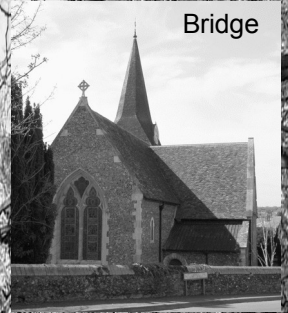


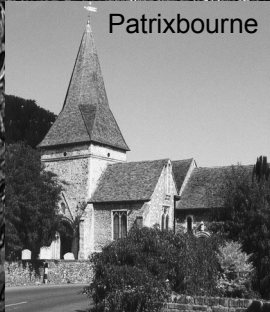
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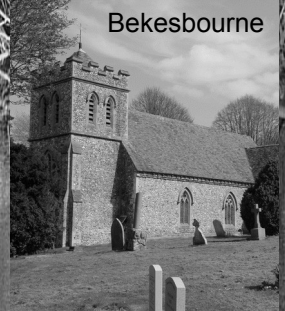
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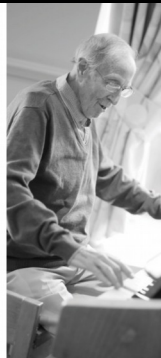
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11th Mar Mothers Sunday Col. 3. 12-17 John 19.25b-27	9.30am Sung Eucharist RH	9:30am Family Service MC 3.30pm Evensong MC	9:30am Family Communion EL	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	10.00am Songs of Praise Lay led
18th Mar Heb. 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 Palm Sunday 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 Maundy Thursday	<i>All welcome at Patribourne</i>			7:00pm EL	<i>All welcome at Patribourne</i>
30th Mar Good Friday	<i>All welcome at Bekesbourne</i>				2:00pm Good Friday Service EL
1st Apr Easter Sunday 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

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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

[Signature]

Rev. Estella Last, Vicar

Dates for the diary – March 2018

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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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

Patricxbourne 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 LUNCHES

Please come to lunch!

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

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

Time: any time between 12 noon and 1.30pm.

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

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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.

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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

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Any 'Experts' able to come along to assist with the group, particularly welcome!

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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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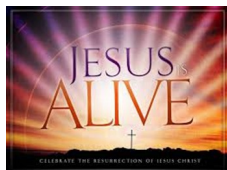
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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

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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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)

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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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3/5/18 Develop your designs

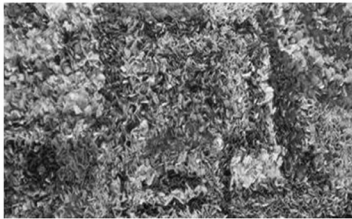
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7/6/18 Catch-up session £5

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Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

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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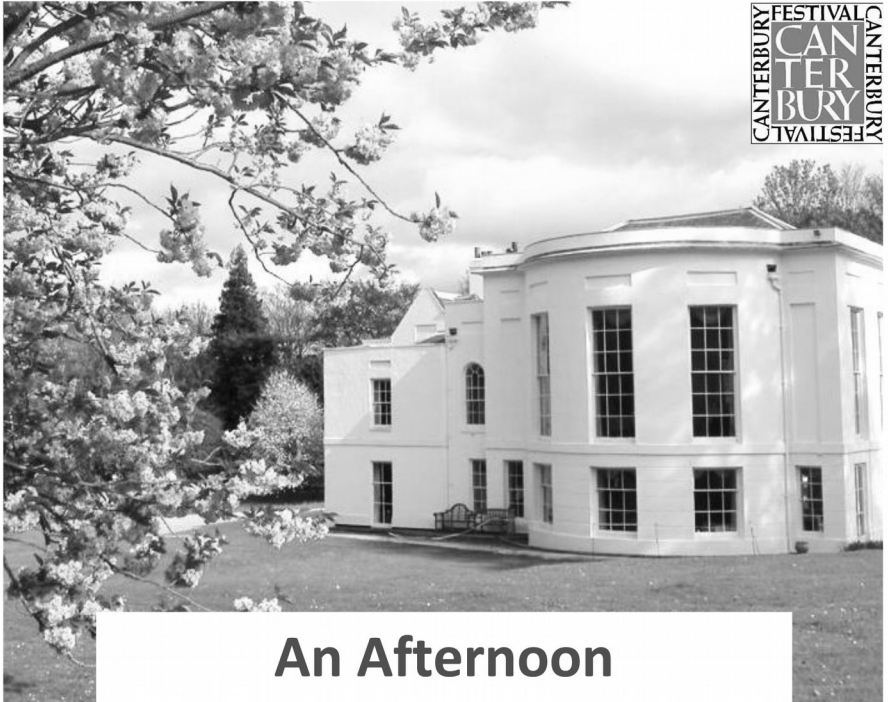
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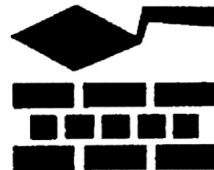


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