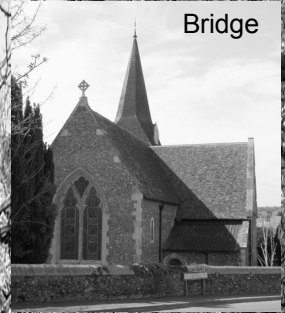


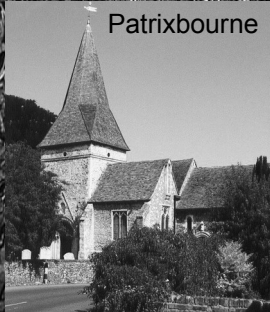
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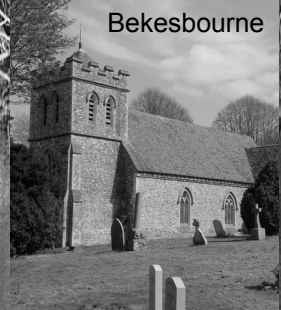
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10th Feb Isaiah 6:1-8 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11	9.30am Sung Eucharist	4.00pm Evensong	11am Family Communion	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Saturday 16th February	Messy Church 4-6pm at Bridge and Patribourne CEP				
17th Feb Jeremiah 17:5-10 1 Corinthians 15:15-20 Luke 6:17-26	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	9.30am Family Service	11.00am Choral Eucharist	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist
24th Feb Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-25 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 Luke 6:27-38	9.30am Sung Eucharist	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Matins	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>
			11.00am Community Worship		
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There is Holy Communion **every Tuesday at 9.30am** to 10.00am at Bridge Church, followed by coffee. All welcome.



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February 2019

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 a 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.

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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.

The Fish phone number to call for help is 07935 966 080

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.

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

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.

“In the past year you have contributed to a massive 13,361 hours of volunteer time. You collected and sorted 9,3055 core items in last financial year (and that doesn't include noncore items) and packed, distributed, loaded on and off the van, 2,001 adult parcels and 1,390 child parcels.”

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 Patribourne at their respective Harvest Festivals.

A Happy New Year to you all.

Food For Thought.



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Poppy Appeal 2018

Good News! Another successful Poppy Appeal result for 2018 year despite management difficulties, with over £2500 being raised by local volunteers and the churches in Bridge, Patixbourne and Bishopsbourne. Well done everyone and thank you!! All the money raised has been transferred to the Poppy Appeal HQ in Aylesford. Unfortunately, last year's organiser, Mr Ranjit Dhaliwal has indicated that he will not continue as Poppy Appeal Organiser. We therefore need someone to volunteer for this position if the yearly fundraising for the Poppy Appeal for our area is to continue. The Poppy Appeal Organiser has to order the poppies, crosses and wreaths, prepare around 40 boxes, keep an annual record of the appeal, supervise a team of volunteers that count the takings and finally to pay in the monies into a specified bank account. The work is not onerous but it does need someone who is methodical and who has the time which amounts to around 3.5 days of work overall. We are happy to train the new poppy appeal organiser. If no one comes forward, the poppy appeal will not proceed this year. To volunteer please email John Shirley on John.shirley@johnshirleyltd.co.uk or ring 07808734842.

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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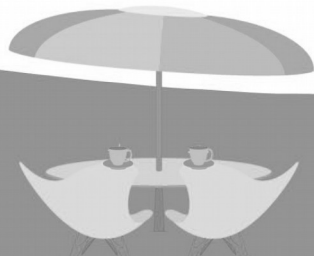
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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

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. 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.

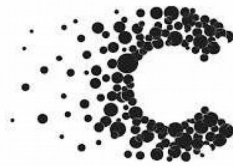
We are delighted to be celebrating our Centenary this year and have therefore organised one or two extra events. As well as holding our traditional fund-raising "Afternoon Tea" in the Pavilion on Friday 3rd May, we are organising a special "Coffee, Cake and Concert" in St Peter's Church, Bridge on Saturday 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.

Many gathered to celebrate the life of a much-loved lady who contributed greatly to community life and was always smiling.'



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Carols in the Pub

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A Raffle with the first prize of a seasonable hamper donated by Rene and Harry along with other prizes, raised the much appreciated sum of £525 for Church Funds.

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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Many thanks for supporting the 100 Club during the year 2018. We had 110 members donating a fantastic £1138 to the Friends of Bekesbourne Church. All draws are made by an independent person whose name is published with the monthly results in the Bekesbourne column of the Kentish Gazette.

YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT

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.jt@gmail.com. Entry is £24 for a year – which can be paid monthly at £2 by standing order.

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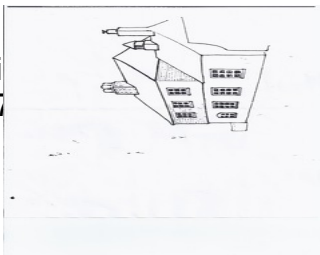


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