 16th

and, more particularly, to join us in the **Bridge Choir**, which will be specially augmented as usual for the occasion of the Carol Service.

As in previous years, the choir will be supporting the congregational singing, and also adding another dimension to the familiar Christmas Readings with a varied, but not unfamiliar selection of short carols of their own. Having performed over 100 different choir carols since 2001, I have decided that it is time to repeat the set from that first year, most of which are definitely 'old favourites' but I hope not now hackneyed: *The Truth from Above* (English trad., arr. Vaughan Williams), *The Holly and the Ivy* (English trad., arr. Walford Davies), *In the Bleak Mid-Winter* (Darke), *Break Forth* (J S Bach), *The Infant King* (Basque trad., arr. Willcocks), *In Dulci Jubilo* (Pearsall).

We are looking for all voices (SATB) from all age groups, and hope to welcome back many old friends as well as gain a few new enthusiasts. Some experience and/or ability to read music is necessary for the harmony parts, but not vital for the top line. We will again keep rehearsals to a minimum, but for that reason it is crucial that most people can make *both* the main rehearsals as well as the Sunday! The rehearsals will almost certainly be held in Bridge Church as follows:

Thursday, December 13th

7–8.30 p.m.

Friday, December 14th

6–7.30 p.m.

Sunday, December 16th

3.45–5.30 p.m.

Music will be available in advance and for private study!

If you are able to join us, please let me know as soon as possible on Canterbury 787994 or mjm@kings-school.co.uk. I can then assess vocal balance and the viability of the programme!

With thanks & best wishes

Martin Miles

Canterbury Food Bank

A huge thank you to everyone for the bags and bags of food and non-food that was given in at Harvest Festival for the Canterbury Food Bank. It was very much appreciated, particularly the most needed items of that moment in time which were cleaning materials, pet food, potatoes either dried or in cans and pasta sauces, plus all the other items all gratefully received.

As I have written before there are 3 main bags that are put together from donations received and collated at the Collection Centre in Chestfield. These contain enough food (all UHT, tins and packet items) to sustain an adult, a 2nd adult or a child over 2, for 3 days. With care these can last longer and indeed have to as only 5 vouchers are given out in a 12 month period. Anyone needing further assistance, which helps with their own problem, is then referred on to one of many agencies in the area.

What is not included in these bags are:

Cleaning materials, toilet rolls, sanitary wear, pet food, confectionery, baby milks and foods, baby hygiene materials, toiletries for both male and female, toothbrushes/paste, and items from exotic larder clear outs!

These are displayed on the Bonus Table which extends over 3 very long tables. Having seen the representative from the Citizens Advice Bureau (unless a voucher has already been given by another agency) and signed in to receive the necessary number of food bags, the recipients are then invited to help themselves to whatever they require from the Bonus Table providing they can carry it home or have someone on hand to help them.

Being on the Bonus Table is my favourite of all roles I undertake at the Canterbury Food Bank. I get to hold the babies whilst their mothers look through and select what they need, to talk to the young and the old, the disabled and the homeless, and help them to select suitable things to take away. If you are camping out in a shop doorway or living in a car some items in the food bag are not of any use and these are sifted through and returned for more essential and suitable items.

Cleaning materials, sanitary wear and toiletries are vital to people without any money. It gives them self esteem on the outside whilst the food gives them nourishment on the in. A lot of homeless people and some families who come to us have pets – it is a major part of their lives and without money the pets go without too, adding to their owner's stress. Strange but true, we do need both types of items on a regular basis. If you are having a larder clearout please check the Sell by Dates on all food items. This is first done at the Collection Centre at Chestfield but our job is so much easier if it is received within a 3 month date. If the item is donated at a yellow bin at a supermarket then its SBD is guaranteed, but if it is donated elsewhere then it is checked carefully.

I always find it quite touching that people who come to the Distribution Café need to be persuaded to take anything in addition to the bags of food. They tend to say it should be left for someone else to take...

'Food For Thought'

Bridge with Patribourne Women's Institute

The WI are holding a couple of events in Bridge Village Hall this month. On **Tuesday 16 October** at 7.30 pm our speaker is **D Godden**, an ex-cruise manager, who has promised us a humorous talk on **Travel**. The competition is for an interesting item beginning with the letter "J". Guests and visitors are most welcome to come to our meetings.

Then, on **Thursday 25 October** at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, we will be hosting the **Nailbourne Group Meeting**. The theme we have chosen is Hallowe'en, with the competition being the best decorated pumpkin and there will also be a chance to try out armchair yoga.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Please note that there is a change of date for the October talk. **Roland Stevens** will now be giving his illustrated talk entitled "**The Greenhouse Story**" on **Tuesday 23 October** (not 9 October as published in the programme). The talk will be held as usual in the Village Hall, Bridge at 7.30 pm and, as with all our talks, everyone is welcome.

National Vegetable Society - Kent Association

For the final evening talk of this year's programme, **Philip Johnson**, a professional gardener, will be giving a talk on "**Sweet Peas**" (7.30 for 8.00 pm start) in Bridge Village Hall on **Wednesday 10 October**. There is a sales table and raffle and non-members are always welcome to come along to enjoy the talk.

Thank you / Goodbye

After such an emotional few days Mrs Pritchard and I are finally leaving Woodpeckers Nursery. Thank you to everyone for your kind wishes, cards, flowers and presents, we were overwhelmed.

You can imagine Woodpeckers has been an enormous part of my life for the past 21 years (28 years in all at Bridge /School), I would like to say thank you to my family for all their support.

It has been a team effort over the years and I couldn't have done it without all those lovely ladies who have worked so hard with me. Especially my right hand Mrs Pritchard, who has been with me from the beginning.

We would both like to say thank you to all the parents, families and friends who have given time, help and support over the years as Committee Members, at Fayres, painting faces, manning stalls and baking the yummiest cakes, especially Ninon Clark, Carla Long, The Dunderdales, Margaret Clarke, Margaret Hennessy, the staff at the school and so many more.

Most of all though I'll miss the main reason we are all here and that is the children, hundreds of whom have gone through Woodpeckers. I know I also speak for Mrs Pritchard when I say it's been a privilege to watch them all grow and blossom having so much fun and laughter on the way. Thank you.

It just leaves Teresa and I to wish Michelle and the team good luck for the very exciting times ahead of you.

If you go to Whitstable and see an old girl striding along or sketching on the slopes take a second look, it might be me so do come over and say hello.

Angie Sheppard and Teresa Pritchard

FAIRTRADE

Among the many pictures and plaques on the walls of Bridge Church is a small framed certificate over the kitchen worktop. It says 'We are a **Fairtrade Church**'. 2018 marks 10 years since we achieved that status.

People started thinking about fair trade as a way of reducing poverty in the developing world back in the 1970s and the Fairtrade Foundation was set up in the UK in 1992.

The principle is that trading companies pay fair prices for the goods they buy and sell, enabling the producers to earn a living wage. This includes a premium which is invested in the local community to improve living and working conditions, health, education etc. It also gives an opportunity to small producers in the developing world to engage in international trade.

In order to be able to put the Fairtrade mark on their products, companies have to provide evidence that they are fulfilling these commitments.

Faith groups are key supporters of Fairtrade and more than 7,500 churches from a range of denominations are now making the connection between trade and poverty by committing to using Fairtrade products when they gather together.

On our certificate at Bridge it says - We have committed to:

use Fairtrade tea and coffee for all meetings for which we have responsibility,
 move forward on using other Fairtrade products, such as sugar, chocolate and biscuits,
 promote Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight and through other activities where possible.

We all have the power to change the world every day. With simple shopping choices we can get farmers a better deal, so they can make their own decisions, control their future and lead the dignified life everyone deserves.

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The annual Canterbury Fairtrade Fair is on Saturday 20th October between 10am and 3pm in St. Peter's Methodist Church Hall. There will be all kinds of Fairtrade foods and gifts to buy, as well as home-made soup and cheese lunches. Everyone welcome – do go along. Jean Barber

BARHAM POST OFFICE

As Bridge are sadly currently without a Post Office, we thought it may be useful to let you know the services on offer at Barham, just a short bus ride away or a few minutes drive with plenty of parking.

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Buy Euros from our stock held in branch.

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Local Collect – when ordering online check if the retailer offers to deliver your parcel direct to Barham Post Office so you don't have to wait at home for your delivery, there is no fee from the Post Office for this service.

Charitable donations: if you wish to support a charity you may be able to make the donation to it via Barham Post Office. Please ask which charities are available as this varies from time to time.

We can be contacted at barhamstorepo@gmail.com or on 01227 832191, we look forward to seeing you.

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



The Greenhouse Story

an illustrated talk by

Roland Stevens

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We have outside seating, highchairs, wheelchair access, a muddy boot store and a little side for dogs. we will serve you in a relaxed atmosphere with a warm smile.

Having lived in Bridge for 18 months, I noticed very quickly that this beautiful, vibrant village was crying out for a tearoom, somewhere for us all to meet and catch up on a regular basis. I have created the Tulip Tearooms for the good people of Bridge & surrounding villages to enjoy and look upon it as theirs. We have daily papers, books to read, a notice board, free Wi-Fi and usb charging stations. We offer buffets for small gatherings up to 20 people such as reunions, wakes and birthdays. Our after school "Milkshake" club has proven popular amongst the children. Come along and enjoy a milkshake straw for just £1.

We look forward to welcoming you here....

Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

Our raffle at the Elvis in the Garden on 9th Sept raised £327 for the Poppy Appeal.

Thank you to all who supported us and "Thank you Elvis"!

We still need more Poppy Appeal Collectors. Ring 01227 472023.

Our next two monthly meetings will be on Tues 9th Oct & 13th Nov (AGM), both at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

On Remembrance Weekend (10th & 11th Nov) Littlebourne Church will have a programme of Flowers, Music & Words to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I. If anyone wishes to make a donation towards the flowers in

memory of a loved one who died in the War, please call Jean Smith on 01227 721830.

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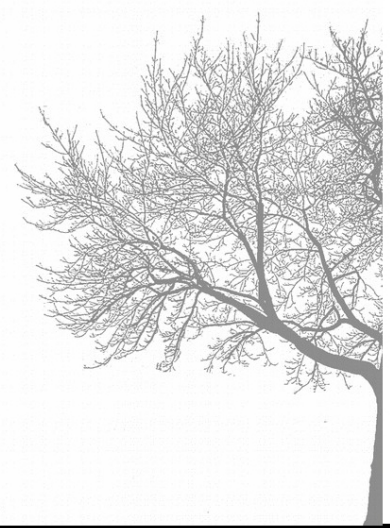


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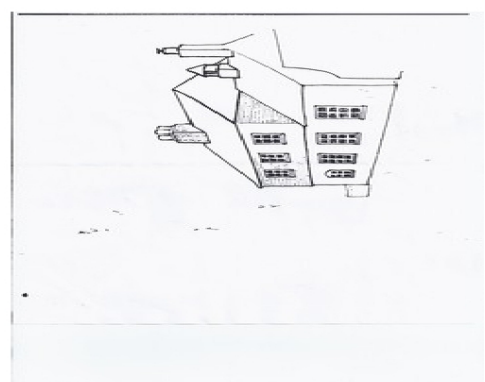
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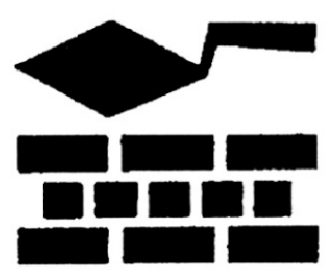


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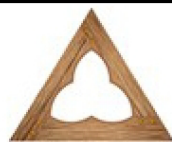


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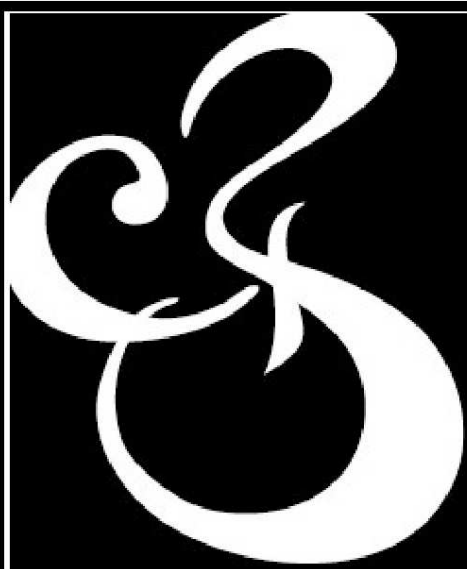
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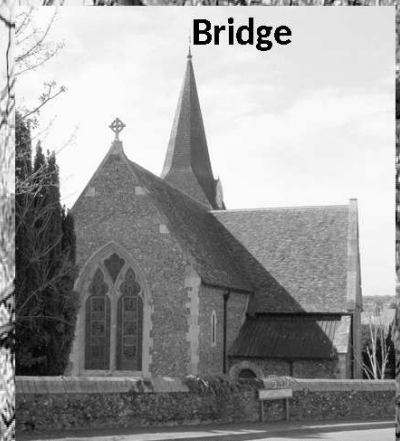
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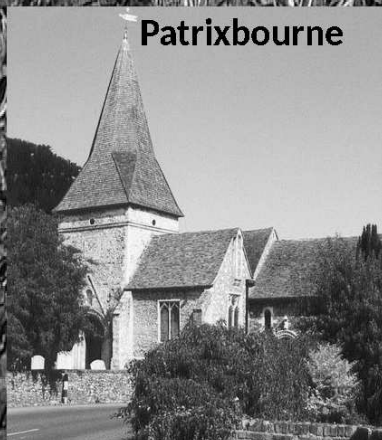
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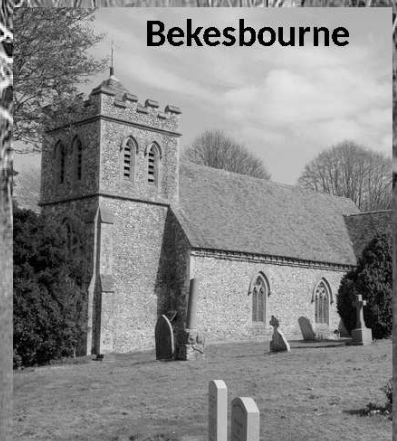
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11 Nov 2018 Remembrance Readings tba	9.30am Morning Prayer with Hymns DR & MC Followed by wreath laying at Nackington War Memorial at 10.15	10.45am Act of Remembrance at War Memorial MC	10.50 Act of Remembrance at War Memorial followed by Service of Remembrance in church EL	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion followed by short Act of Remembrance EL
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18 Nov 2018 2nd Sunday before Advent Dan 12: 1-3; Heb 10: 11-25; Mark 13: 1-8	<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
25 Nov 2018 Christ the King Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Rev 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37	9.30am Sung Eucharist EL	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	8am BCP Holy Communion 11.00am Community Worship with Baptism EL & BL	9.30am Matins MC	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>
2 Dec 2018 Advent Sunday Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thess. 3:9-end, Luke 21: 25-36	8am BCP Holy Communion EL	11.00am Family Communion EL	6.00pm Evensong MC	9.30am Sung Eucharist EL	10.00am Songs of Praise Lay led

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Remember, remember..... but not just the 5th of November. For me, the whole month of November epitomises remembrance. As October ends we remember All Hallows Eve, more commonly known as Halloween, a time when traditionally bonfires were lit, and lanterns processed into Church to dispel the darkness in readiness to celebrate, as November begins, one of the most special of the Christian festivals, All Saints. This is a day when we remember all the famous Saints that have gone before us and celebrate the light they shone in the world. This is swiftly followed by the commemoration of All Souls when we remember specifically those people who have been 'saints' in our lives and who we want to remember before God and give thanks for. We will fittingly be celebrating All Saints and All Souls on the same day (Sunday 4th November) with a joy filled Songs of Praise for All Saints at 10am in Bekesbourne and an Evensong commemorating all those we love but see no longer at 6pm at Bridge. Everyone is welcome to attend these services.

Memories of 5th November for me always conjure up happy times spent as a child bundling up in warm clothes and heading down to the meadow in the village where we lived to see the Bonfire and watch the fireworks. The perfect exciting combination of walking out in the darkness and seeking out the light as the fire crackled into life and the fireworks whizzed above our heads. I am very much looking forward to being at the Bridge and Patrixbourne CEP School PTA's firework event on the Rec on 3rd November.

Then of course, we come to Remembrance Sunday, a time when we remember all those who fought for our freedom, and who continue to do so. This year the Commemoration on Remembrance Sunday is more significant as it marks 100 years since the signing of the armistice agreement at the end of the 1st World War. It is tempting perhaps to think that maybe after 100 years its time we stopped remembering – in a recent interview Film Director Danny Boyle said as much but having worked on a project for a National Commemoration called 'Pages of the Sea' he went on to say "But I have changed.....I think we should go on [remembering]. When you make that personal connection ... and you see their faces and hear their backgrounds, when you see them in colour, it feels new. It feels timeless. I felt that connection to them. It felt like it would be wrong to forget them."¹ We will be joining in the national commemoration with an installation of silhouettes in Patrixbourne Church as part of the 'There but not there' nationwide exhibition. This is just one of many Remembrance events and activities taking place in all the villages of the Benefice over the 10th and 11th – details of which can be found throughout this magazine so please do take the time to join in and remember if you can.

Yours in Christ

[Signature]

Rev. Estella Last, Vicar
October 2018

¹ *The Guardian* 5th

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Dates for the diary – November 2018

Sunday 4th – 6:00pm All Souls Evensong, St Peter Bridge

Tuesday 6th

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

3:00pm – Holy Communion, Bridge Haven

7:30pm – After 8's, Mansfield Court

Sunday 11th – Please see service grid for remembrance services in the Benefice

Monday 12th – 7:30pm - Caring & Sharing

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 – After 8's, Mansfield Court

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

Monday 26th – 7:30pm - Caring & Sharing

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

Editor's Note Will all contributors please note that the next edition will be the combined December 2018/January 2019 one. Please may I have all items for this by teatime on Thursday 15th November. Preferably by email :- laurence.dunderdale@gmail.com Thanks in anticipation, Laurence Dunderdale.

FISH SCHEME NEWS The Annual General Meeting of the Fish Scheme will take place at the monthly

Coffee -Pop - In on Wednesday November 14th in Bridge village hall at 10 am.
Everybody is most welcome.

PATRIXBOURNE NEWS

CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

...which means we need recruits for the Patrixbourne Carol Choir.

Our Carol Service is at 7pm on Friday 21st December but, if you would like to sing in the Carol Choir, there are a few rehearsal dates before that and it would help if you could come to some of them at least. Rehearsals are at 7pm in Patrixbourne church on Wednesday 12th, Monday 17th and Wednesday 19th and at 5pm on 21st. I normally offer a soup and loo break to those who cannot get home easily rehearsal and service.

If you would like to join us for what is always a lovely occasion, please let me or John Harris know. Our contact details are on the back of the magazine.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Pauline Pritchard

LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON NEWS

HARVEST PRODUCE

Just to say that the folks at Age Concern were delighted to receive our Harvest Produce. A big thank-you to all who generously gave.

NOVEMBER 11th ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE

Please take note of what is happening on this special day. There will be a service at Nackington, at 9.30am, followed at 10.15 when there will be a laying of the wreath at Nackington War Memorial. At 10.50am there will be a short service at Lower Hardres War Memorial, with a laying of the wreath. At 11.30 there will be a finger buffet and glass of wine at J.B.W. Hall. Everyone is welcome, please support this 100th Anniversary of the Armistice.

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

This will take place at J.B.W. Hall on Saturday, 1st December at 9.30am till noon. There will be lots of activities for Children and refreshments for all. For a place, please ring Julie on 788316 or Margaret on 765598. Please book early.

CAROL SERVICE

This will be at 16.00 on Sunday 9th December. We will enjoy mince pies and mulled wine afterwards.

CRIB SERVICE

To take place on Sunday 23rd December at 15.00, at Lower Hardres.

ST. PETER'S BRIDGE FLOWER ARRANGERS

A meeting will be held at The Archways, Conyngham Lane on Friday 16th November to discuss Christmas decorations and next year's rota. All welcome for a cuppa. If you are thinking about helping us continue to make St. Peter's church welcoming and attractive, please do come along for chat. It only means a commitment of a couple of hours per YEAR. Viv 830981.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM- the lost soldiers of Patrixbourne

Please come and join us for this event at 4pm on 11th November at St Mary's Patrixbourne. We especially welcome any veterans, members of the armed services, or family members of the six named soldiers on the War Memorial. The six men will be represented by bench top silhouettes which we will be on display in the church over the weekend.

At 12.30pm on the 11th the church bells will be rung, as part of the national ringing of bells. This new time (previously advertised as 7.05pm) is timed to coincide with the March Past at the Cenotaph of 10,000 members of the public. This is part of the 'A Nations Thank you- The People's Procession'. Bells will be rung around the world to replicate the spontaneous outpouring of relief that took place in 1918. When news of the Armistice spread, church bells, which had fallen silent across the UK during the First World War, rang out in celebration. Listen out for the bells across our villages.

As part of the bigger national events to mark the Armistice, about 3pm on Thursday 8th November, 100 veterans will be stopping at St Mary's Patrixbourne, for refreshments, as they walk the North Downs Way from Dover. Haig Housing are conducting a fundraising pilgrimage from Ypres to Whitehall (to arrive at 11am on the 11th). It is called The Long Walk Home, www.tlwh.org.uk. 100 Veterans will be walking 100 miles to mark the 100 years since the Armistice. Please come and cheer them on their way. Our weekend events at St Mary's are to commemorate the six local men who died during the First World War and to honour their sacrifice. A collection will be taken for 'There but not there' a charity supporting present day veterans of more recent wars.
Andrea Nicholson

Bridge & District History Society

The next meeting will be on Thursday November 15th in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30. Steve Norris, the owner and skipper of the Thames sailing barge "Greta" will tell us about his iconic vessel.

Built in 1892 to transport cargo on the Thames she still works, providing sailing barge day trips.

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

DOG WALKER SOUGHT

Dr Ann Shirley is hoping to find somebody to walk her dog "Mr Bark-Alot", hopefully daily.

Please contact her on (01227) 831810 to discuss if you might be able to assist.

St Mary's Church Patrìxbourne
Sunday 11th November 4.00pm

*'WE WILL REMEMBER THEM-the lost
soldiers of Patrìxbourne'*

*Come and hear the stories of the six soldiers
named on the War Memorial.*



First World War Songs, Hymns and
poetry to commemorate the fallen.

'Silhouettes' will be
seated in the congregation.

**Church open 10-4pm Saturday
10th, and Sunday 11th to view the
Silhouettes**

***Donations invited for
'Remembered'***

**12.30pm ringing of the
church bells; this is happening
across the country**


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**ARMED FORCES
COVENANT**

SALVATION ARMY AND BRIDGE and PATRIBOURNE SCHOOL CHOIR CAROL CONCERT

This Annual Event is to be held in Bridge School Hall
on Thursday 6th December 2018 at 7.30pm
Entrance £3.00, pay on the door, (children free)
Refreshments will be served after the concert
All proceeds go to Salvation Army Funds

SENIOR CITIZENS AFTERNOON OF ENTERTAINMENT

Senior Citizens are invited to an Afternoon of Entertainment
On Monday 17th December 2018, 1.30pm - 3.00pm
Listen to the school children sing and Year 6 will serve
refreshments

**Please contact the School Office on 830276 if you
wish to come, transport can be arranged if required**

Tulip Tearooms Hi everyone!! Leigh-Anne here, owner of Tulip Tearooms, 6,
western Avenue, Bridge, CT4 5LS 01227 832555 or mobile 07727 057 065 I wanted
to just take this moment to let you know that we will open on CHRISTMAS
MORNING 10-12 for CAKE, SOUP, CAROLS & COMPANY. More details to follow in
your December edition. We don't want anyone alone this Christmas . xx

Bekesbourne Harvest Songs of Praise

What a lovely service! One of our young mums, Emily, led the worship. She was very ably supported by the whole family. It was delightful. Well done to all of them! The church looked beautiful. The altar, font and window ledges were all decorated with the flowers and fruits of autumn. It was a wonderful way to thank God for the harvest. The gifts of food and bedding were donated to The Women's Refuge. This was an example of how we can share what we have with others less fortunate, which was the message we received from the bible reading.

The next Songs of Praise is on 4th November when we will be celebrating All Saints. It is a benefice service, so it will include a short family communion. We hope to see you there. Nicky

Ringling For Peace at Bekesbourne Church

The bells will ring out at Bekesbourne Church Sunday 11th November at 12.30pm in unison with churches and cathedrals in villages and towns across the country to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

When the bells rang out on the 11th November 1918 they announced the end of the war. At that time bells were at the heart of the community, marking events and communicating to people long before modern technology connected us. Bell ringing has always had a much wider function than its role in the church, but most of us today are not aware of its broad and inclusive service.

More than 1400 bell ringers lost their lives in the Great War. They came from all walks of life like bell ringers do today. The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers aims to recruit 1400 new ringers to commemorate the 1400 ringers that died.

Bekesbourne church has a lovely ring of 6 bells and now we also have a trained instructor to teach the art of bell ringing. We practice on Monday evenings and our aim is to ring for Sunday church services, weddings and special events. If you want more information speak to Gill Moon 832134.

The Quiet View So many people were unable to come on the night we showed the film **Mary Magdalene** so we're offering it again on Tuesday 20th November at 7pm. Essential to book as it was very popular. Suggested donation £5 Here are the dates of some regular events: November 2nd Taizé prayer at 7pm 4th Silent Retreat with Caroline Armstrong 10.30-3.30 £20-£40 (depending on what you can afford) book at mindzone14@gmail.com 12th Taiji Qigong at 7.30pm and 22nd at 2.30 with Melanie French £6 book at m.s.french00@btinternet.com 16th Red Tent Kent at 7.30 with Karalyne Howes . Donations invited Please check for dates of our deeply relaxing Gong Baths with Euphony Sound Therapy euphonysoundtherapy@gmail.com We hope to welcome you some time soon. Lizzie Hopthrow The Quiet View 146 The Street, Kingston, 01227 830070 lizziehopthrow@gmail.com www.quietview.co.uk

St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

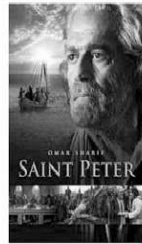
SONGS OF PRAISE

10am Sunday November 4th

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Stalls



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Refreshments



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Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC



Autumn Coffee Morning

*Bridge Village Hall
Saturday 17th November
10 am–11.30am*

**Cake stall, puzzles,
Christmas gifts
Traidcraft stall
Christmas Hamper raffle**

*Come and enjoy a Mince Pie with
your Coffee*

**Any donations for the stalls that can't be brought to the
Hall on the day, can be collected, in advance, by calling
01227 830947 or 01227 830960**

You are warmly invited to Come and Sing Carols at St Peter's, Bridge on Sunday, December 16th and, more particularly, to join us in the Bridge Choir, which will be specially augmented as usual for the occasion of the Carol Service. As in previous years, the choir will be supporting the congregational singing, and also adding another dimension to the familiar Christmas Readings with a varied, but not unfamiliar selection of short carols of their own. Having performed over 100 different choir carols since 2001, I have decided that it is time to repeat the set from that first year, most of which are definitely 'old favourites' but I hope not now hackneyed: The Truth from Above (English trad., arr. Vaughan Williams), The Holly and the Ivy (English trad., arr. Walford Davies), In the Bleak Mid-Winter (Darke), Break Forth (J S Bach), The Infant King (Basque trad., arr. Willcocks), In Dulci Jubilo (Pearsall). We are looking for all voices (SATB) from all age groups, and hope to welcome back many old friends as well as gain a few new enthusiasts. Some experience and/or ability to read music is necessary for the harmony parts, but not vital for the top line. We will again keep rehearsals to a minimum, but for that reason it is crucial that most people can make both the main rehearsals as well as the Sunday! The rehearsals will almost certainly be held in Bridge Church as follows:

December 13th

7-8.30 p.m.

Thursday,

Friday, December 14th

6-

7.30 p.m.

Sunday, December 16th

3.45-5.30 p.m. Music will be available in advance and for private study! If you are able to join us, please let me know as soon as possible on Canterbury 787994 or mjm@kings-school.co.uk. I can then assess vocal balance and the viability of the programme! With thanks & best wishes Martin Miles

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

There is no meeting arranged for November, but to round off this year's programme and to help us prepare for the festive season, on **Tuesday 4 December** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, **Leigh-Anne**, our local florist at **Majestic Flowers** (and the very popular Tulip Tearooms), has kindly agreed to entertain and inspire us with a **demonstration** (accompanied by step-by-step written instructions) on how to make a **Christmas wreath**. Leigh-Anne will also have available a number of packs to purchase with all the basics you need to get started and the wreath she demonstrates will be the star raffle prize.

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.

Do make a note of the date and come along to start the festive season off in fine style. Everyone is most welcome.

Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute

Our **Annual Meeting** when reports, including a resume of the year's activities, are given and when officers and the committee are elected for the coming year will be held on **Tuesday 20 November** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. After the business part of the evening, we shall have a social time when members will have the chance to catch up and chat with friends. The competition for November is for an interesting item beginning with the letter "K".

Recreation Ground Working Party Saturday 17th November 2018

There will be a working party on the recreation ground on the above date from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon. Everyone is welcome including children so long as accompanied by a responsible adult. Please bring warm clothes and gardening gloves. Refreshments in the pavilion as usual. I look forward to seeing you.

Sue H

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Luke Small

CALLING ALL SLEUTHS!

Do you enjoy a good whodunnit? Then you will not want to miss the opportunity to prove your detective skills to a wider audience on Saturday 1st December 2018 at 7 pm in Bekesbourne Village Hall. That will be the venue for the welcome return of your local drama group T.O.P.S. (The Occasional Performance Society) who will be staging an intriguing Murder Mystery play entitled 'Sudden Death at Thornbury Manor'. The scene is a lovely country house, the year 1954 and the plot unfolds to reveal many hidden secrets among the family members and entourage after one of them meets a sudden end! It will then be up to the audience to decide who is the baddie and there will be a reward for the correct solution.

In spite of the dastardly deed in the play, the evening promises to be light-hearted and most enjoyable. You are invited to bring a picnic (with suitable liquid refreshment) with friends or form a team with other like-minded sleuths for a happy and relaxing evening. For more details please read the poster which appears in this magazine. We look forward to seeing you on the night!

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Christmas Wreath



A Demonstration
by
Leigh-Anne of Majestic Flowers

followed by



light festive refreshments



Tuesday 4 Dec
7.30 pm
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Sunday 11 November

12noon – 4pm

- **Music and poetry**

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Photo: courtesy of Steve Fawke. Painting: "Gassed" by John Singer Sargent, Imperial War Museum.

**Condensed Draft Minutes of a meeting of Bridge Parish Council
Thursday 13 September**

Before the meeting began 3 villagers spoke about (a) the results of a village wide survey (based on 57 replies) following the closure of the Post Office which show a clear and pressing need for a post office in the village (b) the proposed purchase of brackets for Christmas Trees on High St houses (c) latest news on the proposed Highland Court development. The new Headteacher of the village primary school, Mr Tibbles, introduced himself and reaffirmed his commitment to good community links.

Mountfield development in south Canterbury: Council agreed to make a further donation of £500 towards the legal costs of the campaign to question the legality of the Mountfield development on air quality grounds. 3 councillors voted in favour; one voted against and 3 abstained.

Green Court. Cllr Fawke reported that Cllr Davies is to do some hedge cutting, Pam Dobson continues to advise on planting shrubs and weeding; the Holm Oak needs to have a spot identified on the Recreation ground for planting. 2 more trees are to be bought and planted in Green Ct. by Cllrs Fawke and Davies.

Report from Nailbourne Ward City Councillor Simon Cook:

1. **The Highland Court** planning application is likely to be available for consultation for 6-12 weeks-longer than the minimum of 3 weeks.
2. Canterbury City Council advises villagers to respond to the Kent County Council consultation on **waste management**, since it believes that the problem of fly-tipping will be aggravated by the new proposals in the consultation
3. The **parking enforcement team will visit Riverside Close** at times when parking is especially inconsiderate. Cllr Cook is investigating whether illegal parking on the pavement can be reported and sanctioned by a simple photograph sent to the enforcement team.
4. Canterbury officers will contact the Parish Council shortly about the number and location of litter bins in the village.

Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Atkinson noted that regulation 16 consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan ended on 7 September. Canterbury City Council are in the process of appointing a government examiner/inspector to review the plan. Corrections may need to be made after this process with the referendum (if allowed) to be held shortly afterwards.

1. Cllr Fawke provided an update on the armistice weekend (Nov 10-11) and requested help from more volunteers. He will contact the Womens' Institute shortly regarding refreshments and publish a programme of activities soon.
2. Council agreed to a grant request for £120 towards children's activities in Bridge.
3. The Chair provided an update on the future of the Post Office, with the current sticking point being the nomination of a postmaster to take responsibility for a village outreach service.
4. Council agreed to two proposed changes to road markings in the vicinity of Dering Rd.
5. Consideration of access to the Higham Lane bus stop was deferred until after a meeting with Highways officials on 17 September.

**Condensed Minutes of a meeting of Bridge Parish Council
Thursday 11 October 2018 in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

The latest update from the Regional organiser of the Post Office was read out:
“Things came to a halt with the proposed outreach service due to having a positive lead for a full local replacement. This meant the potential core branch for the outreach service that we were working with was told we were no longer looking for that type of solution. Unfortunately the full local replacement dropped out at the application stage and no longer wishes to continue. The Post Office will try again to arrange a core branch to run an outreach at Bridge.”

A Parish Capital grant application for £1,800 has been submitted to Canterbury City Council for a **replacement bus shelter opposite Higham Lane.**

Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Alan Atkinson said a government inspector has been appointed and her correspondence with the Parish Council is available on the village website. Responses to her requests will also be published there.

Council agreed to the setting up of High St **Christmas trees** on December 1 and their removal on January 5 2019 and to the immediate purchase of 50 Christmas trees brackets for £492 (inclusive of VAT). Grant funding for another 50 will be sought in the course of 2019.

Council voted to purchase a **new bench for use in Western Ave** which is to be reimbursed by an anonymous village donor. Thanks were expressed for this donation. Contact will be made with Kent Highways about the siting of another proposed new bench for Union Rd.

Council resolved to invite adjoining parish councils and their clerks to a **meeting to be hosted in Bridge to coordinate responses to the planned development at Highland Court.**

In the course of discussing traffic movement in the area of Aunt Betsy's Hill Council resolved to purchase a **Speed Indicator Device** for the village at a cost of approx. £6,880. Concerns about **traffic movement in the Aunt Betsy's Hill/ Union Rd** area of the village require a consultation with villagers before proposals are put to the Joint Transportation Board in March 2019.

Councillors received an update on latest developments in **Green Court** and on proposed fencing works in **Western Avenue** which could cost up to approx.. £3,000.

Points of information:

Working Party on the Recreation Ground on Saturday 17th November from 9 am to 12 noon. Refreshments in the pavilion as usual

KCC Waste disposal consultation live until 1 November 2018
(www.kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation)

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council is on Thursday, 8 November at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall



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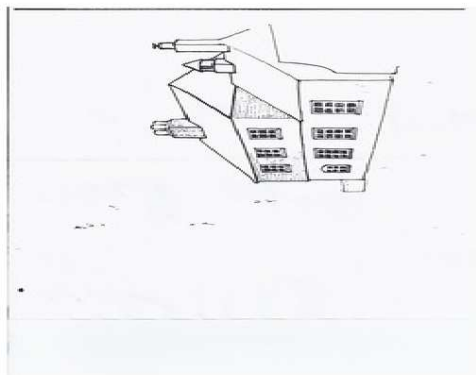
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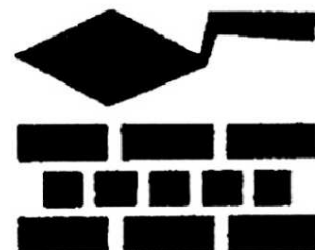


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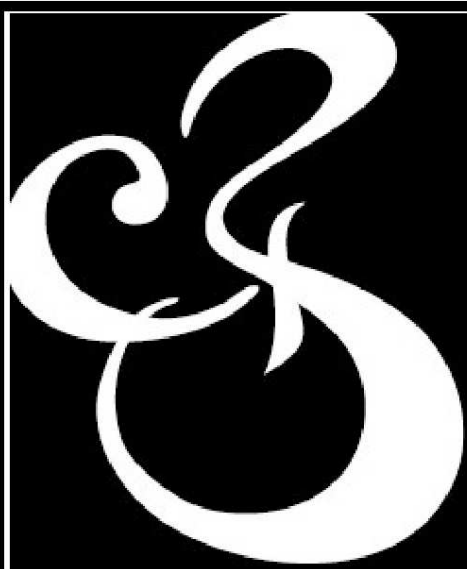
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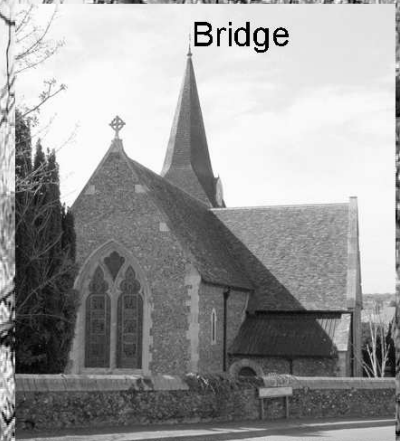
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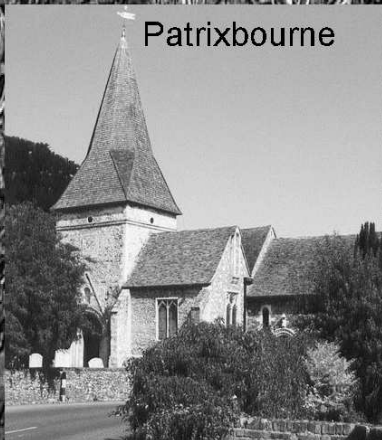


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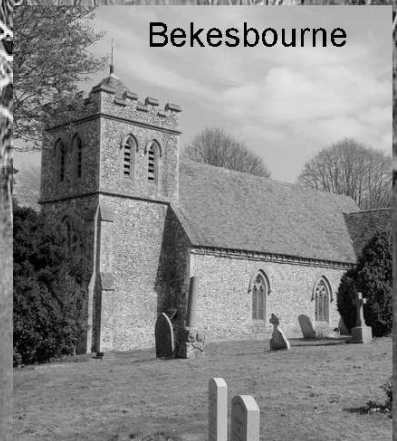
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9th Dec The second Sunday of Advent	9.30am Advent Carol Service	4.00pm Carol Service	9.30am Family Communion	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
16th Dec The third Sunday of Advent	<i>All welcome at the 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 Patribourne</i>			7.00pm Carol Service Lay led + EL	<i>All welcome at Patribourne</i>
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30 Dec 2018 The First Sunday of Christmas	<i>All welcome at Patribourne</i>			10am Benefice Communion Service	<i>All welcome at Patribourne</i>

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13 Jan 2019 The Baptism of Christ	<i>All welcome at Bridge</i>		10am Benefice Communion Service	<i>All welcome at Bridge</i>	
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Dates for the diary – December 2018

Saturday 1st December

9.30-12 noon

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Children's Workshop, Lower Hardres Village Hall

10am

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Bekesbourne Christmas Bazaar. Bekesbourne

Village Hall

Tuesday 4th

9:30am

-

Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

3:00pm

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Holy Communion, Bridge Haven

6-7.30pm

-

Nailbourne Scout Group Christmas event, Bridge Church

7:30pm

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After 8's, Mansfield Court

Thursday 6th

9.00am

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Little Lambs Christmas Party

7.30pm

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Salvation Army Carols at Bridge School

Monday 10th

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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

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Bridge School Nativity in Church

10:00am

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FISH pop-in coffee, Bridge Village Hall

10.30am

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Charlton Park Larks Carols at Patrixbourne

2:00pm

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Social Afternoon, Lower Hardres

Thursday 13th

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9.30am Bridge School Nativity in Church

Monday 17th

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

Tuesday 18th

9:30am

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Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

3:00pm

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Carol Service, Saxon Lodge

7:30pm

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After 8's, Mansfield Court

Wednesday 19th

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2.30pm - Carols at Bridge Haven

Thursday 20th

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6:00pm Carols at The Red Lion

Tuesday 27th

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9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

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December 2018

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

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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.

Food For Thou



The Charlton Park Larks
Present
A Celebration of Christmas
10.30am Wednesday 12th December
At St Mary's Church, Patricxbourne

Come and join us – everyone and children of all ages welcome
This event will last about 1 hour with
Coffee and Mince Pies afterwards

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 thankyou 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 be 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 #

Christmas can be a lonely time

Samaritans are here for our callers every day of the year but we do know that there are some times more difficult than others. For whatever reason, finding yourself on your own having lost contact with friends and family, Christmas can be a particularly hard and stressful period for many people.

Samaritans offer a safe place to talk; at any time you like, in your own way. You needn't feel alone, we are here to talk through whatever is troubling you, 24/7. You don't have to be suicidal to talk to us.

Please contact us on our free to call phone line 116 123 or email us at jo@samaritans.org If you would like to talk face to face, visit us at 32 Northgate, Canterbury CT1 1BL. To make sure there will be a volunteer available, before you visit please ring 01227 457 777.

Canterbury & District Samaritans
Registered Charity no 1166874



CHRISTMAS APPEAL 'Blessed are the peacemakers' In 2016 more conflict than at any time in nearly 30 years, and today one in 6 live in conflict zones. If this trend continues, by 2030 more than half the world will live in countries affected by high levels of violence. Christian Aid is a major cause of poverty, capable of wiping out years of development. Every day around the world, it is also being built every day by frontline peacemakers, determined to heal and transform their communities. People like Diana Abbas, a psychologist in a Children's Centre at Nahr al-Bared refugee camp in Lebanon, run by Christian Aid's partner organisation, Association Najdeh. Through counselling, psychotherapy, art therapy and literacy classes, she is helping young Palestinian refugees to overcome the trauma they have experienced and improve their well-being. Diana Abbas and other partners worldwide need more resources so that they can help more people find security and peace. If you are considering making a gift to charity this Christmas, please support Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal and help them bring 'peace on earth'. You can donate at caid.org/Christmas-appeal or if you prefer, give your donation to me and I will make sure it gets to Christian Aid. You can also stand with the peacemakers by using #WeAreThePeacemakers on social media. Jean Barber (Adapted from an article by Tomilola Ajayi in the Christian Aid magazine). Many thanks to those of you who supported the Christian Aid Quiz Night at St Stephen's Church in October, which raised £700 for the Indonesia Tsunami Appeal.

SALVATION ARMY AND BRIDGE and PATRIBOURNE SCHOOL CHOIR CAROL CONCERT

This Annual Event is to be held in Bridge School Hall
on Thursday 6th December 2018 at 7.30pm
Entrance £3.00, pay on the door, (children free)
Refreshments will be served after the concert
All proceeds go to Salvation Army Funds

SENIOR CITIZENS AFTERNOON OF ENTERTAINMENT

Senior Citizens are invited to an Afternoon of Entertainment
On Monday 17th December 2018, 1.30pm – 3.00pm
Listen to the school children sing and Year 6 will serve refreshments
**Please contact the School Office on 830276 if you
wish to come, transport can be arranged if required**

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.

We would also like to thank all our 'Friends' who have kindly subscribed £1140
following delivery of our 2018 newsletter.

Tulip Tearooms 6, western Avenue, Bridge, CT45LA
01227 832555 / 07727057065 CHRISTMAS
MORNING. 10-12pm We will be opening our doors
on Christmas morning for cake, soup,
companionship and a sing along. A warm, friendly
welcome awaits you. Bring along a friend, we don't
want anyone alone this Christmas time. Call to book
a table in advance We look forward to seeing you



Launch Date: Saturday 19th January 4-6pm

Location: Bridge School Hall

Creative fun for everyone and a hot meal to enjoy together. All Welcome

For more information contact: Rev. Estella Last t: 01227 206272

Baby and Toddler Group

Every Thursday during term time 9-11am

Bridge Recreation Ground Pavilion

Open to all pre-school age babies and toddlers (with parent / guardian). Come and enjoy a cuppa and a chat in a relaxed safe atmosphere while your children play with others. Sessions include free-play, drinks & snacks, craft activity.

Suggested donation £1 per child.

For more information contact estellalast@gmail.com



With thanks to Bridge Parish Council



Friends of St Peter's Church, Bridge

COFFEE & CAKE & CONCERT

2nd Anniversary - 15th Dec 10:15 to 11:30

The stories behind more of our



Where do they come from? Who wrote them?



A glimpse into the origins of our Christmas Carols in words and music

Jean Barber (Piano) Stuart Field (Violin)

Suggested donation £3, children free

All proceeds are for upkeep of the church



**Come and Celebrate Christingle St. Peter's Church, Bridge Christmas Eve Two Services
3.00pm and 5.00pm All welcome**



BRIDGE & PATRICXBOURNE 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 & Patricxbourne 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

ADVENT SONGS OF PRAISE



10am Sunday December 2nd



FOR ALL AGES - EVERYONE WELCOME CHOOSE AND JOIN IN YOUR FAVOURITE CAROLS

FOLLOWED BY TEA, COFFEE OR JUICE AND BISCUITS

And lots of chatting!



Carol choices to Jill Gillanders please

St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

SONGS OF PRAISE

Benefice Service with Family Communion



10am Sunday 6th January



FOR ALL AGES - EVERYONE WELCOME COME AND JOIN IN YOUR FAVOURITE HYMNS



FOLLOWED BY TEA, COFFEE OR JUICE AND BISCUITS

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 Patricxbourne 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



...day essentials but we LOVE local! You can find everything from around the corner, yogurts and cream in Barham's crafty businesses. We're open Monday 9am to 4pm and Sunday 9am to 12pm. Our Post Office is open from Monday 9am to 4pm and Saturday 9am to 12pm. As well as general groceries (such as banking, topping up phone cards, car insurance, etc. as held in stock), click&collect and One4all gift cards.



...more details. Celebrate in local style this Christmas. Order your turkey, sausages and joints of meat. We have fresh veg and all your festive essentials from crackers to Christmas puddings. Stock up on lovingly made cards and gifts then finish the season off with bubbly from Barham. Meat order forms can be found on our website or in store from the middle of November. Find us online at www.barhamvillagestore.com @barhamvillagestore

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Valley Road, Barham, CT4 6NX Email:





Charity Coffee Morning

in aid of

Cancer Research UK

10 – 11:45am 2nd Feb 2019

Bridge Village Hall

Together we will beat cancer

The Quiet View

Christmas is coming! And at whatever level we may enjoy the Christmas story it does mention the appearance of angels! Mary was surprised when the Angel Gabriel appeared to her, and I was surprised when Gail Elaine visited the Quiet View, out of the blue. She has the gift of channelling the love, light and comfort from the angel realm and at her first Gathering last month, many people who came did experience an extraordinary sense of love and comfort. **Gail Elaine's** next **Gathering** will be from **1.30 – 3.30 on Sunday 9th December**. There'll be snacks and drinks and Gail Elaine will play her crystal harp. Suggested donation £15 and please book with Lizzie. Another new initiative coming to the Quiet View is **Spirit Dance** – led by experienced shamanic practitioner Natasha Quinn, the evening will potentially increase self-esteem and confidence, awaken inner creativity and expression and will provide a space to shake off tension, relax and release. **Sunday 16th December 6pm – 8pm**. £10 please book with quinnnatasha@yahoo.co.uk

Here are the dates of some regular events:

7th Dec **Taizé prayer** at 7pm

10th Dec Taiji Qigong and **14th Jan** at 7.30pm with Melanie French £6 book at m.s.french00@btinternet.com

Please check for dates of our deeply relaxing Gong Baths with Euphony Sound Therapy euphonysoundtherapy@gmail.com

We hope to welcome you some time soon.

Lizzie Hophrow

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NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Christmas Wreath - a Demonstration

by

Leigh-Anne of Majestic Flowers

followed by



light festive refreshments



Tuesday 4 December at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall

Christmas Raffle

All welcome

Admission £5 (£7 for non-members), including refreshments

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Come along to our

AGM

with a chance to air your views on the future of the Society

Tuesday 22 January

7.30 pm

Bridge Village Hall

with Wine and Cheese and Social Time

Annual Subscriptions Payable

New members needed

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 1st Dec. 10 am - 12 noon

The Conrad Hall Bishopsbourne

Raffle - Gifts - Cakes +

Please join your friends & neighbours for coffee and a chat!

In aid of The Church of St. Mary the Virgin



Charlton Park

KINGHAMFORD FOUNDATION LTD



Theatre & Cabaret at Charlton Park

'Christmas Cabaret' Preview by Shoo Shoo Baby

Friday 30th Nov, 7:30pm. Water-tight harmonies, flamboyant costumes & terrible Christmas jumpers. Re-worked Songs from 1920-2018. Incl. complimentary arrival drink. Ages 9+, Regular Tickets: £17.50, Concs/Groups £12.50, Family (2x2) £45.

'Land of Nod' by Moon On A Stick

Friday 28th Dec, 2:30pm. Puppetry, Soundscapes & Storytelling explore restlessness & wonder using Hans Christian Andersen's classic tale of the Sandman - spreading colourful dreams with every twirl of his umbrella. For Ages 3+

Tickets: £10 (Adult), £6 (Child), £26 (Family 2 x 2). Free for babes in arms.

All Bookings or Enquiries: 01227 831355 info@charlton-park.org CT4 5JA

Christmas Wreaths & Decorations

From the traditional and natural to the contemporary and sparkly, we have a wide selection of Christmas trees, wreaths, garlands, gifts and decorations!

Hop Plants - Pre-order now!

Order your new hop plant now for delivery mid-December. Choose from over 40 varieties, including English & Foreign favourites!



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Chalkpit Farm Rural Shopping
Bekesbourne, Nr Canterbury, CT4 5EU

www.essentiallyhops.co.uk
Email: shop@essentiallyhops.co.uk
Tel: 01227 830 666

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 Patixbourne 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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Email: info@supermaids.co.uk

Self-Catering Holiday Home Bridge (Centre)

Sleeps 7-(5 + 2 on sofa bed), 3 Bedrooms
Available all year round.

Contact Tina:
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YOGA CLASSES AT LOWER HARDRES
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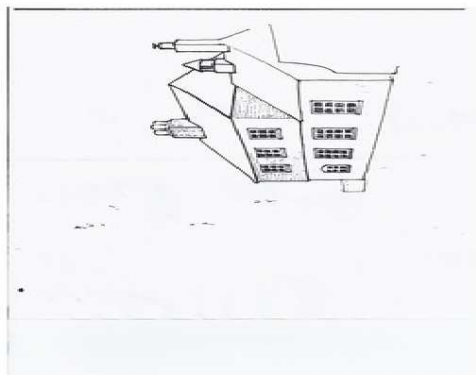
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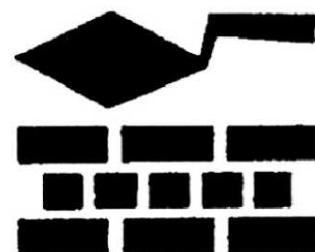
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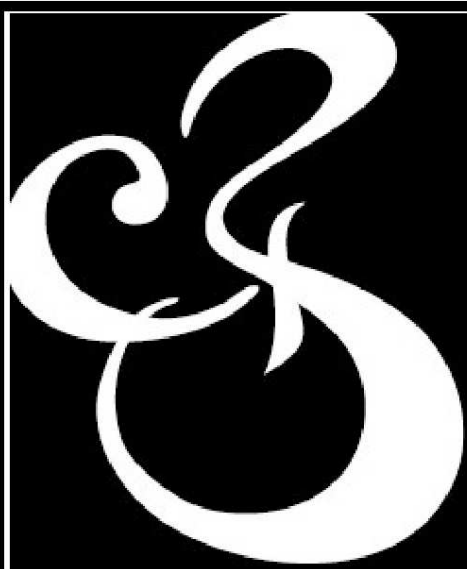
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