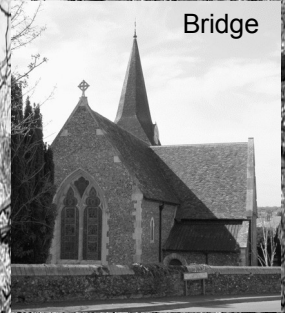


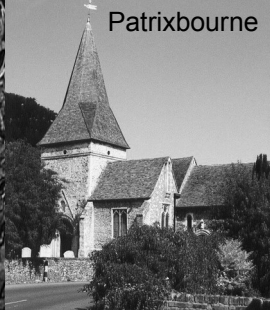
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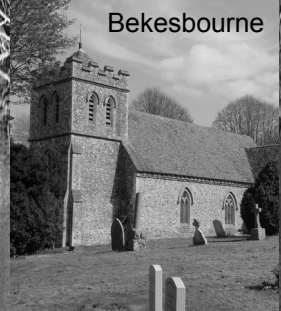
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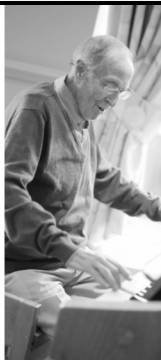
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6th May Isaiah 55:1-11 Acts 10:44-end John 15: 9-17	8:00am BCP Holy Communion EL	11.00am Family Communion EL & MC	6.00pm Evensong With St Edmunds Chamber Choir and Organist	9.30am Sung Eucharist GB	10.00am Songs of Praise Readings for Rogation Days – see Estella for list or p10 CW Lectionary Lay led (+EL)
10th May <u>Ascension Day</u> 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 <u>Pentecost (the birthday of the Church)</u> 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 <u>Trinity Sunday</u> 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

Rev. Estella Last, Vicar

Dates for the diary – May 2018

Tuesday 1st

9:30am -

3:00pm –

7:30pm –

Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

Holy Communion, Bridge Haven

After 8's, Mansfield Court

Tuesday 8th

9:30am -

2:30pm –

Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

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Wednesday 9th

10:00am -

2:00pm -

FISH pop-in coffee, Bridge Village Hall

Social Afternoon, Lower Hardres

Monday 14th –

7:30pm, Caring & Sharing

Tuesday 15th

9:30am -

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Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

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Wednesday 16th -

3:00pm - Hymns at Bridge Haven

Tuesday 22nd –

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Tuesday 29th –

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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 Patricbourne

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 Bokesbourne

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.

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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



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 £400 (£467 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 any costume jewellery you think might sell. Everybody is very welcome. The Scheme telephone number is 07935 966 080

FISH SCHEME NEWS MAY 2018

The annual Fish Scheme Bring and Buy will be on Wednesday May 9th to coincide with the Coffee Pop-Up in Bridge Village Hall. Please note the venue is not now The White Horse as originally advertised, but is at the Swan in the village. The next meeting will be on Thursday 17th May at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. Canterbury we have our Annual Canterbury Christian Aid Service. Come and see the film telling Vivia's story. In the 2016 hurricane her neighbours fled to a shelter, but she stayed in her home and her church. Her story will be a great one to see. She is a woman of faith and courage. The film is available on YouTube. Monday 22nd from members village at 11am refreshments. For outstanding reports David Cairns Tel: 01227 832450 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

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 and see the film telling Vivia's story. In the 2016 hurricane her neighbours fled to a shelter, but she stayed in her home and her church. Her story will be a great one to see. She is a woman of faith and courage. The film is available on YouTube. Monday 22nd from members village at 11am refreshments. For outstanding reports David Cairns Tel: 01227 832450 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 Patricbourne 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

An illustrated talk (with plants for sale)

by

Rachel Castle

Tuesday 8 May

7.30 pm

Bridge Village Hall

All welcome

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Afternoon Tea



at the Pavilion

on Bridge Recreation Ground

Friday 11 May

2.30 until 4.30 pm



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Have a look at the Kent County Association of Change Ringers website (KCACR) to learn more about what goes on in the bell ringing area of Canterbury.

If you would like to know more about learning the art of bell ringing contact me Gill Moon the tower captain 832134 or e mail gillandsidmoon@gmail.com

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

The film ‘A Rising Tide of Silence’ is a reflective portrait of the contemplative monk Thomas Keating in his 95th birthday year. It shows very movingly Father Keating’s experience of the Divine Love that transcends all religious boundaries. Tues 15th May 7pm – 9pm Suggested donation £5 includes refreshments. Please book with Lizzie

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

Taiji Qigong takes place on Mon 14th May at 7.30pm and Thursday 24th 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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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.

FULL MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE ON PARISH NOTICEBOARDS AND ON THE BRIDGE VILLAGE WEBSITE

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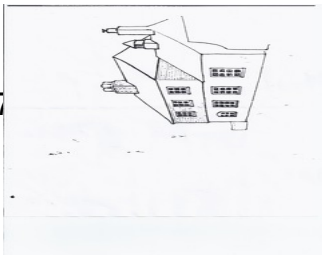
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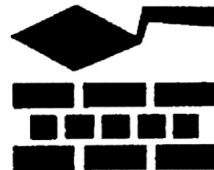


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