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6 October Harvest and Eco Church Deuteronomy 26:1- 11; Philippians 4:4- 9; John 6: 25-35	All welcome at other services in the Benefice	11.00am Harvest Family Communion (Contemporary)	6.00pm Harvest Choral Evensong	9am Harvest Sung Eucharist (Traditional)	10.00am Harvest Songs of Praise
<b>13 October</b> 2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15c; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17: 11-19	9am BCP Said Eucharist (Traditional)	All welcome at other services in the Benefice	11am Family Communion (Contemporary)	All welcome at oth Benej	
Saturday 19 October		Messy Church 4	I-6pm at Bridge and	d Patrixbourne CEP	
<b>20 October</b> Genesis 32:22-31; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18: 1-8	All welcome at the other services in the Benefice	9.30am Family Service	11.00am Communion with Choir (Traditional)	All welcome at the other services in the Benefice	9.30am Communion Service (Contemporary)
<b>27 October</b> Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-end; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 9-14	9am Sung Eucharist (Traditional)	All welcome at the other services of the Benefice	11am Community Worship (Contemporary)	9.30am Matins (Traditional)	All welcome at the other services of the Benefice
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 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent Isaiah 1:10- 18; 2 Thessalonians 1; Luke 19: 1-10	All welcome at the other services of the Benefice	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.



The Vicarage 23 High Street Bridge Tel: 01227 206272 E-mail: estellalast@gmail.com 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

Rev. Estella Last, Vicar

#### Dates for the diary – October 2019

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>		
9:30am	-	Holy Communion, St Peter
Bridge		
3:00pm	-	Holy Communion, Bridge
Haven		
7.30pm	-	After 8s at Mansfield Court

#### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

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Bridge School Harvest Festival Services

#### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>

9.00am	-	11.00am Little Lambs
Toddler Group		

#### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>

12.30pm	-	Benefice Harvest Lunch, Lower
Hardres V	illage Hall	

#### Monday 7<sup>th</sup>

 7.30pm
 Caring and Sharing

 Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>
 Holy Communion, St Peter

 9:30am
 Holy Communion, St Peter

 Bridge
 Holy Communion, Mansfield

 Court
 Holy Communion, Mansfield

#### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

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

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#### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>

3pm

#### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Monday 21<sup>st</sup>

7.30pm

Caring and Sharing

#### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

#### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

2-3.30pm the John Baker White Hall

#### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Bridge Lower Hardres Community Café at

Holy Communion, St Peter

#### Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>

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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### The All Saints Distribution Café, Canterbury Food Bank

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 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Patrixbourne 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding Month at the latest to <u>bridgeoffice23@gmail.com</u>
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 summitted in .doc, .pdf, .pub or .jpg format
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#### The Friends of Bekesbourne Church



# Autumn Auction of Promises



# Bekesbourne Village Hall 7:30 pm Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October

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# FAIRTRADE

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.

The way Fairtrade works is that the producer organisation (such as a coffee or cocoa co-operative) receives the Fairtrade price at the point where they sell to the next person in the supply chain (usually an exporter or importer). This is intended to ensure farmers can cover their costs no matter how low the world price for their commodity falls. It helps them to predict their income and budget for the future.

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.

For more information go the Fairtrade Foundation website www.fairtrade.co.uk

# Art in Bridge Exhibition 2019

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# Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October

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# Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October

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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 & Patrixbourne 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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



# You are invited to celebrate



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# Sunday 6th October

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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







## Little Lambs Toddler Group Every Thursday 9am-11am (during term time) at Bridge sports pavilion. Suggested donation £1 per child.

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