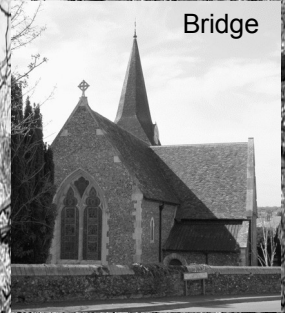


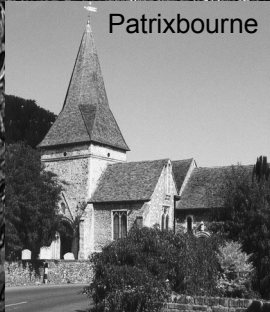
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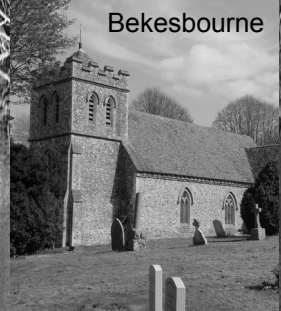
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3rd Mar Exodus 34: 29-end 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9: 28-36 [37-43a]	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	10.00am Songs of Praise & Pancakes!
6th March Ash Wednesday			7pm Holy Communion with imposition of Ashes		
10th Mar Lent 1 Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13	9.30am Sung Eucharist	4pm Evensong	11am Family Communion	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	8am BCP Holy Communion
Saturday 16th March	Messy Church 4-6pm at Bridge and Patribourne CEP				
17th March 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>	9.30am Family Service	11.00am Choral Eucharist	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist
24th Mar Lent 3 Isaiah 55:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9	9.30am Sung Eucharist	<i>All welcome at other services in the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion 11.00am Community Worship	9.30am Matins	<i>All welcome at other services in the Benefice</i>
31st Mar <u>Mothers' Sunday</u>	<i>All welcome at other service in the Benefice</i>	9.30am Family Service	11am Mothers' Sunday Service (with Communion)	<i>All welcome at other services in the Benefice</i>	10am Songs of Praise
7th Apr Lent 5	8:00am BCP Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	<i>All welcome at other service in the Benefice</i>

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



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March 2019

Dear Friends

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 7th 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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Led by:

Reverend Estella Last and Miriam Westendarp

Dates for the diary – March 2019

Tuesday 5th

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

Wednesday 6th

2-3.30pm	–	Lower Hardres Community Café at the John Baker White Hall
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Monday 11th

7.30pm	–	Caring and Sharing
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Tuesday 12th

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

Wednesday 13th

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

Saturday 16th

Messy Church 4-6pm, Bridge School Hall

Tuesday 19th

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

Wednesday 20th

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

Monday 25th

	-	7.30pm – Caring and Sharing
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Tuesday 26th

	–	9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge
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Wednesday 27th

2-3.30pm	–	Lower Hardres Community Café at the John Baker White Hall
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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 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and April 4th and 11th.

Time: any time between 12 noon and 1.30pm.

Where: at 1 Riverside Mews, Bridge (off Riverside Close) Canterbury, CT4 5TW. (Bus 89 or 17 from Canterbury).

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Alan & Jean Barber.



**THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
Of the Parishes of the Bridge Benefice will be held as follows:**

Lower Hardres with Nackington:

Tuesday 2nd April 7pm at the John Baker White Hall

Bekesbourne, St Peter's:

Wednesday 3rd April 8pm at Bekesbourne Village Hall

Patricbourne with Bridge:

Thursday 4th 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?



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Lower Hardres News

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

Mothing Sunday, March 31st 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 19th 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.

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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 12th 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. 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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The Quiet View

We are really looking forward to our Hare Krishna Workshop on Saturday February 23rd 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

Christmas is long since passed and with it perhaps also the thoughts of angelic presence. So another Angel Gathering with Gail Elaine will 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 3rd 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 17th Gail Elaine will be talking about angels – more details will be on the website soon

Self-Compassion Silent Retreat with Caroline Armstrong Sunday 10th 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

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 23rd - for more details please email Sue - suehyoga@gmail.com Our regular monthly events continue as usual – we hope to welcome you to the Quiet View soon.

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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 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 15th March 2019 and thank you for your time.

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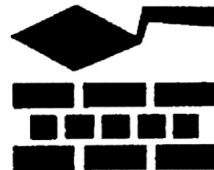
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