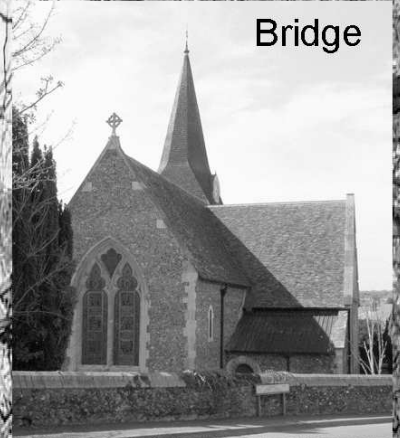


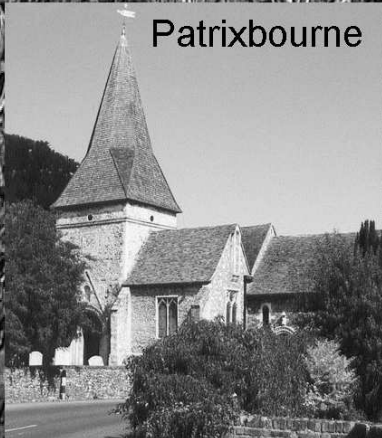
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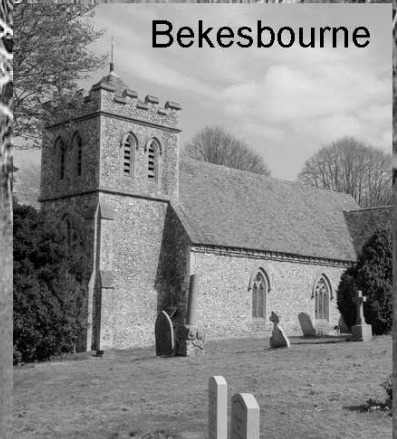
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<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b> <b>Candlemas</b> Malachi 3:1-5 Hebrews 2:14-end Luke 2:22-40	<b>8:00am</b> <b>BCP Holy Communion</b>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Family Communion</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>Evensong</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>Songs of Praise</b>
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Dear Friends

The passing of time never ceases to amaze me – we have barely returned to normality after the celebration of Christmas and here we are already in February! More than that, it is now a full year since we moved to Bridge and I became the Vicar here in the Benefice. We have thoroughly enjoyed our year here and are very much looking forward to all that 2019 may have in store.

The Churchwardens and PCCs who work so hard to keep our churches functioning throughout the year and I are committed to the vision articulated before my appointment that we might at some point in the future come together as one single Parish operating across 5 churches. For the lay person this probably doesn't mean much and perhaps sounds like an administrative exercise but in reality it will have a vastly positive impact on the way we organise ourselves as a church community sharing in the mission of God in our part of the World. To this end I make no apology for the fact that we will continue to be creative with our service patterns, trying new times and types of services to enable our whole community to draw together in worship more inclusively and more frequently and I hope you will enjoy joining in and exploring the possibilities with us. This month we have moved the Family Communion Service at Bridge on the 2nd Sunday to 11am in the hope that this will enable those of working age and those with children to be there, we have also reinstated the 9.30am Communion Service at Nackington on that Sunday.

Next month we will begin to talk about Annual Parish meetings (which take place in April) so if you have ever thought you would like to be more involved now is a great time for you to explore the opportunities there are to join your PCC or take on a role in the Church. We would love to hear from you if you feel God nudging you in this direction at all.

Exciting things happening in February include the second session of our newly established Messy Church. Our launch in January was a tremendous success with 50 adults and 55 children all together at the school enjoying a range of creative activities, worship and a cooked meal all provided by volunteers from the community – Saturday 16th February is the date of the next one so put this in your diary if you haven't already and come see what 'Messy Church' is all about.

As I write we are in the depths of uncertainty following the failure, in Parliament, of the deal to leave the European Union. Whatever 2019 has in store for us I pray that it will bring a greater sense of unity and togetherness in our country, a better understanding of the needs of all people and a deepening of our faith in the God who created us and loves us and longs for us to honour one another with grace and forgiveness.

☺

Yours in Christ , Rev. Estella Last, Vicar

**Dates for the diary – February 2019**

**Tuesday 5th**

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

**Monday 11th**

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  
2:00pm - Social Afternoon, Lower Hardres  
3:00pm - Hymns at Bridge Haven

**Saturday 16th –**

Messy Church 4-6pm, Bridge School Hall

**Tuesday 19th**

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge

**Monday 25th -**

7.30pm – Caring and Sharing

**Tuesday 26th –**

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

**Friday 1st March –** 11am, Women's World Day of Prayer, Bridge Church

**ADVANCE NOTICE**

**Christian Aid Lent Lunches start on Thursday 7th March. Full details in next month's On the Nail.**

### Womens World Day of Prayer

This will take place on Friday March 1st, St David's day, at 11.00am at Bridge Church.

Men and women are welcome to this service, which has been prepared by the Christian Women of Slovenia.

At the heart of the service is an open invitation, " Come, Everything is ready. Come to Gods table".

We will listen to the stories from Slovenia, as they reflect the political and economic situation in this European country.

"Sadly, we have kept silent in the face of injustice". Please come, refreshments will be served after the service.

Easter is late this year, so all 'happenings' will be in the march magazine.

Margaret

### League of Friends of the Kent & Canterbury Hospital, Nailbourne Group

Many local people will be aware that our Chairman and friend, Elizabeth, died recently. We will miss her greatly in all manner of ways. As she would have expected we have restructured our group to continue her good work. Maggie Fairweather has been appointed Chairman with Kate Whitten continuing as Secretary. We are pleased to welcome John Thackray and Kathy Walder to the committee, John has agreed to become Treasurer.

We are a relatively small group at present, new committee members are much needed. If you are interested and would like more information, please call Maggie Fairweather on 830320.

### Fish Scheme News

The next Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In at Bridge village hall will be from 10 to 11.15 on Wednesday February 13th. Lifts can be arranged.

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### Bridge & District History Society

The February meeting will be held in Bridge Village Hall on Thursday February 21st at 7.30. Jenny Watson-Bore will talk about Princess Pocahontas, the daughter of a Native American Chief who was welcomed to England by King James I but died at Gravesend in 1617.

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## Foodbank News

Just before Christmas all the volunteers (café volunteers, volunteer van drivers and assistants, warehouse volunteers) received a thank you for all the work done during the previous financial year. This is just a small section, but it highlights the number of bags that were issued from the Distribution cafés in Canterbury (2), Herne Bay (1), and Whitstable (1) plus items donated to the Soup Kitchen in Whitstable.

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The bags issued are for short term assistance only and if prolonged assistance is needed then the CFB has links to 100 other organisations who take over for long term need.

In the meantime, thank you to all the people who contributed food items for the yellow bin throughout the year in St Peter's Church and to everyone who gave so very generously to St Peters, Bridge, Bridge Primary School and St Mary's in Patricxbourne at their respective Harvest Festivals.

*A Happy New Year to you all.*

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## Bekesbourne News – Christmas at Bekesbourne Church

It was a busy time over Christmas at Bekesbourne church. We had a wedding the week before Christmas when a local couple got married. Then 2 days before Christmas we had a baptism.

On Christmas morning walking up to the Church was a delight as the overnight frost had left all the fields white and with the bells ringing it made a lovely Christmas atmosphere. The church was full with 140 adults and children attending the Carols and Readings service which was led by Estella. The carols were sung with great gusto, accompanied by Andrew on the organ.

We were pleased to welcome so many of you to the Benefice service on the first Sunday in January. It was a celebration of Epiphany with Songs of Praise and Family Communion. The service was very ably led by Maggie and Estella. The children enjoyed playing the parts of the Three Kings. Estella invited all the children up to the altar to share the experience of Holy Communion and then they were able to enjoy bread and juice at a side table. The hymns were sung with our normal gusto. We were helped by a wonderful musical accompaniment with Andrew on the organ or guitar, Stuart Field on violin and Paul Kusel on cello. It was also lovely to have organ music during the taking of communion and at the end of the service.

Thank you to everyone who contributed and made it such a friendly and inclusive service. It was very rewarding to see a full church and people from all 5 churches worshipping together.

The next service at Bekesbourne is Songs of Praise on Sunday February 3rd at 10 am. All are very welcome

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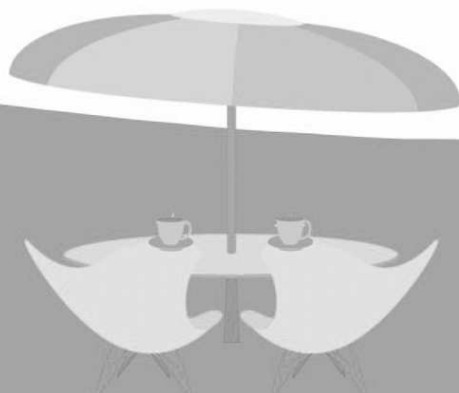
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## Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Following on from the AGM, the first event on our 2019 programme is on **Tuesday 12th February** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. **Ray Goodsall**, local Bridge resident and Head Green Keeper at Canterbury Golf Club, will be giving an illustrated talk and advice on "**Lawn Maintenance**". There will be a small charge to include refreshments.

Show Schedules for both the Spring and Summer Shows are now available. If you have not received yours, then please contact Kathy Walder, Show Secretary, on 830057/07791 [656539/kath@askwalder.com](mailto:656539/kath@askwalder.com). Also, if you have not put your name down to receive a plant (this year a pelargonium) to grow on for the Summer Show's Chairman's Challenge then please get in touch as above.

If you are not already a member of the Society (annual subscription £6 for single and £10 for joint/family membership) and are interested in any of our events please do come along. Visitors are always welcome.

## Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

On **Tuesday 19 February** (7.70 pm in Bridge Village Hall) the guest speaker at our meeting will be Frances Lake from Avante Care (the care company which runs The Haven in Bridge) and the competition this month is for an interesting item beginning with the letter "N". Everyone is welcome.

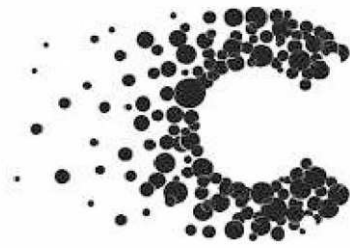
We are delighted to be celebrating our Centenary this year and have therefore organised one or two extra events. As well as holding our traditional fund-raising "Afternoon Tea" in the Pavilion on Friday 3rd May, we are organising a special "Coffee, Cake and Concert" in St Peter's Church, Bridge on Saturday 18th May and a day outing to Chapel Down Winery on 25th June. Watch out for more information once the details have been finalised.

## Roger Nicholls"Thanks"

*'Roger Nicholls would like to thank all those who have supported him since the sad loss of his wife, Pat, Patricia Kathleen.*

*The funeral at Barham Crematorium was lead by Rev Estella Last and followed by refreshments at Bekesbourne Village Hall.*

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The Red Lion's Rene and Harry are great supporters of the community, including the church. We are so fortunate to have them amongst us and the food they serve isn't bad! Thanks Rene and Harry for your unfailing hospitality.

### Senior Villagers' Christmas Dinner

The group of regulars who attend the Singles' Lunch at the Red Lion, along with other senior villagers, enjoyed a tradition Christmas Dinner donated by Rene and Harry.

Thanks Harry and Rene and your wonderful staff who prepared the meal, it was much appreciated by all!

The 'Singles Lunch' is held in the Red Lion at 12 noon on the first Wednesday in the month. New 'Diners' always welcome! For further details of this group ring the Red Lion Bridge on 01227 832213

### Computer Club

The date of this will be changing in February to the third Thursday in the month at 10.30 -12 midday at the Red Lion, Bridge.

This is a very informal gathering for help for people with no knowledge to those always wanting to learn more about all aspects of using IT equipment, included mobile phones, iPads and tablets along with laptops. WiFi access is available at all times in the Red Lion, thanks to Harry and Rene. We are very fortunate to have three 'experts' who come along on this morning. Thank you John Corfield, Mark Esdale and Jake Arden, your help is greatly appreciated!

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Bekesbourne 100 Club - List of Prizewinners for the year 2018  
July £100 – Wendy Howard; Christmas £250 – Romany Cowans

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Some families have several tickets in the name of parents, children and grandchildren. We welcome new membership from the younger generations and newcomers to the village. A full membership list for 2018 is available from [s.thomas.it@gmail.com](mailto:s.thomas.it@gmail.com). Entry is £24 for a year – which can be paid monthly at £2 by standing order.

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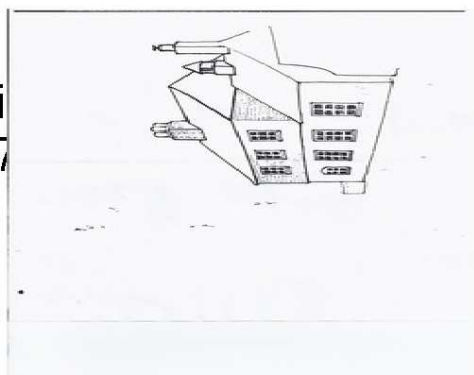


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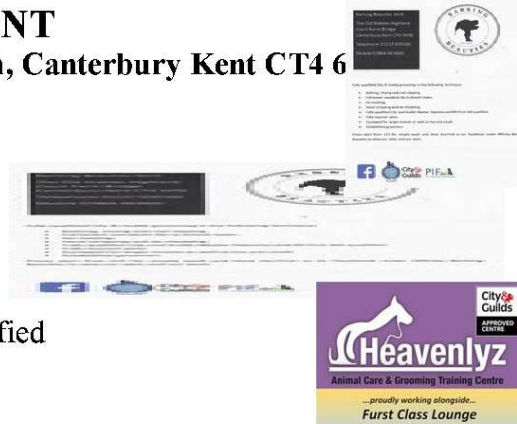
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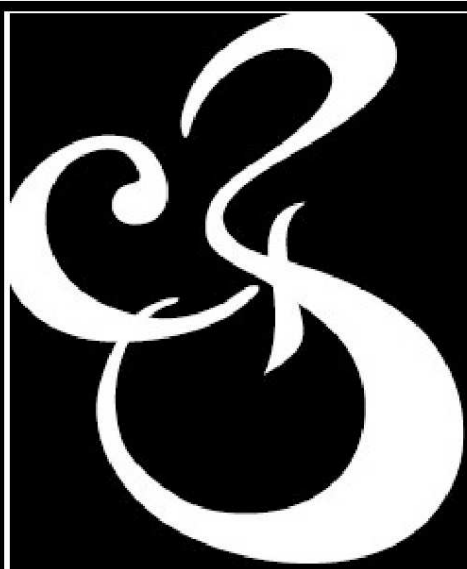
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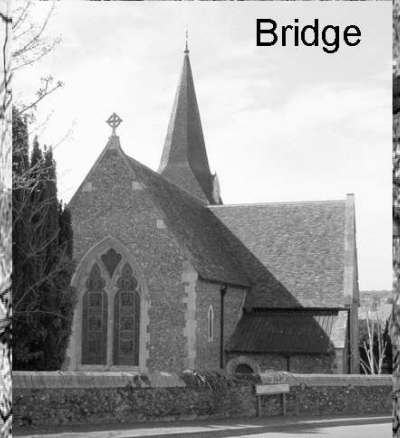
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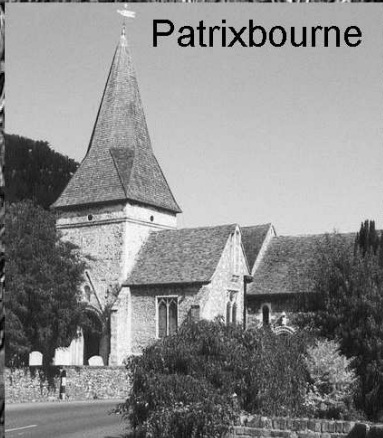
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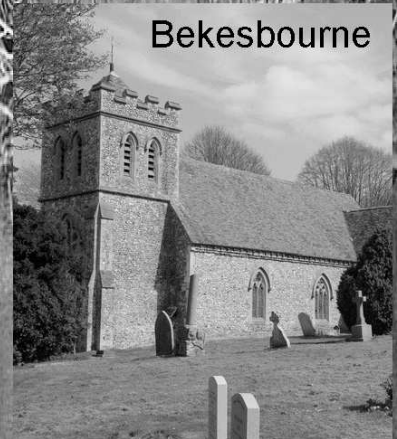
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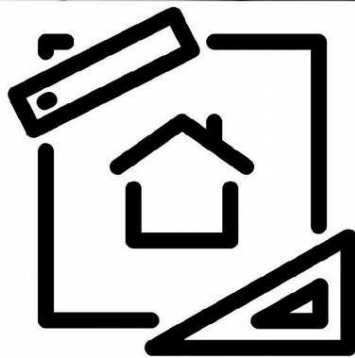
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<b>6<sup>th</sup> March Ash Wednesday</b>			<b>7pm Holy Communion with imposition of Ashes</b>		
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Mar</b> Lent 1 Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>4pm Evensong</b>	<b>11am Family Communion</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	<b>8am BCP Holy Communion</b>
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Messy Church 4-6pm at Bridge and Patrixbourne CEP</b>				
<b>17<sup>th</sup> March</b> Lent 2 Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:37-4:1; Luke 13: 31-end	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	<b>9.30am Family Service</b>	<b>11.00am Choral Eucharist</b>	<b>8.00am BCP Holy Communion</b>	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Mar</b> Lent 3 Isaiah 55:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>	<i>All welcome at other services in the Benefice</i>	<b>8.00am BCP Holy Communion</b>  <b>11.00am Community Worship</b>	<b>9.30am Matins</b>	<i>All welcome at other services in the Benefice</i>
<b>31<sup>st</sup> Mar Mothering Sunday</b>	<i>All welcome at other service in the Benefice</i>	<b>9.30am Family Service</b>	<b>11am Mothering Sunday Service (with Communion )</b>	<i>All welcome at other services in the Benefice</i>	<b>10am Songs of Praise</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Apr</b> Lent 5	<b>8:00am BCP Holy Communion</b>	<b>11.00am Family Communion</b>	<b>6.00pm Evensong</b>	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>	<i>All welcome at other service in the Benefice</i>

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Sometimes it's easy to forget what Sunday morning in Church is all about. We say the words, we sing the hymns, we greet our friends, we take communion if that's our practice - it's all good. But what do the words we say in church every week really mean and how are they lived out in our daily lives. This Lent we are going to take some time each week during March to be reminded what it's all about as we seek to Meet Jesus afresh. Each Thursday evening March beginning on March 7<sup>th</sup> Join us for a series of lively and engaging talks as we explore what it might be like to Meet Jesus in Hope, Peace, Joy and Expectation. I am excited that Miriam Westendarp will be sharing these with me and very much looking forward to exploring this together.

As I write I can see the sun shining and the birds singing – there are signs of Spring all around (although I know we are all still wondering if we might be in for a dusting of snow before winter gives way to Spring fully!?). There are already signs of new growth just beginning. One of the exciting things that I am noting as we review my first year here in the Benefice is the growth we have seen in our church communities – growth in numbers, growth in our finances and growth in all of us as we get to know each other better as fellow pilgrims. Long may this continue!

You will see elsewhere in the magazine that each of our Parishes will be holding their Annual meetings early in April and that the Electoral Roll for our parishes has to be fully renewed this year. Anyone who lives in one of the parishes or habitually attends worship in one of the churches may join the parish electoral roll and become a member of the church. Electoral roll members may vote at the annual meeting and may become members of the PCC (Parochial Church Council) which oversees the running of the church. To join the new roll please complete a form (copies available in all the churches) and return it to one of the Churchwardens. In case you're thinking about it, now would be a really exciting time to consider joining our PCCs as in the coming year we will be engaging in some important work together as we seek to discern how best to take forward the Benefice's vision of becoming a Single Parish. If you want to know more about the Electoral Roll or becoming a PCC member – do just give me a call.

As we enter Lent this month, traditionally a time of quiet and prayerful preparation when we begin to look towards the commemoration of the most significant events of our faith and the celebration of Easter, my prayer is that we will all find the space to consider who we are as individuals, as churches, and as a Benefice and discern together what God is calling us to be and how we can best serve our Communities together.

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## Dates for the diary – March 2019

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter  
Bridge  
3:00pm – Holy Communion, Bridge Haven  
3.15pm – Pancake Party at Bridge Pavilion

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

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

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

7.30pm – Caring and Sharing

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>

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

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>

Messy Church 4-6pm, Bridge School Hall

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>

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

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

3:00pm - Hymns at Bridge Haven  
2-3.30pm – Lower Hardres Community Café at the John  
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### Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

- 7.30pm – Caring and Sharing

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>

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

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

2-3.30pm – Lower Hardres Community Café at the John<sup>#</sup>  
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## A lunch date invitation to everyone

The annual home-made soup and bread lunches will take place again in Bridge this year.

When: the 6 Thursdays of Lent – March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

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**Bekesbourne, St Peter's:**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 8pm at Bekesbourne Village Hall

**Patricbourne with Bridge:**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 7pm at St Peter's Church Bridge

Details of the business of these meetings can be found on notices displayed in the Parish Churches. Each Annual meeting will be preceded by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners at which the Churchwardens for each Church are elected and appointed.

**In addition, the Electoral Roll for each Ecclesiastical Parish is undergoing a full revision – application forms can be collected from the churches.**

**New Electoral Rolls for  
St Mary's Patricbourne with St Peter's Bridge  
St Peter's Bekesbourne**

Every six years a new Church Electoral Roll has to be compiled. Preparations for this are underway with application forms being available in the churches. If you would like to be included on the new Roll for your chosen church please complete a form and return it to a Churchwarden by March 10th.

# Fancy a pancake?



## Drop in to Bridge Pavilion after school on Tuesday 5th March for pancakes and fun!

Pancakes and various toppings available from 3.15pm  
Donations to cover costs are welcome.

### Lower Hardres News

Womens World Day of Prayer (now known as World Day of Prayer) 1<sup>st</sup> March at Bridge Church, 11am. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Many of you will participate!

Mothering Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> Family Service, 9.30, St Mary's Lower Hardres. We will be having a service on this date. Posies and cards will be given out. Obviously, we will be having our Traditional Simnel Cake. There will be lots for children to participate in.

### Good Friday Workshop.

This will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> April, 9.30am-12.00, and will combine with **Messy Church**, at Bridge School (not at JBW Hall, Join us for some fun! There will be Hot Cross Buns. Please let Margaret know on 765598 or Julie on 788316.

### **Bridge & District History Society**

The next meeting will be on Thursday March 21st at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. Paul Bennett, Director of Canterbury Archaeological Trust, will talk about the recent excavations in and around Canterbury and describe some of the most interesting and exciting finds the Trust has made.

Members: £4.00, non-members £5.00

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10am Sunday 3rd March



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### **Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute**

At our meeting on **Tuesday 19 March** (7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall) **Len Howell** will be entertaining us with a talk on the “**Cinque Ports**” and the competition this month is for an interesting item beginning with the letter “O”. Everyone is welcome.

We would also like to mention that plans are well underway for our “Afternoon Tea” in the Pavilion on Friday 3rd May and our 100 years celebratory “Coffee, Cake and Concert” in St Peter’s Church, Bridge on Saturday 18th May. Do make a note of the dates. Final details will be published in the April and May issues of “On the Nail”.

### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

The guest speaker at the meeting on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March** (7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall) is Maureen Rainey from the **Kent Wildlife Trust** and she will be giving an illustrated talk entitled “**Wild About Gardens**”. Everyone is welcome and there will be a small charge to include refreshments.

This is also advance notice that our **Spring Show** will be on **Saturday 6 April** in **Bridge Village Hall**. If you would like a schedule then please contact the Show Secretary, Kathy Walder, on 830057/07791 [656539/kath@askwalder.com](mailto:656539/kath@askwalder.com). We have included in our show three open classes which everyone can enter.

The first one, to tempt everyone, is: 6 chitted seed potatoes in an egg box  
Then, to appeal to the more artistic among you, we have a flower arranging class entitled: “Emergence” – an exhibit, space allowed 51x51cm/20x20 inches, height unrestricted (accessories allowed)

and finally for the photographers among you: “A Winter Scene”, photo unframed, not to exceed 8 x 6 inches (NB photos not to be digitally enhanced and all entries to be produced within the last 12 months).

Please do have a go. If you would like any further information, then please contact Kathy (details above).

### **National Vegetable Society – Kent Association**

The National Vegetable Society returns to Bridge Village Hall on **Wednesday 13 March** after its winter break. This first meeting will be the **AGM** and a talk by Paul Hale on “**Wildlife in the Garden**” (7.30 for 8.00 pm start). Non-members are most welcome.



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All welcome

small charge to include refreshments

#### The Quiet View

**We are really looking forward to our Hare Krishna Workshop on Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2pm – 4pm** Paul will tell us about the history of Krishna Consciousness, explain what the Hare Krishna Mantra means, share the spiritual literature that forms the basis of Krishna Consciousness, explain the sign on foreheads (Tilak) and also the benefits of Chanting. There'll be time for questions and reflection followed by a Kirtan session (chanting). Blessed food to end with. Suggested donation £5 Please book with [lizzie@quietview.co.uk](mailto:lizzie@quietview.co.uk)

Christmas is long since passed and with it perhaps also the thoughts of angelic presence. So another **Angel Gathering with Gail Elaine** may help us to become more aware of the comfort and inspiration that angels, even today, can bring. Gail Elaine has the gift of channelling love and light from the angel realm and those of us who have attended earlier gatherings have been greatly blessed. **Gail Elaine's** next **Gathering** will be from **2pm – 4pm on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. There'll be snacks and drinks and Gail Elaine will play her crystal harp. Suggested donation £15 and please book with Lizzie. Additionally, on **Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>** Gail Elaine will be talking about angels – more details will be on the website soon

**Self-Compassion Silent Retreat** with **Caroline Armstrong Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 3.30..** In this day of silence we will be gently guided through a variety of meditation practices and carefully chosen readings that encourage compassion for ourselves as well as others. Periods of silence will be sensitively introduced. This event is for adults who have previous meditation experience. Contribution £20 - £40 depending on what you can afford. Please book with Caroline - [mindzone14@gmail.com](mailto:mindzone14@gmail.com)

**Yogarden Retreats** – Our regular Yoga teacher Sue Hodgkins, is holding 4 Yoga retreats again this year. Those of us who were fortunate enough to attend last year are looking forward to some more! The first is on **Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>** - for more details please email Sue - [suehyoga@gmail.com](mailto:suehyoga@gmail.com) Our regular monthly events continue as usual – we hope to welcome you to the Quiet View soon.

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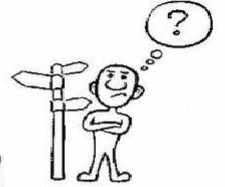
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## Woodpeckers Extended Hours Questionnaire

Woodpeckers Nursery in Bridge are looking at the hours that they offer childcare. It has been suggested that extending the current hours offered would be beneficial to some parents. With this in mind, we would like to get a feel for the greater demand in the village and surrounding areas to see if the extended hours are in fact needed.

Please could you think about the following questions and reply to [info@woodpeckersnursery.co.uk](mailto:info@woodpeckersnursery.co.uk) or return the filled out questionnaire to the Nursery at Woodpeckers Nursery, Conyngham Lane, Bridge, CT4 5JX

Many thanks

Woodpeckers Committee.

1. Do your child/children currently attend a Nursery setting? YES/NO
2. As a parent/guardian would you benefit from a Nursery setting in Bridge that was open from 8am to 6pm, catering for 3 to 4 year olds. If your child is 2 years old would you be interested in all day childcare

YES/NO

Please state age of  
Child/ren.

3. If you answered No to question 1 please indicate what hours you would prefer to be offered?

4. If offered would you take up a place if the Nursery ran all year round?

YES/NO

5. Would you expect that a hot meal be provided at Lunchtime if your child were to attend for a full day. The cost of this would be added to the fees?

YES/NO

6. At present the nursery is not open Friday afternoon would you be interested if we were open all day on Friday 8-6pm

YES/NO

7. Please feel free to add any additional comments that you feel maybe useful.

Please send back by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and thank you for your time.

Woodpeckers has been graded as **GOOD by OFSTED December 2018** and has spaces available, for more information email or call Michelle Briggs on 01227 831159.





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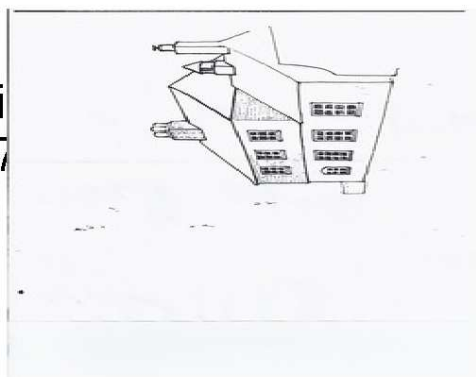


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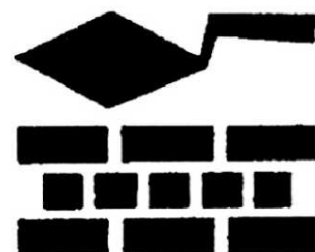
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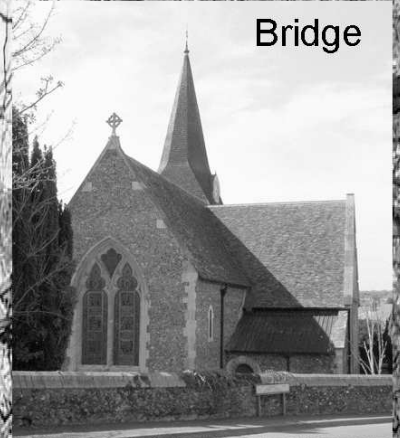
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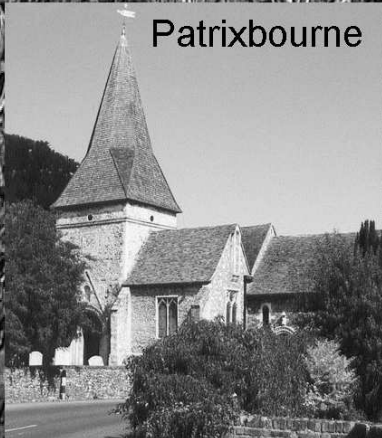
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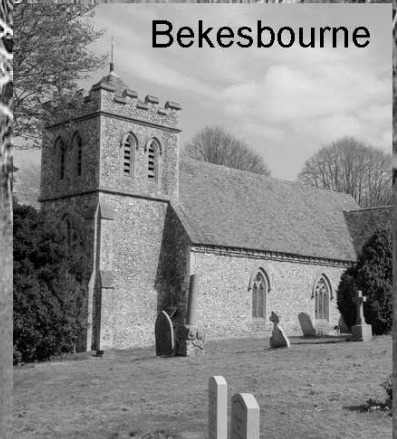
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<b>7<sup>th</sup> Apr</b> Lent 5 Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:4b- 14; John 12:1-8	<b>8:00am BCP Holy Communion</b>	<b>11.00am Family Communion</b>	<b>6.00pm Service of readings and hymns for Passiontide</b>	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>	<i>All welcome at other services in the Benefice</i>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Apr</b> Palm Sunday Luke 19:28-40	<i>All welcome at Bridge</i>		<b>11.00am Palm Sunday Benefice Service 10:30am Procession with Donkey starting from the School with Communion</b>	<i>All welcome at Bridge</i>	
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b> Maundy Thursday	<i>All Welcome at Patribourne</i>			<b>7.00pm Holy Communion with commemoration of the Last Supper</b>	<i>All Welcome at Patribourne</i>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10am -12 noon 'Messy' Good Friday / Margaret's Good Friday workshop combined at Bridge School</b>				
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b> Last hour service	<b>2pm Last Hour service with readings and music</b>	<i>All welcome at Nackington</i>			
<b>21st Apr</b> Easter Sunday Isaiah 65:17-end; Acts 10: 34-43; John 20:1-18	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist Canon Reg Humphriss</b>	<b>9.30am Family Service &amp; Egg Hunt</b>	<b>11.00am Easter Choral Communion</b>	<b>8.00am BCP Holy Communion</b>	<b>9.30am Easter Service with Communion and Easter Egg hunt</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Apr</b> Easter 2: Exodus 14:10-end- 15:20- 21; Acts 5:27-32; John 20:19-end	<i>All welcome at Lower Hardres</i>	<b>10am Benefice Communion Service</b>	<i>All welcome at Lower Hardres</i>		
<b>5<sup>th</sup> May</b> Easter 3: Zephaniah 3:14- end; Acts 9:1-6 [7- 20]; John 21:1-19	<b>8:00am BCP Holy Communion</b>	<b>11.00am Family Communion</b>	<b>6.00pm Evensong</b>	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>10.00am Songs of Praise Lay led</b>

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writing Happy Easter! In my April parish newsletter. This year this since Easter doesn't actually reach us until much later this month and Lent has only just begun. During this Lent as a church we have been taking time in our worship and Lent evenings together on Thursdays during March to really think about how our life together deepens our relationship with Jesus and the living God and the difference this makes to our daily lives and the journey we are on together.

This month in our Churches we will have our Annual Church meetings – at these meetings we thank all the volunteers who help to keep our churches going and we elect new PCCs (although often the same faithful people again!) to help continue the work of the church in the coming year. 2019 will be a really exciting time to be on our PCCs as we begin to discern together the way forward which will enable us to realise our vision of becoming a Single Parish Benefice and the benefits this will bring for us as a whole and for each of our churches. If you are on the electoral roll for any of our churches you are eligible to stand for the PCC – if you think you might be interested in getting more involved in this way do give me a ring or come along to one of the annual meetings.

As Lent progresses and we approach Passiontide, Holy Week and Easter there will be many opportunities to join us for services and events that mark some of the most significant historic events that form the basis of our faith. I commend to all those of you who love a Carol Service our service of readings and hymns for Passiontide at Bridge Church on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April which will walk us through the passion story with a series of readings and well known hymns led by our church choir. We will once again be welcoming 'Banks' the beautiful donkey for our Palm Sunday procession on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April, gathering to meet him and bless the palms in the school playground at 10.30 am and then processing through the village with him into church for Family Communion at 11am. Holy Week itself has traditional services for Maundy Thursday (at Patrixbourne) and Good Friday (at Nackington) and for the whole family 'Messy Easter' at Bridge school 10-12 on Good Friday with Easter crafts and Hot cross buns. And on Easter Sunday itself every church in the Benefice will have a service to celebrate the glory of the Resurrection with of course the added joy of Easter egg hunts!

The celebration of Easter is the final part of the story which sees our loving creator God reach out to the whole of humanity with his love, his peace and his capacity to triumph over evil. Do visit our beautiful churches this Easter as they bear witness to God's enduring presence in the life of our communities for generations past and hopefully generations to come.

Yours in Christ

[Signature]

Rev. Estella Last, Vicar

## Dates for the diary – April 2019

### **Tuesday 2nd**

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter  
Bridge  
3:00pm - Holy Communion, Bridge  
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### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8pm - APCM  
Bekesbourne, Bekesbourne Village Hall

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>**

9am - 11am- Little  
Lambs  
7pm - APCM  
Patricxbourne with Bridge, Bridge Church

### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm - Caring and Sharing,  
Mansfield Court

### **Tuesday 9th**

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter  
Bridge  
2:30pm - Holy Communion, Mansfield  
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### **Wednesday 10th**

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

### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup>**

10am-12am- Messy Church and Margaret's Good Friday  
Workshop, Bridge  
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### **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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## **THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**Of the Parishes of the Bridge Benefice will be held as follows:**

### **Lower Hardres with Nackington:**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7pm at the John Baker White Hall

### **Bekesbourne, St Peter's:**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 8pm at Bekesbourne Village Hall

### **Patricbourne with Bridge:**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 7pm at St Peter's Church Bridge

Details of the business of these meetings can be found on notices displayed in the Parish Churches. Each Annual meeting will be preceded by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners at which the Churchwardens for each Church are elected and appointed.

**In addition, the Electoral Roll for each Ecclesiastical Parish is undergoing a full revision – application forms can be collected from the churches.**

### **New Electoral Rolls for**

### **St Mary's Patricbourne with St Peter's Bridge**

### **St Peter's Bekesbourne**

Every six years a new Church Electoral Roll has to be compiled. Preparations for this are underway with application forms being available in the churches. If you would like to be included on the new Roll for your chosen church please complete a form and return it to a Churchwarden.

## Songs of Praise Bekesbourne 3<sup>rd</sup> March - 40 DAYS of LENT - 48 at BEKESBOURNE.

The congregation numbered more than the days of Lent. Thirty five adults and thirteen children to be exact.

Preparing for Lent was the theme of the Songs of Praise service and Stuart Field engagingly explored the forty days of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Palm Sunday which is the period framed between Christmas and Easter, two of the major Christian festivals.

Everyone achieved a full understanding of the meaning and derivation of the parts that made up Lent as children and members of the congregation added to Stuarts elegant timeline of the period.

The bells rang out to welcome the hardy congregation in the less than welcome weather and there was a very good assembly of hymns accompanied by guitar, organ, and violin music.

What could cap off such an inspiring service? Why of course, pancake racing in the church meadow in the threatening but brightening weather.

The next Songs of Praise service is on 31st March and the theme is Mothering Sunday. Everybody is welcome to join in another of these innovative services.  
Martin Fry

### News From Lower Hardres

Mothering Sunday - will be celebrated on Sunday 31st March at 9.30am at our family service, St Mary's Lower Hardres. Posies and cards will be given out. Obviously we will be having our traditional Simnel Cake. There will be lots for children to participate in.

Good Friday Workshop - This year our workshop will be held on the 19th April from 10.00am - 12.00, and will combine with Messy Church. Please note that the workshop will be held at Bridge School and not in John Baker-White Hall, because the floor is being varnished at the Hall. There will be Hot Cross Buns, and we will have lots of fun, all welcome. Please let Margaret know on 765598, or Julie on 788316. Our next workshop will be in J.B.W.Hall.

### World Day Of Prayer

This was held on 1st March at Bridge Church. It was a very moving, meaningful and uplifting service, and was well attended. Those participating for excellent, and i wish to thank them.

### Easter Day - 21st April

On this day we will have a family service at 9.30am. Refreshments will be served at the end, while the children hunt for eggs. Children will decorate our lovely white cross with flowers to Gods Glory. Do come.

A Very Happy and Blessed Easter

Margaret



# CHRISTIAN AID LENT LUNCHES

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Alan & Jean Barber.

## FAIRTRADE NEWS

Stop press: The sale of Fairtrade chocolate in the 5 Benefice churches during Fairtrade Fortnight raised £286.30. Many thanks to everyone for supporting Fairtrade, Cocoa Farmers.

Jean Barber

### Bridge Flower Arrangers

Easter is fast approaching and plans to decorate St. Peter's Bridge are under way. If anyone would like to donate money for an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one please contact Viv Brasier or a churchwarden. I am keeping the price at £3 per lily. Decorating will start 9.30 on April 20th. If anyone is interested in seeing how the flowers are arranged or lending a hand please feel free to pop into church to see.  
Viv Brasier.

### Fish Scheme (neighbourly help ) News. Tel no: 07935 966 080

The Coffee Pop-In at Bridge village hall will be on Wednesday April 10th from 10 to 11.15. We are appealing for any cups and saucers you can happily spare and also for knitting wool. Please bring them to the Pop-In but if you need help to get them there do ring Rosy on 830204.

The annual fund-raising Bring and Buy will be during the May Pop-In on May 8th. Please bring anything you think might find a good home. Cakes always do and so do books, toiletries, manageable plants and lovely raffle prizes. Thank you.

### Thanks

Thank you very much to all the kind people that helped me when I fell ill in the Bridge Church, on Saturday 16th March.  
Kathleen Ratcliffe

### Bridge & District History Society

The next meeting will be on Thursday April 18th at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. Heather Newton, Head of Conservation at the Cathedral will talk about the many and varied conservation tasks being undertaken at this most important of Canterbury's ancient buildings.

Members £4.00, non-members £5.00 to include refreshments.



### Canterbury Food Bank at All Saints Church, Canterbury

Another huge thank you for the many bags of items that St Peter's Church produces on a fortnightly basis and which I deliver to the Tuesday morning Distribution Café in Military Road, Canterbury. The items are ideal and completely suitable for the needs of the many families, couples and singles who attend.

At a recent Café opening I asked one of the main supervisors who was visiting, what was most needed at the Warehouse in Chestfield, where all the items are sorted and then packed into the individual bags for us to distribute on production of the relevant Voucher. These are currently:

- Rice
- Tinned or UHT puddings and desserts (eg rice pudding, Angel Delight etc)
- UHT Orange juice
- Spaghetti and spaghetti sauces (jars or cans)
- Powdered and tinned potatoes
- Toilet rolls

It is 15 months since I joined the Distribution Café at All Saints. We are a very friendly team, although we have just lost our Tuesday morning Co-ordinator who organised the rota and supervised the mornings. She was snapped up for a responsible fulltime job. Two of us have stepped up to the plate and will be sharing this responsibility with immediate effect. Two new volunteers have joined our group and I know they will find this a very rewarding experience.

*Food for Thought*

### **Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute**

We are being very seasonal at our meeting on **Tuesday 16 April** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall and are having a practical evening with **Margaret Palmer** who will be showing us how to make **Sugar Easter Eggs**. The **competition** for April is for members to bring an interesting item beginning with the letter "P". If you would like to join us for this evening or are interested in the WI generally, please do come along. We are always delighted to welcome visitors and guests.

And a couple of dates for the diary.

The WI celebrates its Centenary this year and, as mentioned previously, we have organised some special events in May and June.

On **Friday 3 May** we will be holding our fund-raising **Afternoon Tea** in the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground from 2.30 until 4.30 pm. There will be tea and cake (priced £3), a raffle and bring and buy. Please join us on what we hope will be a fine late spring afternoon at the Pavilion.

This event is closely followed by our special "**Cake and Coffee and Concert**" in St Peter's Church, Bridge on **Saturday 18 May** when we invite everyone to join us in celebrating our Centenary. Do make a note of the date and watch out for the posters with more details nearer the time.



**Good Friday - 19<sup>th</sup> April**  
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## Nailbourne Horticultural Society

We should like to remind you that our **Annual Spring Show** is on **Saturday 6 April** in Bridge Village Hall. The Show is open to the public from 11.00 am until 1.00 pm, with Prize Giving at 12.45pm. As mentioned in last month's "On the Nail" we have included three Open Classes for everyone to enter, members and non-members alike, with voucher prizes awarded to the winners. These classes are:

1. *6 chitted seed potatoes in an egg box*
2. *a flower arranging class entitled: "Emergence" – an exhibit, space allowed 51x51cm/20x20 inches, height unrestricted (accessories allowed) for the photographers: "A Winter Scene", photo unframed, not to exceed 8 x 6 inches (NB photos not to be digitally enhanced and all entries to be produced within the last 12 months).*

There is no charge for entries which should be brought to the hall between 8.00 and 10.00 am on the morning of the show. We would love to be inundated with exhibits. If you would like to know more or require a schedule, then please contact the Show Secretary, Kathy Walder, on 830057/07791 656539/ [kath@askwalder.com](mailto:kath@askwalder.com)

For those of you who are carefully nurturing your "Chairman's Challenge" entry, please remember to bring along your pot of narcissus.

As a considerable amount of planning and effort is involved in staging our shows, we would be delighted if residents would come in to support us and enjoy the colourful display of exhibits. There is no entry charge. Refreshments will be available throughout the morning and there will also be a plant /bring and buy stall and a raffle

## National Vegetable Society - Kent Association

The programme of events continues on **Wednesday 10 April** (7.30 for 8.00 pm) in Bridge Village Hall, when, as a deviation from vegetable growing, Frank Turner will be giving a talk on "**The Secret Life of an Arms Dealer**" which I am informed is a true story. Non-members are always most welcome.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

# Spring Show



Saturday 6 April  
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Show open to public 11am to 1.00pm

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Refreshments

Raffle

Plant/Bring and Buy Stall

For Show Schedule and more details, telephone Kathy on 830057



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**Mary Magdalene**, the Blockbuster film will be shown again for Holy Week, on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 7pm** followed by refreshments. Starring Chiwetel Ejiofor and Rooney Mara, this is an authentic and humanistic portrait of one of the most enigmatic and misunderstood spiritual figures in history. A very moving film that takes us, unusually, to the heart of Jesus' life and message. Suggested donation £5 Please book with Lizzie

Silent Retreat - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 10.30 – 4pm with the Janki Foundation -**Building Resilience Through Gratitude & Appreciation** - Led by Dr Julia Ronder, Consultant Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist, Certified Mindful Self-Compassion Teacher. Please bring your own lunch -suggested donation £20 and for more information and to book please go to [www.newron.co.uk](http://www.newron.co.uk)

**Taiji Qigong** continues on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday evenings and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday afternoons of each month with Melanie French. This is a wonderfully gentle way of harmonizing body, mind and soul and Melanie is an excellent teacher £6 Please book with Melanie [m.s.french00@btinternet.com](mailto:m.s.french00@btinternet.com)

**Taizé Prayer – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** Candles, icons, simple chants – just come along! Donations welcome

**AND A DATE FOR THE DIARY! Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Quiet Day with Marianne Rankin – author of ‘An Introduction to Religious and Spiritual Experience’** Marianne will present her fascinating findings from all over the world and from past to present with opportunities for reflection and questions. She is a nationally acclaimed author and places are limited. £25 More information next month and on the website – book now to reserve your place.

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Friday 3 May

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All Welcome

## Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

The Branch is now thriving under our new Branch Chairman Bob Catt, Secretary Kevin Costello and Treasurer Paul Howson. At our March meeting our outgoing Chairman, Ray Tupper, was paid tribute to in his absence. He is having health problems and could not be present, however we wish him well.

We have several social events "in the pipeline". More on those later.

Anyone interested in joining the Branch will be welcome. You do not have to be an ex-service person - just somebody who wishes to be part of the "Legion" and support a very worthwhile cause. Details are in our notice board outside Littlebourne Hall or come along to a meeting - every second Tuesday of the month - 8pm in the Littlebourne Recreation Club. Next two meetings will be held on 9th April and 14th May.

## Speedwatch Training

Bekesbourne with Patnixbourne Parish Council is very concerned about the speed of vehicles travelling along our village roads. The Parish Council is hoping to recommence 'Speedwatch' checks in the villages and would like to hear from anyone interested in getting involved.

If this is something that might interest you, the Parish Council would be pleased to hear from you. Please email the Clerk, [clerk.bwp@outlook.com](mailto:clerk.bwp@outlook.com) to express your interest.

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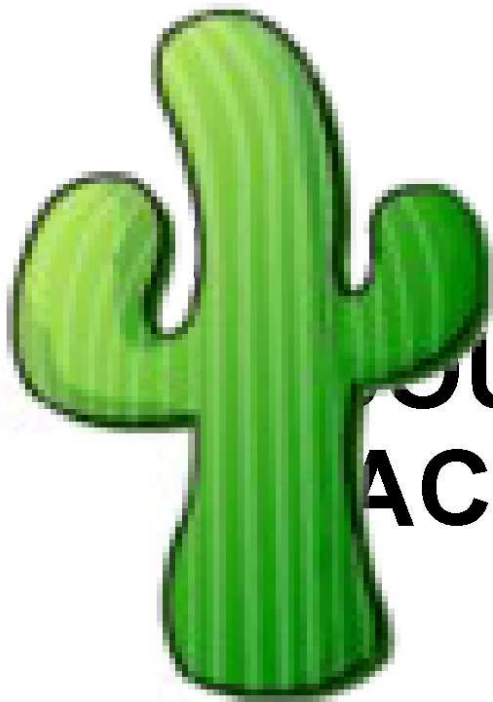
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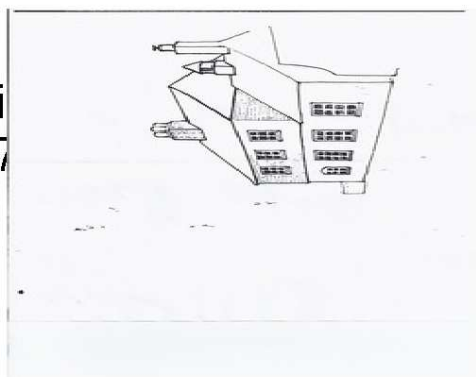


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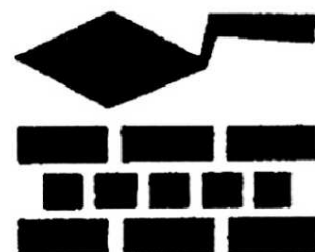
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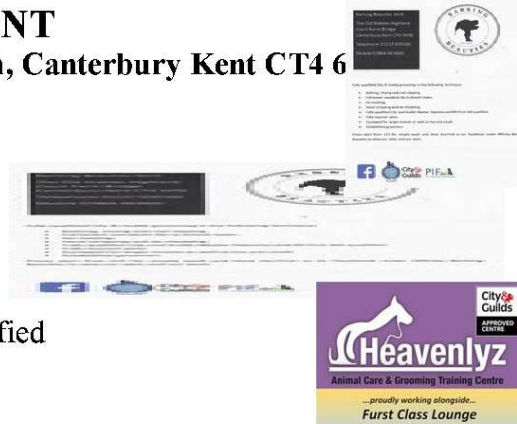
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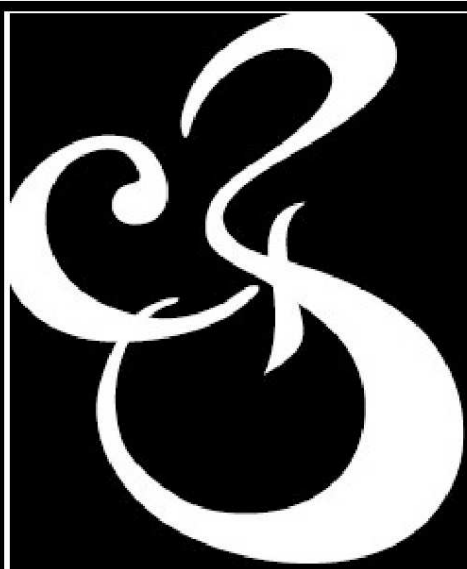


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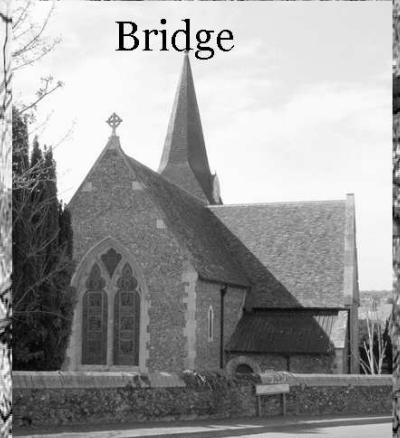
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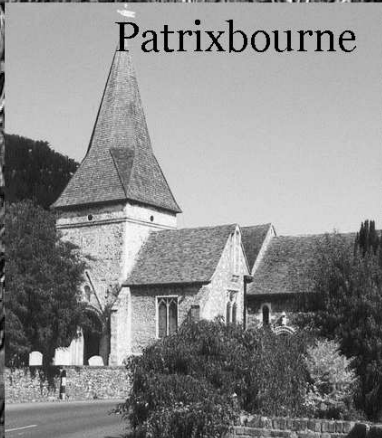
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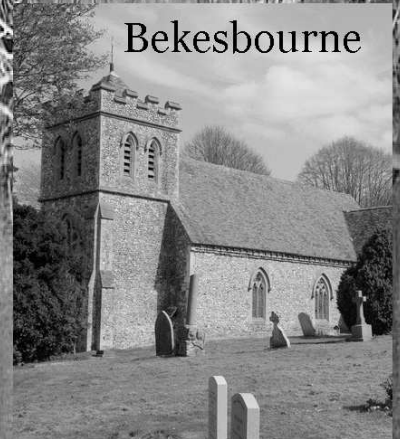
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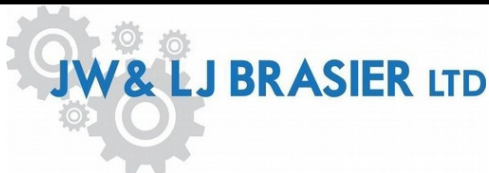
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<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Messy Church at Bridge School 4-6pm</b>				
<b>12<sup>th</sup> May</b> Easter 4 Acts 9: 36-43 [Rev. 7:9-17] John 10:22-30	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>6pm Evensong</b>	<b>11am Family Communion</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	<b>8:00am BCP Holy Communion</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> May</b> Easter 5 Acts 11: 1-18 [Rev. 21:1-6] John 13: 31-35	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	<b>9.30am Family Service</b>	<b>11.00am Choral Eucharist</b>	<b>8.00am BCP Holy Communion</b>	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> May</b> <u>Rogation</u> <u>Sunday (tbc) /</u> <u>6<sup>th</sup> Easter</u> Acts 16: 9-15 [Rev. 21: 10, 22:1-5] John 14:23-29	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	<b>8:00am BCP Holy Communion</b>  <b>11.00am Community Worship</b>	<b>9.30am Matins</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> May</b> <u>Ascension Day</u> Acts 1:1-11 Daniel 7:9-14 Ephesians 1:15- end; Luke 24:44-end				<b>6pm Communion Service for The Ascension</b>	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> June</b> Easter 7 Acts 16:16-34 [Rev. 22: 12-14, 16-17]; John 17:20-end.	<b>8:00am BCP Holy Communion</b>	<b>11.00am Family Communion</b>	<b>6.00pm Evensong</b>	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>10.00am Songs of Praise</b>

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Dear Friends

We have already arrived in May and the year hurtles on. This month sees the retirement of our Bishop, Bishop Trevor, who I know is well known by many of you and who will be much missed. Since we are now well into Easter season I am sharing here his inspirational Easter message to all the parishioners of the Diocese of Canterbury entitled 'Hard-won hope':

"The true story of Easter – for it is no fairy tale – is a story of hope. *The* story of hope from which all others take their meaning. Hope can often be considered to be something of a wishy-washy phenomenon – a positive state of mind, an optimistic glass half-full perspective, which may bear no resemblance to reality – but at least it makes us feel better.

Such hope is a pale resemblance of what we encounter in the risen Christ on Easter morning. Christ does not give us cause for optimism, but rather the concrete assurance of a victory already won. It is this truth, this hope grounded in reality that every one of us and our increasingly divided society so desperately needs right now. Vain optimism will not solve the divisions of our age. Neither will the temptation to give in to despair – though, for many, the challenges of life seem so overwhelming. Signs of inequality, injustice and exclusion obscure the possibility of hope for many. Many in our own communities who feel increasingly excluded from a sense of common purpose, politically, economically and socially. Hope can feel like a pipe dream, an impossible and pointless exercise.

As St Paul says in his letter to the Hebrews, "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Faith is the gift of God to his people and the Church is called to live in and embody the kind of hope made real by faith – life-changing, concrete hope. The call to be a beacon of hope in our parishes and communities is not a call to ignore the signs of suffering and discontent around us. We must pay attention to these signs, lest they cause greater division and despair. Hope is hard. It is always costly for those who seek a different way; the way of reconciliation, justice and truth. For we cannot arrive at the joy and triumph of Easter morning without first travelling the path that leads to the cross, the way of Christ.

To walk this path we must intentionally place the poor, the marginalised, the disenfranchised and the voiceless at the heart of our work together. And in many, many different ways, we are already doing this. Every week I meet and hear the stories of those engaged in church-run food banks, night shelters, debt advice centres. I hear of people coming to faith through simple and honest human contact and compassion. Though we may be small in number and financially challenged, we will not give in to despair. We are a people of hope – hope for ourselves and for those we have yet to meet. Christ has declared hope for all of humanity and we are called to enact that hope in the hardest and most hopeless corners of our county. We will not walk away from being a living and serving presence on urban estates, in our seaside towns, in rural communities.

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Dates for the diary – May 2019

<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b> 2-3.30pm Baker White Hall	–	Lower Hardres Community Café at the John
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> 9-11am Pavillion	-	Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am 3:00pm 7.30pm	- – –	Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge Holy Communion, Bridge Haven After 8s, Mansfield Court
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b> 10:00am 2-3.30pm Baker White Hall	- –	FISH pop-in coffee, Bridge Village Hall Lower Hardres Community Café at the John
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b> 9am-11am	-	Little Lambs, Bridge Pavillion
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup></b> 4-6pm School		Messy Church at Bridge
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<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b> 2-3.30pm Baker White Hall 3:00pm	– -	Lower Hardres Community Café at the John Hymns at Bridge Haven
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<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 2-3.30pm Baker White Hall	–	Lower Hardres Community Café at the John #

### Patricbourne with Bridge Annual Church Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the parish of Patricbourne with Bridge took place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at St Peter's Church in Bridge.

Thanks were offered to all the volunteers who work so hard as members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) throughout the year and especially to our Electoral Roll officer who had conducted a full revision of the Ecclesiastical Electoral roll of the Parish which now stands at 68 members. Others are still welcome to join the roll so please do get in touch with a Churchwarden if you would like a form. Thanks were also offered especially to our Churchwardens Evelyn Andrews, Laurence Dunderdale, Pauline Pritchard and Andrea Nicholson who have all been elected for a further year. During the year the PCC held 7 meetings at the Vicarage at which the mission, business and maintenance of the churches in the parish were discussed and actioned. Thanks to the careful management and stewardship of our resources by this team, the continuing support of the 'Friends' of both churches and the work of our treasurer Devin Brougham the parish was able to meet all its financial obligations again this year although reserves are low. The monthly Coffee & Cake Concerts continued to be popular both for fund raising and community engagement.

Exciting encouragements in the work of the church this year have been the establishment of a new Baby and Toddler Group 'Little Lambs' which meets in the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground every Thursday morning during term time and in early 2019 the start of 'Messy Church' which is supported and hosted by Bridge and Patricbourne School and has seen great attendances at the first three sessions. Numbers attending regular services have also seen a slight increase.

At the end of the meeting Revd Estella presented a report encouraging us to continue to look forward and to build on the work of the past year and we have worshipped together as a whole Benefice more frequently. In the coming months all three parishes in the Benefice will begin discussions towards the possibility of amalgamating into one parish. If you would like to be involved in these discussions or are interested in joining the PCC please do get in touch.

Alan Barber Hon PCC Secretary

### Bekesbourne Annual Church Meeting

Eighteen parishioners attended the annual meeting of St Peter's Church on 3rd April in the village hall.

The PCC reported another successful year. Attendances at the 8.00 and 9.30 Holy Communion services remain the same as last year. Our Songs of Praise service continues to be very popular. It is a short, informal, lay led service with lots of enthusiastic singing and is followed by coffee biscuits and a chat. The theme changes each month and is led by different members of the congregation. We want to encourage more people to join the team.

Zan, the treasurer, presented a healthy set of accounts for the year to December 2018. The church had, with the help of 'The Friends', met all its expenses in the last year.

Jill Gillanders retired as churchwarden. She was given a big thank you for all her hard work and dedication to the church. Nicky Fry was elected as the only churchwarden for the coming year. Pat continues as PCC lay chairman, Nicky Fry as PCC secretary with Pat taking the minutes of the meetings. Zan Clifford was re-elected as treasurer. Graham Duplock represents The Friends of Bekesbourne Church. Sue Holmquist did

a great job as Electoral Roll Officer and will continue in the role. Stuart Field and Jill Gillanders were voted onto the PCC and the remaining members are Amanda Barker and Martin Gall.

Nicky Fry (PCC Secretary)  
April 2019

### Jill Gillanders retires as churchwarden in Bekesbourne

Jill has been the friendly welcoming face of Bekesbourne Church for more than 17 years. We said a big 'thank you' to her at the APCM and hoped she would continue to be very involved in our church for years to come.





Sierra Leone is the world's most dangerous place to become a mum. Every day 10 women die giving birth and many babies do not survive. Tenneh Bahwoh has a happy, bouncy baby, Ansumana, but her first pregnancy ended in tragedy. There was no health centre or trained nurse in her village. Tenneh nearly died giving birth and the village birth attendant could not cope. Her baby lived just three months.

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For 62 years ordinary people have been taking to the streets in the UK to raise money during Christian Aid Week. Last year 57,000 volunteers raised £8.5 million. Here in Bridge, Patixbourne, Bekesbourne and Lower Hardres we collected nearly £3,000. All the money raised this Christian Aid Week will be used to build bigger, better health centres in Sierra Leone and other poverty-stricken communities and to train more midwives.

Please will you help – either by volunteering to collect in a road near you, or by giving generously when the familiar red envelope comes through your letter box? This is our chance to give the world's poorest mums and babies a chance of life.

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Fish Scheme (neighbourly help) news. Tel no: 07935 966 080

Please remember that the Pop-In on May 8th will also be the Bring and Buy when we need all the support you can generously give us.

The June Pop-In will be on 12 th when we hope a representative from Hi Kent will be there to help with hearing aids.

A huge thank you to all our volunteer drivers. Two more have recently joined us and they are very welcome. Not everybody can fit it into busy lives but if you think you possibly could, however infrequently, do please let us know. Our greatest use is for medical appointments.

### Bridge & District History Society

The next meeting will be on Thursday May 16th at 7.30 in Bridge Village Hall. Alan Barber will take us back in time to see our village through the eyes of a journalist from Dover writing in 1902 at the time of the coronation of King Edward VII.

It contains several references to St. Peter's Church and its vicay Rev. Hubert Knight (appointed 1898 and retired 1940—when the vicarage was transferred from Patrixbourne to Bridge.

Members £4.00, non-members £5.00 to include refreshments. All very welcome.

### Messy Church Easter Garden

This garden was made in the school grounds by children attending the Good Friday Messy Church event. 90 people attended and enjoyed many craft activities, songs and hot cross buns. Thanks to all who helped make this a special morning.



## Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

May is a very important month this year for our WI, being the month when we celebrate our Centenary.

Firstly, a reminder that we are holding our **Afternoon Tea** in the Pavilion from 2.30 until 4.30 pm on **Friday 3 May**. This is for everyone, not just WI members, and we hope that you will come along and join us in this pleasant location to enjoy a friendly cuppa.

Our main celebration of 100 years of the WI in Bridge is being held on **Saturday 18 May** when we have organised a special "**Cake and Coffee and Concert**" in St Peter's Church, Bridge (10.15 to 11.30 am). We will be marking this milestone with historical readings, music and song, along with a display of photographs and memorabilia from our archives. As with the Afternoon Tea, this is for everyone, not just members of the WI, and we would be delighted if as many people as possible would join us on this historically important occasion.

Our regular monthly meeting is on **Tuesday 21 May** at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. At this meeting not only will we be discussing the two Resolutions to be debated at the National Federation of WIs' Annual Meeting at Bournemouth in June, but we shall also be taking the opportunity to celebrate once more our 100 years with the cutting of our **Birthday Cake**.



Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

# Afternoon Tea



at the Pavilion on Bridge Recreation Ground  
Friday 3 May, from 2.30 until 4.30 pm

 £3.00 (to include tea and cake) 

*Bring and Buy, Raffle (to be drawn at 4.00 pm)*

All Welcome

### Littlebourne Royal British Legion

We held a successful April meeting when our County Vice Chairman Cherrie Harris and her husband were our guests. We are busy planning new activities for the branch in the coming months. There will be a Social and Games Evening on Tuesday 21st May at 8pm at the Recreation club for Branch members and visiting members of Staple Royal British Legion to get together.

Our next two Branch meetings will be on the second Tuesday of the month at 8pm on 14 May and 11 June. Also we are still looking to recruit new Branch members - please come along to a Branch meeting for more information.



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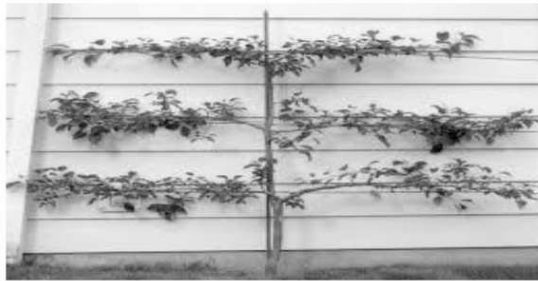
### Nailbourne Horticultural Society

The speaker at our meeting on **Tuesday 14 May** is **Chris Williams** who will be giving a talk and demonstration on "**Growing and Pruning Fruit Trees**". This promises to be an interesting and practical evening full of advice and tips for all those who have fruit trees or are looking to planting one in the future. As usual, the meeting will be in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Members and visitors are most welcome and there will be a small entry charge to include refreshments.

### National Vegetable Society - Kent Association

On **Wednesday 8 May** (7.30 for 8.00 pm) in Bridge Village Hall, **Steve Edney**, Head Gardener at the **Salutation Garden** in Sandwich, will be giving a talk on the Garden's history, his 15 years of working there and, as it is, after all, the Vegetable Society, on vegetable oddities! Steve is a very entertaining and knowledgeable speaker and if you have missed him on previous occasions when he has come to Bridge, then you will be most welcome at this event.

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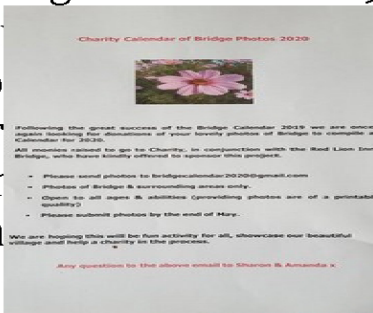
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Charity Calendar of Bridge Photos 2020 Following the great success of the Bridge Calendar 2019 we are once again looking for donations of your lovely photos of Bridge to compile a Calendar for 2020. Please send photos to [bridgecalendar2020@gmail.com](mailto:bridgecalendar2020@gmail.com) Photos of Bridge and surrounding areas and abilities (providing photos are of a suitable quality) please submit photos by the end of May Any questions to Sharon and Amanda



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## BOURNE VETS NEWS

Food Manufacturer's survey, 26% of households together with their life expectancy is an average of 11 years and the population is stable, that means that over 800,000 puppies enter the country annually. 250,000 of these come from Kennel Club registered breeders. The most popular breed is the French Bulldog whose popularity has increased over the past decade, to surpass even the Labrador retriever which has topped the popularity table for decades. The remaining half a million or so puppies come from a variety of sources. A relatively small number come from licensed pet shops and new licence requirements that came into effect in October will be a significant disincentive to selling puppies under a pet-vending licence. The other major source is almost certainly the internet. The anonymity of the internet allows a variety of illegal dog breeding activities, primarily puppy farming and the illegal commercial import of puppies via the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS). The trade is driven by the demand for puppies, the ease with which the point-of-sale and vendor can be obfuscated, poor detection and enforcement, and the derisory penalties following conviction. There is good evidence that organised crime is involved, because the profitability is high and the likelihood of a prison sentence is very low compared to smuggling drugs, weapons or people.

The new English Animal Activities Licence (AAL) reduces the number of litters requiring a licence from 5 or more to 3 or more litters per year, which will increase the number of licensed breeders, and any licensed breeder will have to display their licence number and will be inspected and issued with a star grading. Hopefully this will help to encourage high quality responsible breeders to produce more high welfare puppies, however puppy farmers will still be able to lie about the number of litters they are producing.

The reality is that hundreds of thousands of poorly bred, low welfare puppies are offered for sale each year. If you are thinking of getting a new puppy this Spring please think carefully about where to buy from. It is really important to be able to see the pup with its mother and siblings in the environment that it has been brought up in. At Bourne Vets we can offer you free pre-purchase advice with our qualified veterinary nurses to help you know what to look for when buying a new puppy. Please buy responsibly when looking for your new family pet so we can try and eradicate the hideous trade of puppy farms.

We are holding our annual Open Day on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May from 12-6pm. This is a chance to meet our staff, learn more about what we do and get a chance to look behind the scenes. We'll be doing our popular Junior Vet Challenge again and will have lots of unusual animals that you can meet. It's a great day out and all completely FREE so if you are thinking about getting a new puppy please come along and visit us for lots of useful advice.

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For details of membership, please click here:  
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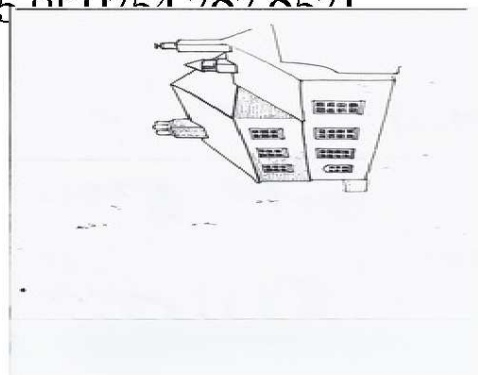
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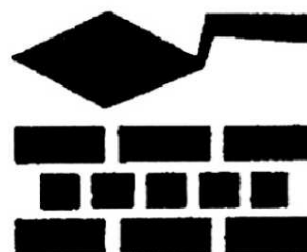


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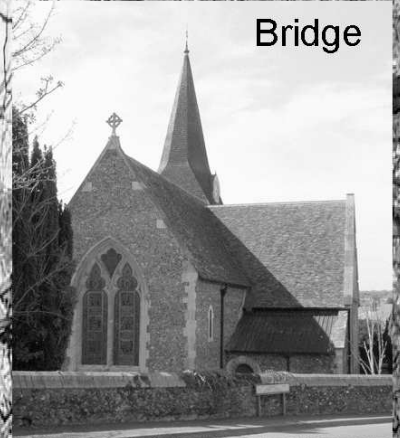
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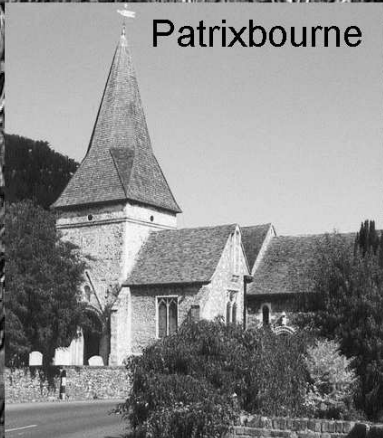
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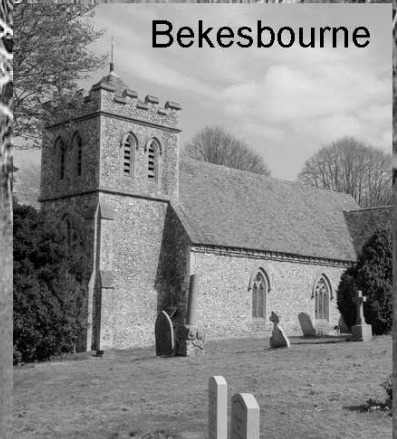
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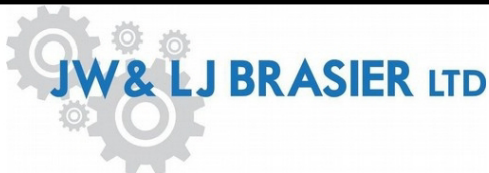
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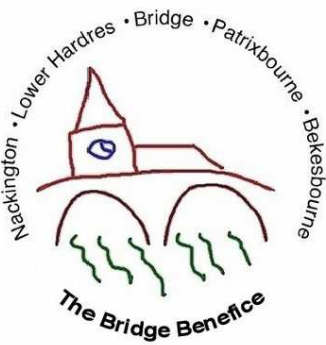
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<b>2<sup>nd</sup> June</b> Easter 7 Acts 16:16-34 Rev. 22:12-14,16-17 John 17:20-end	<b>8:00am</b> <b>BCP Holy Communion</b>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Family Communion</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>Evensong</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>Songs of Praise</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> June</b> Pentecost Acts 2:1-21 Rom. 8:14-17 John 14:8-17 [25-27]	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>6pm</b> <b>Evensong</b>	<b>11am</b> <b>Family Communion</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	<b>8:00am</b> <b>BCP Holy Communion</b>
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Messy Church at Bridge School 4-6pm</b>				
<b>16<sup>th</sup> June</b> Trinity Sunday Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Family Service</b>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Choral Eucharist</b>	<b>8.00am</b> <b>BCP Holy Communion</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Sung Eucharist</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> June</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity Isaiah 65:1-9; Galatians 3: 23-end; Luke 8:26-39	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Communion with Holy Baptism</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	<b>8:00am</b> <b>BCP Holy Communion</b>  <b>11.00am</b> <b>Community Worship</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Matins</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> June</b> Trinity 2 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-end; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51 -end	<b>10am Benefice Communion Service at Bekesbourne</b> <i>Lifts and assistance up to the church available please ask the Churchwardens</i>				
<b>7<sup>th</sup> July</b> Trinity 3 Isaiah 66:10-14; Galatians 6: [1-6] 7-16; Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20	<b>8:00am</b> <b>BCP Holy Communion</b>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Family Communion</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>Evensong</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>Songs of Praise</b>

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Dear Friends

June has arrived and I hope by now we have begun to properly enjoy some warm weather and sunshine. I wonder if you are busy at the moment? Everyone I meet seems to be busy (myself included) and its often the first thing people say when you ask them how they are. It seems to be the thing of our current age, being busy, and it's easy to get drawn into an "I'm the busiest" battle with our friends, our colleagues, even our family members and spouses but we all know I think that being busy isn't necessarily good for us.

Resting is a commandment, "Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Work six days and do everything you need to do. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to God, your God. Don't do any work...." (Exodus 20:8 The Message) but I think we tend to see it rather as a suggestion and / or we allow the pursuit of our rest time to become part of the busy-ness - if you see what I mean? No one can work 24/7 (whether it's is paid work or voluntary!?). Perhaps today's trend of online working from home makes setting aside time to rest more difficult, yet more important than ever. For physical health and spiritual well-being, we need rest. Rest refuels and re-energizes us to work more effectively later. When we're rested physically, we deal better with stress and busy schedules. When we take time to refuel spiritually, we're better equipped to deal with challenges and trials that will always be part of our lives. And this is what God wants for each of us – fullness of life.

So before I go on to tell you all about all the wonderful things that are happening across the Benefice this month (yes I know – the irony is not lost on me!) I want to encourage you to be intentional about Sabbath and about rest – whatever it looks like for you, make time for it and treasure it.

This month in the Benefice we continue to join in with the global 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer initiative, meeting for morning prayer at 9am in Bridge Church from 30<sup>th</sup> May until 9<sup>th</sup> June. We are holding the second of our Benefice vision mornings on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June where we will continue to explore together how we might simplify the administrative, legal and financial structures of our churches in order to reduce our busy-ness and increase our capacity for mission. **Messy Church** meets for the last time this academic year on **15<sup>th</sup> June** giving the whole team a bit of a Sabbath until we return in September and we look forward hugely to the **Bridge Community Fete** being organised by Bridge and Patrixbourne School PTA on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June**. All our services continue as outlined in the service grid, they provide various opportunities to find rest in God and anyone is welcome to come along. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any queries you might have or to talk about weddings, christenings or pastoral needs.

Yours in Christ

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Rev. Estella Last, Vicar

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Dates for the diary – June 2019

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> -**

11.00am - Open Garden at Butts Farm  
with coffee and light lunches

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>**

9-12am - PCC Vision Meeting, Lower Hardres  
Village Hall

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm - Caring and Sharing,  
Mansfield Court

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter  
Bridge  
2:30pm - Holy Communion, Mansfield  
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**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>**

4pm-6pm - Messy Church at Bridge School

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

3:00pm - Hymns at Bridge Haven #

## **Godparents Sunday at St Peters Bekesbourne, 5<sup>th</sup> May**

The church was decked out with balloons and bunting and the bells rang out to celebrate Godparents Sunday. Stuart Field led the service and explained that Godparents' Sunday is a response to research undertaken on behalf of the Archbishops' Council looking at parents' real experiences and expectations around the baptism of their child. Godparents are part of family and church life for all the years ahead, a relationship that will last for a lifetime. So, setting apart a Sunday to celebrate and pray for this special relationship is a great opportunity to share with families and ask for God's blessing on godparents and godchildren everywhere. In response to this research two new hymns were commissioned which were included in the service.

Stuart's research found that Tertullian referred to infant baptism in his writings and it was assumed from these writings that infant baptism probably began around the 3<sup>rd</sup> century AD.

Megan explained to the congregation how she considered the choice of godparents in the recent baptism of her son who was the first baptism carried out by Estella our vicar, and Joy explained her recent choice of an adult baptism which was carried out at Bekesbourne and followed with her confirmation at St Peters Bridge.

The many children in church created celebratory illustrations which were displayed on Stuart's trademark washing line strung between the pulpit and the lectern. A special cake had been made to mark the celebration of Godparents and it was enjoyed by all along with coffee and teas served in the bell tower by Wendy and Dave Durrell.

There will be a rogation walk on the 26<sup>th</sup> May followed by a barbecue at The Old Palace. The next Songs of Praise at Bekesbourne will be our annual Pet Service, so bring your pet along to join in on June 2nd at 10am.

Martin Fry

## **News from Lower Hardres**

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Moving on to July, although our **Summer Show** is not until **Saturday 20 July**, entries for the **garden classes** -the most picturesque garden, prettiest small garden and best kept vegetable garden (garden and/or allotment) - should be notified to the Show Secretary Kathy Walder (830057/07791 656539/[kath@askwalder.com](mailto:kath@askwalder.com)) by Wednesday 12 June. Judging will be at the end of June/beginning of July. Do think seriously about entering and remember too that under the Conditions of Show, last year's winners of these classes are not eligible to enter this year.

To encourage more entries in our Show, we have included several open classes for everyone to enter, with garden vouchers as prizes. To give you time to consider and plan, these are:

**Any Other Vegetable** - not included in any other class, ie NOT spring onions, onions, beetroot, potatoes, carrots, French beans, runner beans, peas, courgettes, shallots, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber. There are still a few! And please use common sense as to the number exhibited.

**A Vegetable or Fruit Oddity**

**A Vase of Mixed Flowers** - anything in flower (Vase supplied)

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.

If anyone requires further information or would like a show schedule please contact the Show Secretary - details above.

## National Vegetable Society - Kent Association

As the Society has arranged to visit the garden of one of its members on the evening of 12 June and has a stand at the County Show in July, they do not meet again until August in Bridge Village Hall.



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### **Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute**

Following on from our Centenary celebrations in May and with a big thank you to all who supported us in the various events, we have our regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday 18 June** when **Tsyoko Page** is returning to give us a talk entitled “**All About Kimonos**” and, who knows, perhaps we will have the chance to try some on! The competition this month is for an interesting item beginning with the letter “R”. Guests and visitors will be most welcome.

We also have our Centenary day coach outing to **Chapel Down Winery** on Tuesday 25 June to look forward to. For details on this please contact our President Julia Cooper or Secretary Carina Whiting.

We shall also be manning a stall at the Community Fete on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June so come and say hello to us there.

### **Fish Scheme News**

Thanks to everyone who supported the Coffee Pop-In Bring and Buy. You raised over £250. The outing, founded in memory of the Nunnery Fields matron Cornelia Slavin, is on 23rd July. This year we are going to Belmont House near Faversham for an optional guided tour and a light lunch. Numbers are limited by the seating for lunch so do book early. The June Pop-In is on Wednesday 12th and the Fish phone number is 07935 966 080.

### **Bridge & District History Society**

The next meeting will be on Thursday June 19th. David Eaves will take us on a guided walking tour of Wingham. We will meet at Wingham Village Hall, School Lane, CT3 1BD at 6pm. Cost for members and non-members: £5.00 to be collected on the evening.

# News from Bridge & Patrixbourne CEP School (May)



We've been incredibly busy here at Bridge School over the past few months, but we've got a lot planned between now and the summer holidays.

We continue to develop our relationship with the benefice and the success of the relatively recently introduced 'Messy Church' has taken both myself and Rev Estella by surprise. I would like to deeply thank all those members of the community who support this, not just in their attendance but through the supply of food (the profiteroles are always extremely popular!) The children have also attended the church and engaged in prayer stations as well as the recent Easter Service.

We are also hoping to reintroduce the Bridge Community Fete and this will be open to all members of the community and we hope that you'll be able to join us on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June**.

Just after Easter, we had a launch day with the Sadie Bristow Foundation and that went extremely well, all 421 children in our school enjoy tennis and athletic activities led by the inspirational Stewart Bristow. Parents were also invited to attend to find out more about the excellent work that the foundation is doing in the local and wider community. This launch day introduced our tennis programme in school and our goal is that every child in Bridge should be able to play tennis to a good standard by the time they leave us.

Our Year 6 children were very excited in January to learn that they were putting on a production of the Lion King and even went to the Lyceum Theatre in London to watch the West End production – I hope to see many members of the community in the audience for these spectacular performances which will be at the theatre of the New School on **10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm**. Tickets will be on sale from June and can be purchased from the school office.



On a personal note, I would very much like to state how much I have enjoyed my time at Bridge so far. The children, parents and community are lucky to have a school with such dedicated staff who show incredible commitment, frequently going above and beyond.

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Firstly, a massive thankyou to everyone that came along to support our Spring Fayre on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May. It was a very successful event and raised essential funds towards the ongoing costs of the nursery, despite the rain!

In the last couple of weeks, the committee have been working hard, in conjunction with their sustainability team, to secure a new lease for the land on which the nursery sits. Thankfully we have been granted a lease which will secure the site of the Nursery for the next 10 Years! Unfortunately to get the lease agreed we need to have a solicitor sign off on it and we are looking at £3000-£4000 in legal fees. With that in mind we are appealing to local people for help with raising the additional funds we now need. We are setting up a 'just giving' page so please keep an eye out on the Village Facebook page for details. If you would like to help towards our costs or can offer us legal advise on the matter please email [info@woodpeckersnursery.co.uk](mailto:info@woodpeckersnursery.co.uk) or call 01227 831159. If you are not able to donate to us simply 'spreading the word' will help.

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The Woodpeckers Committee

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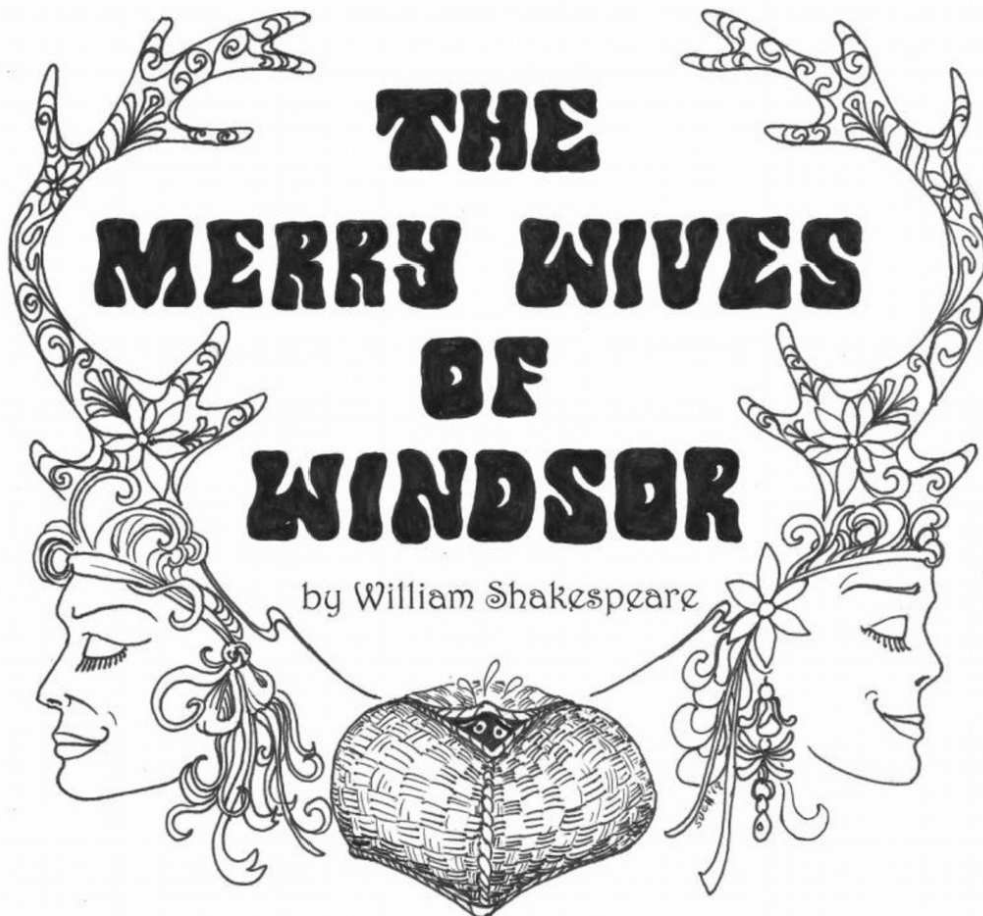
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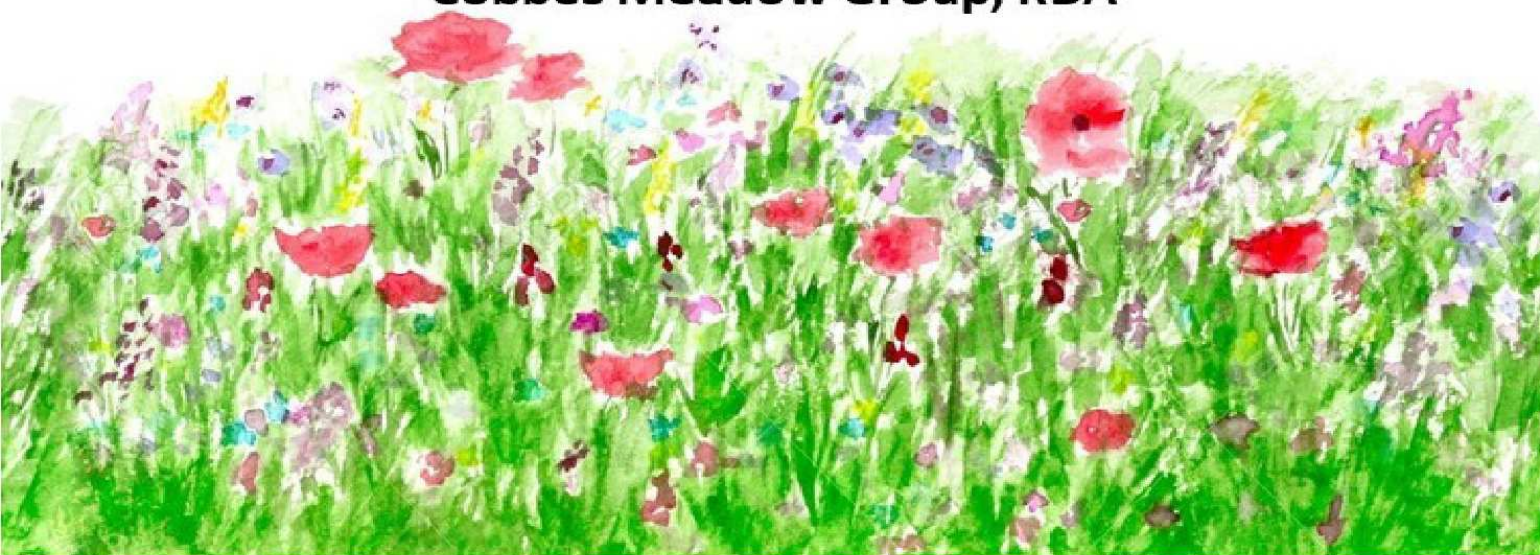
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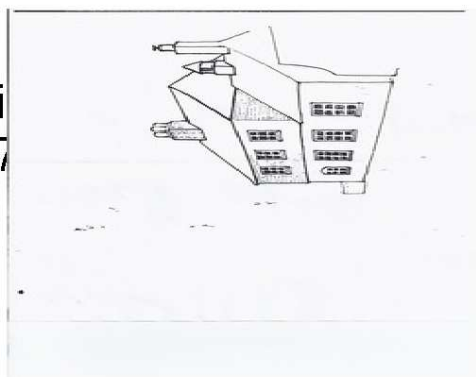


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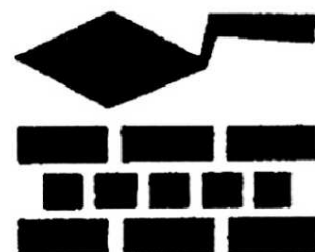
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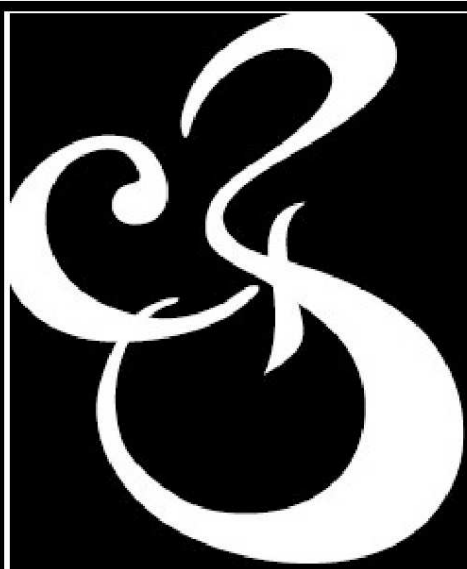


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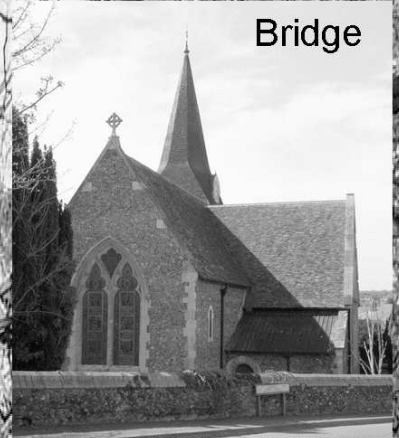
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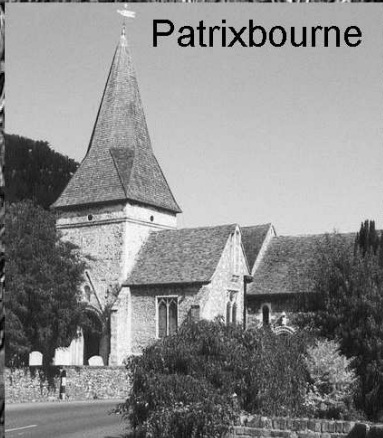
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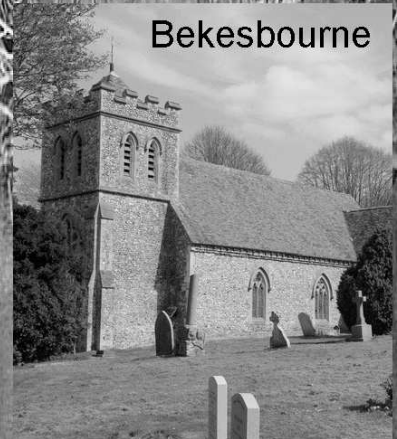
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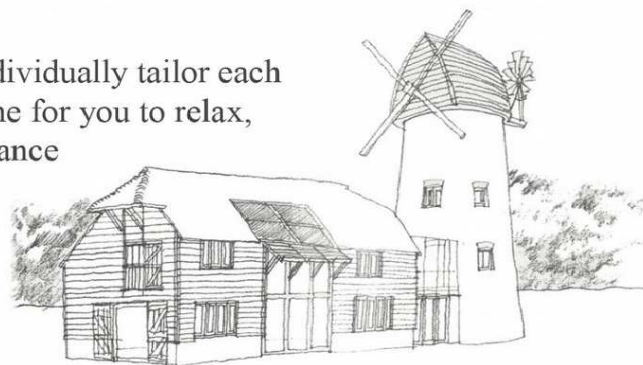
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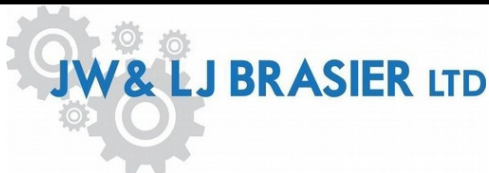
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<b>7<sup>th</sup> July</b> Trinity 3 Isaiah 66:10-14; Galatians 6: [1- 6] 7-16; Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20	<b>8.00am BCP Holy Communion</b>	<b>11.00am Family Communion</b>	<b>6.00pm Evensong</b>	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>10:00am Songs of Praise</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> July</b> Trinity 4 Deut 30:9-14; Colossians 1:1- 14; Luke 10:25- 37	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>6.00pm Evensong</b>	<b>11am Family Communion</b>	<i>All welcome at the services of the Benefice</i>	<b>8.00am BCP Holy Communion</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b> 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>	<b>9.30am Family Service</b>	<b>11.00am Choral Eucharist</b>	<b>8.00am BCP Holy Communion</b>	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> July</b> Trinity 6 Genesis 18:20- 32; Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]; Luke 11: 1-13	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	<b>8.00am BCP Holy Communion</b>  <b>11.00am Community Worship</b>	<b>9.30am Matins</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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Dates for the diary – July 2019

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:30am - Holy Communion, St  
Peter Bridge  
3:00pm - Holy Communion,  
Bridge Haven  
7.30pm - After 8s, 8a  
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**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>**

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 8<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm - Caring and Sharing

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

A reminder of our open classes to encourage everyone to enter, both members and non-members alike, with garden vouchers as prizes:

**Any Other Vegetable** - not included in any other class, ie NOT spring onions, onions, beetroot, potatoes, carrots, French beans, runner beans, peas, courgettes, shallots, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber.

Please use common sense as to the number exhibited.

### **A Vegetable or Fruit Oddity**

**A Vase of Mixed Flowers** - anything in flower (Vase supplied)

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

Plant/Bring & Buy Stall

Raffle

For Show Schedule and more details, contact Kathy on  
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## Bridge with Patrixbourne 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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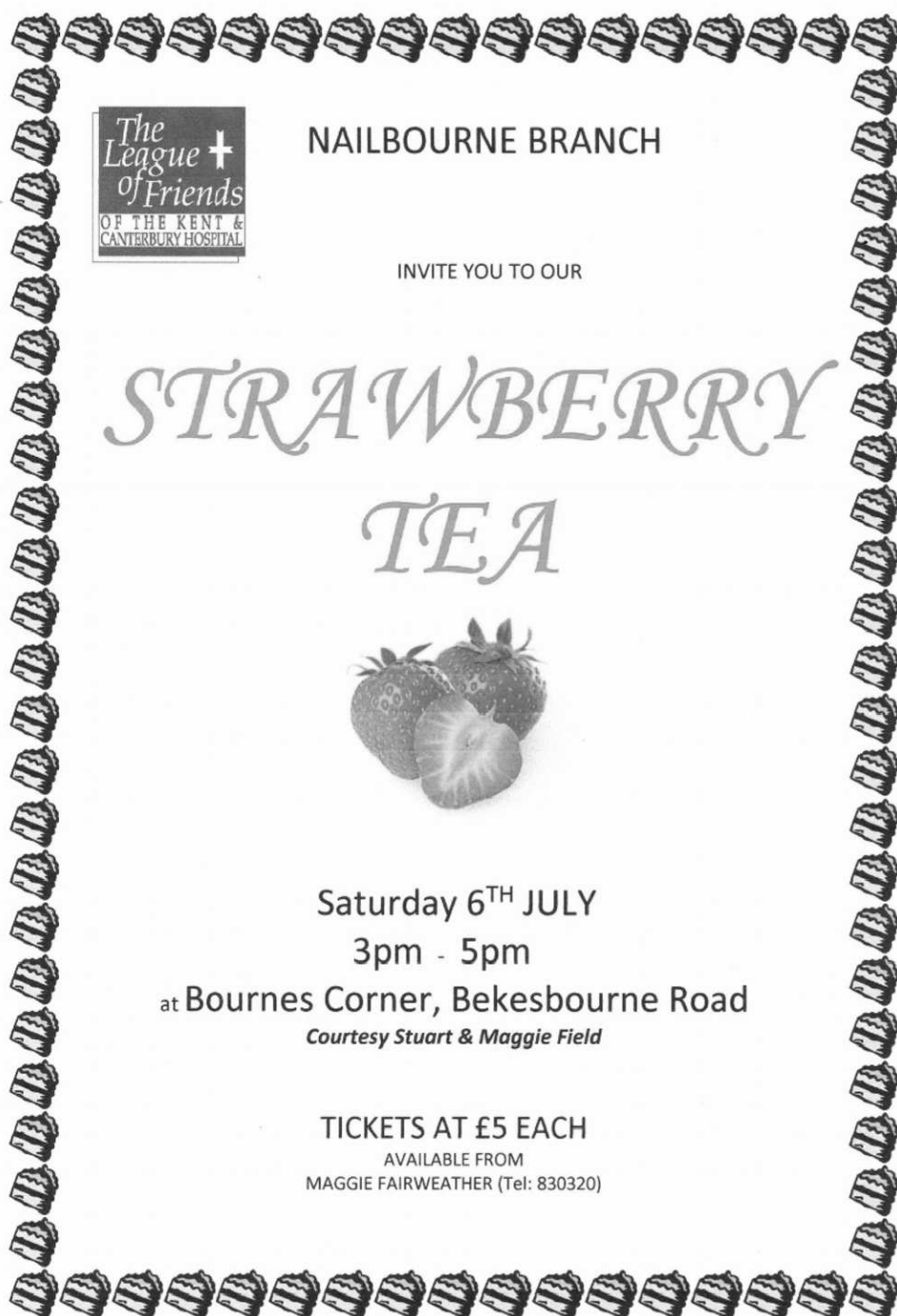
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We recently had an enjoyable Branch Dinner at the Hay Wain, Bramling when the retiring Treasurer and Secretary were presented with thank you mementos by new Branch Chairman, Bob Catt. The retiring Chairman, Ray Tupper was also presented with a gift 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding Month at the latest to [bridgeoffice23@gmail.com](mailto: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, Patrixbourne, 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 & Patrixbourne 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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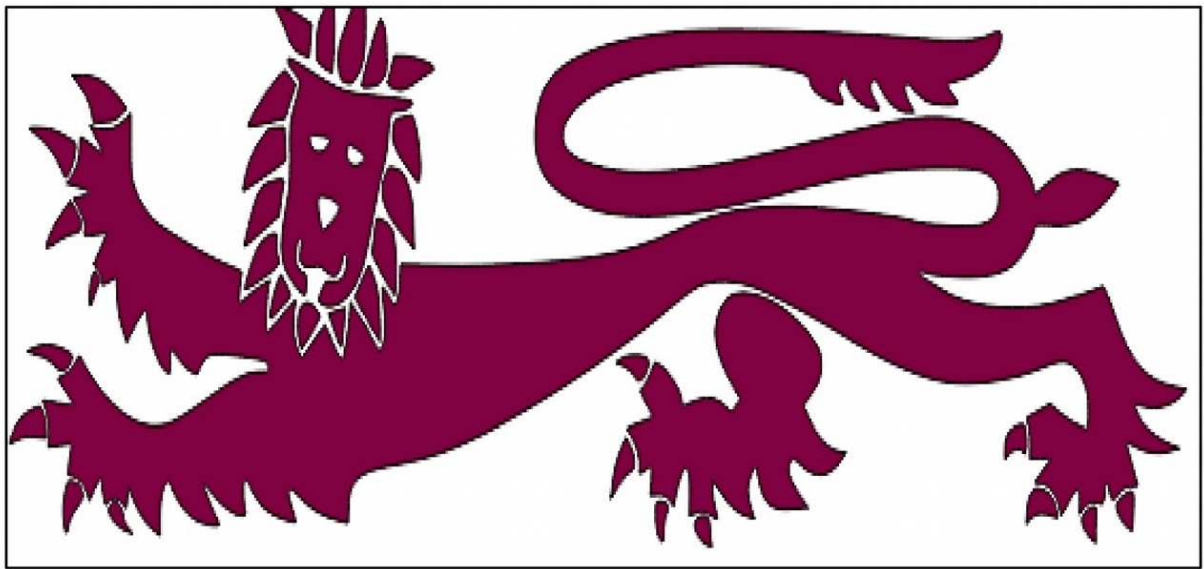


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## PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?



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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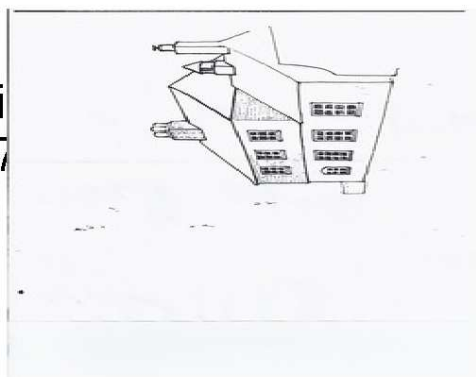


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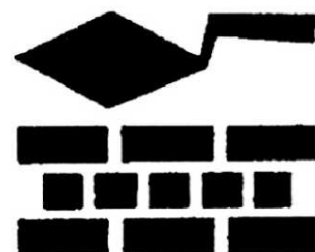
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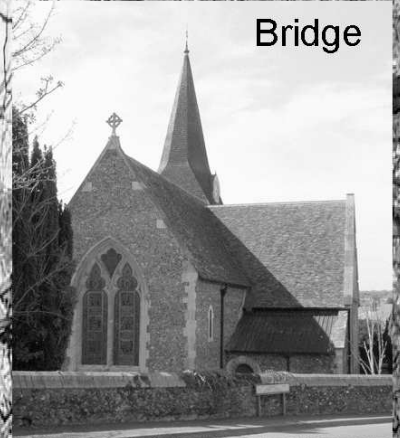
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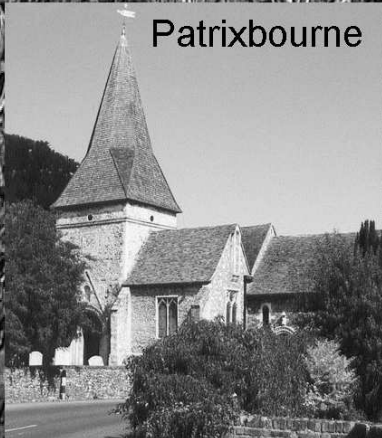
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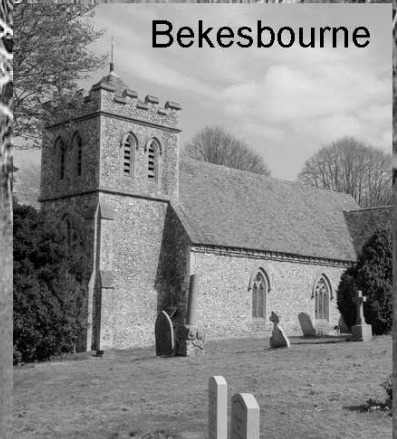
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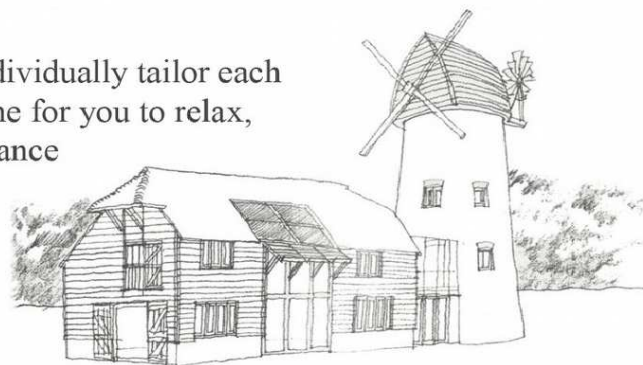
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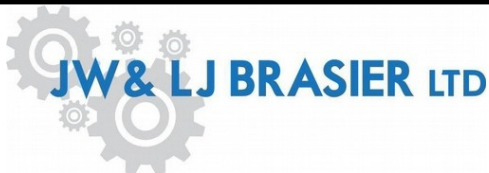
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<b>Summer Schedule starts here</b> One 10am Eucharist Service in each church over the next five Sundays.					
<b>4<sup>th</sup> August</b> Trinity 7 Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12: 13-21	<i>All welcome at the Benefice Service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

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

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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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

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

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

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>**

9.00am-11.00am Little Lambs Toddler Group Returns

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm - Caring and Sharing

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

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

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

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

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

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

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

### **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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Each of the churches in our Benefice will be participating in this event.

It is important because Friends of Kent Churches have in the recent past ( and hopefully in the future) made donations to our churches for the repair and up-keep of the buildings.

All monies raised on the day are split equally between Friend of Kent Church and your local (or your choice) church.

Riders/Striders plan their own route around the churches locally/Canterbury/ County wide. A list of participating churches/chapels will be available.

Each of our churches are looking for-

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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

All welcome

Small Charge to include Refreshments

## Vacancy for a Parish Councillor for the Patrixbourne Ward

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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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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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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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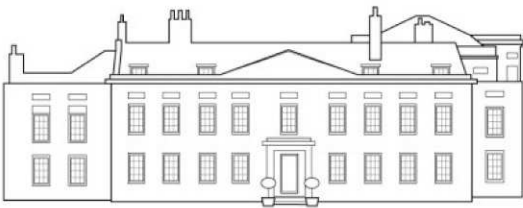
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- ❖ **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

**4-6pm Bridge School Hall**

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# All Saints Food Bank Distribution Café

We are now enjoying the company of some new recruits who have volunteered and been cleared to work alongside the existing lovely people at the All Saints Distribution Café in the Military Road on a Tuesday morning. They will find this a rewarding experience with perhaps some challenges which may occur from time to time.

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.

To this end when considering what to purchase or to provide from your home please think about toiletries and cleaning materials as these help towards people in crisis improving their self-esteem. We have no shortage of baked beans, canned meat pies and soup in the Warehouse as these are the most popular items donated and I ask you to think outside of the box instead, for example: deodorants, shower gel, shampoo, STs, canned meat which can be sliced, canned fruit, custard, UHT full fat milk and fruit juice, packets of chocolate biscuits and bars of chocolate as a treat.

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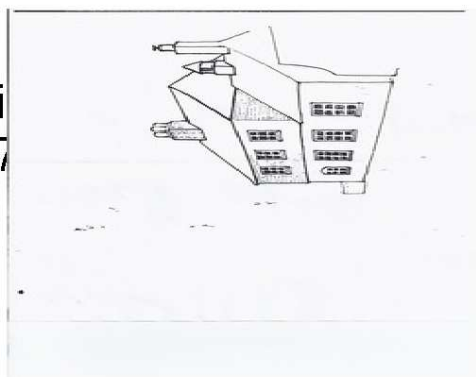


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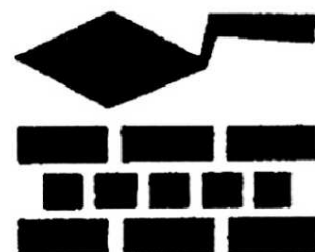
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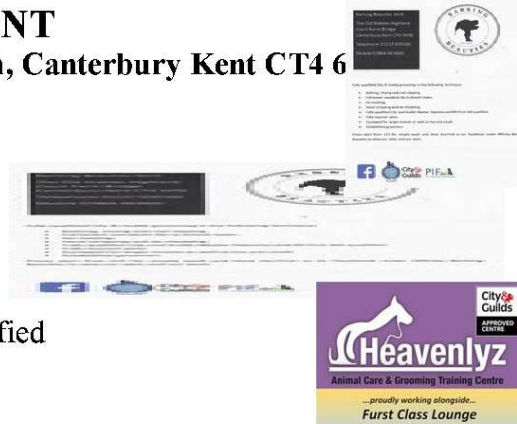
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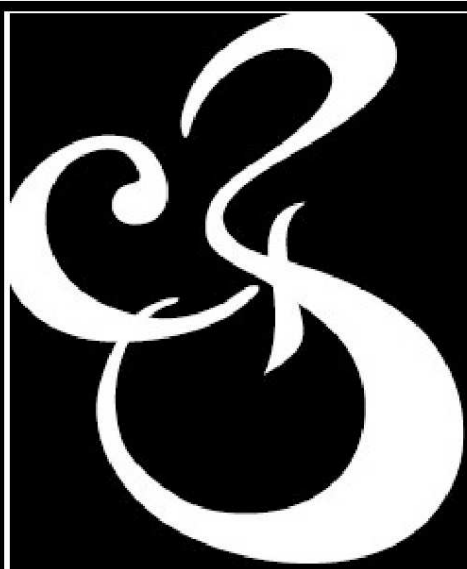
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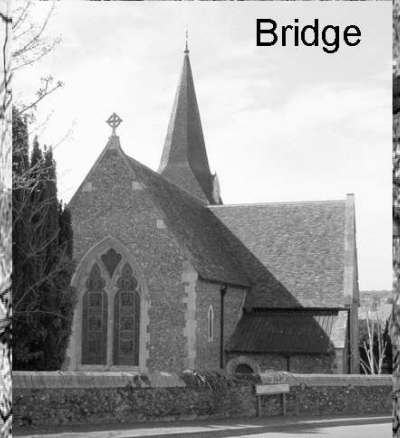
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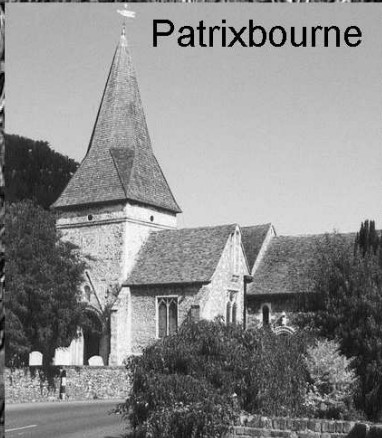
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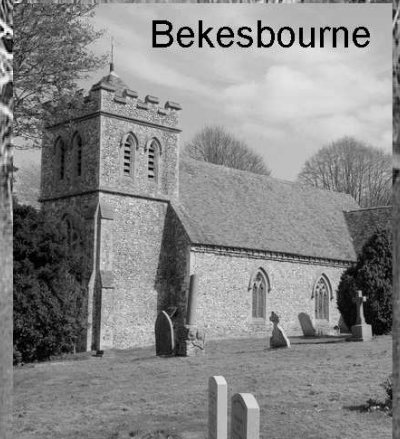
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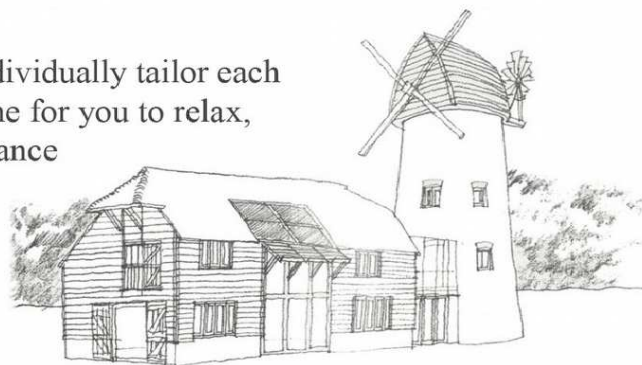
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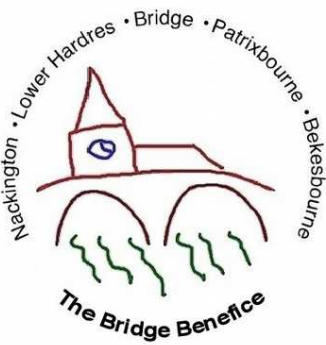
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<b>6 October</b> <b>Harvest and Eco Church</b> Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Philippians 4:4-9; John 6: 25-35	<i>All welcome at other services in the Benefice</i>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Harvest Family Communion (Contemporary)</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>Harvest Choral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

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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

[OBJ]

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>**

Bridge School Harvest Festival Services

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9.00am	-	11.00am Little Lambs Toddler Group
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**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>**

12.30pm	-	Benefice Harvest Lunch, Lower Hardres Village Hall
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**Monday 7<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm	-	Caring and Sharing
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**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>**

9.00am-11.00am	-	Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavillion
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**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>**

3pm	-	Snowdown#
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**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 - Lower Hardres Community Café at  
the John Baker White Hall**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>**9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter  
Bridge**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.

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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*

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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.

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### **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:

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# Art in Bridge

## Exhibition 2019

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

11am – 4pm

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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 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

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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)

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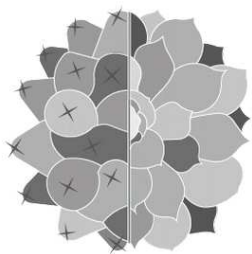


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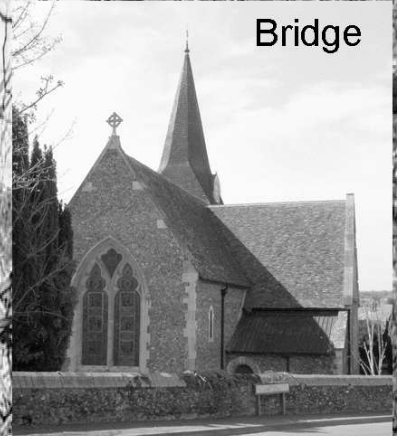
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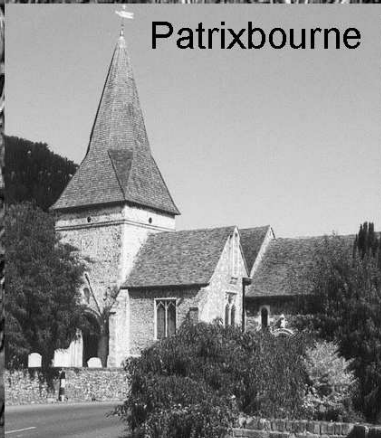
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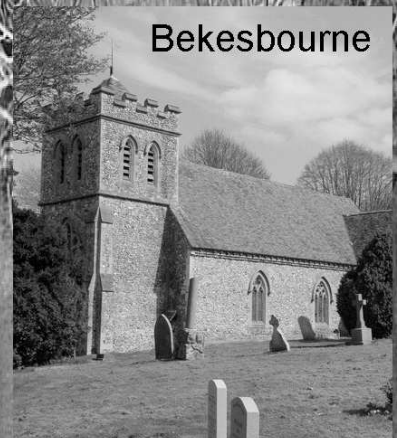
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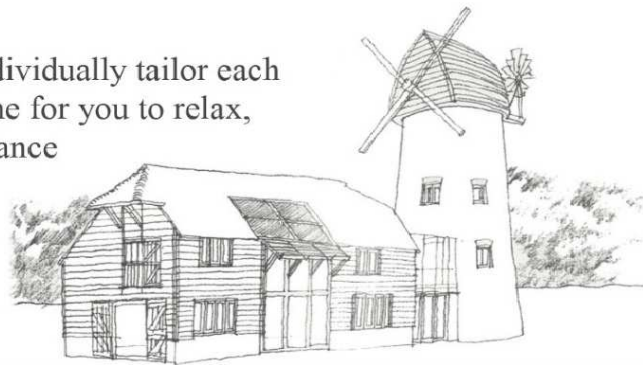
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<b>3 November</b> All Saints (01/11) Daniel 7:1-3,15-18; Ephesians 1:11-end Luke 6:20-31 All Souls (02/11) Wisdom 3:1-9; John 6:37-40	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>	<b>11am</b> <b>Family Communion</b> <b>All Saints (Contemporary)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



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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 (11<sup>th</sup>) and our Church commemorations which will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**

9.00am-11.00am Little Lambs Toddler Group

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>**

4-6pm - Messy Church at #

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

3:00pm

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Hymns at Bridge

Haven

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>**

9.00am-11.00am

Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8.45am

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Parents Prayer

Meeting at St Peter's Bridge

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm

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Caring and Sharing

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am

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Holy Communion, St

Peter Bridge

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

2-3.30pm

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Lower Hardres Community

Café at the John Baker White Hall

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am

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Holy

Communion, St Peter Bridge

Dates to Save for December

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm -  
Salvation Army Carol Concert at Bridge School

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>**

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 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

Nackington

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>**

9.00am -  
11.00am Little Lambs Christmas Party

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

6.00pm -  
Carol Service at St Peter's Bridge

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

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

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**

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](mailto:maureen_taylor3@sky.com))

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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 11<sup>th</sup> 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**

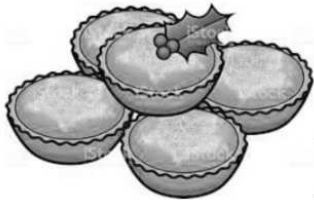
The Bekesbourne Songs of Praise on 3rd November will be a celebration of 25 years of "The Friends of Bekesbourne Church". The Friends were started when funds were needed for urgent repairs to the church structure, including the roof. Since then by holding regular fundraising events including car boot 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

# Christmas

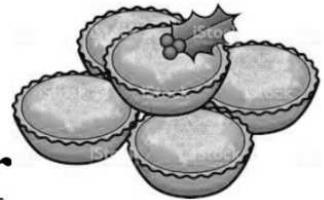


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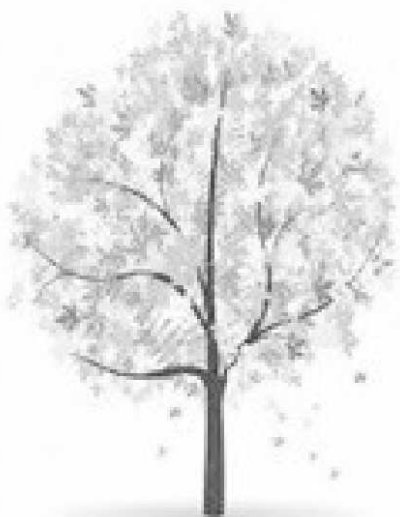


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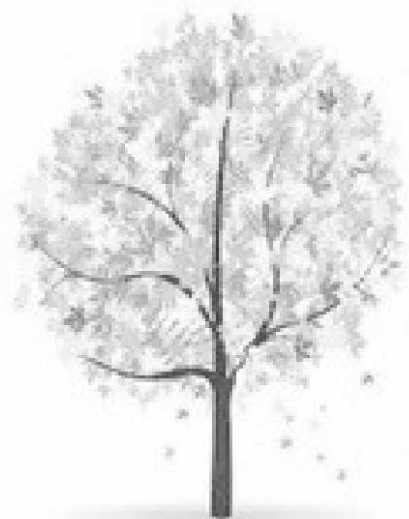
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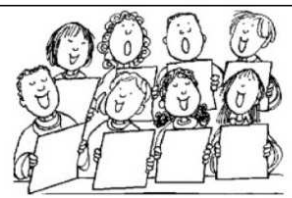
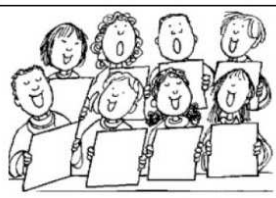


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## **St Peter's, Bridge Carol Service 2019**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6.0pm.**

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

Ability to read music in the harmony parts would be useful,  
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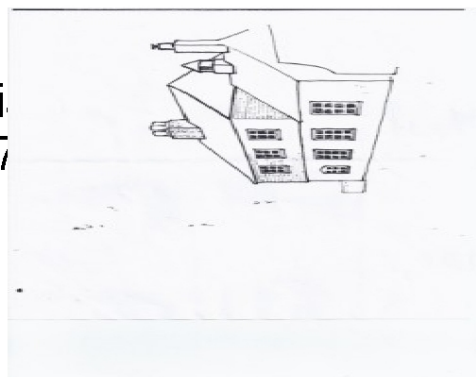


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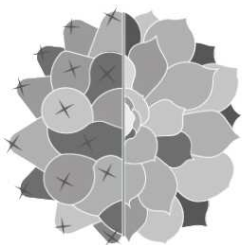
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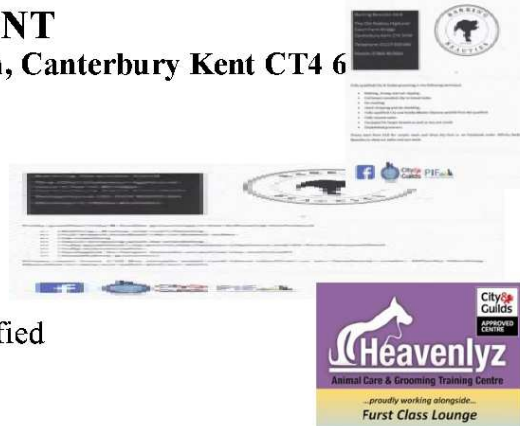
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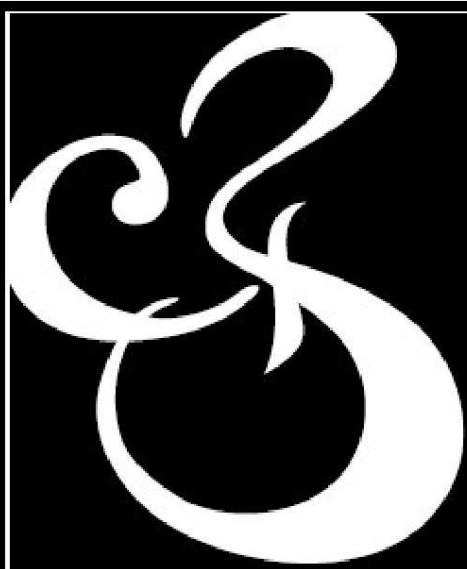
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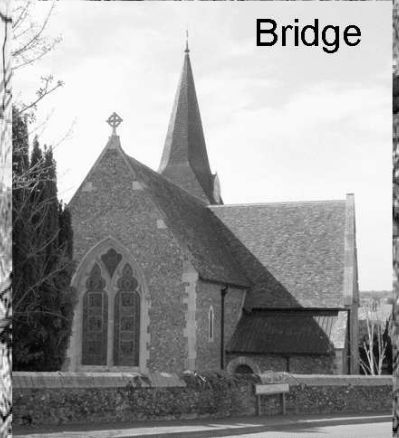
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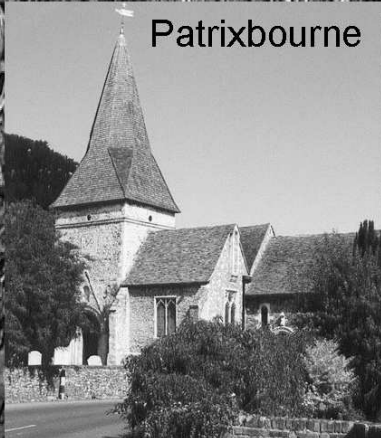
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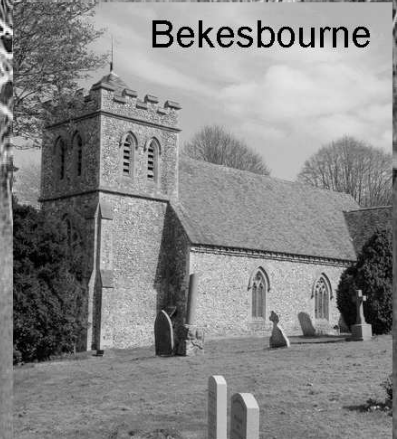
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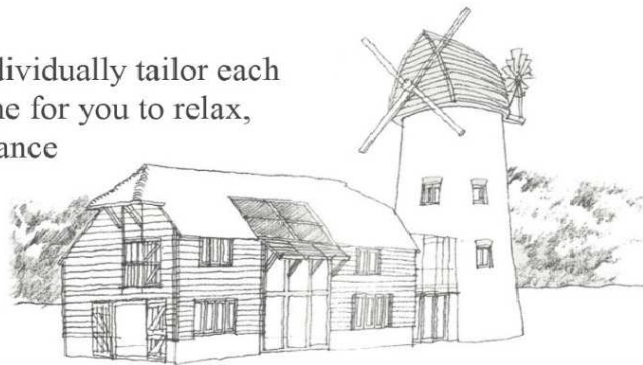
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## **Bekesbourne 100 Club**

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 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 in the sum of £24 (or multiples thereof) and e-mail me, the organiser, at [stevethomas91@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:maureen_taylor3@sky.com)) or John Morgan (01227 831047)

## Merry Christmas From Woodpeckers Nursery

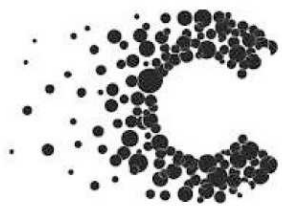
At the end of October Woodpeckers Nursery finally managed to raise the funds needed to secure the lease on the land they use for their building. The Committee are really pleased, couldn't be prouder of this achievement and would like to say a massive THANK YOU to all those people who have helped to make 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](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> December with carols chosen by the congregation.

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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

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

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

Dates for the diary – December 2019

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

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

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>**

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 9<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm - Caring and  
Sharing

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

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

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

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



**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>**

2.00pm	-	Senior
Citizens Tea Party at Bridge School		

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

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

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

2.00pm	-	Carol
Service at Bridge Haven		

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

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>**

7.00pm	-	Carol
Service at St Mary's Patrixbourne		

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>**

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 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

9.30am	-	Sung
Eucharist at St Mary's Patrixbourne		

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>**

9.00am-11.00am		Little Lambs Toddler Group Returns
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**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm	-	Caring
and Sharing		

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9.00am-11.00am  
 Bridge Pavillion

Little Lambs Toddler Group,

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>**

8.45am -  
 Prayer Meeting at St Peter's Bridge

Parents

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm -  
 and Sharing

Caring

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am -  
 Communion, St Peter Bridge

Holy

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>**

9.00am-11.00am  
 Pavillion

Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge

**News from Lower Hardres**

**Christmas Workshop**

On Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bridgeoffice23@gmail.com). Do come it will be fun.

**Crib and Carol Service**

On December 15<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:skipnailbourne@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook page (Nailbourne Scout Group – public).**

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10.00 am Saturday



7th December 2019



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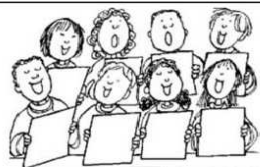
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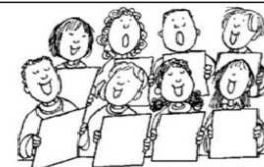
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**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6.0pm.**

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 6<sup>th</sup> December 7.0-9.0pm, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 7.0-9.0pm and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 3.45-5.30pm.

Ability to read music in the harmony parts would be useful,  
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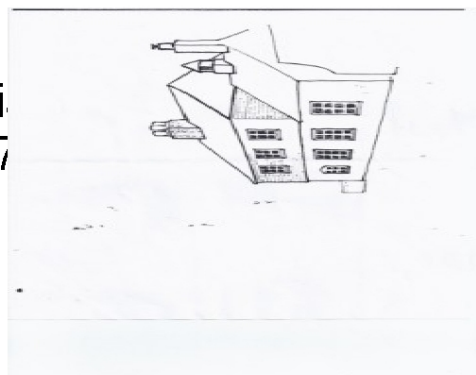


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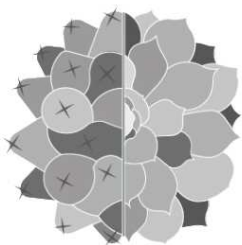
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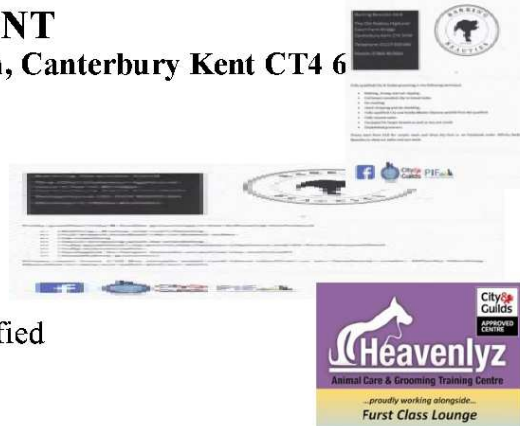
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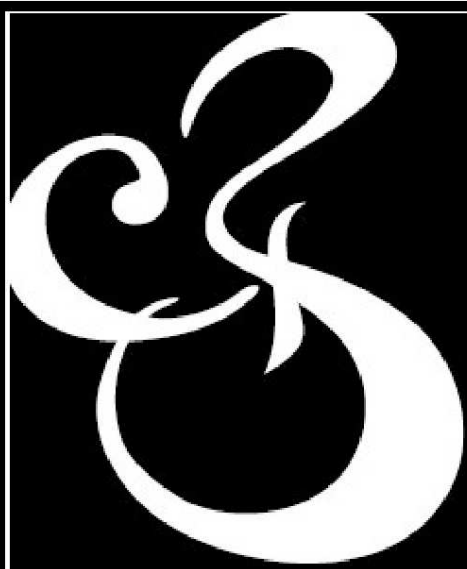
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