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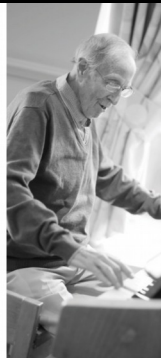
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<b>1<sup>st</sup> Apr</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> Isaiah 25:6-9 Acts 10. 34-43 John: 20:1-18	<b>8:00am</b> <b>BCP Holy Communion</b>  <b>EL</b>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Family Communion</b>  <b>EL &amp; MC</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>Evensong</b>  <b>MC</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Sung Eucharist</b>  <b>EL</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>Songs of Praise</b>  <b>Lay led</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Apr</b> Exodus 14:10-end;15:20-21 Acts: 4:32-35 John 20:19-end	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Sung Eucharist</b>  <b>RH</b>	<b>6pm Evensong</b>  <b>MC</b>	<b>9:30am</b> <b>Family Communion</b>  <b>EL</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	<b>8:00am</b> <b>BCP Holy Communion</b>  <b>EL</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Apr</b> Zeph 3: 14-end Acts: 3:12-19 Luke 24:36b-48	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Family Service</b>  <b>MC</b>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Choral Eucharist</b>  <b>EL</b>	<b>8.00am</b> <b>BCP Holy Communion</b>  <b>EL</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Sung Eucharist</b>  <b>EL</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Apr</b> Genesis 7:1-5,11-18: 8:6-18; 9:8-13 Acts 4:5-12 John 10:11-18	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Sung Eucharist</b>  <b>EL</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	<b>8:00am</b> <b>BCP Holy Communion</b>  <b>EL</b> <b>11.00am</b> <b>Community Worship</b>  <b>BL</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Matins</b>  <b>MC</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Apr</b> Genesis 22:1-18 Acts 8:26-end John 15:1-8	<i>All welcome at Patribourne</i>			<b>11am Benefice Service</b>  <b>Sung Eucharist</b>	<i>All welcome at Patribourne</i>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> May</b> Isaiah 55:1-11 Acts 10:44-end John 15: 9-17	<b>8:00am</b> <b>BCP Holy Communion</b>  <b>EL</b>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Family Communion</b>  <b>EL &amp; MC</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>Evensong</b>  <b>MC</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>Songs of Praise</b> Readings for Rogation Days – see Estella for list or p10 CW Lectionary <b>Lay led (+ EL)</b>

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

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 29<sup>th</sup> 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

[OBJ]

Rev. Estella Last, Vicar

## Dates for the diary – April 2018

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>** – Easter services throughout the Benefice

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

3:00pm – Holy Communion, Bridge Haven

7:30pm – After 8's, Mansfield Court

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>** – 7:30pm, Caring & Sharing

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

2:30pm – Holy Communion, Mansfield Court

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am - FISH pop-in coffee, Bridge Village Hall

2:00pm - Social Afternoon, Lower Hardres

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

3:00pm – Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge

7:30pm – After 8's, Mansfield Court

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** - 3:00pm - Hymns at Bridge Haven

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – 7:30pm, Caring & Sharing

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>** – 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').

**Patricbourne 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 – Patricbourne 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. Aably 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<sup>h</sup> April at 7.30 and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30. £6 The practice naturally harmonizes the mind, body & spirit. Please contact Melanie French at [m.s.french00@btinternet.com](mailto:m.s.french00@btinternet.com) if you are interested

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**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 13<sup>th</sup> April 7pm – 9pm**. Please contact Karalyne Howes if you are interested. 077255 89935 Donations very welcome. From May onwards it will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> April 11am – 4pm**. Please book with Dr Julia Ronder at [www.newron.co.uk](http://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

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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 Patricbourne 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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Post: Bridge Childcare Centre, Bridge and Patricbourne 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 cause 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 unengorged, 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 the 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 a 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 Conyngham 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.

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# 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 a fun activity for all, showcase our beautiful village and help raise money for a good cause. Any question to the ab**



**ty in the process.  
to Sharon & Amanda x**

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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.

For more fabulous recipes visit my blog: <https://katespuddings.blogspot.co.uk>



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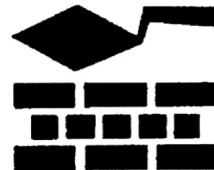


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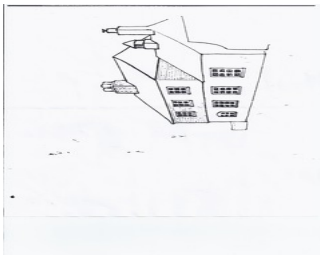


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