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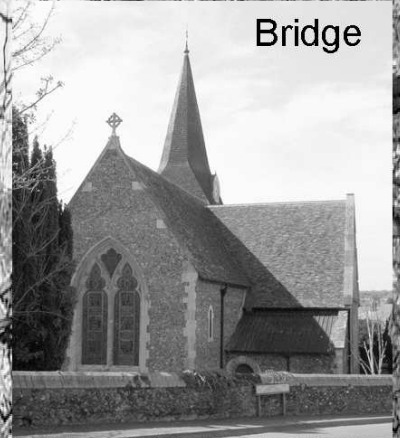
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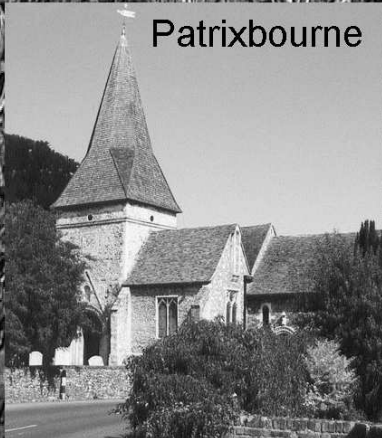
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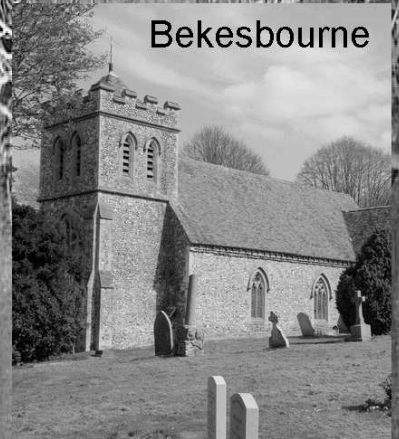
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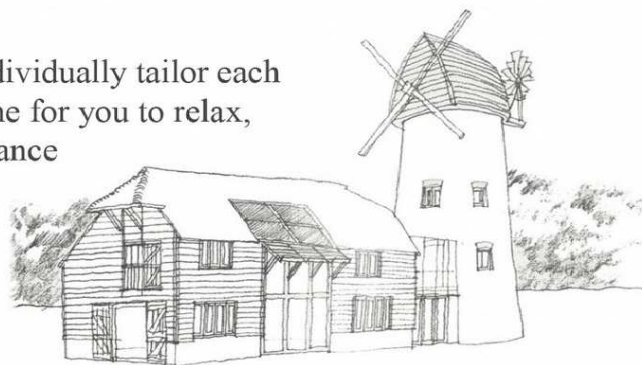
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14th July Trinity 4 Deut 30:9-14; Colossians 1:1- 14; Luke 10:25- 37	9.30am Sung Eucharist	6.00pm Evensong	11am Family Communion	<i>All welcome at the services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
21st July Trinity 5 Genesis 18:1- 10a; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	9.30am Family Service	11.00am Choral Eucharist	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist
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Trinity Sunday finishes off the season we have been in by inviting us to think about and celebrate the unique 'three-in-oneness' of our God. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Since the phrase was first coined by Tertullian in the 3rd Century this core doctrine of the Christian church has been puzzled over by worshippers and theologians alike. And so I wondered as I preached on this at the weekend what makes it so incomprehensible? If I look at my own self I can clearly discern three things about me which define what or who I am – I am wife, mother and minister – and yet there is only one 'me'. The thing about my 'human trinity' is that the three things that I am have to combine together - my marriage, my motherhood and my ministry. They are woven together as the parts of who I am and the way in which I live my life and they have to do so with love and respect for one another. My wifeliness has to combine with my motherhood, my motherhood with my ministry, my ministry with my wifeliness and so on. I call this my 'human trinity' and unlike the Holy Trinity (which is unchanging) my 'human trinity' has changed as I travel through life. But perhaps you have a 'Human Trinity' of your own – three things about you that make you the person you are in the life you live at the present time. Is this a way perhaps to help us understand the 'Holy Trinity'?

We are reminded in John's Gospel that God is love and those who live in love live in God. The thing with love, is that it cannot exist in isolation, so for God to 'be' love, there needs to be interaction - an interaction which the Holy Trinity enables; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit each love and serve the other in a bond of unity, and we are called to do so likewise. I hope by now we have reached a point where we can see that constant division and battling with one another is not a healthy way for us to live in community and that the pursuance of joined up thinking and togetherness bring better prospects for us to thrive as humans (although when you look at the way some of our politicians behave it does make one wonder!).

In our own church community we are working to bring together the organisational, administrative and financial aspects of our life together so that we can work more closely together, share our resources, ensure the future of all of our 5 churches and be a continuing prayerful presence in each of our villages – all so that we can be more effective witnesses to the love of God, expressed and enabled by the Holy Trinity here in our small part of God's world.

Yours in Christ

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Rev. Estella Last, Vicar

Dates for the diary – July 2019

Tuesday 2nd

9:30am - Holy Communion, St
Peter Bridge
3:00pm - Holy Communion,
Bridge Haven
7.30pm - After 8s, 8a
Conyngham Lane

Wednesday 3rd

2-3.30pm - Lower Hardres Community
Café at the John Baker White Hall

Thursday 4th

9am-11am - Little Lambs, Bridge Recreation
Ground Pavillion

Saturday 6th

10.15-11.30am Coffee & Cake & Concert at St Peter's Bridge
7.30pm - Summer Serenade
with Canterbury Singers at St Mary's
Lower Hardres

Monday 8th

7.30pm - Caring and Sharing

Tuesday 9th

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

Wednesday 10th

10:00am - FISH pop-in coffee, Bridge
Village Hall
2-3.30pm - Lower Hardres Community
Café at the John Baker White Hall

Thursday 11th

9am-11am - Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge
Pavillion

Saturday 13th

9am-11am - Bekesbourne Friends Boot Fair at
Bekesbourne Rec.

Tuesday 16th

9:30am - Holy Communion, St
Peter Bridge #

St Peter's Bokesbourne Rogation Walk 2019

Fortunately, the weather forecasters got it wrong again and the sun shone on the 39 adults and 13 or so children who took part in the Bokesbourne Rogation walk on Sunday 26th May. Starting from the church gate and ably lead by Jane Millyard and Nicky Fry we ambled around part of the parish boundary. Brief prayers were said at the commencement of the walk, by the side of the Well Chapel ruins and in the Mount's Farmyard to thank God for our church, the countryside and those who work on it for our benefit to produce the food we eat. Fortunately, the elephants were out as we crossed the Howletts footpath bridge – always a bonus on this walk. A real joy was the barbeque at the end, held in the fabulous garden of Nicky and Martin Fry. Here many home-made delights and produce were enjoyed by those present and generously provided by the Fry's and others as a way of saying 'thank you' to all those who had contributed to the church and its services over the past year. Thank you to all those involved in reviving this ancient tradition and making it so enjoyable.

Pet Service at Bokesbourne Sunday 2nd June.

This is one service I do not have to worry whether my grandson Teddy will want to go to. He was rushing to get his shoes on to get there early to view and admire the assembled menagerie. The highlight for him was an impressive wolfhound which he declared was bigger than him. The service was well led by Zan Clifford with addresses from Peter, Joy and her 3 greyhounds. For the record it is Joy who kindly brings her donkey for the Palm Sunday procession through the village. The congregation of 47 enjoyed five well known hymns and songs all relevant to the subject of God's creation. Dogs won the prize for the most animals in attendance, followed by cats and hamsters. The dogs also were the most adventurous in joining in with the singing. Stuart on violin and Andrew on the organ played a very moving musical interlude which was remarked on by many at the service as a must have again item. Margaret Clark blessed the pets who enjoyed their pet treats donated by Bourne Vets.

The next Songs of Praise at Bokesbourne will celebrate Summer as its subject and this service will be held on 7th July at 10.00am.

Martin Fry

Bokesbourne 100 Club

The winners in the June draw of the 100 club are: Martin and Sheena Gall £100 (special summer prize); Winifred Thomas £50; Jonathan Cowans £25; Edward Cole £15. The draw took place in the sunshine after the pet service at St Peter's church and was witnessed by several of the congregation as they walked home across the Nailbourne bridge. Thank you to all who continue to support the 100 Club which has been running now for over 20 years. It provides much-needed funds for the maintenance of Bokesbourne church

Bekesbourne Explorers

For the past twenty years a small group of walkers has enjoyed a monthly walk in the countryside of East Kent in and around Bridge and district. We call ourselves the *Bekesbourne Explorers* because that is where we are based, but actually at least half the group are residents of Bridge and others come from further afield. It is very informal. There is no charge and it is open to everyone. We are mostly now retired people – ladies and gentlemen. There are usually about fifteen of us and dogs are welcome too. We welcome new members of any age. We meet at Bekesbourne village hall at 9.45am on the first Wednesday of every month excepting August to get directions and share lifts. We walk all over East Kent: in June, for instance, we went to Sarre; in April we went to Sandwich Bay; in May we went to Goodnestone. We try to find walks which are new to us all, but sometimes we explore our local rights of way. If it is raining hard, we retreat to a local cafe. At Christmas we have a post-walk lunch: last year it was at the Elham Vineyard. Our walks are gentle – we choose wide paths to enable plenty of chatting; we avoid stiles and hills; and we stop and wait for anyone who is struggling to keep up. We aim to do about 3.5 miles in a circle. The July walk will be on Wednesday July 3. Destination to be decided. Contact me for details or to ask to be put on the e-mail list. I usually send an e-mail two or three days in advance advising on where we are going. The September walk will be on Wednesday, Sept 4.

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Bekesbourne Meetups

Eleven lovely ladies came and enjoyed a fun creative morning in Bekesbourne Village Hall in June. We painted mugs which are now being glazed and will be delivered back in the next few weeks. When we can find a date we will be running a second workshop making mosaics. This is all part of the Rural Outreach programme for the over 50s; it is grant-aided and is free.

The Meetup scheduled for Wednesday July 10 has been cancelled as the main organisers are all otherwise engaged but we hope to see you at the August Meetup to be held on Wednesday August 21 from 10am to noon as usual.

On Wednesday September 11 the Meetup will be in support of Macmillan Coffee and there will be a cake baking competition. The categories are: Victoria Sponge; Lemon Drizzle; four cupcakes; and or four cheese scones. After the judging we will eat the entries.

In the mean-time BREW continues to meet once a week at the pavilion from 1pm to 3pm on Thursdays and this will continue throughout the summer.

Watch out also for the dates for Pimms and croquet on the Rec to be announced soon.

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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Our **Summer Show** is being held in Bridge Village Hall on **Saturday 20 July** and is open to the public from **11.30 am until 2.00 pm** with the presentation of prizes at 1.45 pm. There is no entry charge. Refreshments will be available throughout the day and there will also be a plant/bring and buy stall and a raffle. Please make a note of the date and come to see and enjoy our hall filled with exhibits of all kinds - flowers, pot plants, vegetables, cookery entries, handicraft items and beautiful floral arrangements, and not forgetting the Chairman's Challenge which this year is a pelargonium.

For those of you who are exhibiting, please note that there is again no entry charge this year. Please submit your entries by Thursday 18 July to the Show Secretary Kathy Walder, 62 High Street, Bridge Tel: 830057/07791 656539 or you can email your entries direct (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.

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Two **photo classes**, the titles for which are "**Entrances**" and "**My Favourite Bloom**". Photos should be unframed, not to exceed 20 x 15 cm/8 inches x 6 inches, not be digitally enhanced and should be produced within the last 12 months and a further one omitted previously, and specially for **flower arrangers**:

"**Still Waters**" an exhibit - space allowed 45 x 45 cm/18x18ins, height unrestricted (accessories allowed).

If anyone requires further information or would like a show schedule please contact the Show Secretary, Kathy Walder (830057/07791 [656539/kath@askwalder.com](mailto:kath@askwalder.com))

Nailbourne Horticultural Society



Summer Show



Saturday 20 July in Bridge Village Hall

Show open to public 11.30 am to 2.00pm, Presentation of Prizes 1.45 pm



Includes 6 Open Classes (for all to enter):

- Any Other Vegetable - not included in any other class
- A Vegetable or Fruit Oddity
- A Vase of Mixed Flowers - anything in flower (Vase supplied)
- Two photo classes - "Entrances" and "My Favourite Bloom"
- for flower arrangers: "Still Waters", an exhibit
space allowed 45x45cm/18x18ins, height unrestricted (accessories allowed)

Refreshments

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For Show Schedule and more details, contact Kathy on
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Bridge with Patribourne Women's Institute

By popular request, **David Tadd** (former head of forensic investigation for the Metropolitan Police) is returning as our guest speaker on **Tuesday 16 July** (7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall). This time David will be giving a talk on the Boxing Day 2004 **Tsunami** when he headed a team which was sent to Thailand to help identify the thousands who lost their lives in its aftermath. As this talk has general appeal, we have decided to open it to everyone who may be interested in hearing and being entertained by what this excellent speaker has to say.

The monthly competition is an interesting item beginning with the letter "S".

Fish Scheme News

The Coffee Pop-In at Bridge Village Hall will be on Wednesday 10th July from 10 to 11.15. The Summer Outing to Belmont House is on Tuesday July 23rd. The Fish phone number for lifts is 07935 966 080.

Lower Hardres News

Kent Churches Ride & Stride 2019 - This major fundraising event for the Churches in Kent is on Saturday, 14th September 2019. Half of the fundraising will go directly to the volunteers Church of choice. Please dust your bikes down and get practicing for this very enjoyable day of Cycling. Striders can also walk a selection of Churches if they wish, and also collect sponsorship. Please contact Ann Nicholls or Margaret Clarke to register.

On July 7th, there will be a Family Holy Communion at 11.00am and on July 21st there will be a Family Service at 09.30am, you are welcome to both.

Finally, tickets are now on sale for Lower Hardres Summer Concert on 6th July. This promises to be an entertaining evening, so do come along and enjoy superb music followed by refreshments.

Have a great Summer.

WI Ascot Race Night

WI Ascot Race Night Event at Lower Hardres village hall for ladies and gentlemen on Wednesday 17th July 7 30 pm. £5 entrance, doors open 7 15 pm. This includes a drink and nibble.

Come along and join the fun. Dress up for ascot optional, or ladies just add a fascinator to your hair! For tickets. Contact Gill Wills on 07547878571 all tickets pre-booked and payed for please our WI meeting are held 3rd Wednesday of the month guests are welcome any month to come along to the Lower Hardres village hall at 7 30 pm

The League of Friends of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital

The AGM and Coffee Morning of the Nailbourne Group was held on Saturday 11 May 2019 at Bridge Village Hall, £166 was raised. Thanks to all who attended, our Nailbourne Group Friends and those who have given donations or supported the group in other ways. Our income in the year ended 31 December 2018 was £4,661. We welcome donations of used stamps and coins, over £194 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 Maggie Fairweather on 01227 830320.

Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC



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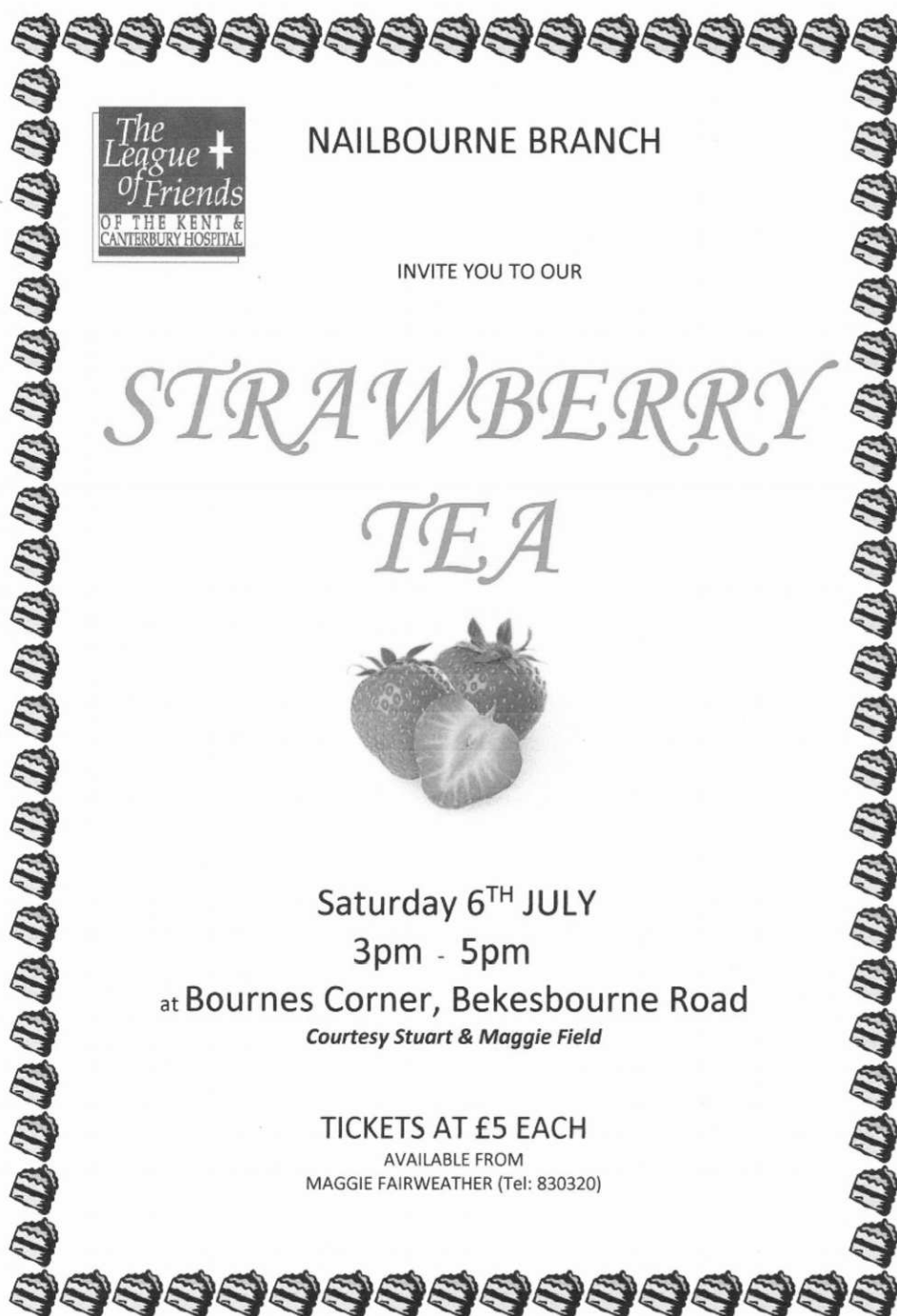
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We recently had an enjoyable Branch Dinner at the Hay Wain, Bramling when the retiring Treasurer and Secretary were presented with thank you mementos by new Branch Chairman, Bob Catt. The retiring Chairman, Ray Tupper was also presented with a gift on a later occasion as he was not well enough to attend. We also recently held a social evening when we welcomed guests from Staple Branch to chat and play darts etc. We need to begin thinking about the Poppy Appeal again. We are looking for more Poppy Collectors to help us as several of our "stalwart" collectors are not able to continue. We also need help with the preparations for the collection - assembling trays and contents and deliver to collectors/shops/pubs etc. If anyone can offer help we would be grateful. Contact the Vice Chairman on 01227 472023. Our next 2 monthly branch meetings will be held on Tuesdays 9th July and 13th August both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm. We welcome prospective new members to our meetings



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Many thanks

The Woodpeckers Team

Future Submissions to On the Nail

If you would like to submit something to On the Nail for publication, please ensure to meet the following submissions criteria:

All submissions for On the Nail should be received by the 15th of the preceding Month at the latest to bridgeoffice23@gmail.com Two A5 versions of any poster must be provided portrait and landscape. Any written content should be in Arial size 10. Attachments should be clearly labelled as to content. Files should be submitted in .doc, .pdf, .pub or .jpg format Content is included at the discretion of the editorial team. Please remember that August/September is a joint issue and so all submissions covering this time period should be submitted by 15th July.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2019



Since Christian Aid Week started 62 years ago times have changed. Where collecting house-to-house was once done by lots of charities, now Christian Aid is the only national organisation that raises money in this way. It's still worthwhile - £8.5 million was raised last year - but it's getting harder for all sorts of reasons. One is that people pay for more with cards and keep less ready cash in the house.

Christian Aid is anticipating that money raised through house-to-house collections will continue to reduce over the coming years and there will be a need to find ingenious solutions to this by exploring a variety of other fund-raising activities.

However, I'm happy to report that in Bridge, Patricxbourne, Bekesbourne and Lower Hardres we have bucked the trend this year! Our house-to-house collection actually increased, raising £2,453.29. Overall our total of £2,586.98 was a little down on last year due to a smaller total of other donations, but this is a fantastic reflection of the generosity of people in our villages in giving to those who are most in need.

A huge thank you to our loyal team of collectors, some new this year, who tramped the streets delivering and collecting envelopes, to the counters of the money and to everyone who donated. Thanks too to Bridge & Patricxbourne Primary School who for the third year running learned about Christian Aid's work and had their own collection.

With the money raised this year Christian Aid will be able to help its partner organisations in Sierra Leone to build more health centres and provide improved maternity services, so that mothers can have babies who will survive and be able to lead healthy lives. Thank you.

Jean Barber



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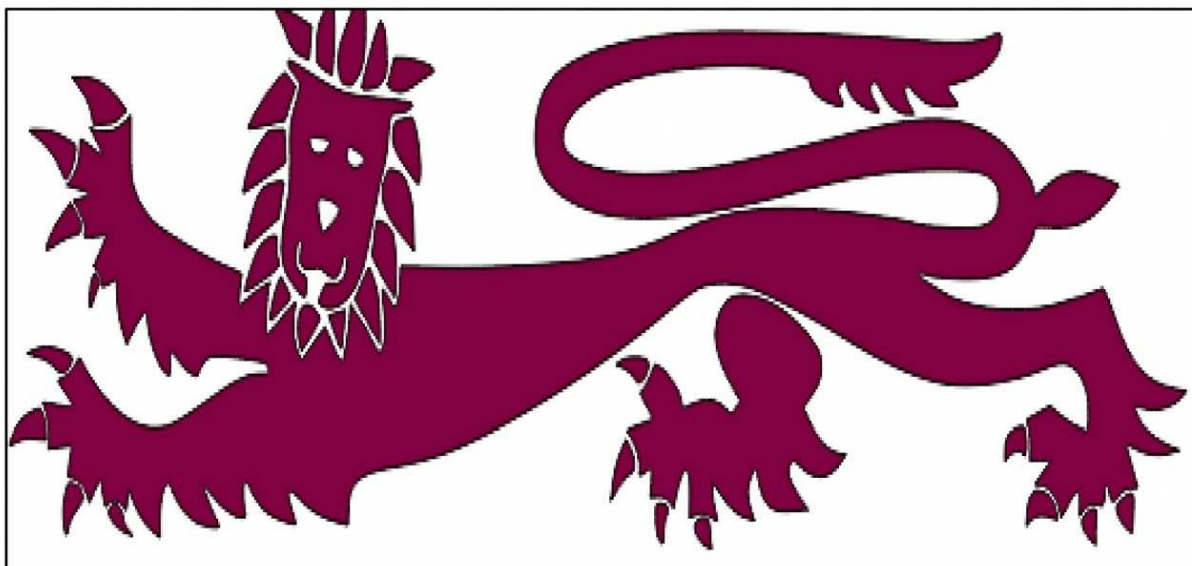


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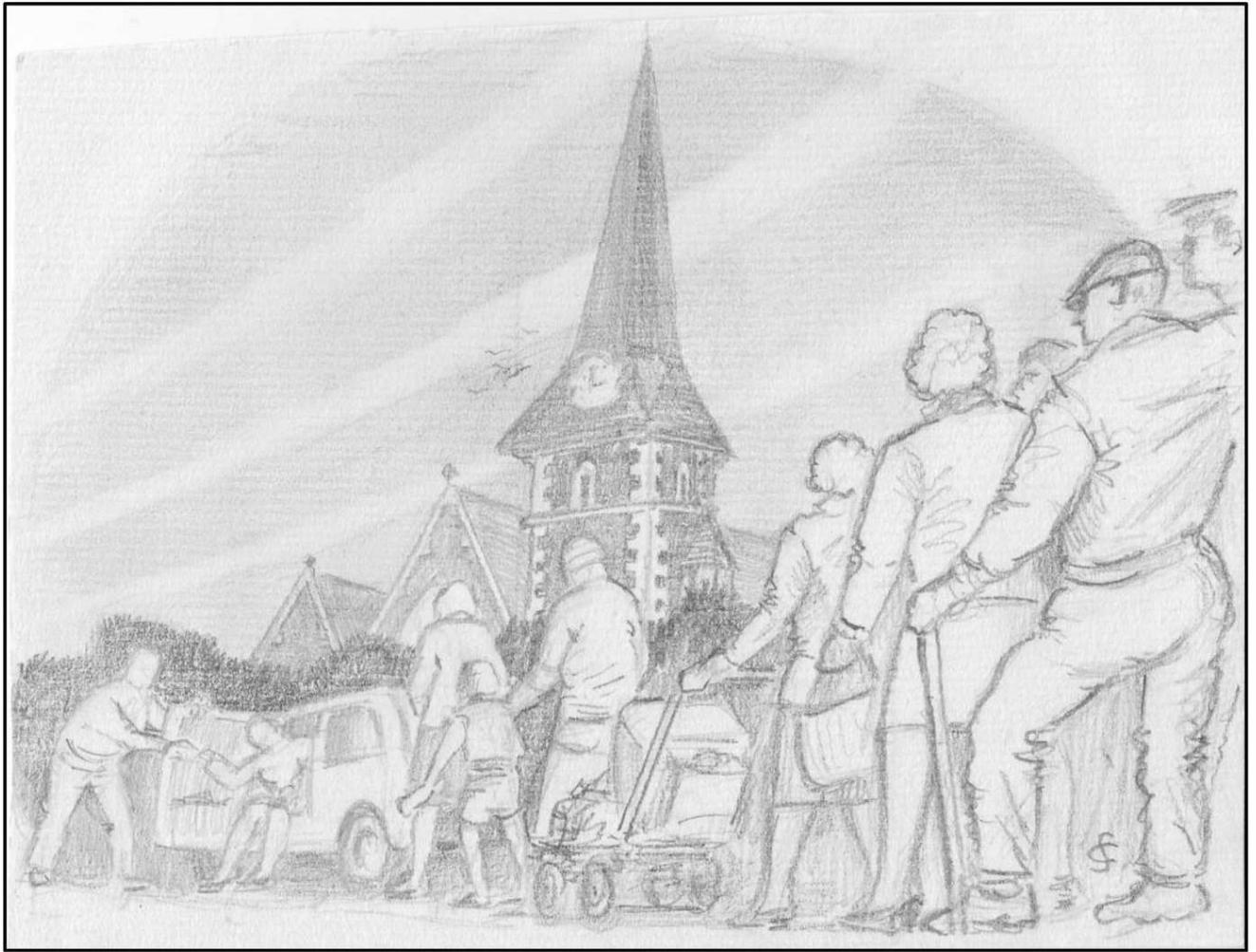
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PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?



Our dear friend Dorothy King has lent me this pencil sketch of people going to Bridge Church. She is hoping to find out who drew it and when. The clues are the initial CS or SC (bottom right) the car looks like a Mini and the pushchair is pre buggy. I've shown it to various people – but it hasn't been recognised. Maybe by being shown in this magazine may produce some suggestions or ideally an answer.

Alan
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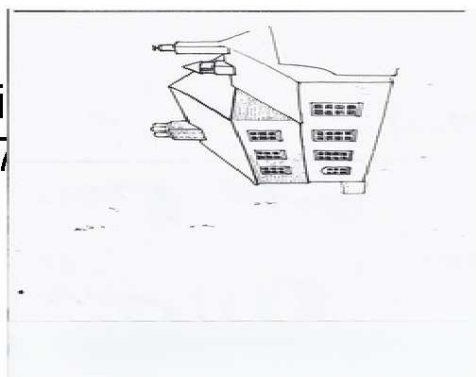


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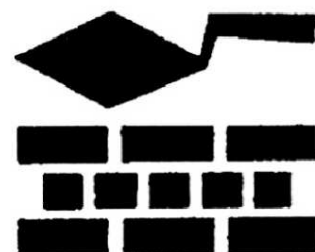
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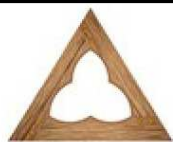
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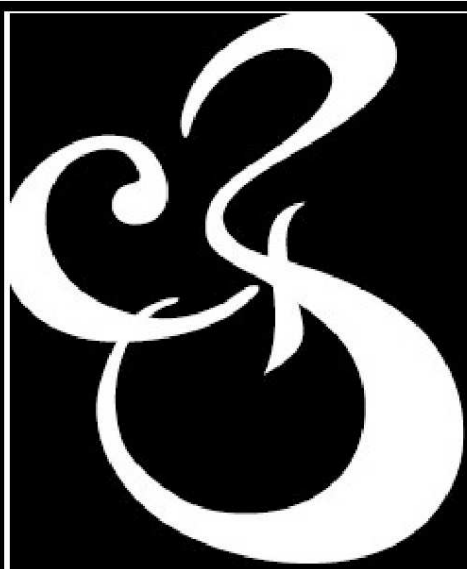
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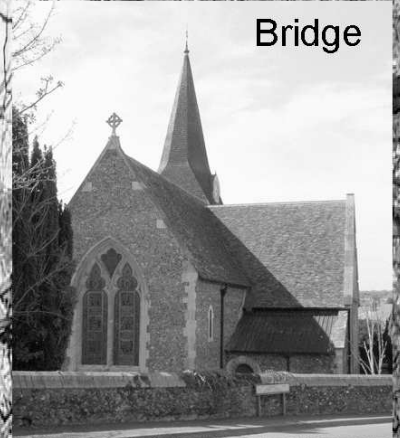
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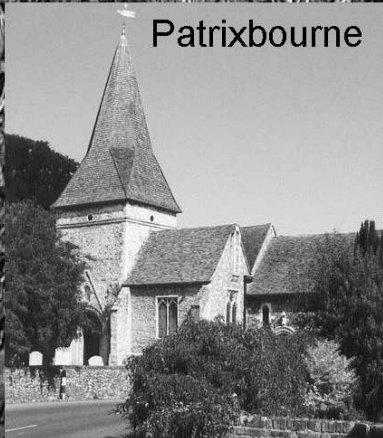
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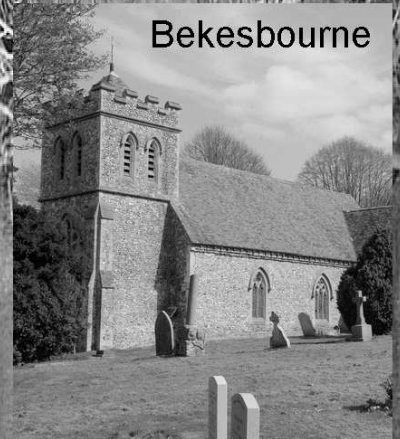
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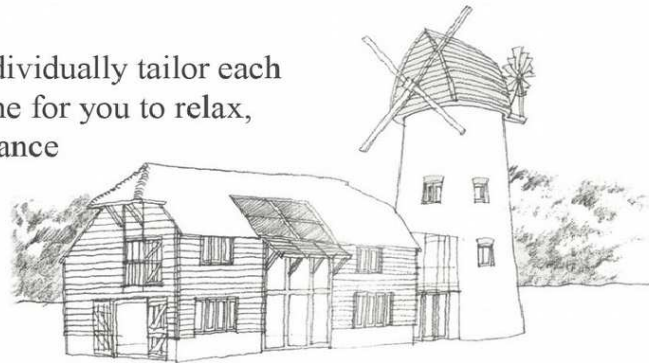
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August 2019	St Mary NACKINGTON	St Mary LOWER HARDRES	St Peter BRIDGE	St Mary PATRIBOURNE	St Peter BEKESBOURNE
Summer Schedule starts here One 10am Eucharist Service in each church over the next five Sundays.					
4th August Trinity 7 Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12: 13-21	<i>All welcome at the Benefice Service</i>			10am Benefice Service Family Communion	<i>All welcome at the Benefice Service</i>
11th August Trinity 8 Genesis 15:1-6; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12: 32-40	10am Benefice Service Family Communion	<i>All welcome at the Benefice Service</i>			
18th August Trinity 9 Jeremiah 23: 23-29; Hebrews 11: 29-12:2; Luke 12: 49-56	<i>All welcome at the Benefice Service</i>				10am Benefice Service Family Communion
25th August Trinity 10 Isaiah 58:9b-14; Hebrews 12: 18-29; Luke 13: 10-17	<i>All welcome at the Benefice Service</i>		10am Benefice Service Family Communion	<i>All welcome at the Benefice Service</i>	
1st September Trinity 11 Proverbs 25:6-7; Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14	<i>All welcome at the Benefice Service</i>	10am Benefice Service Family Communion	<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.

Sept 2019	St Mary NACKINGTON	St Mary LOWER HARDRES	St Peter BRIDGE	St Mary PATRIBOURNE	St Peter BEKESBOURNE
8th Sept (1 st Sunday of the month) Trinity 12 Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	10.00am Songs of Praise with Baptism
15th Sept Trinity 13 Exodus 32: 7-14; 1 Timothy 1:12- 17; Luke 15:1-10	9.30am Sung Eucharist	6.00pm Evensong	11am Family Communion	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	8am BCP Holy Communion
22nd Sept Trinity 14 Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16: 1-13	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	9.30am Family Service	11.00am Choral Eucharist	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist
29th Sept Michael and All Angels / Trinity 15 Readings to be confirmed	10am Benefice Communion Service at St Peter's Church Bridge with Blessing and Dedication of new stained glass window				
New Benefice Service Pattern begins here with regular Holy Communion (Eucharist) Services at 9am and 11am					
6th October Harvest & Eco Church Celebrations	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	11.00am Harvest Family Communion	6.00pm Choral Evensong	9am Harvest Sung Eucharist	10.00am Harvest Songs of Praise

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August 2019

Dear Friends

In the last few weeks of the school term in our Collective Worship sessions ('Assemblies') we have been exploring the concept of 'Community' and more specifically the concept of 'Koinonia' as the Christian fellowship or community of the early church. We shared a wonderful community event with the school at the end of June with the return of the Bridge Village Fete and look forward to sharing in more of these in the years to come!

All of this got me thinking about all the wonderful community activities we have going on in our own villages throughout the week. Just last week there was the monthly FISH scheme pop in coffee morning at Bridge, the monthly Wednesday coffee morning in Bekesbourne Village Hall, the regular weekly BREW session on Bekesbourne Rec (every Thursday afternoon) and the new 'Tea and Talk' session at Lower Hardres Village Hall (every Wednesday)! Coupled with which we have a number of delightful tea rooms in our villages where we can meet together with friends and enjoy food and friendship (congratulations to Tulip Tearooms* in Bridge which just celebrated its first anniversary!) If tea and cake isn't your thing we have some great pubs too and we are very much looking forward to Patrixbourne and Bridge's summer event at the Red Lion* which is taking place on the afternoon of 31st August – do join us if you can!

In our Churches we regularly host events (in addition to services to which everyone is always welcome) which we hope appeal to the wider community. July saw the ever popular Saturday morning Coffee Cake and Concert at Bridge presenting some wonderful performances from the talented students of the Langton Boys school and Lower Hardres hosting a splendid evening of music from the Canterbury Singers followed by wine and delicious canapes which were enjoyed by all.

I'm often asked by people who are lonely or perhaps new to the village, how they can get out and meet people, and my answer very often is 'maybe try coming to church' (well I am the Vicar!) Our churches are wonderful communities of local people who care about one another and about the community in which they live. They are people who know all about the groups, clubs and social interest groups and are only too willing to welcome newcomers and take them along to other events and activities that they are involved in.

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Our August service pattern is easy to follow, just one 10am service each week at one of our 5 churches each week and the services all include communion (which is of course optional) and coffee and biscuits afterwards (also optional!) but are designed to be welcoming to everyone even if you haven't been to church much, recently or ever! Singing familiar hymns together is a great way to build community and there are few places nowadays where we can get together to sing together as we do in church. Worship and prayer form the foundation of all that we do as they have done throughout the centuries our church buildings have stood and we hope will do for many centuries to come. We are however, always looking for new ways to help our church buildings be assets to our local community so please do get in touch if you have any ideas.

Yours in Christ

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Rev. Estella Last, Vicar

*please note in the interests of impartiality other Tea Rooms and Pubs are available!

Dates for the diary – August 2019

Tuesday 6th

9:30am	-	Holy Communion, St Peter
Bridge		
3:00pm	-	Holy Communion, Bridge
Haven		

Wednesday 7th

2-3.30pm	-	Lower Hardres Community Café at
the John Baker White Hall		

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		
2-3.30pm	-	Lower Hardres Community Café at
the John Baker White Hall		

Tuesday 20th

9:30am	-	Holy Communion, St Peter
Bridge		
3:00pm	-	Holy Communion, Saxon
Lodge		

Wednesday 21st

3:00pm	-	Hymns at Bridge Haven #
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Dates for the diary – September 2019

Tuesday 3rd

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter
Bridge
3:00pm - Holy Communion, Bridge
Haven
7.30pm - After 8s at Mansfield Court

Wednesday 4th

2-3.30pm - Lower Hardres Community Café at
the John Baker White Hall

Thursday 5th

9.00am-11.00am Little Lambs Toddler Group Returns

Monday 9th

7.30pm - Caring and 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
2-3.30pm - Lower Hardres Community Café at
the John Baker White Hall

Thursday 12th

9.00am-11.00am Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion

Tuesday 17th

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter
Bridge
3:00pm - Holy Communion, Saxon
Lodge
7.30pm - After 8s, Mansfield Court

Wednesday 18th

3:00pm - Hymns at Bridge Haven
2-3.30pm - Lower Hardres Community Café at
the John Baker White Hall

Thursday 19th

9.00am-11.00am Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion

Monday 23rd

News from Lower Hardres

There will be not services at Lower Hardres during August, but please attend the Benefice Services during this month. Our Benefice Service is on the 1st September, at 10.00am.

An early mention of the Harvest Supper, which will be on Friday October 4th, and Harvest Lunch on Sunday 6th.

Bridge & District History Society

The first meeting of the new season will be on Thursday September 19th at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. Mary Smith, former Head Teacher of Maidstone Grammar School for Girls, will give an illustrated talk entitled "A Schoolgirl's War", describing the impact of the Second World War on those at the school. The talk will be preceded by a short Annual General Meeting. Members £4.00 non-members £5.00 to include refreshments.

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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Following on from our Summer Show, we take a short break in August before our next scheduled evening meeting on **Tuesday 10 September** when former Chairman of the Society, **Raj Dasan**, is to give an illustrated talk on “**Spices**”. I am sure that our senses will be called into play in, what I am sure, will be a most fascinating and entertaining talk. As usual it will be in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 pm. All are welcome and there will be a small charge to include refreshments.

National Vegetable Society - Kent Association

The Society has a busy calendar of events for August and September, On **Wednesday 14 August**, **Barry Newman**, Fellow of the National Vegetable Society and expert grower, will be giving a talk entitled “**A Year in the Allotment**”, one not to be missed if you are a keen vegetable grower. This is followed by the Society’s **Annual Show** which will be held on **Saturday 7th** (2.00 – 4.00 pm) and **Sunday 8th September** (10.00 am to 4.00 pm) in **Wingham Village Hall**, School Lane, Wingham CT3 1BD. As well as the exhibits to admire there will be a tombola and produce stall, with refreshments available all day. Entry is free but donations to Kent Air Ambulance welcome. Close on the heels of the Show, there is the regular monthly meeting on **Wednesday 10 September** when the speaker is **Dr Nikki Gammon** who will be giving a talk on “**The Amazing Bumblebee**”. Dr Gammon from the Bumblebee Trust was involved in a project to re-introduce the short-haired bumblebee to Dungeness. The evening talks are at 7.30 for an 8.00 pm start in Bridge Village Hall and everyone is welcome. There is no entry charge.

Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

Although there is no organised evening meeting in August, the WI will be hosting a Coffee Morning for residents, guests and visitors at **Bridge Haven** on **Wednesday 21 August** from 10.30 until 12.00 noon. There may also be a gentle stroll for coffee at “Tadpoles” in Bishopsbourne one morning in August. Watch out for further details. Moving on into September, the regular evening meeting will be on **Tuesday 17 September** when the guest speaker is **Suzanne Kynaston** who will be giving a talk on the “**Conservation Work of the Wildwood Trust**”. As usual, the meeting will be held in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 pm and visitors are, of course, always welcome. The monthly competition is an interesting item beginning with the letter “T”.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society



Spices

a talk by

Raj Dasan

Tuesday 10 September

7.30 pm

Bridge Village Hall

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WOMENSWOLD GARDEN SAFARI, 3 JULY

Thank you to everybody who came to the gardens which were open in Womenswold. The weather was wonderful and everyone enjoyed wandering around the gardens, having cake & drinks and visiting the Church.

A perfect summers day!

We raised a total of £282 toward the heating of St Margaret's Church.

Future Submissions to On the Nail

If you would like to submit something to On the Nail for publication, please ensure to meet the following submissions criteria:

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Files should be submitted in .doc, .pdf, .pub or .jpg format

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Please remember that August/September is a joint issue and so all submissions covering this time period should be submitted by 15th July.

Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

Our July monthly meeting was smaller than usual due to health problems amongst some of our members, in particular our former Branch Chairman and his wife - Ray and Beryl Tupper - and we wish them well. As mentioned last month, we are looking to recruit some new Poppy Appeal house to house collectors for the coming Poppy Appeal in November. We will need help in most of our villages which we cover including Stodmarsh, Wickhambreaux, Adisham, Bekesbourne and Littlebourne. Anyone who may be able to help can ring the Vice Chairman on 01227 472023. Our next 2 monthly branch meetings will be held on Tuesdays 13th August and 10th September both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm. We always welcome prospective new members to our meetings.

New Stained Glass Window for Bridge Church

Exciting news for St Peter's Bridge. After a long period of planning, drafting and seeking appropriate permissions by the PCC and Churchwardens we are pleased to be able to share the following announcement with you.

"Between August 13 and 15 the Cathedral Studios will be replacing the Victorian clear glass west window (cinquefoil above two lancets) in the north aisle with a spectacular stained glass window. This has been designed and made by skilled artist Grace Ayson in the Studios over the last year, the idea for the replacement having been conceived 2 years ago. The window has been presented by me and my wife Elizabeth (who sadly died last November) in memory of our baby son Tom who died on 29 March 1974 (unexplained cot death) when exactly 100 days old. The window will have some 60 features in it relating to village scenes and local bridges, trains, railway tickets, cars, lorries and magnificent flora and fauna, as well as members of my family. It will include portrayals of Robert Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury who confirmed me; my 8-greats grandfather who was an Archbishop of York and his wife, four of whose five children died as infants; and Archdeacon Jo. It features a marvellous rainbow with its reflections on the Nailbourne and has in its design an eternal heavenly element portrayed by a dove and a cross from which shine out rays of light over the many features below. I hope when you see it that you may agree it surpasses David Hockney's Queen's Window in Westminster Abbey! Michael Stewart July 2019"

At the end of August there will be an event at which the detail of the window will be presented and a booklet will thereafter be available explaining the provenance of each of the images it depicts. There will be a service to formally dedicate the window at **10am on Sunday 29th September** all are welcome to join us for the special service and mark this wonderful historic addition to our ancient church building.

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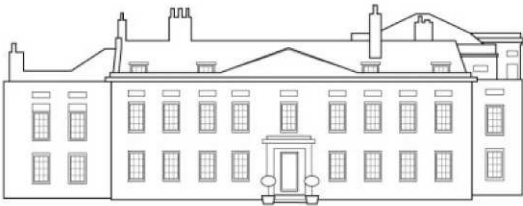
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There is a yellow food bank collection point inside St Peter's Church, Bridge and the amount deposited there has increased week on week in the past 18 months. This is much appreciated.

At the beginning of my journey with the Food Bank Distribution Café I wrote about the items that are included in the Adult 1, Adult 2 and Children (2-16) parcels which are given out on production of a Food Bank Voucher for the appropriate number in a family, or a couple, or a singleton.

There is also a Bonus Table which includes, toilet rolls, toiletries, cleaning materials, pet food, baby food and nappies, larder clear outs (interesting mix), excess baked beans, soup, pasta and rice, sweet treats.

Having received their basic pack(s) they are invited to take whatever they can carry from the Bonus Table. A basic pack is based on feeding one person for 3 days in an emergency. The items from the Bonus table are there to boost this as well as to provide toiletries and cleaning materials, which are usually at the bottom of their budgets when faced with a financial dilemma.

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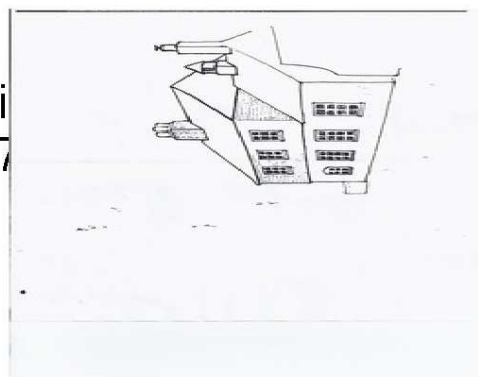


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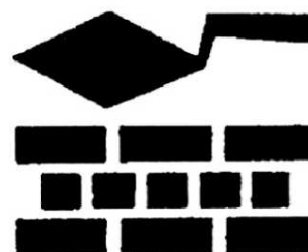
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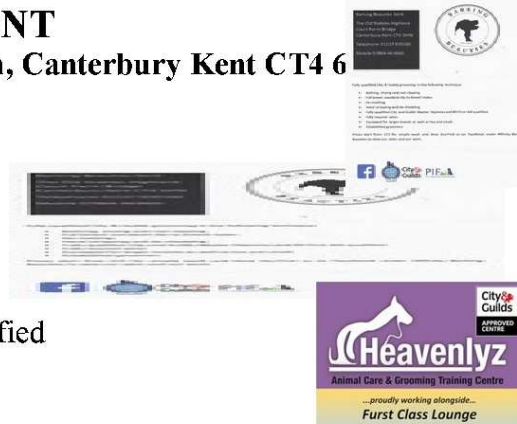
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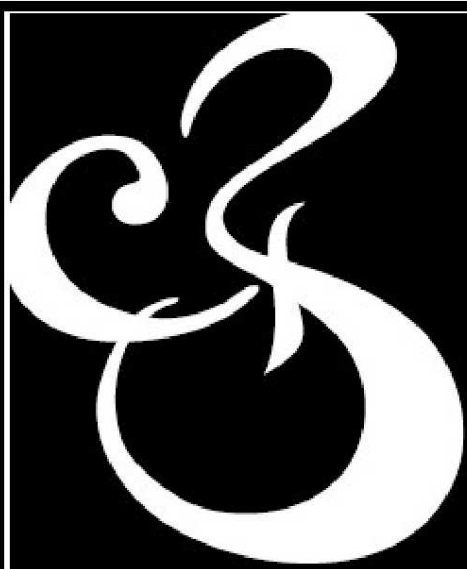
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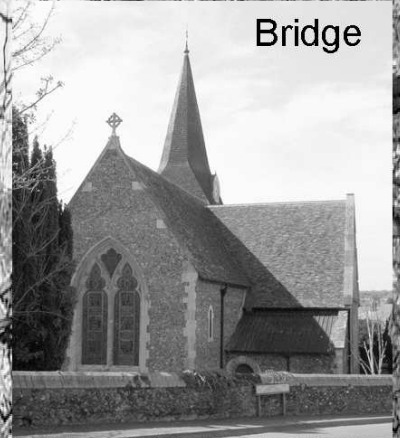
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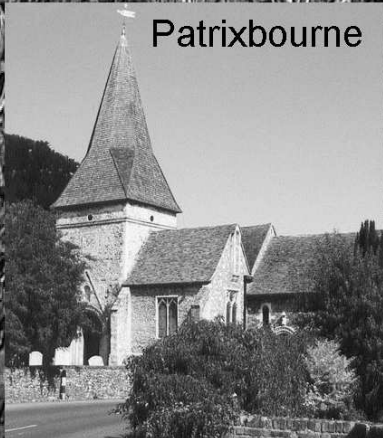
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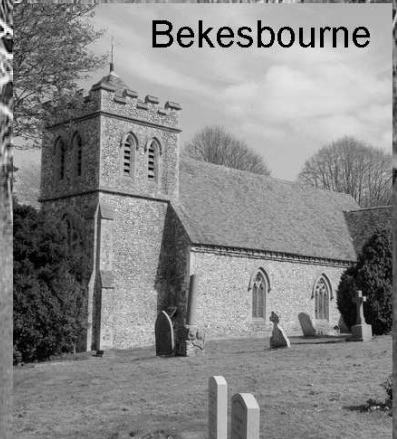
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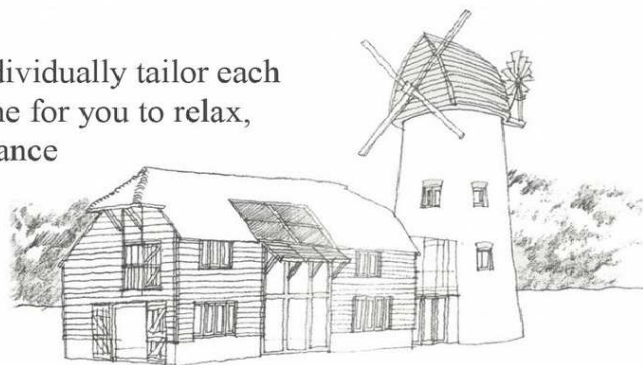
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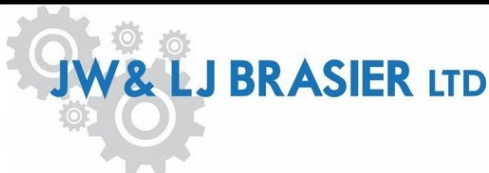
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13 October 2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15c; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17: 11-19	9am BCP Said Eucharist (Traditional)	<i>All welcome at other services in the Benefice</i>	11am Family Communion (Contemporary)	<i>All welcome at other service in the Benefice</i>	
Saturday 19 October	Messy Church 4-6pm at Bridge and Patrixbourne CEP				
20 October Genesis 32:22-31; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18: 1-8	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	9.30am Family Service	11.00am Communion with Choir (Traditional)	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	9.30am Communion Service (Contemporary)
27 October Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-end; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 9-14	9am Sung Eucharist (Traditional)	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	11am Community Worship (Contemporary)	9.30am Matins (Traditional)	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>
3 November All Saints Daniel 7:1-3,15-18; Ephesians 1:11-end; Luke 6:20-31 All Souls 2 Kings 20; Philippians 4:2-end 4th Sunday before Advent Isaiah 1:10-18; 2 Thessalonians 1; Luke 19: 1-10	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	11am Family Communion (Contemporary)	6.00pm All Souls Evensong	9am Sung Eucharist (Traditional)	10.00am Songs of Praise

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



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October 2019

Dear Friends

'If nothing ever changed there would be no butterflies' a quote from the front of a notebook I owned when I began my training for ministry in 2011. It might sound trite, but it helped me then and still helps me now when something looks as though it's going to change in a significant way. We might say glibly 'nobody likes change' and perhaps we don't but, as we go through life, the changes we encounter are what contribute to its richness.

One of the things we have been discussing recently throughout the Benefice is how we might simplify the pattern of services that take place each month in each of the churches in our Benefice. We recognise the limiting factor of having only one Vicar (where at one time there would have been several of us serving these 5 churches) and yet we still want to keep something of the variety of worshipping traditions alive in our church life together.

As a result of this, from this month we are trialling a new pattern of services (as you will see from the service grid over the page). The aim is that on every Sunday there will be the opportunity for both 'traditional / formal' worship (usually at 9am) and 'modern, family friendly' worship (usually at 11am) in one of the 5 churches led by the Vicar. The biggest change that this brings is the encouragement to choose your service not based on its location but based on your own preference as a worshipper. If you live in Lower Hardres but like traditional style worship, for example, then perhaps try the 9am service at Nackington or Patrixbourne. If you live in Patrixbourne but prefer more lively worship then perhaps try the 11am Family Communion Service at Bridge. The change mostly only affects those services which have communion in them – our non-eucharistic services led by Margaret, Bev and the Songs of Praise team remain largely unchanged. We'll review this again in a few months' time and see how the new pattern is working but do feel free to contact me with any feedback once you have given it a go.

They also say 'you can't please everyone all of the time' but I pray that our work and worship together will always be pleasing to God.

Yours in Christ

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Rev. Estella Last, Vicar

Dates for the diary – October 2019

Tuesday 1st

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter
Bridge
3:00pm - Holy Communion, Bridge
Haven
7.30pm - After 8s at Mansfield Court

Wednesday 2nd

Bridge School Harvest Festival Services

Thursday 3rd

9.00am - 11.00am Little Lambs
Toddler Group

Sunday 6th

12.30pm - Benefice Harvest Lunch, Lower
Hardres Village Hall

Monday 7th

7.30pm - Caring and Sharing

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
2-3.30pm - Lower Hardres Community Café at
the John Baker White Hall

Thursday 10th

9.00am-11.00am Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavillion

Sunday 13th

3pm - Snowdown#

Thursday 17th

9.00am-11.00am Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavillion

Monday 21st

7.30pm - Caring and Sharing

Tuesday 22nd9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter
Bridge**Wednesday 23rd**2-3.30pm - Lower Hardres Community Café at
the John Baker White Hall**Tuesday 29th**9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter
Bridge**Thursday 31st**

9.00am-11.00am Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavillion

Autumn Auction of Promises - Bekesbourne

We are looking for donations of items or promises for our Auction on 26th October at 7:30 in Bekesbourne Village Hall.

If you have any items you would like to donate to us to auction or possess any skills or services (bake a cake, paint a picture, few hours gardening, computer lessons), you could offer please contact Graham Duplock 01227 830271 or Christine Dutfield 01227 830828.

Bekesbourne Harvest Songs of Praise

The Songs of Praise Service in Bekesbourne on 6th October is a celebration of Harvest Festival. Gifts will be given to the Womens Refuge. Will you kindly bring the following to the service or give to Pat Kusel prior to the service: Cereals, Tins of food (NOT baked beans please) Long life milk, Toiletries, Children's clothing, Adult women's clothing. Bedding or nappies are NOT required this year - thank you.

Please bring to Pat Kusel's or Bekesbourne harvest festival.

Fish scheme news

The October Coffee Pop-In in Bridge village hall will be on Wednesday 9th from 10 to 11.15. The annual general meeting of the Fish Scheme will be during the November Pop-In. Many thanks to everyone who supported the Macmillan appeal. You raised #

News from Lower Hardres

Harvest Communion Service at Lower Hardres.

This will take place on Sunday October 6th at 11am. Please bring gifts for Age Concern. The theme for our Harvest Celebrations this year is 'Caring for our World'. Children of all ages are invited to design a poster about an area of environmental concern or something they would like to encourage us to do to help the environment. They can be brought to Church on the Sunday and will be used in the service.

Benefice Harvest Lunch

This will follow the Harvest Service on Sunday October 6th at 12.30pm, at J.B.W. Hall. Price - 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. For tickets, please ring Evelyn on 830960 or Margaret on 765598.

October Services

Please note we have the 11.00am Family Communion on the 6th October and the Family Service on the 20th.

News from Woodpeckers

Woodpeckers are back after a restful summer break and would like to wish all of the children that left to go to 'Big School' good luck for the Autumn term. We are continuing to fundraise towards our lease renewal and have £1000 left to reach our total. Thank you again to all of the local villagers that have helped with donations and advise to help us get this far. If anyone is still able to help with donations towards the fees to secure our lease please email woodpeckerscommitte@gmail.com or call 01227 831159.

Woodpeckers Nursery are also looking for local businesses that may be interested in becoming our sponsor. For more information on this please email woodpeckerscommittee@gmail.com.

The summer has also brought some more good news, we have been awarded our grant to furnish our two-year-old room and will soon be able to take children for a full day from the age of 2 rather than 3. We also have some availability for 3 & 4- year olds. If you are interested in one of these places please contact Michelle at the nursery on 01227 831159 or info@woodpeckersnursery.co.uk to book a visit to look around.

The Woodpeckers Committee.

It has been a revelation how close to the truth the film 'I, Daniel Blake' directed by Ken Loach is. The problems depicted in the film are happening right now in our area. The situation that people without computer skills discover that they need just to access Universal Credit, was also featured on Radio 4 at the beginning of September.

I had not realised until recently the problems some of our clients actually experience with some of the food we give them in the bags. A couple of weeks ago, I had to go through the regular Adult bag with one client who was unable to process various foods that it contained. For example, he wanted to accept and eat the tinned steak pie in pastry, but as he did not have an oven, it was no use to him. Another lady handed back the tinned chicken pie in pastry as she couldn't afford the electricity to cook it with.

Not only is it an embarrassment for some folk to physically come through the door to seek assistance, but then to have to give items back because they cannot afford to cook them compounds the situation.

To this end I send out a plea for tinned foods that can either be eaten straight from the tin (eg corned beef, luncheon meat, tuna, fruit, rice pudding) or can be heated up simply without an oven.

As I write this, I have just produced the Rota for the final 3 months of the year for our volunteers at All Saints and we shall be open on Tuesdays 24th and 31st December. I have asked some volunteers to increase their allotted time with us to help at this busy time. Last year I volunteered for the last Friday before Christmas at the St Dunstan's Food Bank – our own being closed because it fell on Christmas Day and again on New Year's Day. Apart from the sheer volume of clients, what I also remember were the amount of Christmas puddings we had, but no custard or tinned creams to go with them!

If you are thinking of donating for the Christmas period then you might like to bear this in mind. My final pre-Christmas pick up will be on Monday 2nd December. I take all the St Peter's items to the All Saints Café on the Tuesday and then in turn they are delivered to the Warehouse in Whitstable for checking and sorting and then distributed by van to all the Food Bank Centres in our area.

I came across this very apt quotation by Sir Winston Churchill recently: '*We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give*'.

Our grateful thanks again for all your donations in the yellow bin at St Peter's Church. It is very much appreciated.

Food for Thought

Nailbourne Horticultural Society



History of Brogdale Fruits with tastings

Tuesday 22 October
7.30 pm
Bridge Village Hall

All welcome
Small Charge to include Refreshments

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

A little later in the month than normal, on **Tuesday 22 October** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, a representative from Brogdale will be giving a talk – with tastings - on the “**History of Brogdale Fruits**”. Everyone is welcome and there will be a small charge to include refreshments.

National Vegetable Society - Kent Association

For the final evening talk in this year’s programme, **Paolo Arrigo**, director of **Franchi Seeds**, is making a return visit to the Society on **Wednesday 9 October**. Franchi Seeds is a business which has been in the same family since 1783, and is a producer of rare and heirloom vegetable seeds with provenance. On this occasion, Paolo will be talking about **Preserving Food, Passata and Endangered Heritage Varieties**. Seeds available at discounted prices.

Bridge Village Hall will be open from 7.30 for an 8.00 pm start and everyone is welcome. There is no entry charge.

Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

On **Tuesday 15 October** at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, **Melanie Gibson-Barton** is the guest speaker and her talk is entitled “**And So To Ted**”. Melanie has invited members to bring along their own teddy bears. Guests and visitors will be made most welcome.

The monthly competition is an interesting item beginning with the letter “U”.

Submissions to On the Nail

If you would like to submit something to On the Nail for publication, please ensure to meet the following submissions criteria:

All submissions for On the Nail should be received by the 15th of the preceding Month at the **latest** to bridgeoffice23@gmail.com

Two A5 versions of any poster must be provided portrait and landscape.

Any written content should be in Arial size 10.

Attachments should be clearly labelled as to content.

Files should be submitted in .doc, .pdf, .pub or .jpg format

Content is included at the discretion of the editorial team.

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church



Autumn Auction of Promises



Bekesbourne Village Hall

7:30 pm

Saturday 26th October

£8 a ticket to include catalogue,
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Did you know that each church in our Benefice has made a commitment to become an 'Eco-Church'? This means making every effort to protect our environment by such means as re-cycling and re-using, swapping to low-energy light bulbs, investing ethically and buying Fairtrade etc.

At Bridge for the past 10 or more years we have had a certificate above the kitchen area stating that we are a FAIRTRADE CHURCH. We committed ourselves then to using only Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar when we serve refreshments after services and at church events. We strongly believe that by doing so we are supporting farmers and producers in poorer parts of the world to provide for their families. Fairtrade gives these producers an extra premium to invest in community projects such as health and education and so improve their lives.

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Fairtrade goods are becoming more widely available in shops and supermarkets than ever before. Waitrose has pledged 100 per cent of the cocoa used in their own brand confectionary will be Fairtrade by the end of the year, which will be a real boost

It is always nice to receive a donation of tea and coffee at church and thank you to those who do this from time to time. By making sure your donations are Fairtrade you will be helping us to maintain our commitment, as well as giving support to those who produce what we enjoy.

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Dear Friends of Bridge School,

As we welcome the children back from their summer break I find it difficult to believe that it has already been a year since I started working at Bridge & Patricbourne CEP School. The village community have been so welcoming and supportive of the school and I truly believe that the children who attend our school are fortunate indeed to have such support.

We have just welcomed 60 new children and 25 new families into our school as part of our new intake of Reception Year children. As these children start their educational journey with us I'm very pleased to see so many smiling faces (not just their parents!) eager to learn and experience school for the very first time.

One of the successes I feel that we have enjoyed over the past year has been our improving links and relationship with the church and I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to Rev. Estella Last for her positivity throughout the past year in supporting our school as a welcoming and nurturing community which promotes creativity, excellence and resilience whilst also providing opportunities for everyone to flourish and grow within the love of God.

Rev. Estella, Mrs Perfect and I have been leading a piece of work in the school on reviewing the Christian Values that the school promotes. After discussion with pupils, parents and staff, we have come up with the five values of compassion, generosity, trust, forgiveness and service. The children will be learning more about these as the year progresses.

Over the course of the year, we have attended a number of services with the children and we've also been very pleased with the level of parental attendance at these.

Messy Church has also been a runaway success; indeed, more successful than any of us could have imagined! This starts up again on Saturday 21st September and we hope that this success will continue.

I do believe that our greatest joint venture of the past year has to be the triumphant return of the Bridge Village Fete. This collaborative event between the school and the church was a resounding success and I was so pleased with the level of support we received from the community (including some who had no direct affiliation with the school or church!) further cementing the community feel of this event.

In gratitude and with kindest regards,

James Tibbles

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At One of the following services in our Benefice on:

Sunday 6th October

9.00am St Mary's Patrixbourne (Donations for The Food Bank)

10.00am St Peter's Bekesbourne (Donations for Women's Refuge)

11.00am St Mary's Lower Hardres (Donations for Age UK)

6.00pm St Peter's Bridge (Donations for The food Bank can also be brought to the Harvest Themed Evensong)

There is also a Benefice Harvest Lunch at 12.30pm on the same day at Lower Hardres Village Hall. Contact Margaret 765598/
Evelyn 830960 for more details





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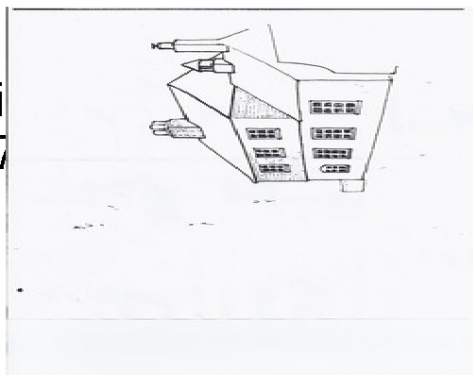


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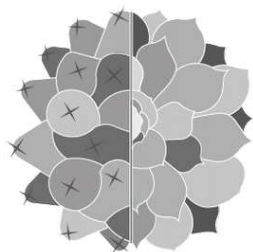


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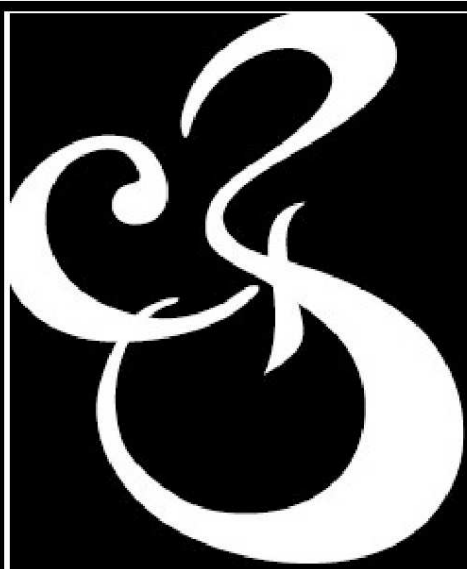
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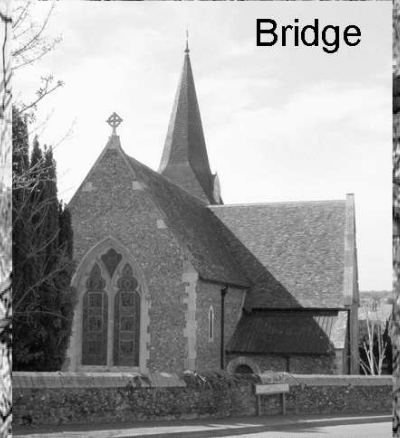
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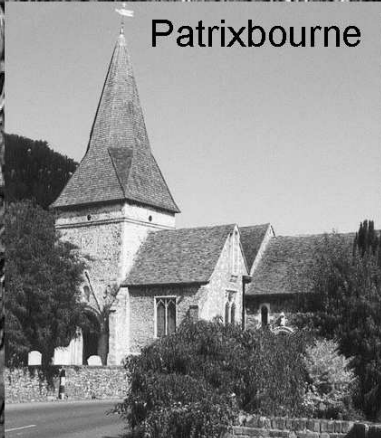
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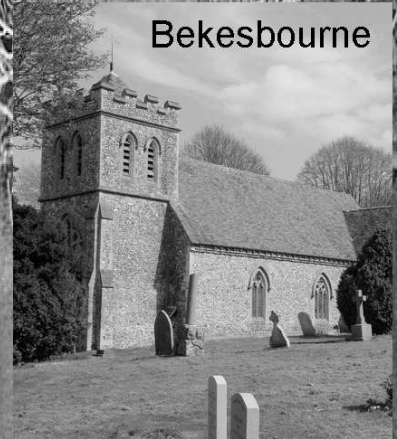
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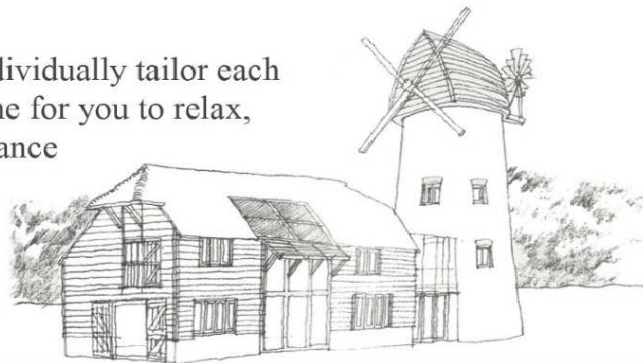
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3 November All Saints (01/11) Daniel 7:1-3,15-18; Ephesians 1:11-end Luke 6:20-31 All Souls (02/11) Wisdom 3:1-9; John 6:37-40	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	11am Family Communion All Saints (Contemporary)	6.00pm All Souls Evensong	9am Sung Eucharist All Saints (Traditional)	10.00am Songs of Praise All Saints
10 November The Third Sunday before Advent Remembrance Romans 8:31-39; John 15:9-17	9.30am Morning Prayer & Wreath Laying	10.50 Remembrance Service at Lower Hardres War Memorial	10.50 Service of Remembrance 11am Communion Service	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	
11 November				10.50am Act of Remembrance	10.50am Act of Remembrance
Saturday 16th November	Messy Church 4-6pm Bridge and Patribourne CEP				
17 November The Second Sunday before Advent Malachi 4:1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21: 5-19	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	9.30am Family Service	11.00am Communion with choir (Traditional)	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	9.30am Communion Service (Contemporary)
24 November Christ the King / The Sunday next before Advent Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23: 33-43	9am Sung Eucharist (Traditional)	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	11.00am Community Worship (Contemporary)	9.30am Matins (BCP) (Traditional)	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>
1 December Advent Sunday Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13: 11-14; Matthew 24: 36-44	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	11.00am Family Communion (Contemporary)	6.00pm Evensong	9am Sung Eucharist (Traditional)	10.00am Songs of Praise



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November 2019

Dear Friends

As I write this the darkness of winter has begun to draw in, the days seem short and increasingly a bit grey and we have had lots of rain! In spite of this though we have enjoyed some wonderful entertainments in and/or for the benefit our churches recently; a barn dance at Bekesbourne, The Snowdown Colliery choir at Patrixbourne, Harvest Supper and Lunch at Lower Hardres and the highly creative Narropera at Nackington. One of the recent highlights in the life of the Church of St Peter's in Bridge has been the installation and dedication of a new stained glass window in the West End of the Church. It was a joy to welcome the Archbishop of Canterbury to a special service at which the window was dedicated to the memory of Tom Stewart who died as a result of cot death in 1974. The window itself is a representation of the journey of a life of faith, lived out in spite of personal tragedy, and a powerful reminder that we can honour those we have loved and lost, even in tragic circumstances, not by trying to keep them alive but by naming and acknowledging their death and making the most of life and the living.

This is helpful as we enter the 'season of Remembrance' beginning with All Saints and All Souls at the beginning of November and continuing with Remembrance Day (11th) and our Church commemorations which will take place on Sunday 10th. We remember those who gave their lives in war, not for the purpose of glorifying war, not for the purpose of seeking to hold on to the lives that were lost, because we cannot bring them back, but to ensure that we commemorate the preciousness of all life and value every moment of the gift of life that we have been given. Tragedy cannot be the thing that defines our existence as humans, death cannot be the thing that defines our existence as humans, even as the battle between good and evil rages around us, the pursuit of life for the sake of living must be the thing that leads us and drives us forward. The Archbishop reflected with us in Bridge Church that when the times of brokenness, those 'potholes in the road of life' assuage us God is present even if in the moment we cannot see it. That's when we need other Christians around us, holding us in prayer and bringing God into the room. This is what remembrance is for - shining light into the darkness, reminding us that there is always hope.

At the end of November we will turn our faces towards the season of Advent – beginning on Sunday 1st December when we will prepare for and look towards the most glorious celebration, the birth of Christ, the arrival of God's light in our world. We have included our diary dates for the whole of December in this edition of the magazine so that you can plan which of our Christmas services and € d like to join in with.

Estella Last

This November, let your light shine, be blessed and be a blessing!

Rev. Estella Last, Vicar

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Dates for the diary – November 2019

Tuesday 5th

9:30am - Holy Communion, St
Peter Bridge
3:00pm - Holy Communion,
Bridge Haven
7.30pm - After 8s at Mansfield
Court

Thursday 7th

9.00am-11.00am Little Lambs Toddler Group

Friday 8th

8.45am - Parents Prayer
Meeting at St Peter's Bridge

Monday 11th

11am - Act of Remembrance
at Bridge School
7.30pm - Caring and Sharing

Tuesday 12th

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

Wednesday 13th

10:00am - FISH pop-in coffee, Bridge
Village Hall
2-3.30pm - Lower Hardres Community
Café at the John Baker White Hall

Thursday 14th

9.00am-11.00am Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion

Saturday 16th

4-6pm - Messy Church at #

Wednesday 20th

3:00pm

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Hymns at Bridge

Haven

Thursday 21st

9.00am-11.00am

Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion

Friday 22nd

8.45am

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Parents Prayer

Meeting at St Peter's Bridge

Monday 25th

7.30pm

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Caring and Sharing

Tuesday 26th

9:30am

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Holy Communion, St

Peter Bridge

Wednesday 27th

2-3.30pm

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Lower Hardres Community

Café at the John Baker White Hall

Tuesday 29th

9:30am

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Dates to Save for December

Thursday 5th

7.30pm -
Salvation Army Carol Concert at Bridge School

Saturday 7th

10.15am -
Coffee & Cake & Concert at St Peter's Bridge

- Bekesbourne Friends Christmas Fayre

1.00pm-4.30pm - Bridge Christmas Fair at
Bridge Village Hall

Sunday 8th

9.30am -
Advent Service with The Salvation Army at St Mary's

Nackington

Thursday 12th

9.00am -
11.00am Little Lambs Christmas Party

Saturday 14th

9.30am-12noon - Margaret's Christmas
Workshop at Lower Hardres Village Hall

Sunday 15th

3.00pm -
Crib and Carol Service at St Mary's Lower Hardres

6.00pm -
Carol Service at St Peter's Bridge

Monday 16th December

2pm -
Senior Citizen's Tea Party at Bridge School

Wednesday 18th

- Nailbourne Scout Group Christmas Celebration at
St Peter's, Bridge

Thursday 19th

6.00pm -
Carols at The Red Lion, Bridge

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News from Lower Hardres

Many thanks to the team of flower arrangers for the lovely displays at St Mary's lower Hardres for our Harvest Festival. Many gifts were donated by the congregation to the folks of Age concern, who were delighted to receive the produce.

Ride & Stride. Many thanks to those who participated in this event, and we especially thank Marcus for his efforts, who raised over £200.00.

Christmas Workshop and Messy Church. This will take place on 14th December at J.B.W.Hall, from 9.30am till noon. Watch this space, all will be welcome.

The Friends of St Margaret's Church

The Friends of St Margaret's Church were very pleased to welcome back the Shepway Singers, when we were treated to a wonderful evening of 'American Pie' music by Gershwin, Cole Porter and others.

We made a profit of £255 - and look forward to welcoming the singers back to a warm church, once the new heating has been installed!

Midst Winter's Cold: A Christmas Concert

St Mary the Virgin, Bishopsbourne, CT4 5HS Thursday 12th December 2019, 7.30PM
(doors open 7PM) £15/£8 (Students)

Join us for a magical evening of Christmas carols and early music in Bishopsbourne's atmospheric 13th century church. Oratorio soloist, Sophia Brumfitt and renowned lute player and maker, Din Ghani, will perform in this one-off yuletide concert. Tickets are available online: search 'Midst Winter's Cold' at www.eventbrite.co.uk; or in Bishopsbourne at 'The Mermaid Inn and Hetty's Flowers, Court Lodge Farm'. Present your ticket at the Mermaid Inn on the evening to receive an exclusive festive discount on mulled wine.

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Dear Friends of Bridge School,

As part of our welcome to Bridge School, our youngest children were invited, with their parents, to St Peter's Church to take part in a short welcome service. This was very well attended by the parents and I'd like to thank Julia Perfect, Rev. Estella and her team of church wardens for organising this and making us feel so welcome.

In our Collective Worship, we have been reflecting upon our Christian Values and giving thought to where the children have had the opportunity to demonstrate these.

In the run-up to our Harvest festival, we talked to the children about giving our thanks to God for all that he has given us: the weather that allows the crops to grow and to the farmers and workers who grow and transport our food for us. We also discussed the importance of showing *compassion* to those who are not as fortunate and how we can honour God by bringing an offering to those people and families.

I was really touched by the *generosity* of our children and their families. These items were donated to the Canterbury Food Bank and we received a letter from them thanking the school for its kindness and support.

Following on from this, we have invited the children to reflect upon the idea of *service* - those unsung people who serve us at home, in school and in the community. Rev. Estella was kind enough to share her story about how she came to hear God and was called to His service.

We have been reflecting upon how we, as a school, can serve others better and we have just started a project which will lead to us minimising our environment impact and becoming an 'eco-school'. Children from across the school have already begun to start this and I'm sure that we'll be hearing a lot more from the children about how we can help the environment.

One aspect of *service* that the children will be most familiar with is service to one's country and we will, once again, be holding an Act of Remembrance on Monday 11th November.

The children will be spending the day learning about this most important of memorials and we would invite all members of the community to join us ready for 11am on the school playground.

I would be especially pleased to welcome any veterans of the armed forces who may live in the village or its surrounding areas and invite them to contact the school office if they wish to attend.



In gratitude and with kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James Tibbles'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

James Tibbles

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

The final event on the programme for 2019 is our December **Social Evening**. This year we are organising an informal and light-hearted **Christmas quiz** (nothing too serious!) with a bias towards matters horticultural to be held on **Tuesday 3 December** at 7.30 pm in **Bridge Village Hall**. This will be followed by a light **festive supper** and a **Christmas raffle** to round off the evening. The admission charge is £5 per person to include refreshments and a glass of wine. Everyone is welcome to join us in this early festive celebration.

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 19 November** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. This year we are fortunate to have our WI Advisor joining us. Once the business part of the meeting is over, there will be time for members to catch up and chat with friends. The competition for November is for an interesting item beginning with the letter "V".

Fish Scheme News

The Fish Scheme AGM will take place during the Coffee Pop-in in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday November 13th. There will also be a Christmas table sale for all things Christmassy: such as unwanted gifts, wrapping paper, tags, cards, decorations perhaps even little toys... Many thanks for your support.

Songs of Praise at Bekesbourne

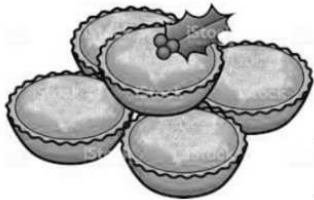
The Bekesbourne Songs of Praise on 3rd November will be a celebration of 25 years of "The Friends of Bekesbourne Church". The Friends were started when funds were needed for urgent repairs to the church structure, including the roof. Since then by holding regular fundraising events including car boot sales, barn dances and concerts funds have been raised to refurbish the bells and the historic organ as well as smaller items. Come along and praise God for the ongoing support for the church and the community through The Friends

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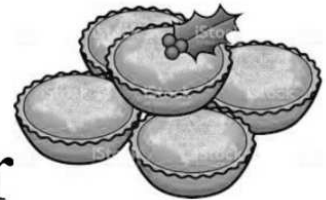


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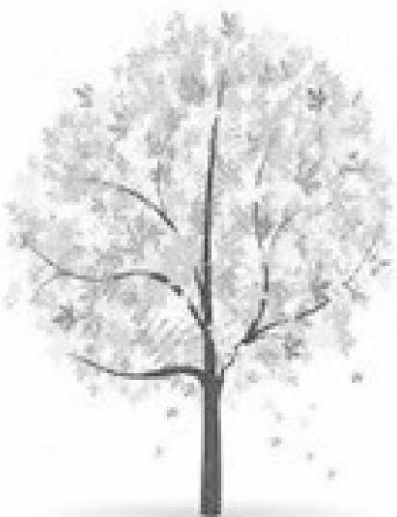


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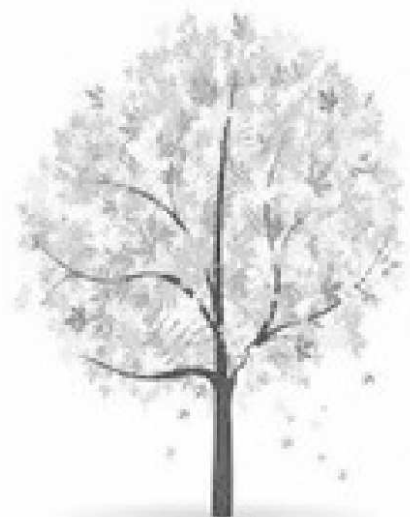
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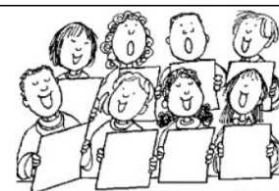
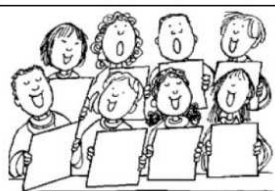


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St Peter's, Bridge Carol Service 2019

Sunday 15th December at 6.0pm.

St Peter's Choir welcomes singers in all voice parts (soprano, alto, tenor or bass) who would like to join them for this year's Carol Service.

We will be rehearsing in Bridge Church on Friday 6th December 7.0-9.0pm, Thursday 12th December 7.0-9.0pm and Sunday 15th December 3.45-5.30pm.

Ability to read music in the harmony parts would be useful,
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Please let me know if you would like to sing:

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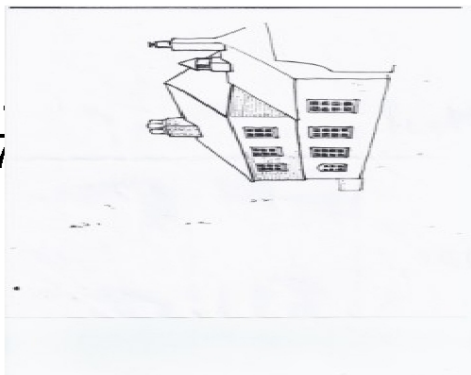


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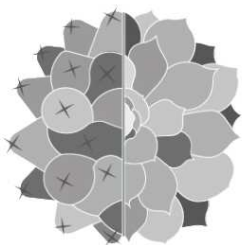
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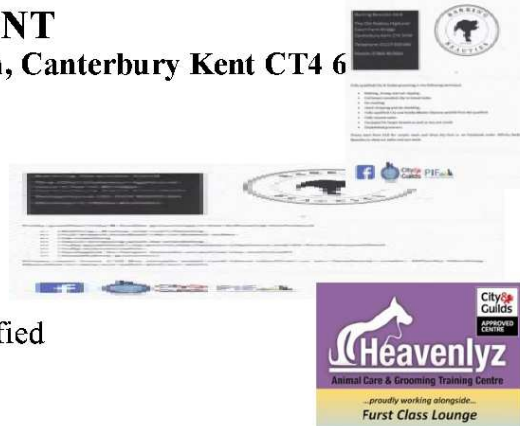
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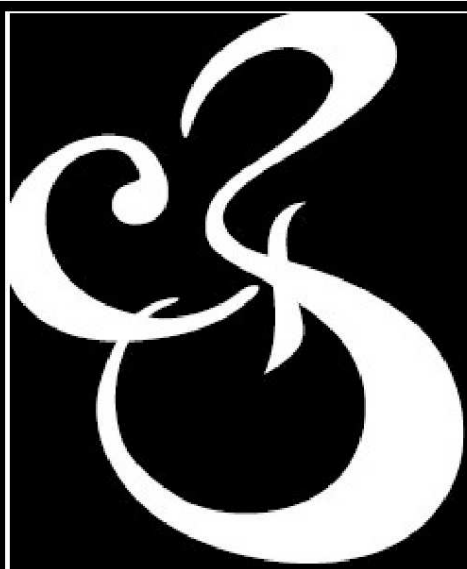
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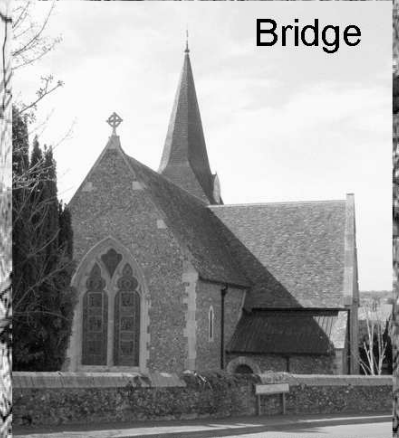
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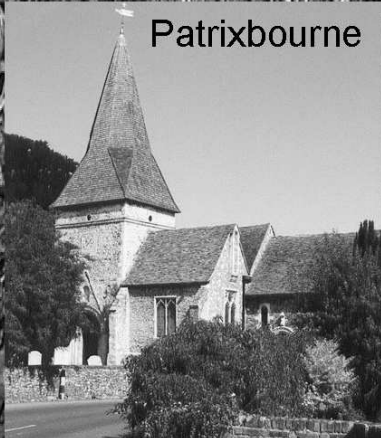
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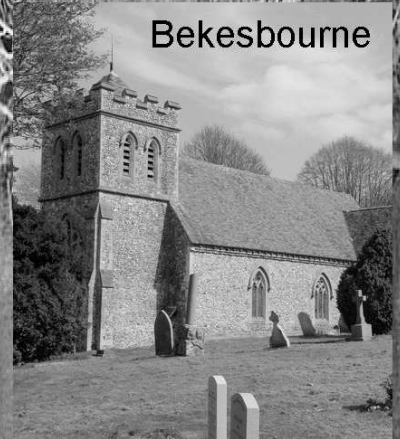
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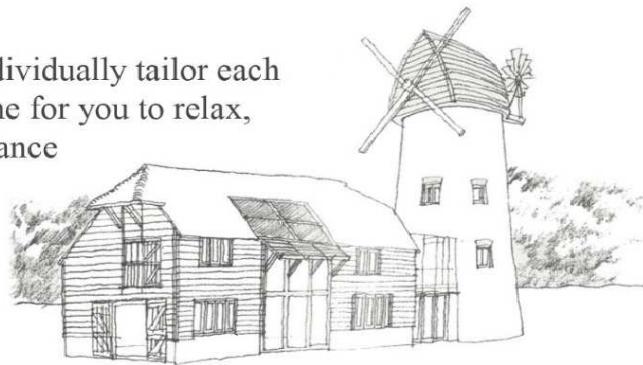
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Bekesbourne 100 Club

The 100 Club lottery is about to enter its twentieth year and prospective new members are welcomed. Since its formation in 2001 nearly £25,000 has been raised to help to fund the maintenance of our lovely church and its churchyard. Each ticket costs £24 a year. There are monthly prizes of £50, £25 and £15 plus special summer and Christmas prizes of £100 and £250 respectively. If you would like to join, please arrange a standing order in favour of Bekesbourne 100 Club from January 1st 2020 in the sum of £24 (or multiples thereof) and e-mail me, the organiser, at stevethomas91@gmail.com giving me your name and address. The bank details are: 20-71-64 80667226.

Flower arranging at St Peter's

There is a meeting of flowers arrangers for St. Peter's Bridge at The Archway s on Wednesday 4th December to discuss decorations for Christmas and next year's rota. Everyone is welcome especially new members who have a couple of hours a Year to spare. Do pop in and see how you could help. Any queries contact Viv on 830981. Thank you.

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

Our December meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of December, namely **Tuesday 10th** (7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall). This year we have a practical evening with a festive theme as we shall be making lanterns with our guest speakers Bridget and Barbara, this session will be followed by festive refreshments and the chance to chat with friends.

The competition for the month is for an interesting item beginning with the letter "W". At the time of writing, sadly our WI is unsure of its future. Please do watch out for further information on the Bridge Village Website, the relevant Facebook pages, the Kentish Gazette and our own noticeboard outside the village hall.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Firstly, a quick reminder of our **Christmas Quiz** with a light festive supper and Christmas raffle on **Tuesday 3 December** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. Everyone is welcome and there will be a charge of £5 to include refreshments and a glass of wine. We start 2020 with our **AGM** in Bridge Village Hall on **Tuesday 28 January** at 7.30 pm. We have a full programme of varied and interesting talks as well as an evening outing for the coming year, not forgetting our Spring and Summer Shows, the schedules for which will be available at the AGM. Subscriptions for the year are due then, with an increase, as agreed at the last AGM, to £8 for single and £15 for joint/family membership. Watch out for details of the local **guest speaker** for the AGM nearer the time.

Like every society we are always on the look-out for members and committee members. So, please encourage your friends to come along and if you feel you have a little time to give, we would welcome you as a member of the committee. Please do make yourself known at the AGM.

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This is a very popular annual event and booking is highly recommended.

Ticket booking and more information Maureen Taylor (01227 831738 = maureen_taylor3@sky.com) or John Morgan (01227 831047)

Merry Christmas From Woodpeckers Nursery

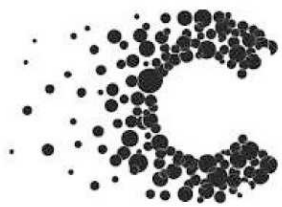
At the end of October Woodpeckers Nursery finally managed to raise the funds needed to secure the lease on the land they use for their building. The Committee are really pleased, couldn't be prouder of this achievement and would like to say a massive THANK YOU to all those people who have helped to make this happen. They are hoping to get all of the paperwork sorted in the next month or so and will hopefully be having a little celebration in the new year when this is all completed!

The focus now turns to the extended opening hours scheduled for September 2020.If any parents locally are interested in reserving a place for their child/children please call Michelle on 01227 831159 or email info@woodpeckersnursery.co.uk

The only thing left to say is **Merry Christmas** from the Woodpeckers Team!

Fish Scheme News

Thanks to everyone who came to the Fish Scheme AGM. The Christmas sale raised a useful £110 for Fish funds. Do come to the December Coffee Pop-In on Wednesday 11th. We hope a volunteer from Hi Kent will be there to help with hearing aids.



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Celebrating 25 Years of the Friends of Bekesbourne Church

3 November 2019

The Songs of Praise service at St Peter's Bekesbourne was a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of The Friends of Bekesbourne Church.

Zan Clifford, the first chairman of the Friends and Jane Millyard a former churchwarden gave the congregation of over 60 persons a vivid and thoroughly enlightening and entertaining description of the events leading up to the establishment of the Friends and its history over the years. The personnel involved were and are the most important part of the process and function of the Friends. They come from all areas of the village and are not necessarily churchgoers but have a strong sense of community. It was very evident that so many had played key parts over the years. The honours list was extremely impressive and a resounding affirmation of the many villagers who care about Bekesbourne Church.

(In the interest of fair play I have decided not to mention names because I am sure to offend by omission!)

The church at the time of the establishment of the Friends in 1994 was struggling. No major restoration work had been carried out since the 1880's. The village as a whole were asked if they valued the church as part of the village and wished it to remain open. At a meeting held in the village hall the verdict was a resounding YES and the Friends group was formed.

Initially the funds raised were for use across the Bekesbourne parish for various purposes. Importantly the scope of the application of funds raised was more closely defined on the instruction and advice of the diocese. The new constitution and definition read as follows ... "That the Friends is established to raise funds to maintain, protect and enhance the Church building and churchyard of St Peters Church, Bekesbourne." This remains true as the continuing and abiding scope of the use of the funds raised by the Friends.

Since the foundation of the Group many thousands of pounds have been raised at many and various events including dances, wine and wisdoms, exhibitions, flower festivals etc as well as an impressive Son et Lumiere in 2004.. Bekesbourne also has a Hundred Club which raises sufficient funds to cover the now expensive insurance bill of the church. Major building works including reroofing of the nave, vestry and the tower as well as much needed restoration of the stone work has been carried out. The church also has a regular churchyard working Party which keeps the churchyard in a very good condition. Other ambitious projects were undertaken by the PCC and the Friends funds provided the seed corn for the application for grants. Nearly £50,000 was raised to restore and renovate the Bevington organ and the six bells as recently as 2006. Perhaps the most basic but essential project has been the more recent design and build project of a toilet and a kitchen area, as well as the new heating system to keep us all warm.

The Friends have been at the forefront of all these projects and a warm village community has developed fostered by the enthusiasm and zeal of the many committee members who have served and continue to serve over the last 25 years. Thank you so much. Long may this spirit of community live on and prosper.

The next Songs of Praise service will be a Carol Service on the 1st December with carols chosen by the congregation.

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December 2019

Dear Friends

This year as we move into Advent, that period of weeks when we take extra time to consider our faith, a time of preparation and waiting, we are interrupted by Politics. Oh dear, what would Jesus do? - Do you remember those wrist bands that were all the rage some years ago, even among non-church, mostly young people? **WWJD?**

What would Jesus do is an excellent question? Although he was a radical, a rule breaker and a person who challenged the motives and actions of those in authority, Jesus had respect for the law (give to Caesar what is Caesars), he was not against those who ruled justly with care for others. His teaching was that we should give care for the poor, the outcast and marginalised, but he saw a society that had become unjust, selfish and uncaring and sought to bring about change.

As Christians we take on the ministry of Christ, he passes the mantle to us, now it is our turn to care for all of society; the poor, the marginalised, the refugee and to seek equality and fairness for all. So please do vote, no matter how tired you are of Brexit and politics, because our vote has been hard won and is a privilege not every person in the world holds. But when you do, maybe consider this - **WWJD?**

As we move on to Christmas and consider that very first Christmas, St Luke tells us that the angel Gabriel visited Mary to tell her she would bear a child and that child will be the Messiah for all people 'For nothing is impossible with God' And when the child was born and the shepherds recognised and visited the King of the world 'Mary treasured all these things in her heart'.

We too need to pause and treasure the gift of Christmas in our hearts. Simply the gift of Jesus, true God who became true man, who came to reveal perfectly God's truth and love to us, who died and rose for our salvation, and who founded a Church, a family, where His presence continues in both Word, Sacrament and in Ministry. Jesus, the one and only world leader in whom we can put our complete trust - For nothing is impossible with God.

We look forward to welcoming you in our churches if you choose to join us over the Advent / Christmas period – there is a wide variety of services and events taking place in all our villages in the coming weeks. In January we will release the pace a bit as we seek to worship all together each Sunday in one church – reducing our heating costs and carbon footprint by only heating one church each week and enjoying the enrichment that comes from all joining to worship together.

I pray we will all have a considered and prayerful Advent, a very Happy Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Yours in Christ

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Rev. Estella Last, Vicar

December 2019	St Mary NACKINGTON	St Mary LOWER HARDRES	St Peter BRIDGE	St Mary PATRIBOURNE	St Peter BEKESBOURNE
1 December Advent Sunday Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	11.00am Family Communion (Contemporary)	6.00pm Evensong	9am Sung Eucharist (Traditional)	10.00am Songs of Praise
8 December Advent 2 Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12	9.30am Advent Carol Service with Salvation Army band	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	11am Family Communion (Contemporary)	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	
Saturday 14 December	Margaret's Christmas Workshop at Lower Hardres Village Hall 9.30-12 noon				
15 December Advent 3 Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	3pm Crib and Carol Service	6.00pm Carol Service	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	9.30am Benefice Communion (Contemporary)
Friday 20th December	<i>All welcome at Patribourne</i>			7.00pm Carol Service	<i>All welcome at Patribourne</i>
22 December Advent 4 Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25	9am Sung Eucharist (Traditional)	<i>All welcome at Nackington</i>			
24 December Christmas Eve Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2: 1-14 [15-20]	10.00pm Christmas Eucharist	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	3pm & 5pm Christingle Services 11.30pm Christmas Eucharist	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	
25th Dec Christmas Day Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]; John 1:1-14	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	9.30am Family Service	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	9.30am Sung Eucharist	11.00am Carol Service

January 2020	St Mary NACKINGTON	St Mary LOWER HARDRES	St Peter BRIDGE	St Mary PATRIBOURNE	St Peter BEKESBOURNE
29 December 1 st Sunday after Christmas Isaiah 63:7-9; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23	10am Benefice Communion				
5 January Epiphany Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12					10am Epiphany Songs of Praise with Communion
12 January Baptism of Christ Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10: 34-43; Matthew 3:13-17			10am Benefice Communion		
Saturday 18th January	Messy Church 4-6pm at Bridge and Patribourne CEP				
19 January Epiphany 2 Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42		10am Benefice Communion			
26 January Epiphany 3 Isaiah 9:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10- 18; Matthew 4:12- 23				10am Benefice Communion	
2 February Candlemas / Presentation of Christ	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9am Sung Eucharist	10.00am Songs of Praise

Dates for the diary – December 2019

Tuesday 3rd

9:30am - Holy
Communion, St Peter Bridge
3:00pm - Holy
Communion, Bridge Haven
7.30pm - After 8s at
Mansfield Court

Thursday 5th

9.00am-11.00am Little Lambs Toddler Group
7.30pm - Salvation
Army Concert at Bridge School

Friday 6th

8.45am - Parents
Prayer Meeting at St Peter's Bridge

Saturday 7th

10.15-11.30am Coffee & Cake & Concert at St
Peter's Bridge
10.00am - Bekesbourne Friends
Christmas Bazaar
1pm-4.30pm Bridge Village Christmas
Fayre

Monday 9th

7.30pm - Caring and
Sharing

Tuesday 10th

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

Wednesday 11th

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

Monday 16th

2.00pm	-	Senior
Citizens Tea Party at Bridge School		

Tuesday 17th

9:30am	-	Holy
Communion, St Peter Bridge		
3:00pm	-	Holy
Communion, Saxon Lodge		

Wednesday 18th

2.00pm	-	Carol
Service at Bridge Haven		

Nailbourne Scout Group Christmas Celebration at
St Peter's, Bridge

Thursday 19th

6.00pm	-	Carols &
Raffle at The Red Lion, Bridge		

Friday 20th

7.00pm	-	Carol
Service at St Mary's Patrixbourne		

Tuesday 24th

3.00pm & 5pm		Christingle at St Peter's Bridge
10.00pm	-	Christmas Eucharist
at St Mary's Nackington		
11.30pm	-	Christmas Eucharist
at St Peter's Bridge		

Wednesday 25th

9.30am	-	Family
Service at St Mary's Lower Hardres		

9.30am	-	Sung
Eucharist at St Mary's Patrixbourne		

Tuesday 7th

9:30am	-	Holy
Communion, St Peter Bridge		
3:00pm	-	Holy
Communion, Bridge Haven		
7.30pm	-	After 8s
at Mansfield Court		

Wednesday 8th

10:00am	-	FISH pop-in
coffee, Bridge Village Hall		
2-3.30pm	-	
Lower Hardres Community Café at the		
John Baker White Hall		

Thursday 9th

9.00am-11.00am		Little Lambs Toddler Group Returns
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Friday 10th

8.45am	-	Parents
Prayer Meeting at St Peter's Bridge		

Monday 13th

7.30pm	-	Caring
and Sharing		

Tuesday 14th

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

Thursday 15th

9.00am-11.00am		Little Lambs Toddler Group,
Bridge Pavillion		

Saturday 18th

Thursday 23rd

9.00am-11.00am
 Bridge Pavillion

Little Lambs Toddler Group,

Friday 24th

8.45am -
 Prayer Meeting at St Peter's Bridge

Parents

Monday 27th

7.30pm -
 and Sharing

Caring

Tuesday 28th

9:30am -
 Communion, St Peter Bridge

Holy

Thursday 30th

9.00am-11.00am
 Pavillion

Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge

News from Lower Hardres

Christmas Workshop

On Saturday December 14th there will be a Christmas Workshop at John Baker White Hall from 9.30am to noon. There will be lots of activities for children and refreshments for ALL. Please book early so we can cater appropriately. Ring Julie 788316, Margaret 765598 or email bridgeoffice23@gmail.com. Do come it will be fun.

Crib and Carol Service

On December 15th at 3 pm we are having our CRIB SERVICE combined with our Carol Service. It is a very special service when the children will assemble our Crib for Christmas. It would be lovely if the children could dress-up. Our charity this year will be the Food Bank. Please bring along your Festive Food gifts and make Christmas 2019 special for others.

Christmas Day

Lower Hardres will have a short, friendly service and a chance to meet friends and worship at 9.30am on Christmas Day.

Benefice Service

The Benefice Service at Lower Hardres will be held at 10am on JANUARY 19th which is our usual Family Communion we will celebrate Epiphany when the Wise Men came

Nailbourne Scout Group news

Nailbourne Scout Group has had a busy start to the year. Back at the beginning of October, **Scouts** took part in an expedition hike. The Scouts themselves planned the route for their hike, navigated there in teams, built shelters, cooked their evening meals and camped for the night, before hiking back - all to gain their Expedition Challenge Award!

'Whilst the heavens poured down on us, the expedition was great fun! We learnt and developed our map skills very well, and whilst we did get lost, we found our way eventually. It was really fun and was a great bonding experience.' (Finn, 13)

During half-term, **Cubs** went to Lower Grange Farm in Maidstone for the Cub County Science Day – with an alien invasion theme!

'I really enjoyed the Alien Adventure Day. My favourite bit was when we made alien food (sherbet) and alien poo (slime) with Professor P (not a real professor!). I also liked finding out about meteors.' (Harry S, 10)

Some of our **Beavers** were lucky enough to join 14th Canterbury group for a sleepover in Legoland, where they had an amazing but exhausting time!

'We got to spend a whole weekend there going on the rides, watching a 3D movie and having an unlimited pizza and pasta dinner! We camped in the Discovery Centre and woke up the next morning for tons of fun. It was brilliant but I was so tired I fell asleep on the coach home.' (India, 8)

Nailbourne Scout Group also has lots planned for December, including a Christmas sleepover for Beavers and Cubs, a whole-group Christmas performance, a stall at Barham school fair and the Scout Christmas post!

Nailbourne has expanded rapidly over the last few years, and is currently looking to establish an Explorers unit. If you might be interested in volunteering to help with this, know somebody who might or would like some more information, please contact Nick Gore, Group Scout Leader, at skipnailbourne@gmail.com.

Nailbourne Scout Group welcomes both boys AND girls and meets every Wednesday during term time, usually at Barham Village Hall (although they are often out and about, especially in the warmer weather!). Times are as follows:

Beavers (6-8 years) – 5.30–6.30pm

Cubs (8-10 years) – 6.30–7.30pm

Scouts (10-14 years) – 7.45–9.15pm

For more information on joining or volunteering, please email skipnailbourne@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page (Nailbourne Scout Group – public).

Margaret's Christmas

Workshop

Saturday 14th December

9.30am-12noon

John Baker White Hall

Lower Hardres

Activities, games and much more!

To book call Julie 788316 ,Margaret 765598 or email bridgeoffice23@gmail.com



The Friends of Bokesbourne Church Invite You To



Our



Wine & Wisdom Evening

Bokesbourne Village Hall

7:30pm Prompt SATURDAY 18th JANUARY

Don't miss this opportunity to test your knowledge with your friends

It's always great fun ~ bring your own
drinks and 'nibbles'

Tables from 6 to 8 team members can be booked by calling
Graham on 01227 830271 or Vicki on 01227 379126

Entry price at the door: **£5.00** per person

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Do you dig  gardening?

Come along to our

AGM

with local guest speaker (to be announced)

Tuesday 28 January at 7.30 pm
Bridge Village Hall

Annual Subscriptions Payable

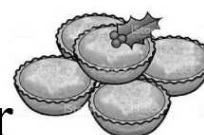
New Members Needed

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Christmas  & Social Evening



with light festive supper



Tuesday 3 December at 7.30 pm
Bridge Village Hall

Christmas Raffle

All welcome

Admission £5 (to include refreshments & a glass of wine)

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!

Submissions to On the Nail

If you would like to submit something to On the Nail for publication, please ensure to meet the following submissions criteria:

All submissions for On the Nail should be received by the 15th of the preceding Month at the **latest** to bridgeoffice23@gmail.com

Two versions of any poster must be provided portrait **and** landscape.

Attachments should be clearly labelled as to content.

Files should be submitted

in .doc, .pdf, .pub or .jpg format

Content is included at the discretion of the editorial team.

St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

10.00 am Saturday



7th December 2019



Bekesbourne Village Hall

Santa Stalls Gifts Raffle Refreshments



Proceeds for Bekesbourne Church and Bekesbourne Brownies



Come and help the Messy Church Team Celebrate their First Birthday.....

Saturday 18th January

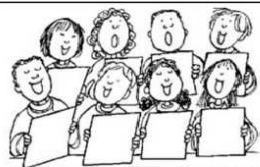
4pm-6pm

Bridge and Patrixbourne School Hall

Craft activities, singing, stories and a hot meal for the whole family.

Donations to cover costs welcome!

For more information contact Rev Estella on 01227 206272



St Peter's, Bridge Carol Service 2019



Sunday 15th December at 6.0pm.

St Peter's Choir welcomes singers in all voice parts (soprano, alto, tenor or bass) who would like to join them for this year's Carol Service.

We will be rehearsing in Bridge Church on Friday 6th December 7.0-9.0pm, Thursday 12th December 7.0-9.0pm and Sunday 15th December 3.45-5.30pm.

Ability to read music in the harmony parts would be useful,
but the music will be singable and not too challenging!

Please let me know if you would like to sing:

Jean Barber 01227 831956 / scriven06@gmail.com