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4th Feb Prov.8. 1, 22-31 John 1. 1-14	All welcome at Lower Hardres	11.00am Benefice Family Communion Rev Estella Last	All welcome at Lower Hardres		
11 th Feb	9.30am	3.30pm	9:30am	All welcome at	8.00am
26 426	Sung Eucharist	Evensong	Family Communion	the other services	BCP Holy
2 Cor. 4.3-6 Mark 9.2-9	Rev Estella Last	МС	TCW	of the Benefice	Communion Rev Estella Last
14 th Feb Ash Wednesday 2 Cor. 5.20b – 6.10 John 8.1-11	All welcome at Bridge		7:00pm Communion with imposition of ashes Rev Estella Last	All welcome at Bridge	
18 th Feb	All welcome at	9.30am	11.00am	All welcome at	9.30am
19. Len	the other	Family Service	Choral Eucharist	the other services	Sung Eucharist
1 Pet. 3.18-end Mark 1. 9-15	services of the Benefice	MC	Rev Estella Last	of the Benefice	JB
25 th Feb	9.30am		8.00am	9.30am	
	Sung Eucharist		BCP Holy	Matins	
Rom. 4. 13-end Mark 8.31-end	RO	All welcome at the other	Communion Rev Estella Last	мс	All welcome at the other services
		services of the Benefice	11.00am Community Worship		in the Benefice
			BL		
4 th Mar	8.00am	11.00am	6.00pm	9.30am	
	BCP Holy	Family	Evensong	Sung Eucharist	All welcome at
Ex. 20. 1-17 John 2. 13-22	Communion	Communion			the other services in the Benefice
JUIII Z. 13-22	Rev Estella Last	RH	MC & EL	Rev Estella Last	III the benefice

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

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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.

 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 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.

All donations will go to Christian Aid.

Please ring 831956 the day before to book. Alan & Jean Barber.

Bekesbourne Songs of Praise

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

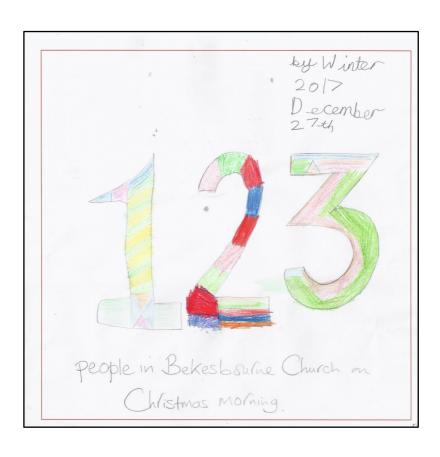
The service, for Epiphany, was led by Maggie. We learnt all about the three kings and their gifts and joined in a chant recounting their journey. This was very loosely based on the children's book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and was appreciated by young and old alike. There was a good selection of hymns,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

Às 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 Patrixbourne 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

<u>Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion</u>

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.

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Sep	Mildred Jaggers	Mary Butlin	Daphne Cunningham
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Dec	Elizabeth Johnson	Carmen Pearson	Chris Powell

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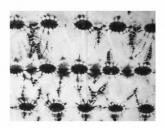
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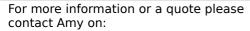
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