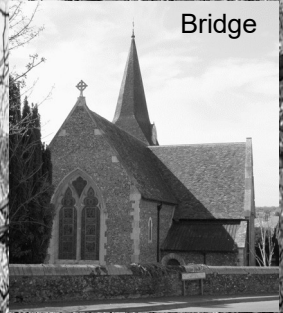


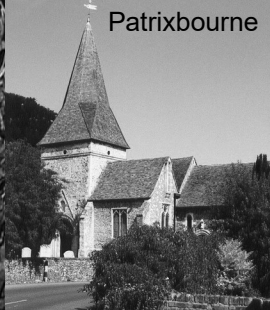
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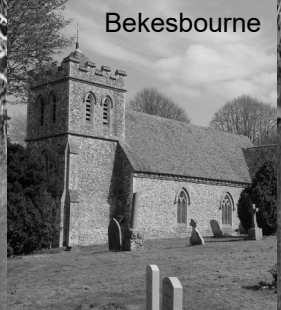
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10 November The Third Sunday before Advent Remembrance Romans 8:31-39; John 15:9-17	9.30am Morning Prayer & Wreath Laying	10.50 Remembrance Service at Lower Hardres War Memorial	10.50 Service of Remembrance 11am Communion Service	<i>All welcome at 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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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 Bekebourne, 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

€ *Estella Last* d like to join in with.

This November, let your light shine, be blessed and be a blessing!
Rev. Estella Last, Vicar

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
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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 #
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Wednesday 20th

3:00pm

Haven

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Hymns at Bridge

Thursday 21st

9.00am-11.00am

Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion

Friday 22nd

8.45am

Meeting at St Peter's Bridge

-

Parents Prayer

Monday 25th

7.30pm

-

Caring and Sharing

Tuesday 26th

9:30am

Peter Bridge

-

Holy Communion, St

Wednesday 27th

2-3.30pm

Café at the John Baker White Hall

-

Lower Hardres Community

Tuesday 29th

9:30am

Communion, St Peter Bridge

-

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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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Advance notice of the Carol Concert 2019

Friends of St Giles Church will again be hosting the Carol Concert given by members of Kent College Choristers in St Giles Church. This is an advanced note for your diaries that the date has been set for Saturday, December 21st at 6pm in St Giles Church. The Friends are very grateful to Jackie and Rod Spencer who will be arranging the programme for us. Tickets will be available from Maureen Taylor (01227 831738 or maureen_taylor3@sky.com)

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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.

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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'.

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 Patixbourne 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

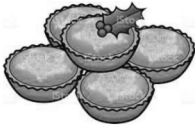
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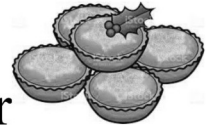


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Tuesday 3 December

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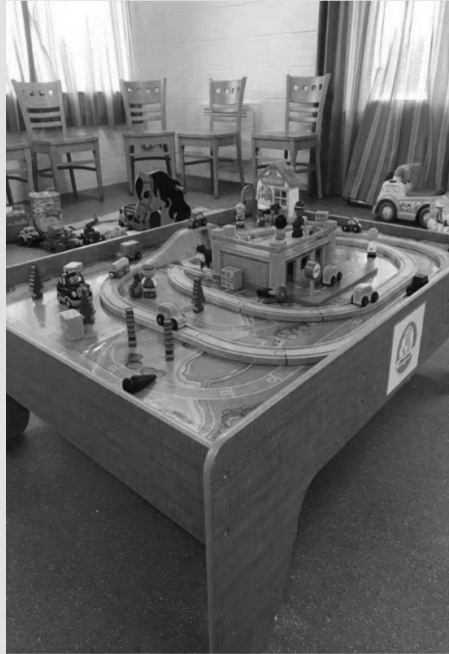
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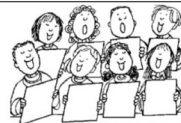


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St Peter's, Bridge Carol Service 2019



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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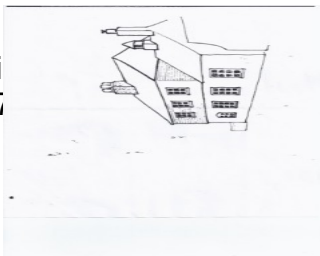


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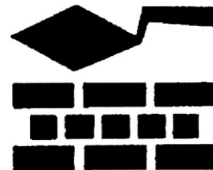
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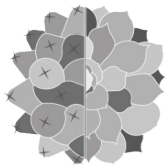
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