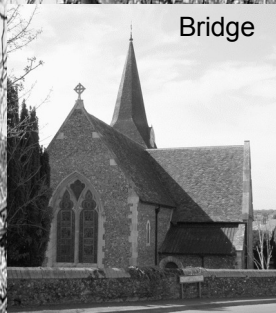


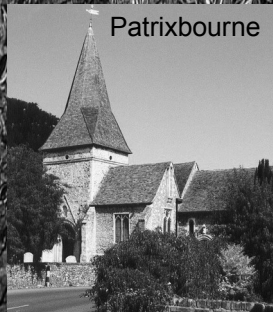
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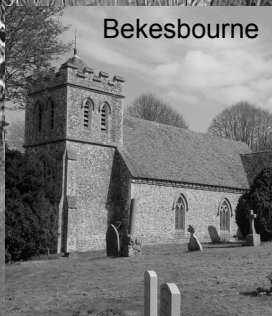
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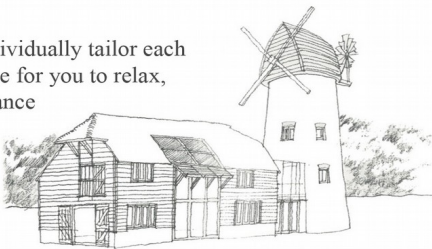
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7th July Trinity 3 Isaiah 66:10-14; Galatians 6: [1-6] 7-16; Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	10:00am Songs of Praise
14th July Trinity 4 Deut 30:9-14; Colossians 1:1-14;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

There is Holy Communion every Tuesday at 9.30am to 10am at Bridge Church, followed by coffee. All welcome



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 3rd 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.

Yours in Christ

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Rev. Estella Last, Vicar

Dates for the diary – July 2019

Tuesday 2nd

9:30am	-	Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge
3:00pm	-	Holy Communion, Bridge Haven
7.30pm	-	After 8s, 8a Conyngham Lane

Wednesday 3rd

2-3.30pm	-	Lower Hardres Community Café at the John Baker White Hall
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Thursday 4th

9am-11am	-	Little Lambs, Bridge Recreation Ground Pavillion
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Saturday 6th

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 8th

7.30pm	-	Caring and Sharing
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Tuesday 9th

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

Wednesday 10th

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

Thursday 11th

9am-11am	-	Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavillion
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Saturday 13th

9am-11am	-	Bekesbourne Friends Boot Fair at Bekesbourne Rec.
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Tuesday 16th

9:30am	-	Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge
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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 26th May. Starting from the church gate and ably led 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 2nd 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 7th 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.

Jill Thomas 01227 832573 s.thomas.jt@gmail.com

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). 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))

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Bridge with Patricbourne 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 6th 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 17th 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 3rd Wednesday of the month guests are welcome any month to come along to the Lower Hardres village hall at 7 30 pm

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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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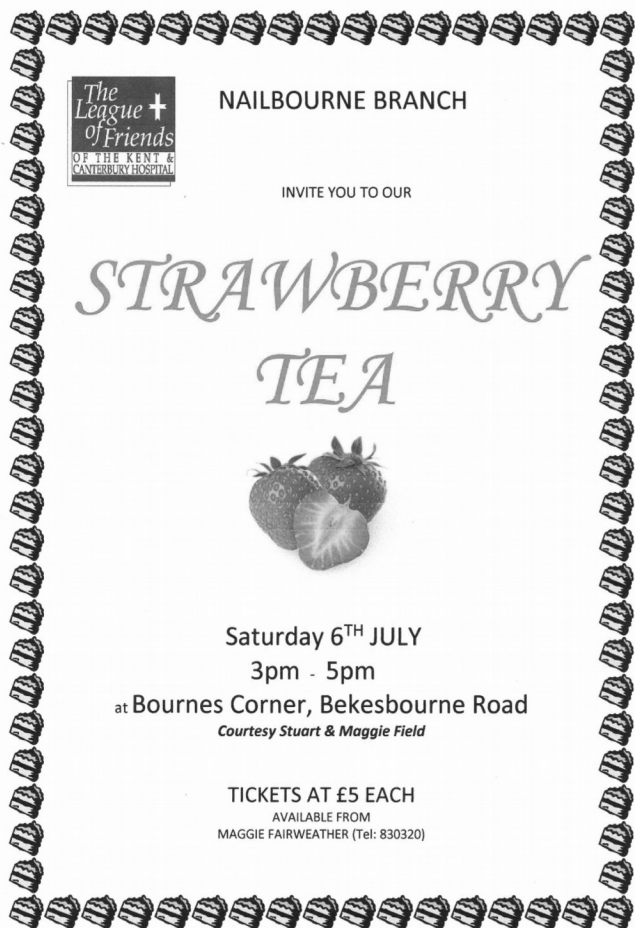
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We recently had an enjoyable Branch Dinner at the Hay Wain, Bramling when the retiring Treasurer and Secretary were presented with thank you mementos by new Branch Chairman, Bob Catt. The retiring Chairman, Ray Tupper was also presented with a gift 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 15th of the preceding Month at the latest to 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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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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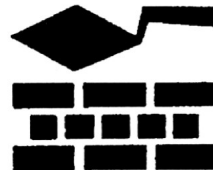
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