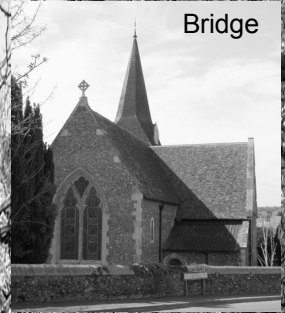


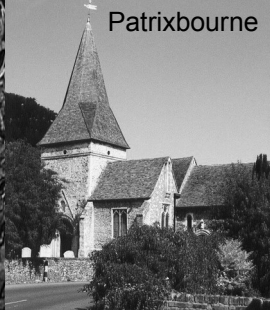
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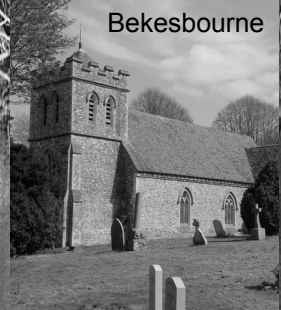
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2nd June Easter 7 Acts 16:16-34 Rev. 22:12-14,16-17 John 17:20-end	8:00am BCP Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	10.00am Songs of Praise
9th June Pentecost Acts 2:1-21 Rom. 8:14-17 John 14:8-17 [25-27]	9.30am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

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June 2019

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 30th May until 9th June. We are holding the second of our Benefice vision mornings on Saturday 8th 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 **15th 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 Patricxbourne School PTA on **Saturday 29th 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



Rev. Estella Last, Vicar

Dates for the diary – June 2019

Tuesday 4th

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

Wednesday 5th

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

Thursday 6th

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

Friday 7th

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

Saturday 8th

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

Monday 10th

7.30pm	-	Caring and Sharing,
Mansfield Court		

Tuesday 11th

9:30am	-	Holy Communion, St Peter
Bridge		
2:30pm	-	Holy Communion, Mansfield
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Wednesday 12th

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

Thursday 13th

9am-11am	-	Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion
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Saturday 15th

4pm-6pm	-	Messy Church at Bridge School
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Tuesday 18th

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

Wednesday 19th

3:00pm	-	Hymns at Bridge Haven #
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Godparents Sunday at St Peters Bekesbourne, 5th 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 3rd 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 26th 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) 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.

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

National Vegetable Society - Kent Association

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Bridge with Patricxbourne 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 29th 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 and 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 29th 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 10th and 11th July at 6pm**. Tickets are available 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.

Yours sincerely
James Tibbles

Headteacher, Bridge & Patrixbourne CEP School

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News from Woodpeckers Nursery

Firstly, a massive thankyou to everyone that came along to support our Spring Fayre on Saturday 11th 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 or call 01227 831159. If you are not able to donate to us simply 'spreading the word' will help.

As a Nursery we are looking to the future and are now offering availability for September. If you are interested in early years education for your 2, 3 or 4 year-old or for more information and a prospectus, please contact Michelle on 01227 831159 or info@woodpeckersnursery.co.uk. Hours offered are 8.45am-11.45am Mon-Fri and 8.45am-2.45pm Mon to Thurs. An additional half an hour from 2.45pm-3.15pm is also available for an additional cost. Free for 2-year-old funding and 15 & 30 hour funding for 3& 4 year old's are accepted.

Many thanks

The Woodpeckers Committee

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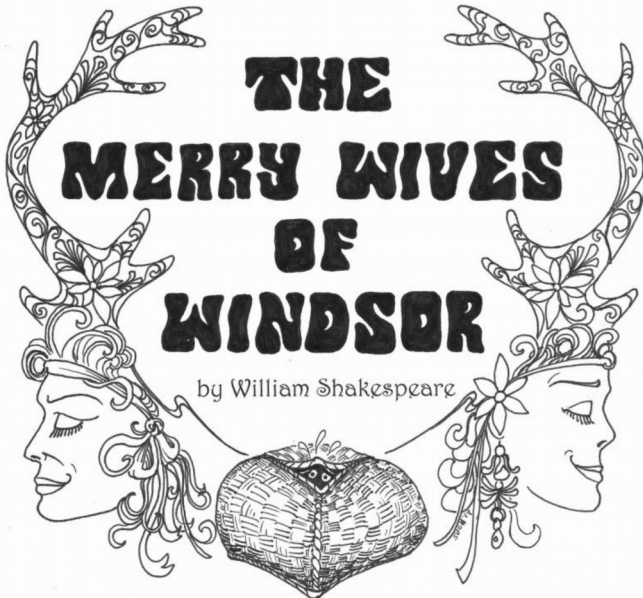
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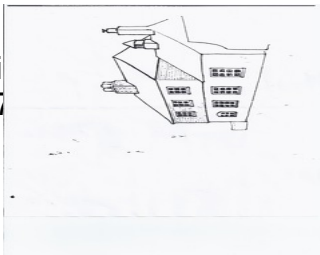


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