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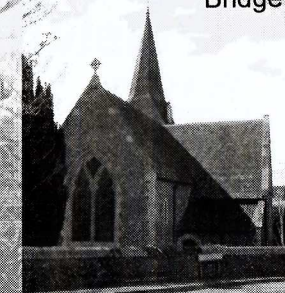
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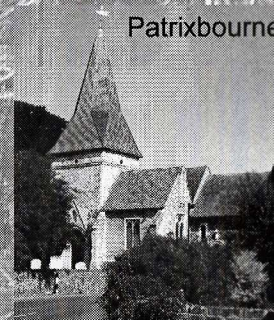
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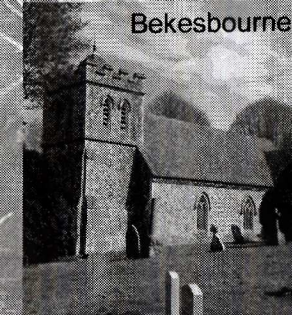
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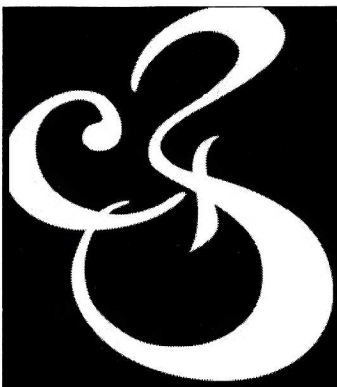


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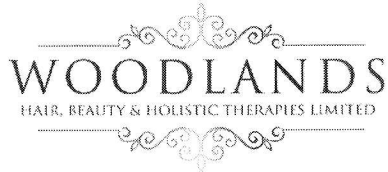
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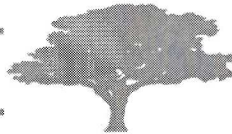


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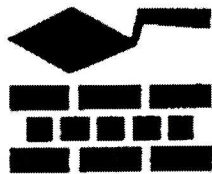
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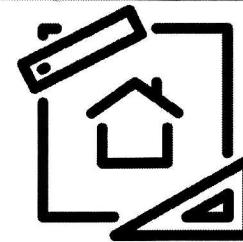
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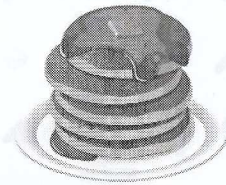
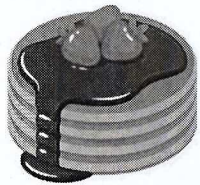
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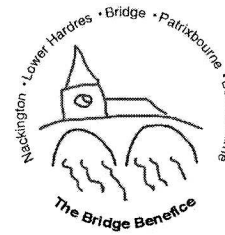


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Dear Friends

Well where to begin? We have had a truly wonderful time celebrating Christmas in all of our Churches. So lovely to see our little churches full of vibrancy and life as we celebrate together the birth of our Saviour. The celebrations have continued throughout Epiphany season as we have worshipped all together, holding one service each Sunday in one of our churches and it has been a delight to share this together and enjoy refreshments and fellowship with one another after services in full churches.

In February we return to the pattern of services that we were trialling before Christmas. This means our regular Sunday Communion service times are 9am and 11am with the 9am service usually following more traditional liturgy and the 11am service offering something a little more modern. At the end of the month we enter the season of Lent with a pancake party on Shrove Tuesday and a special service at 7.30pm on Ash Wednesday (26<sup>th</sup> February) at St Peter's Bridge – details of our plans for a series of Lent talks are outlined elsewhere in the magazine.

As we move forward into a New Year with all the excitement and challenge this might bring, I am reminded of the Poem 'The Work of Christmas' by Howard Thurman. Here we are reminded that although we celebrate Christmas every year as if it is a 'one time' deal – actually the purpose of Christmas and all that goes with it is to remind us of the mission that God lays out for us "to find the lost...heal the broken.....feed the hungry.....rebuild the nations....to bring peace among others.....to make music in the heart." A mission that as church we seek to engage with not just at Christmas or on Sundays but daily and throughout the year.

Last year, we began exploring the possibility of combining the 3 parishes of the Benefice into a single parish in order to allow us to engage in mission more effectively and efficiently. I am pleased to say that scheme has been now been agreed and as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of January we are now 'The Bridge Group Parish' rather than 'The Bridge Benefice'. On the face of things, nothing will change – services will continue according the usual schedule and we will continue to seek opportunities for ways in which all 5 of our churches can serve in their villages. Administratively and financially we have some work to do in reorganising and streamlining our arrangements and at our Annual Meeting in April we will elect a new PCC (Parochial Church Council) to serve the whole Parish. Look out for role descriptions for council members in next month's magazine.

As we continue the work of Christmas together, may there be peace among you and music in your hearts.

Yours in Christ

*Estella Last*

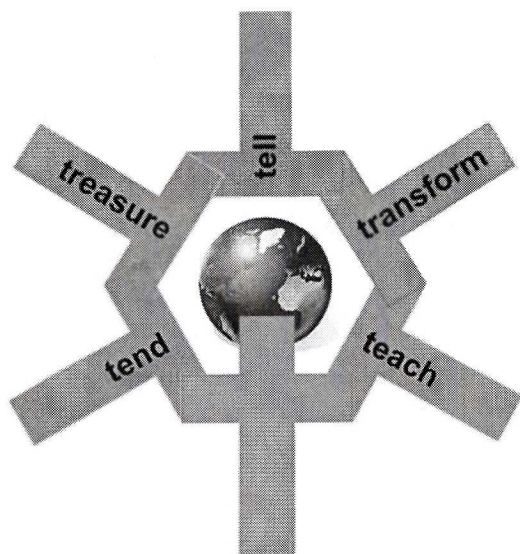
Rev. Estella Last, Vicar



**\*The Bridge Group Parish Lent Lectures 2020\***

Last year we held a series of weekly talks during Lent on Thursday evenings in Bridge Church. This year as we begin to reflect afresh on our new mission as a combined parish we are planning a series of 5 talks based on the Church's 'Five Marks of Mission'. The evenings will be gentle but reflective and we hope stimulating and there will be a sort break for refreshments.

- Ash Wednesday      Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm St Peter's Bridge – Service of Holy Communion with imposition of ashes
- Lent Talk One      Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 7.30-9pm Tell: Proclaiming the Good news of the Kingdom
- Lent Talk Two      Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 7.30-9pm Teach: Teaching, nurturing and baptising
- Lent Talk Three    Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 7.30-9pm Tend: Responding to those in need
- Lent Talk Four     Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 7.30-9pm Transform: challenging unjust structures and violence in our society
- Lent Talk Five     Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7.30-9pm Treasure: Safeguarding the integrity of creation



**Monday 24<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm - Caring and Sharing

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am - Holy Communion at St Peter's Bridge  
3.30pm-4.30pm Pancakes at Bridge Pavilion

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

2.00pm-3.30pm Lower Hardres Community Café at the John Baker White Hall  
7.00pm - Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at St Peter's Bridge

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>**

9.00am-11.00am Little Lambs Toddler group at Bridge Pavilion

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

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### News from Lower Hardres

On Sunday February 2nd at 11.00 there will be a Family Communion to celebrate Candlemas, when Simeon and Anna met Jesus as a baby in the Temple. All are welcome, there will be coffee and biscuits afterwards. On Sunday 16th at 9.30am there will be a service at Lower Hardres.

**World Day of Prayer:** A service to celebrate this day will take place on Friday 6th March at 11.00am, at Bridge Church, followed by refreshments. This year the people of Zimbabwe have compiled the service -'Rise, take your mat and walk'. This is what the women of Zimbabwe are calling us to do. Prayer is the central theme on this day, but the people of Zimbabwe need our prayers all the year round. Many of the parish will be involved, and all are welcome to attend this service.

A sincere thank-you for all those who came along to help with the Children's workshop. It was lovely to see so many at our Christmas service. A blessed Happy New Year to all.

Margaret

### PATRIXBOURNE CAROL SERVICE

A big thank you to everybody who came to the Carol Service and contributed so generously, both financially to the collection and the appeal fund for the new loo, and by giving their time and talents to decorate the church, sing and read for us. It was a lovely village event.

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Happy New Year to you all!

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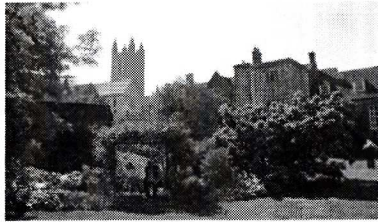
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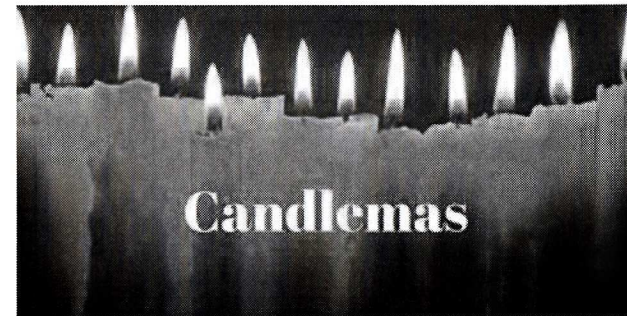
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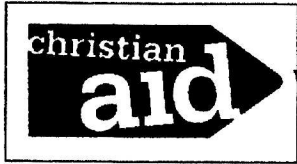


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Time: any time between 12 noon and 1.30pm.

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

This invitation is to everybody, young and old and not just church members.

It's friendly and informal and if you haven't been before, we would love to see you.

All donations will go to Christian Aid.

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Alan & Jean Barber.

### Nailbourne Scout Group news

Nailbourne Scout Group had a very busy December! As is our yearly tradition, we distributed the Scout Christmas Post to houses in Bridge as part of our fundraising. We also helped out on the sweet stall at Barham School Christmas fair and had a joint end-of-term 'service' for Scouts, Cubs and Beavers at St Peter's Church, Bridge.

*'Before the Christmas holiday started we helped out at the school Christmas fair. The money went to the school PTA. It was very fun and there were still extra sweets at the end! We also did a church service with Rev. Estella at Bridge Church. Some people read prayers, some played music and songs and some even did a play. I was very excited and when we got there I got to open the door for people.'* (Mina, 10, Cub)

The highlight of December was the Beavers and Cubs joint Christmas sleepover at Ross Wood District campsite (sleeping indoors, I should add!).

*'I really enjoyed playing games outside and loved cooking marshmallows on the campfire. We made Christmas decorations out of pinecones. We had an amazing Christmas roast dinner, we helped chop the carrots.'* (Alfie, 7, Beaver)

*'I went on the sleepover. I really enjoyed the night walk because we heard wild animals. I was invested by the campfire, which not many people get. I love Beavers.'* (Philip, 7, Beaver)

*'At the Christmas sleepover we made God's eye decorations and decorations out of pine cones. For dinner we had a roast dinner. We even had a walk in the night and the morning. It was amazing!'* (Naia, 7, Beaver)

Scout groups started the new term in January and are looking forward to another busy year, with a bootcamp, Harry Potter night and making biscuits already on the agenda!

**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**

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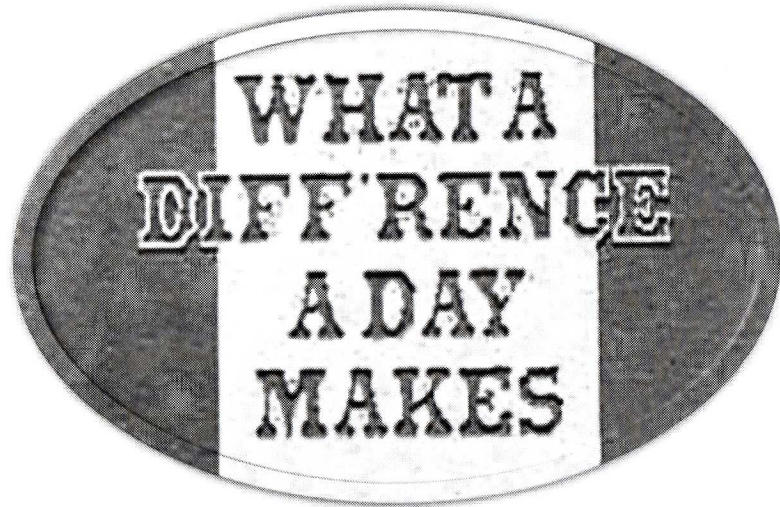
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### **Bridge & District History Society**

The next meeting will be on Thursday 20th February 2020 at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. Tim Jones will show "The Map" a 1924 film of Count Zborowski's miniature railway at Higham Park. The film was rediscovered almost a century after its making and has been edited by Tim. He will also show "Seeking Sidney", focussing on the filmmaker, Sidney Bligh. Members £4.00, Non-members £5.00 to include refreshments. All welcome.

### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

At the meeting on **Tuesday 25 February**, 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, our guest speaker is **Philip Oostenbrink**, Head Gardener at **Canterbury Cathedral Gardens**, who will be entertaining us with an illustrated talk about the gardens there. As usual everyone is welcome at our meetings. There will be a small charge to cover refreshments. Show Schedules are now available for both the Society's shows, the Spring Show on Saturday 28 March and the Summer Show on Saturday 25 July. If you would like a schedule, please contact Kathy Walder, Show Secretary, on 830057 / 07791 656539 / [kath@askwalder.com](mailto:kath@askwalder.com). We are also compiling a list of names for the Chairman's Challenge at the Summer Show. This year we plan to give everyone a seed potato to plant in a bucket (also to be supplied). The buckets will be emptied and the contents weighed at the Summer Show and the Whitten Spencer Chairman's Challenge Cup awarded to the member who has grown the heaviest weight of potatoes. Again, if you are not yet on the list, please contact Kathy.



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Dear Friends of Bridge School,

May I wish you a very Happy New Year and trust that you all had a lovely Christmas with friends and family.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for the support that the school received over the festive period. It was a genuine pleasure to see so many people attending the Salvation Army Carol Concert and the Senior Citizen's Tea Party where we had excellent performances from the children and we even enjoyed an impromptu performance from our very own bag-pipe player Mrs Weatherhead!

I was also very honoured to be invited to read at the Carol Service at St Peter's Church. It's a testament to the community that I felt so welcome despite not living in the village or benefice.

This term, we are focusing on the Christian Value of compassion and at the beginning of the term I shared with the children the well-known parable of the Good Samaritan. We discussed the difference between 'kindness' and 'compassion' and encouraged the children to reflect upon how we as individuals can show compassion as well as considering how groups of people show compassion with a particular reflection on the bush fires that are taking place in Australia at the moment – our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Incredibly, in a few weeks' time, we will be celebrating the first anniversary of 'Messy Church'. This was a priority for both Rev. Estella and myself when I first started at Bridge School and I'm really pleased with how it has taken off and gone from strength to strength. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rev. Estella and her team of 'Messy Helpers' for everything that they have done to ensure its success.



Now that we've passed the Christmas season, our thoughts now begin to turn to planning the Bridge Community Fete. It may be five months away, but there'll be a lot to arrange! We would like to see as much involvement from community groups as possible so please do get in touch if your group can run a stall, show a performance or support logistically.

If you would like to keep up to date with school news and events then we have a new school website so please do take a look: [www.bridge.kent.sch.uk](http://www.bridge.kent.sch.uk)



With best wishes and continuing gratitude.

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1. **Quiz Night [21 February – 7.00 for 7.30 pm].** The Barham Bowls Club are holding their next Quiz Night at the Village Hall on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February - 8 rounds and a raffle. The evening is open to everyone [not just Bowls Club members]. Tickets cost £5.00 or £25.00 for a team of 6!! and can be obtained by calling Pauline on 07817605331 or email: [paulinebradburn1@gmail.com](mailto:paulinebradburn1@gmail.com). Please bring your own drinks and snacks on the night. Why not come along and have some fun for what promises to be a great social evening].

2. **Jumble Sale [14 March].** The Club will be holding its annual Jumble Sale in the Village Hall on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March between 10.00 a.m. and 12.15 pm. If anyone has items they wish to donate would they please bring them to the Village Hall on Monday evenings between 7.00 and 9.00 pm or Wednesday afternoons between 2.00 and 4.00 pm which is when the Club's indoor short mat bowls roll-up sessions take place. Who knows you could even stay for a friendly game – you would be made very welcome.

3. **Musical Quiz Night – [14 March – 7.00 for 7.30 pm].** On the same day as the Jumble Sale, the Bowls Club will be holding a special Music Quiz in the Village Hall, taking in pop music from the 60's and 70's as well as maybe some more recent. There will also be a picture round. The objective is fun, so most musical intros will be very recognisable, making the quiz accessible to most if not all. Please bring your own snacks and drinks. This event has been very popular in the past and will hopefully bring back some happy nostalgic memories from your earlier years!! The evening is open to everyone not just Bowls Club members. Entry is £5.00 per person or £25.00 for a team of six and tickets can be obtained by contacting Pauline on 07817605331 or email: [paulinebradburn1@gmail.com](mailto:paulinebradburn1@gmail.com)

**Wine & Wisdom ~ 18th January, 2020**

A Big Thank You to all our Villagers and Friends who attended the Friends of Bekesbourne Church Quiz Night last Saturday. We thought you would like to know we raised a terrific £ 650 to support the fabric of our beautiful St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne.

Again, thank you very much for your support, which we truly appreciate. We are planning another Quiz Night at the end of the Year, and the emphasis will be on a fun filled quiz, and a happy, memorable evening, where the questions will be more varied and less demanding. So we hope you come again and support our next Quiz, look out for the date in a later this year in the Magazine.



Dates for the diary – February 2020

<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup></b> 10.15am-11.30am	Coffee & Cake & Concert at St Peter's Bridge
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am - 3:00pm - 7.30pm -	Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge Holy Communion, Bridge Haven After 8s at Mansfield Court
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b> 9.00am-11.00am	Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup></b> 7.30pm -	Caring and Sharing
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am - 3.00pm -	Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge Holy Communion Mansfield Court
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b> 10:00am - 2-3.30pm -	FISH pop-in coffee, Bridge Village Hall Lower Hardres Community Café at the John Baker White Hall
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b> 9.00am-11.00am	Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b> 4.00pm-6.00pm	Messy Church at Bridge School
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am - 3:00pm - 7.30pm -	Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge After 8's at Mansfield Court



Thank you to all you so kindly donated to the Foodbank at St Peter's Church over the past year. Donations over the Christmas period exceeded our expectations and were gratefully received.

Our Church received a letter of thanks from Canterbury and District Foodbank expressing their thanks and gratitude for our generosity.

As always the Foodbank are in need of donations including food items (with at least a three month before date), toiletries and cleaning products etc.



<b>February 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>2 February</b> Candlemas / Presentation of Christ in the Temple Malachi 3:1-5; Hebrews 2:14-end; Luke 2:22-40	<i>All welcome at other services in the Parish</i>	<b>11.00am Family Communion (Contemporary)</b>	<b>6.00pm Choral Evensong</b>	<b>9am Sung Eucharist (Traditional)</b>	<b>10.00am Songs of Praise</b>
<b>9 February</b> 3rd Sunday before Lent Isaiah 58:1-12; 1 Corinthians 2:1-end; Matthew 5:13-20	<b>9am BCP Said Eucharist (Traditional)</b>	<i>All welcome at other services in the Parish</i>	<b>11am Family Communion (Contemporary)</b>	<i>All welcome at other service in the Parish</i>	
<b>Saturday 15 February</b>	<b>Messy Church 4-6pm at Bridge and Patribourne CEP</b>				
<b>16 February</b> 2nd Sunday before Lent Genesis 1:1-2:3; Romans 8:18-25; Matthew 6:25-end	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Parish</i>	<b>9.30am Informal Worship</b>	<b>11.00am Communion with Choir (Traditional)</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Parish</i>	<b>9.30am Communion Service (Contemporary)</b>
<b>23 February</b> Sunday before Lent Exodus 24:12-end; 2 Peter 1:16-end; Matthew 17:1-9	<b>9am Sung Eucharist (Traditional)</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Parish</i>	<b>11am Community Worship (Contemporary)</b>	<b>9.30am Matins (Traditional)</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Parish</i>
<b>26 February</b> Ash Wednesday			<b>7.30pm Holy Communion with imposition of Ashes</b>		

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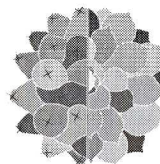
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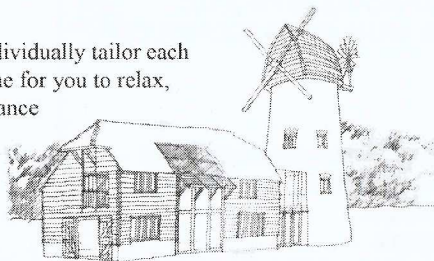
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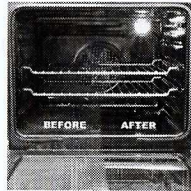
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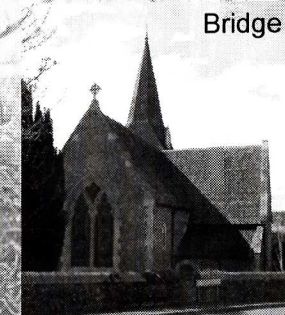
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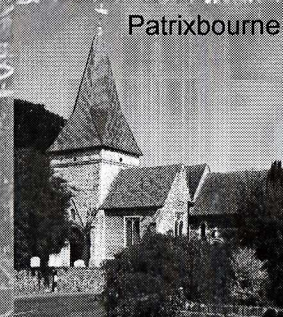


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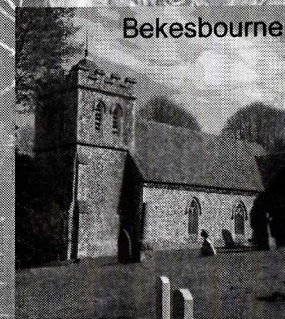
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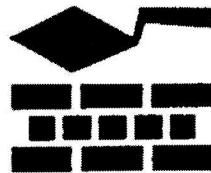
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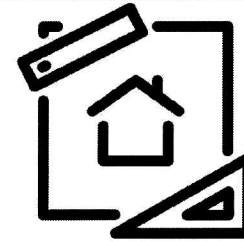


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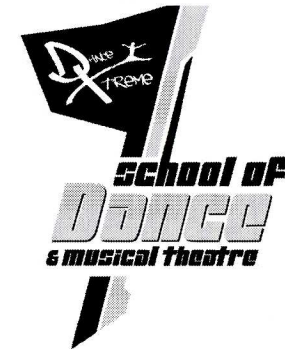


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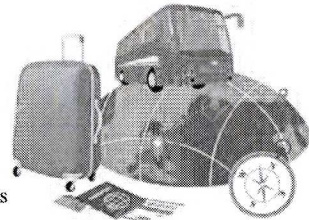
Richard King  
is talking about his adventures

## ROUND THE WORLD BY BUS

on  
**Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm**  
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### Canterbury Food Bank

It is a few months since I last submitted a piece on the Canterbury Food Bank at the All Saints' Distribution Café in Canterbury. A heartfelt thank you to everyone for their generous donations over the period, which were very well received. All the bags I take in on a two week basis are recorded. From there they are taken to the Warehouse for checking and onward distribution to one of the 4 Distribution Cafés in the Canterbury District.

December was a particularly busy month for us at All Saint's, as the 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> both fell on Tuesdays. We did not stop on either of these days from before opening time to well beyond.

Two new things have occurred in the New Year. The first is that we are no longer having the benefit of the CAB professional present during the opening times of the two Distribution Cafes in Canterbury: All Saints and St Dunstan's. This is due to lack of available funding. We now have a Signposting person in place who can issue vouchers, but cannot give advice except to redirect people to other agencies.

You will notice that there are now notes affixed to the yellow bin in the Church. This is because the Warehouse are now contacting the adopters of bins to advise what is in short supply. As I have 'adopted' the yellow bin in St Peter's church I have discussed this with Evelyn, Churchwarden, as how best we can deal with it. It is for guidance only and the Food Bank is very grateful for all donations. From the initial collection of bags since this began, I can confirm it is working – thank you. If you are wondering why sugar featured in the first note, it is because people who are hungry need more sugar in their diet to keep them going. At our Café we offer hot and cold drinks with snacks to make it a friendly environment to sit in a Café situation, whilst waiting to have their voucher processed. Our clients almost always ask for 3 spoonfuls of sugar in their drink. Sugar does not form part of the main bag but is on offer at the Extras table and it invariably all goes by the end of the morning.

We have bagfuls of food already prepared for the main adult, second adult and children 2-16 and the Extras table caters for the additional items and for babies under 2. Here they are invited to take what they particularly need with the assistance of one of two volunteers on hand to ensure that it is fair, as there is always those waiting at the tables who are anxious that there will be items left for them to take later. It is a fine line and we are only a sticking plaster for a much bigger problem with only 5 vouchers redeemable in a 12-month period.

Whilst the majority of us can have no real conception of what it is like to be hungry, cold or indeed homeless every item donated does go towards alleviating someone else's distress.

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**Bridge with Patricbourne Womens Institute**

Having celebrated its Centenary last May, Bridge W.I. almost came to an end in December because no volunteers were forthcoming to replace the retiring officers. Luckily, however, some members came forward at the last minute and it was then possible to form a new committee and continue the excellent work that has been done over many years. Avril Austin is taking over as President; Sheila Scrivener as Vice-President; Christine Sladden will continue as Treasurer and Jill Burden and Bickie Denne will share the role of Secretary. Joan Hill will be responsible for Publicity.

Julia Cooper was thanked for her excellent and conscientious work as President over the last ten years; Carina Whiting for all her hard work as Secretary and Kathy Walder for being so diligent with WI publicity. The retiring committee members were also thanked. Members now look forward to a new and exciting programme for 2020.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall**. The speaker is Richard King, who will give a talk entitled **'Round the World by Bus**. This should be a very interesting and entertaining evening. It will be an **Open Meeting**, so that friends, family and anyone interested in coming along will be welcome. A small admission charge will be made.

The competition for this month is an interesting or unusual item beginning with the letter 'a'

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

9.00am-11.00am  
12.00pm -1.30pm  
7.30pm-9.00pm

Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion  
Lent Lunch  
Lent Lecture at St Peter's, Bridge

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

4.00pm-6.00pm

Messy Church at Bridge School

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

7.30pm -

Caring and Sharing

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

9.30am -

Holy Communion at St Peter's Bridge

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

2-3.30pm -

Lower Hardres Community Café at the John Baker White Hall

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>**

9.00am-11.00am  
12.00pm -1.30pm  
7.30pm-9.00pm

Little Lambs Toddler group at Bridge Pavilion  
Lent Lunch  
Lent Lecture at St Peter's, Bridge

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>**


8.45am -


Parents Prayer Meeting at St Peter's Bridge

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>**

9.30am -

Holy Communion at St Peter's Bridge





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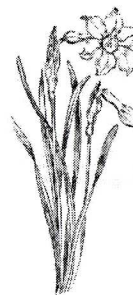
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### **Update from the Bridge Parish Council**

It's been a busy start to the year for the Council with many ongoing activities. The spectacular flowing of the Nailbourne brings with it a watchful eye. The Council, River Group and Environmental Agency have been meeting on a weekly basis. Though it is not expected to flood, it will continue to be monitored. New salt bins have also been placed around the village. There has also been progress on traffic-related topics. Canterbury and KCC have agreed to split the bill for the new bus stop at Higham Ln. A range of additional yellow lines are proposed in response to recent parking issues. And potential for "no HGV" signage has been raised for Brewery Ln. Village TLC work is also ongoing. The Pavilion is in need of some roof and ceiling repairs. As is the adult gym equipment, although finding someone to do the work has been a challenge. And a bench at Green Court has been taken in for some repair work. And it seems that a post office service may return to the village! The details are being worked out, so watch this space!

Some important dates to note:

- There will be the Bridge Spring Clean & Rec Ground Working Party on 21st March
- The Annual Parish Meeting has been set for 30th April
- The next Parish Council meeting is on 12th March and will include a Neighbourhood Plan update at 19:15 in the Village Hall



Nailbourne Horticultural Society

## **Spring Show**

Saturday 28th March

Bridge Village Hall

Show open to public 11am to 1.00pm

Presentation of Prizes 12.45 pm



**Includes 3 Open Classes (for all to enter):**

- 6 chitted seed potatoes in an egg box
- 'An Easter Basket', a floral arrangement, space allowed 61x61cm/24x24ins, height unrestricted, (accessories allowed)
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### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

Our **Spring Show** will be on **Saturday 28th March** in **Bridge Village Hall**. If you would like a schedule then please contact the Show Secretary, Kathy Walder on 830057/07791 656539, email: [kath@askwalder.com](mailto:kath@askwalder.com). There are three open classes which both members and non-members can enter (free of charge). The first, to tempt everyone, is: 6 chitted seed potatoes in an egg box. Then, to appeal to those who have an artistic flair, we have a flower arranging class entitled "An Easter Basket"—an exhibit, space allowed 61x61cm/24x24 inches, height unrestricted (accessories allowed). Finally for the photographers among you: "The Nailbourne", a 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. It will be fun and you have a chance of winning a prize! If you would like any further information, then please contact Kathy (details above).

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

The National Vegetable Society's local branch returns to **Bridge Village Hall** on **Wednesday 11 March** (7.30 for 8.00 pm start). First on the programme for 2020 is a talk by **Sue Harris**, head gardener at **Quex Park**, on the restoration of the gardens there, including the walled garden which was constructed mainly in the Victorian period and was the particular focus for a restoration project including conservation work to secure the large glasshouse structures which are still present. Following the talk, the Association will hold its AGM. Entry is free and all are welcome.



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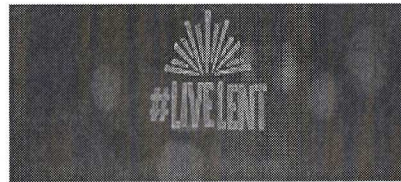
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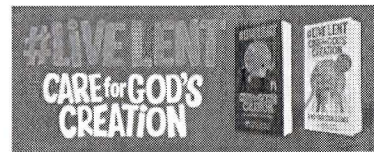
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**Spirit Dance** with Natasha Quinn - **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 7pm – 9pm** - a lovely combination of a short shamanic journey followed by calming meditation and some free expression movements to music with drumming – for healing of our inner selves and a deeper connection to the Divine. Please book with Lizzie. Suggested donation £10

**Yogarden Retreat** with Sue Hodgkins - **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 10am – 3pm** Celebrate the Spring Equinox with Yoga, Meditation, Chanting and introducing 'Herb Yoga'. Refreshments will be provided but please bring your own lunch. £45 Please book with [suehyoga@gmail.com](mailto:suehyoga@gmail.com) Spaces are going fast!

**Labyrinth Experience Day** with Lizzie - **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March – 10am – 7.30pm** - an exploration of the history and meaning of the labyrinth and 3 different experiences of walking the labyrinth including the fabric rainbow labyrinth in the yurt. £80 includes refreshments and vegetarian supper. Please bring a packed lunch. More details on the website and please book with Lizzie

**Coming up for Holy Week and Easter** - The film Mary Magdalene Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 7pm – A universal ritual marking the time Jesus washed the feet of his friends in an act of love for all humankind Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 7pm – Easter Day Sunrise Service in the garden and yurt followed by breakfast 6am. All are included and welcome.

For information on our regular Taizé Prayers, Yoga classes, Taijii Qigong classes and International Red Tent Women's Group please see the website.

If something seems interesting – do come – we would love to welcome you.

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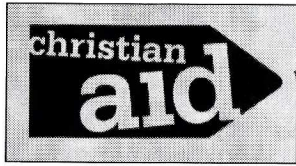
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The annual home-made soup and bread lunches will take place again in Bridge this year.

When: the 6 Thursdays of Lent – February 27th, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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).

This invitation is to everybody, young and old and not just church members.

It's friendly and informal and if you haven't been before, we would love to see you.

All donations will go to Christian Aid.

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Alan & Jean Barber.

## \*The Bridge Group Parish Lent Series 2020\*

This year's weekly talks during Lent will take place on Thursday evenings in Bridge Church. We are planning a series of 5 talks based on the Church's 'Five Marks of Mission' and the Church of England's Lent course 'Live Lent - Care for God's Creation'. The evenings will be gentle but reflective and stimulating and there will be a short break for refreshments. Led by Rev'd Estella Last with support from others who have particular gifts / experience in different aspects of the programme. The talks form a series but also stand alone so feel free to come to as many (or as few!) as you are able.

### Ash Wednesday

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm** – Service of Holy Communion with imposition of ashes

Lent Talk One

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 7.30-9pm** Tell: Proclaiming the Good news of the Kingdom

Lent Talk Two

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 7.30-9pm** Teach: Teaching, nurturing and baptising

Lent Talk Three

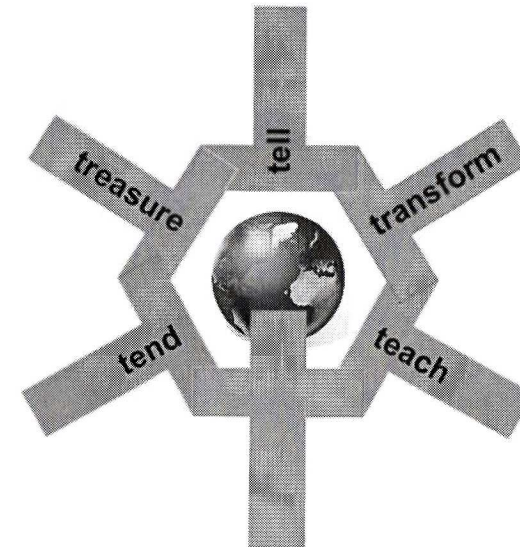
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 7.30-9pm** Tend: Responding to those in need with Miriam Westendarp

Lent Talk Four

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 7.30-9pm** Transform: challenging unjust structures and violence in our society with Rev'd Ravi Holy, Wye Benefice

Lent Talk Five

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7.30-9pm** Treasure: Safeguarding the integrity of creation with Teresa Redfern, Canterbury Diocesan Environment Officer





## ARTICLE FOR BARHAM CONCERT ON 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2020

### The Snowdown Colliery Welfare Male Voice Choir

It is an exciting time for the Snowdown Colliery Welfare Male Voice Choir. Last year we celebrated our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary and this year we welcome not one, but two, new musical directors, Chris Price and Richard Ansell. The choir, of just over 40 men, rehearses every Monday at 7.30 p.m. at St. Finbarr's R.C. Church, off the Square in Aylesham and is always pleased to see prospective members.

Our next concert in the Elham Valley is at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April in Barham Village Hall. The well-known Barham Bass/Baritone, Peter Cox, will be our guest soloist. Tickets, cost £10 (and include a glass of wine or soft drink at the interval) and can be obtained from The Barham Village Shop, or from Graham Manley on 07786 521376

### Bridge & District History Society

The next meeting will be on Thursday March 19th at 7.30 in Bridge Village Hall. Dick Bolton's talk is entitled "Wickhambreaux - Oasts and Archangels". He will tell us about the history, architecture and people of this beautiful village. Members £4.00, non-members £5.00 to include refreshments. All welcome.

### Helpers Needed

Calling all keen gardeners, young and old, including the previous team.

Under Sue Hodges guidance small teams of Bridge villagers and children, have laid the foundations of an attractive Recreation ground. We would like to continue this and welcome volunteers to come along on March 21st at 9:30, for coffee in the Pavilion, to discuss the way forward and make a start. Tools are available so just bring your gloves.

Please contact Sue Walton: sr.arw52@gmail. Com 01227832351

Hilary Whiting [hilarywhiting@mail.com](mailto:hilarywhiting@mail.com) 01227830506

### Fish Scheme News

The Fish Scheme is not an angling society but a simple way of giving neighbourly help in Bridge, Patrixbourne, Bekesbourne and Bishopsbourne. Volunteer drivers help mostly elderly people to get to health centres and hospitals. There is also a Coffee Pop-In on the second Wednesday of every month from 10 am in Bridge Village hall, and an annual winter lunch and early summer outing.

If you need help or could spare the time occasionally to drive do telephone 07935 966 080.

The March Pop-In will be on Wednesday 11th and we do need more supplies of knitting wool. If you have some to spare do please bring it along to the Pop-In or ring Rosy Green on 830204. Thank you



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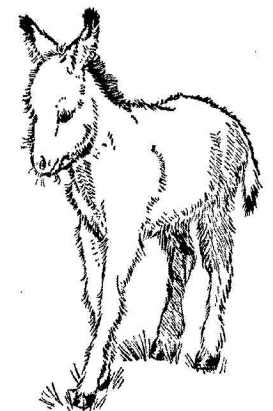
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## **The Bridge Group Parish Palm Sunday Service Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**9.30 am Gather at Bridge and Patrixbourne CEP playground for Palm Sunday Procession with 'Banks' the donkey**

**10.00am Bridge Group Parish Communion service at St Peter's Church, Bridge**





### News from Lower Hardres

**Womens World Day of Prayer:** (now known as World Day of Prayer) 6th March at Bridge Church, 10am. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Many of you will participate!

**Mothering Sunday:** March 22nd 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 also be having our Traditional Simnel Cake. We are having children participation.

**Good Friday Workshop:** This will be on the 10th April, 9.30am-12.00, and will combine with Messy Church, at Bridge School (not J.B.W.Hall). Join us for some fun! There will be Hot Cross Buns. Please let Margaret know on 765598 or Julie on 788316

Don't Forget Easter Day is on the 12th April. We look forward to seeing you for our service at Lower Hardres at 9.30am. Afterwards, there will be refreshments, and we will have our famous Easter egg hunt!  
Margaret

### Bekesbourne 100 Club

The organisers thank all those who have joined the 100 club this year - a record number of 122. The winners in January were: Mandy Williams £50; David Farbrace £25; and Rosie Mount £15. And in February: Linda Ellis £50; Christine Dutfield £25; and Jill Gillanders £15. Nick Jagers drew the winning numbers.  
Steve Thomas

### Barham Bowl Club

The Barham Bowls Club will be welcoming members back for the start of the new season at their Spring Meeting on Friday evening 27 March at 7.00 pm in the Clubhouse next to the Village Hall. This would be an excellent opportunity for any members of the public who may want to try the game to come along and have a chat over a cup of coffee., with no obligation.

Lawn Bowls is a great sport to take up. It's a game of skill and precision and is also an ideal way to meet new people and make new friends. It doesn't matter how old – or young you are. Lawn Bowls is a fantastic activity to get involved in. Maybe now is the time for you to think about taking up a new sport and lawn bowls could be just right for you. So why not come along to the Barham Clubhouse on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March and see what it's all about . You will be made very welcome.

# Calling all Photographers to exhibit in Art in Bridge



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**18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

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Dates for the diary – March 2020

**Tuesday 3rd**

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

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

- 9.00am-11.00am Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion
- 12pm-1.30pm Lent Lunch
- 7.30pm-9.00pm Lent Lecture at St Peter's, Bridge

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

- 10.00am - World Day of Prayer Service at St Peter's, Bridge

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

- 7.30pm - Caring and Sharing

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

- 9:30am - Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge
- 3.00pm - 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
- 12.00pm -1.30pm Lent Lunch
- 7.30pm-9.00pm Lent Lecture at St Peter's, Bridge

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

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

**Nailbourne Scout Group news**

Nailbourne Scout Group returned with a bang in January! Already, we have had a joint movie night for Beavers and Cubs, a Harry-Potter-themed evening for all units and a bootcamp session for Scouts, who are already becoming fitter and stronger (with exercise at home being part of their Personal Challenge badge!).

*'Our Personal Challenge is a great way to try out new things and get a lot better at things than you thought you ever could. The bootcamp may have had a lot of exercising but we all certainly had a great time!' (Dylan, 10, Scout)*

In our most recent session, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all spent the evening making koala keyrings to raise money for the bushfire emergency in Australia. The cause is particularly close to Nailbourne's heart as Skip visited Australia last year and made links with an Australian Scout troop. Children are selling the keyrings for donations (minimum £1) to a bushfire charity. If you would like to buy one, please let us know by emailing Skip (address below)!

Continuing with the theme of fundraising, Nailbourne will have a future focus on supporting the homeless. Three of our leaders, Skip, Bagheera and Kaa, will be taking part in an extreme obstacle run to kick off our fundraising efforts.

Other events over the next couple of months include hosting the pancake races at Barham Community Stores and a grand fundraising performance of Nailbourne's Got Talent, which Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be preparing for in forthcoming sessions. More details on that next month! We will also be taking part in more activities with Bridge Haven care home. Last summer, Scouts took part in something very special – the first ever Scout camp in a dementia home, 'Never Say Never!' This fantastic community initiative helped to strengthen the links already forged between the Scouts and the residents of Bridge Haven care home, and we look forward to continuing with this rewarding partnership.

*'At the camp, I thought it would be a bad idea at first, because we were doing things I didn't think the residents would be able to do. However, some of them were surprisingly good at some of the things we did, such as archery. Despite their dementia, I hope this is something they will always remember, and it certainly is for me.'* (Finn, 13, Scout)

Nailbourne Scout Group 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). We are also looking for more volunteers to help with all our existing units - Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Helping with a Scout unit is a very rewarding role and great fun, so if you think you can help, please contact Nick at the same email address.

**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).**



March 2020	St Mary NACKINGTON	St Mary LOWER HARDRES	St Peter BRIDGE	St Mary PATRIBOURNE	St Peter BEKESBOURNE
<b>1 March</b> Lent 1 Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11	<i>All welcome at other services in the Parish</i>	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion (Contemporary)	<b>6.00pm</b> Choral Evensong	<b>9am</b> Sung Eucharist (Traditional)	<b>10am</b> Songs of Praise
<b>8 March</b> Lent 2 Genesis 12:1-4a; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3: 1-17	<b>9am</b> BCP Said Eucharist (Traditional)	<i>All welcome at other services in the Parish</i>	<b>11am</b> Family Communion (Contemporary)	<i>All welcome at other services in the Parish</i>	
<b>15 March</b> Lent 3 Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11; John 4: 5-42	<i>All welcome at other services in the Parish</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Informal Worship	<b>11.00am</b> Communion with Choir (Traditional)	<i>All welcome at other services in the Parish</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Family Communion Service (Contemporary)
<b>Saturday 21 March</b>	Messy Church 4-6pm at Bridge and Patribourne CEP				
<b>22 March</b> Lent 4 / Mothering Sunday <i>Readings = Service leader's choice</i>	<b>9am</b> Sung Eucharist (Traditional)	<b>9.30am</b> Mothering Sunday Service	<b>11am</b> Mothering Sunday Community Worship (Contemporary)	<i>All welcome at other services in the Parish</i>	<b>10am</b> Mothering Sunday Songs of Praise
<b>29 March</b> Lent 5 Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45	<b>10.00am</b> Group Service at Patribourne				
<b>5 April</b> Palm Sunday	<b>10.00am</b> Palm Sunday Group Service <b>9:30am</b> Procession with Donkey starting from the School with Communion				



## QUIZ NIGHT

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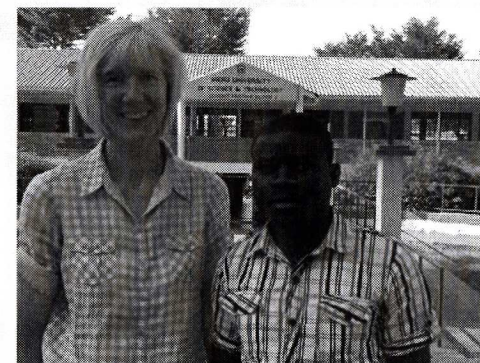
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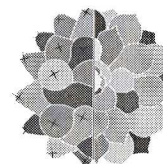
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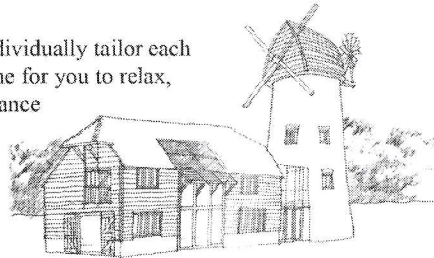
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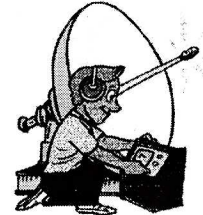
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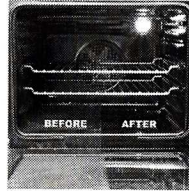
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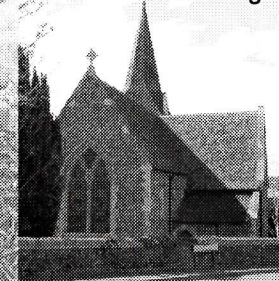
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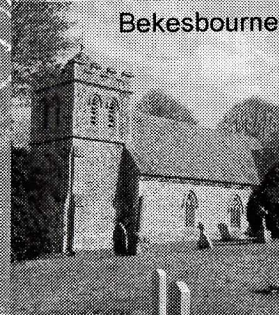
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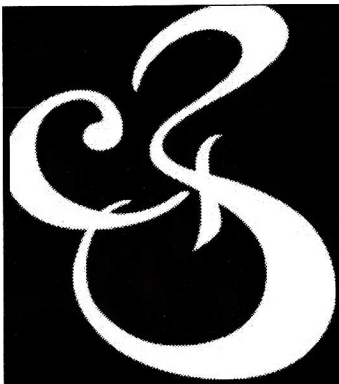


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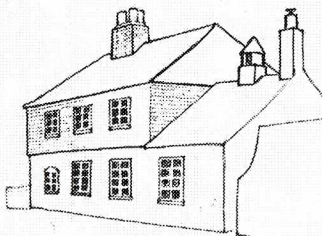


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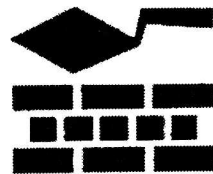
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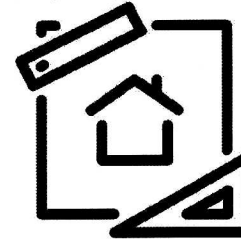
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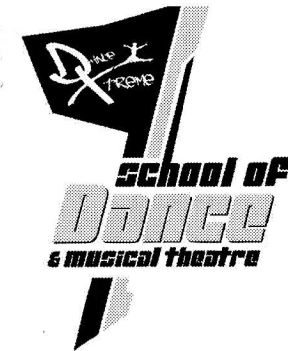
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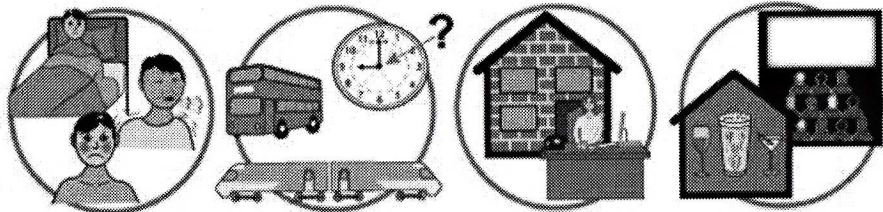
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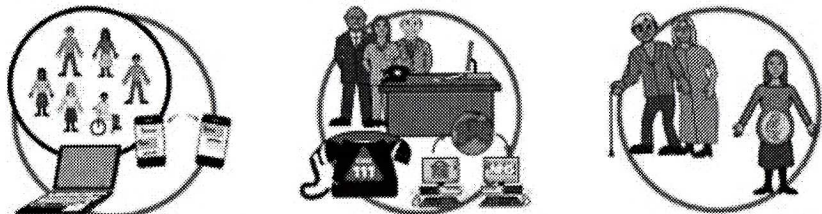
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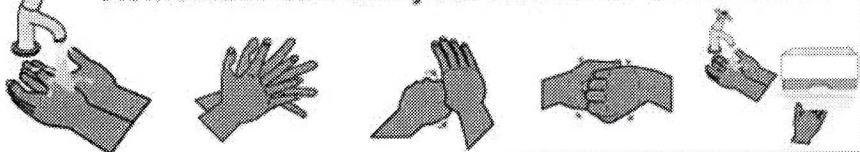
- 1. Avoid people who are ill with a high temperature and new cough.
- 2. Avoid using public transport, and traveling over rush hour.
- 3. Work from home, if possible. Your employer should support you to do this.
- 4. Avoid large groups in public spaces like pubs, cinemas, restaurants, theatres.



- 5. Avoid groups with friends and family. Keep in touch by phone or internet.
- 6. Use phone or internet services to contact your Doctors. <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>
- limit your face-to-face contact with friends and family who are over 70 or pregnant



Remember to wash your hands for 20 seconds



So I offer you this magazine as a symbol of the hope we share – usually it contains details of all the community events, services and activities which make this such a great community to be a part of. When you look at this magazine on your coffee table I hope it reminds you that though suspended temporarily, in the fullness of time we will be restored to one another, restored in community and we will once again be able to join together in all the ways we usually take for granted.

In the meantime, take care of yourselves, take care of each other and if this is a time when we are required to slow down our pace of life then embrace the opportunity for rest, recovery and restoration. If you or anyone you know is in need simply pick up the phone – 01227 206272.

Yours in Christ

*Estella Last*

Rev. Estella Last, Vicar

**Please note the information that follows in this magazine was correct at time of print (23/3/20). As the situation changes rapidly some of the information may no longer be relevant. We have done our best to include all offers of support from local business however we understand that some may not be included in the magazine and would advise locals to contact the businesses they use directly to see what support they can offer if they have not been included.**

On the Nail Team



## Prayers about the Corona Virus

God of love, circle us with your grace and hope.  
Protect we pray all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit.  
Protect and strengthen all those working in our health services,  
all those in our local and national governments with planning responsibilities,  
all local businesses and those with financial worries  
all those who are facing an increase in racism or other abuse  
and all those who are already isolated or alone.  
Fill our parish, our diocese, our country and our world  
With your spirit of love and compassion.  
May the light of life burn brightly in our communities,  
And may we know the peace that passes all understanding. **Amen**

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort,

knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbour, and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love, for your name's sake. **Amen.**

God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care those who are ill or in pain, knowing that whenever danger threatens your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.

Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength;

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.

Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please note that the Fish Scheme based in Bridge also encompasses Bekesbourne with Patricbourne so the 24/7 number 07935 966080 is available to all of us.

In addition Bekesbourne with Patricbourne parish council has liaised by phone or in person with a link person in each and every of our small communities and hamlets to ensure that we are covering each other and all the vulnerable people in our community.

If you would like to be a link person for your road or hamlet please let me know.

I think I have identified and contacted a link person for every small unit of the parish but if you want to check with me or would like to be a back up that would be great.

If you want to know more or think we have missed someone, please get in touch with me, Jill Thomas 01227 832573.

If you think we need to do more please speak to me or our Parish Council Chairman, Andrea Nicholson, or the clerk, Nicola Purcell, – contact via the village website or any of the parish councillors.

Keep safe and please look after your neighbours. If we all talk to our immediate neighbours and ask them to cascade it on we will cover the whole patch very quickly whenever we need to send out a message or deliver help.

## National Response to Covid-19

- If you want the latest information on the government's COVID-19 Action Plan you can go here: [gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan)
- If you want more information about the situation in the UK, along with guidance for what to do if you think you're at risk: visit [nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/) for information about the virus and how to protect yourself.
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## Places to find prayer and worship while at home

You might find it helpful to set aside specific times of the day and week to pray and worship. Find a quiet place in your home and enable other members of your household to join you. You might want to light a candle to create a prayerful atmosphere and to use as a focus for your prayers.

There is a daily service on **Radio 4** every morning at 9.45am.

**BBC One** broadcasts Songs of Praise every Sunday at 1.15pm and the BBC have said they will also broadcast a Sunday morning service – check listings.

If you have access to the internet, there are many churches, including Canterbury Cathedral that are broadcasting their services, either on their website or using Facebook Live. (Also check out the Bridge Group Parish Facebook, Website and YouTube channel).

You could also try praying with others while still physically distant – for example, over the phone, text messaging, or using video calls.

If you are able to leave the house, our churches are open during the day for personal prayer (unless we are advised to close them).

Online, there are countless resources that provide daily prayer & Bible readings:

Church of England Daily Prayer: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/daily-prayer>

Pray As You Go: <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

You can sign up for a free weekly email with lectionary-based colouring sheets, reflections and children's activities from Illustrated Ministries online at: <https://www.illustratedministry.com/flattenthecurve>

## A Simple order for Daily Prayer at home

God, who lives in the depths of the universe, we worship you.

God, who calls to us in the depths of our hearts and souls,

joining in our weeping and our laughing,

full of kindness in the deep silences of our painful places,

Speaking into the anxious centre of our struggles,

We worship you.

**Every month** we hold a coffee morning, often referred to as the 'Coffee pop-in' in Bridge village hall between 10am and 11.30am. This is always on the second Wednesday of the month and is a great place to meet up with friends for a coffee and a chat. Everyone is welcome to come along and there is a lending library of books to borrow and a supply of knitting materials too.

Every year, usually in the Spring/Summer we have an outing with lunch somewhere in the local area and in the depths of the winter we hold a 'Winter warmer' lunch in Bridge Village Hall. We are a charity so to raise funds we hold an annual fundraiser morning usually in the early summer with coffee and cakes, maybe a raffle and a bring and buy. Look out for local advertising or on social media to keep up with these events.

## **Could we help you?**

If you think any of the above services could help you, or someone you know, please get in touch using the contact number at the bottom of this leaflet.

## **Could you help us?**

We are so grateful for all those volunteers who have given their time over the years but as always we welcome new people. If you have a few spare hours a month to be a volunteer driver, to help at coffee mornings, to deliver leaflets or help us in any way we would really love to hear from you.

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### Mama Feel Goods, Bekesbourne

We feel we want to support our community and exploring ways we can be of service but at present we will start with offering our usual fayre but as takeaway. Our priority will also be to keep our staff and customers SAFE, we ask our customers to respect the social distancing so no hugging is permitted for the time being and please stay away if you are unwell or meant to be self isolating. We welcome orders and payments over the phone **01227 830 830** and our preferred payment method in store is contactless payment. Our offering will evolve and may offer a delivery and online facility soon and we may adjust our opening times but please bear with us as this is new territory for us too. We will be suspending our cake classes for the time being and once our wedding cake customers have rescheduled their dates we will post our class programme - this may take a few weeks.

Stay well and thank you all for your continued support from all the team at Mama Feelgoods x

### The Red Lion, Bridge

Take Away Meals are now available from 12-6pm Tuesday to Sunday from The Red Lion.

You will need to phone the pub on **01227 832213** to order the menu is available on the pub website <https://www.redlionbridge.co.uk/> and Facebook page.

Bon Appetit!

### Tulip Tearooms, Bridge

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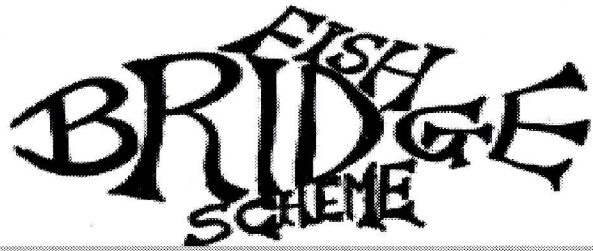
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We are Bridge FISH scheme, serving Bridge, Patricbourne, Bekebourne and Bishopsbourne. The concept of a FISH scheme originated in Oxford when Dr. Donald Richards came up with a scheme to help those who are lonely, ill or simply needed help from a neighbour. He took the Christian Fish as a symbol and in Bridge we have used that same symbol and also the acronym Friendship, Independence, Support and Help ....FISH. In Bridge we have in the past primarily offered our help to the elderly but we are there for anyone in need.

## What do we do?

**Every day** we offer transport to anyone who needs it to get to a local hospital, GP, opticians or dental appointment. We have a dedicated telephone number for this service. One of our volunteers will take your details and then match you up with a volunteer driver (all of whom have been DBS checked) who will drive you to your destination. We ask for a small donation to cover the driver's mileage dependent on the distance travelled and need at least a few days notice to coordinate the driver with the journey. Last year we made 158 journeys, that's a journey almost every other day. We currently have 40 drivers on our list.

*You may like to light a candle, saying these words:*

We light this light in the name of the God who creates life, In the name of the Saviour who loves life,

And in the name of the Spirit who is the fire of life.

*Silence*

O God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.

*Read a short reading from the Bible or from the suggestions below. If you are with others, discuss the reading, or spend some time thinking about it.*

*Pray in your own words for people, situations, places that are on your heart today followed by The Lord's Prayer, in whatever version you know/prefer.*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

Creating God, Renew us in our walk with you for the rest of this day's course; Bless our making, Our caring, And our tender courage. Amen. *(The Earth Cries Glory by Steven Shakespeare (Liturgy where not otherwise stated adapted from Liturgies from Daily Life by Dorothy McRae-McMahon)*

### Suggested Short Bible Passages

**Psalms 23** "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

**Psalms 91** "Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'"

**Isaiah 41:10** "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.

*I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*

**John 14** "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

**Philippians 4:4-9** "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."



## Community Response to Covid-19

An emergency meeting has taken place between Bridge Parish Council and representatives from the Church and the Fish Scheme to discuss the Corona Virus and the village Emergency Plan. A response team has been formed which will aim to provide a point of coordination for the foreseeable future.

The response team has set up a village information page on the website:

<https://www.bridgevillage.org.uk/covid-19>

And they can be contacted by emailing: [covid19@bridgevillage.org.uk](mailto:covid19@bridgevillage.org.uk)

There has been an overwhelming community response of altruism on Facebook. We encourage more of this to take place to make sure we all look after each other.

As for a formal support structure, Bridge already has this through the Fish Scheme. The Fish Scheme maintain have a 24/7 contact number and a volunteer base on hand to provide neighbourly assistance to anyone who needs. They, therefore, also have a list of people who are known to require assistance. However, the disruption to regular services and need for self-isolation means that help may be needed by households that normally wouldn't. Please contact the Fish Scheme if you need help; that's what they are there for!

**Fish Scheme Mobile number (24/7): 07935 966080 (main point of contact)**

Email: [bridgeoffice23@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeoffice23@gmail.com) ( will share details with the Fish scheme and BPC should the need arise)

Website: <https://www.bridgevillage.org.uk/.../covid-19-request-assista...>

If you want to add yourself to their volunteer database, please contact them using this form: <https://www.bridgevillage.org.uk/.../covid-19-community-volun...>

And if you know of someone who may be in need of help, you can also let them know online: <https://www.bridgevillage.org.uk/.../covid-19-potential-vulne...>

If you belong to a business or organisation and believe you can offer some assistance, please let us know: <https://www.bridgevillage.org.uk/.../covid-19-service-assista...>

Lastly, we would like to collect a register of self-employed residents who are going to be affected. If you are self-employed and believe you will need help or have ideas on how the village can assist those who are self-employed, please get in touch: <https://www.bridgevillage.org.uk/.../covid-19-self-employment...>

### **A prayer for when a friend is ill**

Dear God, (*name of friend*) is ill. I'm sad because I miss them. They must be feeling miserable and lonely as well. Please be close to them. Please be with the people who are looking after them. Please help them to get better and to know that you love them. **Amen.**

### **A prayer for the world**

God of love and hope, you made the world and care for all creation, but the world feels strange right now.

The news is full of stories about Coronavirus. Some people are worried that they might get ill.

Others are anxious for their family and friends. Be with them and help them to find peace.

We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists, and all who are working to discover the right medicines to help those who are ill. Thank you that even in these anxious times, you are with us.

Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe. **Amen.**

### **A prayer at bedtime**

Before the ending of the day, Creator of the world, we pray that you, with steadfast love, would keep Your watch around us while we sleep. Tonight we pray especially for

(*names family or friends who are affected by Coronavirus*) and the people of (*country or place which is affected by Coronavirus*).

Please give skill and wisdom to all who are caring for them. **Amen.**

### **A prayer remembering God is with us**

Lord God, you are always with me.

You are with me in the day and in the night.

You are with me when I'm happy and when I'm sad.

You are with me when I'm healthy and when I am ill.

You are with me when I am peaceful and when I am worried.

Today I am feeling (*name how you are feeling*)

because (*reasons you are feeling this way*).

Help me to remember that you love me and are with me in everything today.

**Amen.**





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Dear Friends


This is the second version of this letter that I have written, because things in our country and in our life together are changing daily. We learned earlier this week that all public acts of worship have been suspended and now, as I write, we are working out how to manage the fact that schools have been asked to close. We will need to work out what 'normal' life might look like for a bit as it seems it will be a while before we are able to resume life as we knew it before.

To that end we have completely revised the content of this edition of 'On the Nail' to turn it into a 'Local Directory' containing useful contact numbers in our local community during this time. What matters now is how we pull together to look after one another. This is where Jesus's commandment to 'Love your neighbour' really finds its teeth.

We have done our best to contact every organisation in our villages who might have a role to play in offering support particularly to the elderly and the most vulnerable in our villages and those who have responded to us have their information within the pages of this edition. We have also increased our print run so that we can deliver a copy to every household.

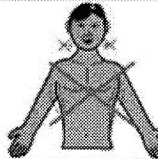
In the middle of this month, whatever is going on around us, the Feast of Easter will happen. We will once again celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and no doubt each of us will find ways to celebrate this in our own small circles, even if we cannot gather together to do so. And therein lies our hope. We can continue to pray wherever we are, we can continue to read our bibles and there will be a plethora of online resources for us to engage with even if we are in isolation at the time. We can and will still celebrate the hope of new life in Christ as we joyfully proclaim 'Alleluia Christ is Risen' and respond to ourselves, 'He is risen indeed alleluia'.

I hope that as a community we will all pull together and help one another as best we can – this is the easiest and most sensible way to ensure that no-one suffers unnecessarily – check on your neighbours, those living close to you and those you know who may need help. However as a safety net, we are compiling a list of 1. Those who are most vulnerable and may need support; and 2. Those who are low virus risk and able to help (with current DBS details if you have them). Please email [bridgeoffice23@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeoffice23@gmail.com) if you are in either of these categories. We do not have the resources to offer a full scale support package but we will do what we can.




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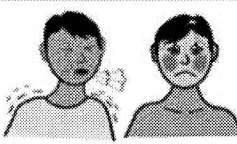
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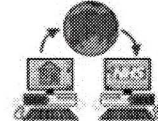
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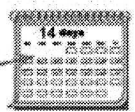




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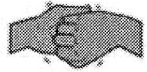
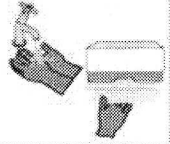
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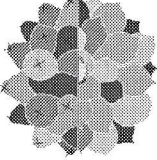
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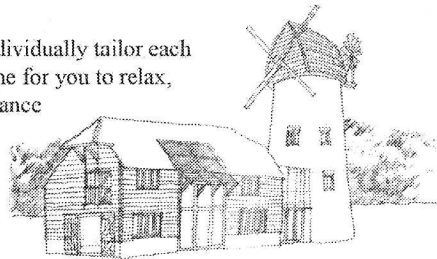
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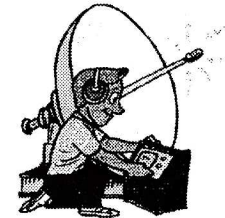
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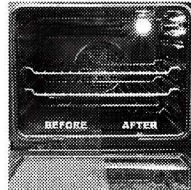
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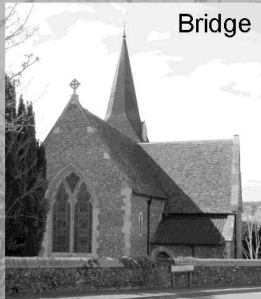




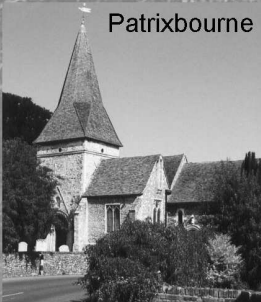


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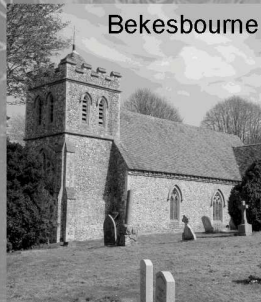
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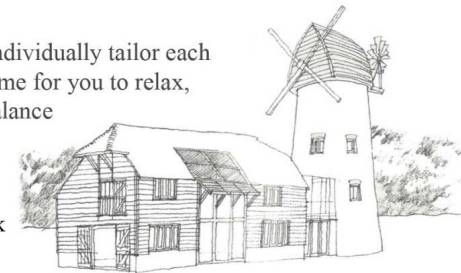
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Dear Friends

I do hope you are keeping well and apologies for the delay in getting this edition out to you but we knew that changes were coming to opening arrangements for businesses from the beginning of July and we wanted to be able to incorporate these in this edition.

Perhaps the next time we publish an edition of this magazine, in September, I will no longer have to tell you that all services are suspended! Today though I bring good news, as I write, we are tentatively and carefully beginning to find our way back to worshipping together in church, firstly by opening for Private Prayer. You will see from the table elsewhere in the magazine that we have managed to plan to open each of our churches for some time each week for the purposes of personal prayer and quiet time. Please do feel free to pop along – there are instructions in every church for helping to keep you safe while you visit.

At the moment, we are not planning to reopen for gathered worship until September at the earliest, it is important that we are careful, especially with regards to the safety of our volunteers. Coronavirus has not gone away and there is no less need to protect the more vulnerable among us and protect our NHS. Church services, when they resume, may look very different, and may not go back to how they were before the pandemic for many months.

To misquote Churchill, the reopening of our church building for worship will not be the beginning of the end of this crisis, but perhaps the end of the beginning. For a long time into the future, being Church - both in worship and in serving our community - is going to require imagination and love and a willingness to make the best of difficult circumstances. I have seen all these things in evidence in our parishes during this time, so I am not asking you for anything new. I am simply encouraging you to continue being your loving Christian selves, as we work out how we can continue to love God, love one another, and love our community in a time of coronavirus.

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Keep safe, keep well and keep praying!

Yours in Christ

*Estella Last*

Rev. Estella Last, Priest in Charge  
The Bridge Group Parish

### Bible Readings for Sundays in August

*We don't plan to gather for worship in Church until September so here are the Bible readings for Sundays in August. Look out for updates on our Facebook and Web pages regarding gathered worship or let Rev'd Estella know if you would like to join the email list in order to receive regular updates: Email your request to:*

*estellalast@gmail.*

Date	Known as	Readings
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 55.1-5; Psalm 145.8-9,14-21; Romans 9.1-5; Matthew 14.13-21
9 <sup>th</sup> August	9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	1 Kings 19.9-18; Psalm 85.8-13; Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-33
16 <sup>th</sup> August	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 56.1,6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11.1-2a,29-32; Matthew 15.(10-20),21-28
23 <sup>rd</sup> August	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 51.1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20
30 <sup>th</sup> August	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Jeremiah 15.15-21; Psalm 26.1-8; Romans 12.9-21; Matthew 16.21-28
6 <sup>th</sup> September	13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 5.1-7; Psalm 80.7-15; Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-46

## The Bridge Group Parish

Churches open for private Prayer from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Unless circumstances change, the churches of the Bridge Group Parish will be open for Personal prayer / Quiet time on the days and times listed below

Name of Church	Open Days / Times
<b>St Peter's Bridge</b>	Tuesday 10-12 Friday 2-4pm
<b>St Peter's Bekesbourne</b>	Sunday 10-12
<b>St Mary's Patrixbourne</b>	Wednesday 10-12 Saturday 1-4pm
<b>St Mary's Nackington</b>	Wednesday 10-4 Sunday 10-4
<b>St Mary's Lower Hardres</b>	Monday 10-4 Thursday 10-4

- There may be someone present to welcome you when you visit.
- Please observe Social Distancing (2 metres) while inside the church building and follow any instructions given.
- You will be asked to leave a name and contact number (for track and trace purposes) but these details will only be held for 21 days after which they will be destroyed.
- You will also be asked to leave a notice on the seat you have used when you leave.

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding.



**A letter from President, Avril Austin**

Dear WI Members

I hope you are still keeping safe and well. At last we are hearing some good news, that 'Lockdown' is relaxing slightly. We can now share a meal or drink with family members or friends, or even visit the cinema.

I was sorry to hear a few of our members have had an accident or had to visit the hospital. I trust all is now well with you. Unfortunately the WI Group Meeting at Barham has been cancelled.

It is good to know that National Federation has given us three months free membership, and we don't have to pay our subscription until April 2021.

It was good to see in the WI Life Magazine how members have coped in this strange time. I am therefore asking you all to **share your good memory of this time**, so that we can have a competition to find the best three or more to go into the Archives of Bridge WI. Good luck. Take care, and I hope to see you soon.

**INTRODUCING HYMN STORIES**

The Coronavirus caused the lock-down of our churches from 22 March and it led me to wonder what I could do to help. I experimented with ways to use my dual interest in history and hymns and came up with 'Hymn Stories; featuring my favourite hymns. The choice for Palm Sunday (5 April) was 'My song is love unknown' and I drafted a short article using information from various sources. I decided to continue by inviting others to suggest their favourite hymns. The current list (each with a selected recording) is:

- HS1: My song is love unknown
- HS2: Thine be the glory
- HS3: All my hope on God is founded
- HS4: O worship the Lord in the beauty
- HS5: Amazing Grace ,how sweet the sound
- HS6: Jesus, good above all other
- HS7: Lord of all hopefulness
- HS8: Abide with me

Copies of these are available from Alan Barber [afbarber2941@gmail.com](mailto:afbarber2941@gmail.com) and further requests for hymns (including any half remembered titles) are welcome.



## Who are we?

We are Bridge FISH scheme, serving Bridge, Patrixbourne Bekesbourne and Bishopsbourne. The concept of a FISH scheme originated in Oxford when Dr. Donald Richards came up with a scheme to help those who are lonely, ill or simply needed help from a neighbour. He took the Christian Fish as a symbol and in Bridge we have used that same symbol and also the acronym Friendship, Independence, Support and Help ....FISH. In Bridge we have in the past primarily offered our help to the elderly but we are there for anyone in need.

## What do we do?

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**Every month** we hold a coffee morning, often referred to as the 'Coffee pop-in' in Bridge village hall between 10am and 1130am. This is always on the second Wednesday of the month and is a great place to meet up with friends for a coffee and a chat. Everyone is welcome to come along and there is a lending library of books to borrow and a supply of knitting materials too.

Every year, usually in the Spring/Summer we have an outing with lunch somewhere in the local area and in the depths of the winter we hold a 'Winter warmer' lunch in Bridge Village Hall. We are a charity so to raise funds we hold an annual fundraiser morning usually in the early summer with coffee and cakes, maybe a raffle and a bring and buy. Look out for local advertising or on social media to keep up with these events.

## Could we help you?

If you think any of the above services could help you, or someone you know, please get in touch using the contact number at the bottom of this leaflet.

## Could you help us?

We are so grateful for all those volunteers who have given their time over the years but as always we welcome new people. If you have a few spare hours a month to be a volunteer driver, to help at coffee mornings, to deliver leaflets or help us in any way we would really love to hear from you.

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The winners in May were: Carmen Pearson £50; Mary Butlin £25; and Jill Gillanders £15.

The winners in June were Roger Nicholls £100 (bonus); Pat Kusel £50; Niamh Watts £25; and Fay Gilmour (Seamons) £15.

Thank you to all who continue to support the 100 Club which provides much valued funds for the Friends of Bekesbourne Church for the ongoing maintenance of the church and its lovely churchyard.

Nick Jagers pulled the May draw and the June basic draw and Jane Wicks pulled the bonus June draw.

Stephen Thomas June 26 2020

### Submissions criteria for On the Nail

- All submissions for On the Nail should be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the Month at the **latest** to [bridgeoffice23@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeoffice23@gmail.com)
- Any posters should be A5 in size with a portrait and landscape version provided.
- 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

The next issue of On the Nail will be the September 2020 issue.



Following the Society's decision to cancel the Summer Show, which was to have been held on Saturday 25 July, this is a gentle reminder and appeal for everyone, including non-members to enter our **Virtual Summer Show**.

These are the open classes, with **vouchers for the winners** in each of the four classes:

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“Under the Canopy” – a photo not to exceed 20 x 15 cm/8” x 6”

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There is also a trophy for the best photograph in this class.

Please take photos of your entries (best taken in front of a plain background and if possible less than 5 MB each for ease of emailing) for classes 1, 2 and 3 and email them by Saturday 25 July at the latest to the Show Secretary, Kathy Walder (kath@askwalder.com), as well, of course, as the Class 4 entries,. She will then collate them before emailing them on to our judges.

**The Chairman's Challenge potato weigh-in** for members, will be on Saturday 25 July from 10.30 until 11.30 am at the entrance to the Recreation Ground on Patribourne Road. Please bring your bucket along there for emptying and weighing. If you require help in getting it there, please contact the Show Secretary, Kathy Walder (830057/07791 656539/ kath@askwalder.com). The Whitten Spencer Cup will be presented to the winner of this class.

If you have any surplus plants or gardening related items to exchange or pass on, please bring them along during the potato weigh-in. All we would ask is a donation in the box to help boost the Society's funds. We must request however that you kindly take away any items remaining at the end of event as we cannot be responsible for them.

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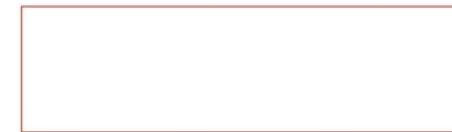
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## News from Woodpeckers Nursery

Normally at this time of year we would be celebrating with our school leavers, but as with many things this year we are unable to do so. However, we do have reason to celebrate as another phase of our refurbishment is due to be finished any day now! In May 2017 we set out to complete the huge task of fundraising to refurbish the tired nursery building, get it back up to scratch and to make it something to be proud of. We have so far invested just over £42,000 into the nursery through grants and fundraising events and have another £10,000 earmarked to finish the final phase of the project and we couldn't have got this far without the support from local families and businesses. We now have the facilities to be able to provide full day sessions for all our children having created a bespoke room for our under 3's complete with sleeping facilities, role play, reading, writing, and messy play areas!

We would like to say a massive **Thank you** to everyone who has supported us and helped us to reach our goals.

We are looking forward to welcoming back our current families and meeting our new ones in September. There are spaces available Mon– Thurs 8.45-2.45/3.15 and Friday 8.45-11.45 for children aged 2-4. If you are interested in a place for September or for joining the waiting list for January please email [info@woodpeckersnursery.co.uk](mailto:info@woodpeckersnursery.co.uk) for a prospectus and to find out more about our setting.

Have a lovely Summer- Woodpeckers Nursery Team



## Nailbourne Scout Group news

Our 'Nailbourne on the Net' sessions are still going strong, and even though it might not be quite so easy to do practical activities during lockdown, Scouts find a way! Last week, Scouts had a flapjack bake-off, while Beavers and Cubs have been making origami tents and canoes for a model campsite!

*'The flapjacks were very tasty – the leaders chose a good recipe and they were quite easy to make. They were impossible to cut up and serve, though, as they were stuck to the baking tray. I don't think ours would win a bake-off!' (Finn, age 14, Scout)*

We are also managing to help our local community. With the help of 14<sup>th</sup> Canterbury group, Nailbourne put up two gala tents at Barham School to provide extra classrooms for the return of some of the children.

The lockdown may have put paid to some of our fundraising plans, but Scouts are always adaptable! As a fundraising effort for Porchlight, Scouts took part in a sponsored sleep-out in their gardens, constructing their own shelters. They also had to cook a basic evening meal and breakfast costing no more than £2, many of them outdoors on a fire or stove. Beavers and Cubs also took part, sleeping somewhere in their house that was not their bed! Although there were elements of a typical Scout camp involved, it also gave Scouts the chance to consider the challenges faced by the homeless people that Porchlight supports. Amazingly, they raised over £2,800 for Porchlight!

*'I found the sleep-out very difficult and underestimated how hard it would be, but I managed to survive the night and felt very proud!' (Dylan, age 11, Scout)*

Nailbourne have continued to grow and thrive and we are now seeking new leaders to ensure continued opportunities for young people in the local community. We are particularly in need of adults to join our Beaver team, either as helpers or as full leaders. A variety of positions to suit are available to allow for different time commitments: some organise activities and lead the Colony on a regular weekly basis, while others fit in when able or support the essential work behind the scenes. Prior scouting experience is welcomed but not required, as full training will be provided. A commitment to helping others and having fun is, however, essential! If you would like to find out more, please contact Nick Gore, Group Scout Leader (email below).

**Nailbourne Scout Group welcomes both boys AND girls and, once life is back to normal, 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**

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**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).**



## Revd. Raymond Gilbert

Sadly, we have heard from Revd. Raymond Gilbert, who was Vicar here for over 20 years, that his wife Rosemary died peacefully at home on 6 June after an inoperable renal cancer. Please remember Raymond and his family in your prayers.

## On the Nail Advertising

To all our loyal and valued advertisers, please note that we didn't renew as usual in May due to the Covid-19 situation.

We have published the magazine digitally for the last few months and your adverts have continued to feature.

We hope to be back to normal for the September issue and we will be asking you to renew then, should you wish to do so.

Jill Thomas Advertising Co-ordinator

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Your local church relies on the generosity of those who regularly attend and take part in services and fundraising events which sadly cannot take place at this time. If you are financially able to do so, please consider making a donation to help the work and ministry of your local church. We have set up an online giving platform through 'give a little' where you can make a donation securely via a debit or credit card. The link can be found on our church website [www.bridgechurchgroup.co.uk](http://www.bridgechurchgroup.co.uk)

We would like to say a huge thank you to all those who have already donated to our churches. We really value your support during these uncertain times.

## Bridge and District History Society

At the time of writing it is not possible to say when we shall be able to start our programme of meetings. The Committee is continuing to watch Government advice and directives and will make a decision as soon as possible, bearing in mind the safety of our speakers and our members.

Please continue to look at the society's website [www.bridgehistory.org.uk](http://www.bridgehistory.org.uk) for updates and the Village and Societies sections of the Kentish Gazette for notices.

We have a varied and interesting programme planned and hope it will not be too long before we can meet again safely.

## A few words about Liffey, written on the last day of his life, 12 June 2020, at his home for a decade, Little Bridge Place.

It is a cool, damp day. Liffey's grave in the garden is already dug for him by Nick, my younger son. Liffey is lying asleep in one of his favourite places- under the kitchen table on the old brown rug there. He is breathing deeply- being now a little deaf, he hasn't risen to follow me into the sitting room.

Liffey came to Bridge via the Dogs Trust, Canterbury. He was brought here by the then tenant of the top flat. Gyp [Liffey's predecessor] had died suddenly in the garden some months after Laurie, so I agreed to try this new dog. The only thing known about him was that he came from Ireland. So, I gave him the name Liffey, after the river that runs through Dublin. He is still just as handsome – a black and white, good sized, border collie. Our tenant must have thought well of him – she offered him to me 'before anyone else snapped him up'. So, I took him on and never regretted it. He has been a great friend and companion since my husband, Laurence died. A big garden with many trees and a stream at its lowest point, surrounded by meadows where cows are given pasture in the warmer months has been a special environment for us all.

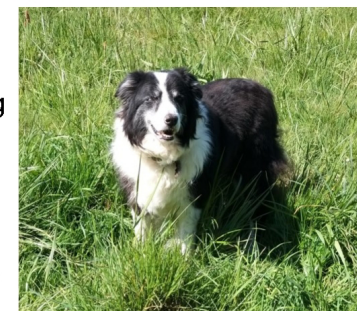
Now it is the afternoon after Liffey's death and burial. He lies there at peace. Nick, and grandsons Ben and Scott dug his grave and buried him after Kelly the vet had injected him and put him to sleep forever. Ben and Scott came and knocked on the sitting-room window to cheer me up – 'Lockdown' means they shouldn't be near me.

Two days later Nick and my daughter-in law Tracy have just gone home with little 'Luna' their dog. They wheeled me out to Liffey's grave at the back gate. Nick has ideas of a plaque – 'Liffey – from Ireland to Little Bridge Place'. My tenant for more than twenty years, David Oakden, has given me a special card to commemorate dear Liffey. He came in for a coffee and said how Liffey was well known in Bridge and (like daughter- in-law Emily) insisted I must write about him. He remembered the many walks with Liffey to the higher hills when a younger dog. Since my inability to walk him, kind volunteers from the Cinnamon Trust (Cornwall) have been doing so. Trevor James has driven weekly on a Tuesday from Elham, others, like Debbie took him, while Kelly and her mother Vanessa have come from Bekesbourne every weekend when Kelly is not working. All who have walked him have remarked how he proceeds straight ahead (on the lead), not bothering with other dogs, many owners remembering his name.

For about a year, owing to my disability with the legs – I've had a 'carer', Rosemary Leaney from a local family. Liffey has become quite attached to this new feature of life in the evenings and shows his pleasure by barking and jumping about when Rosemary turns the television on and uses the pointer to find the best programmes. A lot of barking goes on. Dear Liffey. Sometimes during quiet episodes he will just lie quietly on the carpet in front of the box until having to have time in the garden before disappearing to lie down on the brown mat under the kitchen table in the darkness. There he will snooze after a walk by Rosemary.

He will sleep the night away. Now to wake no more.

Ann Shirley – Little Bridge Place





A postal service has returned to Bridge! Starting July 8th, an outreach service will operate out of the Red Lion. It will be available each Wednesday from 9–11am. If it proves popular, the service may be extended so please make good use of it!

On a more serious note, Kent Police have increased surveillance of the recreation ground. This is in response to recent anti-social behaviour. And we would like to remind residents that dumping of garden waste is fly-tipping. It is illegal and could result in an unlimited fine.

Following updated guidelines on Coronavirus lockdown, the play park is now open! We urge users to maintain 2m social distancing and use hand sanitiser often. Please stay safe and help control the virus.

The Parish Council have overseen several recent village improvement projects: New double yellow lines have been painted in key locations around the village. The Pavilion is undergoing refurbishment, funded by a grant from Canterbury City Council. The roof is being fixed and a new floor laid. It will soon be available for hire again.

The new adult gym equipment has been installed by the tennis courts. The bus stop on the High Street is going to be repainted. And we continue to lobby the County and City for the new bus stop at Higham Lane.



## **Kate's Puddings – What's cooking?**

The many variations on trifle for me have just increased by one! Trifle is the classic "what do I make with leftover cake" pudding, and this time I had a lot of lemon drizzle traybake left over from a tea party. So.... one batch of delicious home made lemon curd later, there was the most fabulous trifle. Oh, and a big glug of limoncello from one of those holiday souvenir bottles..... This photo is of the last scoopful, so you can see the trifle in all its messy glory. It never looks great, but tastes amazing. Recipe quantities are completely arbitrary, as it just depends on what's available at the time and how many people you are feeding - this quantity will do approx 6, depending on greed.

### **Lemon Trifle**

#### **Base Layer:**

Approx 4 pieces of lemon cake (as stale as you like)  
Lemon curd to spread over the sponge cake  
4 macaroons, or shortbread biscuits (optional, but gives a change of texture)  
zest of half a lemon  
good slug of limoncello or lemon liqueur (or any alcohol)



#### **Middle Layer:**

Custard made with 3 egg yolks, ¾ pint/400ml of cream and milk mixed, ½ tsp vanilla or lemon flavouring, 1.5oz/40g caster sugar, plus half tsp cornflour if there is more than half milk to cream ratio.

#### **Top:**

¾ pint Double cream with a bit of milk to whisk up with a lighter texture  
1 lemon cut into slices (if the slices are thin, you could use the lemon you have just zested)

Trifle is an assembly job.... In the bottom of a pretty bowl put the cake, spread with a lot of lemon curd, plus broken up macaroons or biscuits. Grate over the lemon zest. Add the limoncello.

Make the custard – heat the milk and cream in a pan (preferably non-stick). In a bowl, beat together the egg yolks and caster sugar (plus cornflour), pour the hot milk/cream over it, and then pour back into the pan. Stir this mixture lovingly as it simmers – do not allow it to boil, or it will split. It should be thick enough to coat the back of a spoon. If it starts to look grainy, pour it straight into a cold bowl and stick in a metal spoon before adding a little more cream and cooling it down. Anyway, it's trifle, so it doesn't matter too much. Let the custard cool before pouring it over the trifle.

Finally, whip the cream with the added milk until it is thick but still just pourable, and then pour it over the pudding. If you don't want a hugely thick layer, dollop spoonfuls on the top instead. Thinly slice the lemon and decorate the top of the trifle.

Trifle is always best eaten after it has sat for an hour or so.





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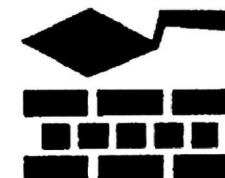
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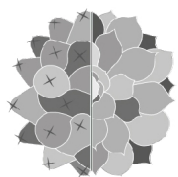
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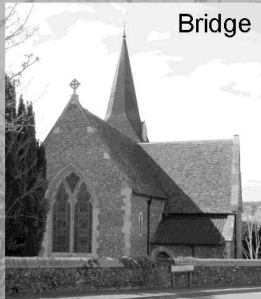
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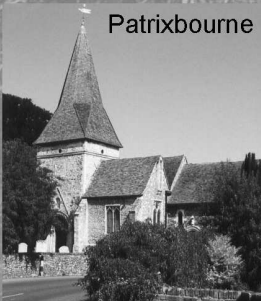


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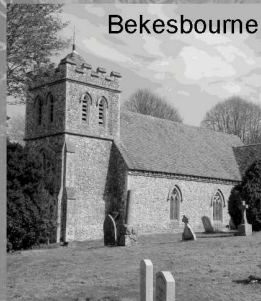
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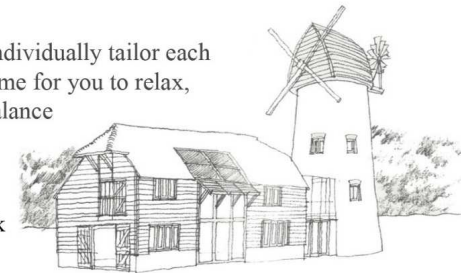
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Dear Friends

It seems impossible that here I am already writing to you for the September editions of our magazines – it certainly has been an unusual year.

I do, at last, bring good news in that all being well we will resume public worship in the Bridge Group Parish on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September. We plan to hold a short 10am Communion service (with communion in one kind only so no shared chalice) on Sundays in September at St Peter's Bridge. As our largest church and the church with the most aisles, St Peter's is the safest place for us to begin to gather for worship again. The service will differ from usual in that we won't be able to have any congregational singing, masks will be worn and so on but at least we will be able to be in church together in some way. (Details in a separate notice in this magazine).

We hope that in the following weeks we will gradually be able to introduce other services into our monthly schedule. We will not be rushing back to our previous worship pattern though as we need to pay careful attention, not only to the government guidance on gathering safely, but importantly, to the responses we received to the worship survey we carried out in June. We have a unique opportunity to rebuild our worshipping life together from scratch in a way that is fit for purpose and seeks to meet the needs of our whole Parish community, as well as giving us scope to think about how we might creatively use our five church buildings to serve our communities moving forward.

One of the things that I have been saying a lot during this time is that we need to think carefully about what we can learn from the experience of a Global Pandemic and Lockdown. This is true for all of us whatever our profession or way of life. In the church it is especially true as it has thrown into stark reality some of the challenges that the Church of England faces nationally.

At a local level it has perhaps brought into sharper focus some of the challenges and opportunities we face as small worshipping communities bearing responsibility for a number of ancient buildings. To this end Bishop Rose is inviting church communities to engage in some serious conversations on this theme. Conversations in which, to summarise, we will consider what we can learn and what we should do differently as a result. Details of how you can get involved in these conversations will be available shortly so look out for them on our website, Facebook pages and church notice boards.

I hope as restrictions continue to ease, I may have more opportunity to see more of you out and about. I have to tell you it's no fun being a 'virtual' Vicar and I long to be able to be with people again.

Yours in Christ,

*Estella Last*

Rev. Estella Last, Priest in Charge  
The Bridge Group Parish



# The Bridge Group Parish

Churches open for private Prayer from Monday 1st September

Unless circumstances change, the churches of the Bridge Group Parish will be open for Personal prayer / Quiet time on the days and times listed below

Name of Church	Open Days / Times
St Peter's Bridge	Wednesday 10am-4pm
St Peter's Bekesbourne	Sunday 10am-12pm
St Mary's Patrixbourne	Tuesday 2-4pm Saturday 10am-1pm
St Mary's Nackington	Wednesday 10am-4pm Sunday 10am-4pm
St Mary's Lower Hardres	Monday 10am-4pm Thursday 10am-4pm

- There may be someone present to welcome you when you visit.
- Please observe Social Distancing (2 metres) while inside the church building and follow any instructions given.
- You will be asked to leave a name and contact number (for track and trace purposes) but these details will only be held for 21 days after which they will be destroyed.
- You will also be asked to leave a notice on the seat you have used when you leave.
- The Vicar is available if you would like to make an appointment for Prayer/ Pastoral visit (01227 206272)

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding.

## Sunday Services in the Bridge Group Parish from Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September

### Instructions for congregations

We are delighted to announce that we will be returning to gathered worship, starting with a 10am Communion Service at St Peter's Bridge on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September and Sundays following, excluding the first Sunday of the month. From October we hope to be able to resume the popular 'Songs of Praise' Service (without the singing until this is permitted) at St Peter's Bekesbourne at 10am and hold an 8am BCP Communion service elsewhere in the Parish on the first Sunday of the month.

If you would like to attend a Sunday Service please note:

- Numbers are limited so if you plan to come you must let us know by the preceding Friday (i.e. for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September please let us know by Friday 11<sup>th</sup>). You can let us know by email to [estellalast@gmail.com](mailto:estellalast@gmail.com) or by telephone 01227 206272. Please tell us your name and how many people will be in your group. We can sit couples or small family bubbles together.
- Communion will be in one kind – bread only and only the minister will handle this. The minister will sanitise their hands thoroughly before the distribution, which will take place at the front of the Nave not at the High Altar.
- Please wear a mask – this is now mandatory.
- If you have it, please bring your own hand sanitiser so that you can sanitise your hands before receiving communion. There will be sanitiser available on the way into church.
- There will be a 'one-way' system for moving around the church, please follow the instructions given to you, sit only where you are asked to sit and move only when you are asked to move. At the end of the service please follow the one-way system out of the building. The toilet will not be available, and we are not able to offer refreshments after the service.
- Congregational singing is not currently permitted but there will be music during the service.
- There will be a collection plate by the door if you wish to bring an offering to the service, however where possible please make your donation to the church direct via Standing Order or using our online giving facility.



## Service details and readings for Services in September 2020

Please see the advice note about attending services in church. If you plan to attend a service you must let us know either via email to

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Date	Known as	Readings	Church Service
6 <sup>th</sup> September	13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Ezekiel 33:7-11 Psalm 119:33-40 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20	Online only
13 <sup>th</sup> September	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 50: 15-21 Psalm 103:1-13 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35	<b>10am St Peter's Bridge</b> <i>Please let us know if you wish to attend.</i>  Online option
20 <sup>th</sup> September	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Jonah 3:10-4:11 Psalm 145:1-8 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16	<b>10am St Peter's Bridge</b> <i>Please let us know if you wish to attend.</i>  Online option
25 <sup>th</sup> September	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32 Psalm 25: 1-9 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32	<b>10am St Peter's Bridge</b> <i>Please let us know if you wish to attend.</i>  Online option
4 <sup>th</sup> October	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Harvest Festival)	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-15 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46 Or readings appropriate for Harvest tbc	<b>8am BCP Communion St Mary's Nackington</b>  <b>10am St Peter's Bekesbourne</b> <i>Please let us know if you wish to attend.</i>  Online option

## Bridge with Patrixbourne Womens Institute

### A letter from President, Avril Austin

Dear WI Members

I hope you are still keeping safe and well. Perhaps you have been able to see family and friends, even with restrictions.

Your committee met up at Tadpoles, obeying distancing rules, for an informal meeting. We discussed the possibility of future meetings in the village hall, but with the current stringent sanitising measures, distanced seating, and everyone required to wear masks and gloves; with no chance of singing Jerusalem or refreshments being served, it was decided that meetings will not take place until the New Year at the earliest, when the situation will be reviewed.

Most of you will have received an email in answer to a request to investigate the possibility of holding future meetings in the afternoon. The only afternoon available in the Village Hall is on a Thursday from 3-5.30pm. This may curtail the length of our meetings, but would allow members to attend meetings in daylight. Please let us know your opinions, and if you have any concerns.

As members have missed out on so many meetings, I am pleased to announce that everyone will receive a raffle ticket, paid for by our WI, to be drawn at the AGM in the Albert Hall next year. Let's hope that one of our members will come up with a lucky ticket!

Finally, our **CONGRATULATIONS** go to Dorothy King, who celebrates her **100<sup>th</sup> birthday** on 10th September. Dorothy is a long-standing member of the WI, and has been involved in many aspects of the WI over the years. The committee is planning a short afternoon celebration in her garden, weather permitting, and for as many members as current restrictions allow. Anyone who has a camera, please bring it with you, so that photos can be taken and added to our WI Archives.



Take care, everyone, and I hope to see you soon.

### Bridge Gardening Group

We meet on the third Thursday of the month and would really welcome any willing gardeners to keep Bridge looking lovely.

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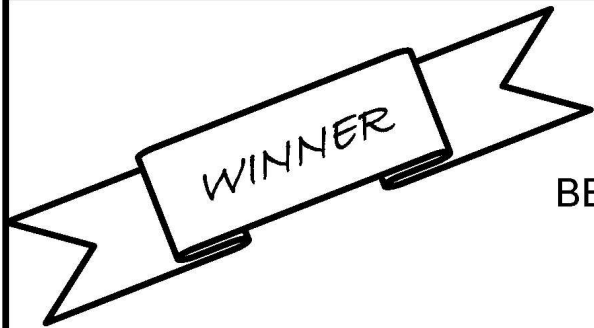
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Hilary Page drew the winning numbers

Thank you to all who continue to support the 100 Club which provides much valued funds for the Friends of Bekesbourne Church for the ongoing maintenance of the church and its lovely churchyard.

New members are always welcome: contact Stephen Thomas ,  
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### Submissions criteria for On the Nail

- All submissions for On the Nail should be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the Month at the **latest** to [bridgeoffice23@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeoffice23@gmail.com)
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### Wanted: Volunteer

A local volunteer to take on the role of liaising with the football teams who play at Bekesbourne Recreation Ground and to organise the grass cutting and pitch marking with our contractors.

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Football has been played at the Rec since 1922. During WW1 I believe there was also a pitch opposite Waterfall Cottage in Patricbourne for the Canadian soldiers stationed at Bifrons.

This might suit a young person looking for something to beef up a CV

Contact Jill Thomas 01227 832573

### News from Wingham

During September we welcome the Rev Dr Lesley Hardy and her family moving into the vicarage in Wingham. Rev Hardy has just completed a year as a Deacon in the Eastry Benefice and will be ordained priest on the 27th September to begin her time as Assistant Curate to the 'Barham Downs and Adisham Benefice.' This news certainly brings joy and hope out of recent sadness in Wingham as we trust in God who continues to call good Shepherds to his people - 'where the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few' (Matthew 9:37).

Rev Hardy and family could not be located in the actual title Benefice as housing was available elsewhere in the Deanery, nevertheless there could be a possibility that as part of her wider training, Lesley could take the occasional service in agreement with the Minister for Wingham and myself as Area Dean sometime in the future. I would just like to point out that Lesley is not the Vicar for Wingham but I know the community will make her family welcome. All pastoral and spiritual matters should still be directed to your current interim minister, Rev Gillian Craig. In the two years that Lesley will be with us she will find herself predominantly working in the villages around Barham and joining us all in Deanery matters.

### Supporting your local church

Your local church relies on the generosity of those who regularly attend and take part in services and fundraising events which sadly cannot take place at this time. If you are financially able to do so, please consider making a donation to help the work and ministry of your local church. We have set up an online giving platform through 'give a little' where you can make a donation securely via a debit or credit card. The link can be found on our church website [www.bridgechurchgroup.co.uk](http://www.bridgechurchgroup.co.uk)

We would like to say a huge thank you to all those who have already donated to our churches. We really value your support during these uncertain times.



## Who are we?

We are Bridge FISH scheme, serving Bridge, Patricbourne Bekesbourne and Bishopsbourne. The concept of a FISH scheme originated in Oxford when Dr. Donald Richards came up with a scheme to help those who are lonely, ill or simply needed help from a neighbour. He took the Christian Fish as a symbol and in Bridge we have used that same symbol and also the acronym Friendship, Independence, Support and Help ....FISH. In Bridge we have in the past primarily offered our help to the elderly but we are there for anyone in need.

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**Every month** we hold a coffee morning, often referred to as the 'Coffee pop-in' in Bridge village hall between 10am and 1130am. This is always on the second Wednesday of the month and is a great place to meet up with friends for a coffee and a chat. Everyone is welcome to come along and there is a lending library of books to borrow and a supply of knitting materials too.

Every year, usually in the Spring/Summer we have an outing with lunch somewhere in the local area and in the depths of the winter we hold a 'Winter warmer' lunch in Bridge Village Hall. We are a charity so to raise funds we hold an annual fundraiser morning usually in the early summer with coffee and cakes, maybe a raffle and a bring and buy. Look out for local advertising or on social media to keep up with these events.

## Could we help you?

If you think any of the above services could help you, or someone you know, please get in touch using the contact number at the bottom of this leaflet.

## Could you help us?

We are so grateful for all those volunteers who have given their time over the years but as always we welcome new people. If you have a few spare hours a month to be a volunteer driver, to help at coffee mornings, to deliver leaflets or help us in any way we would really love to hear from you.

**Contact number**  
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## Kate's Puddings – What's Cooking?

Summer Pudding isn't just for summer, it's an all year round favourite, and can be made with fresh or frozen fruit – I usually make it with frozen as it is quicker, and the freezing has started to break down the skins of the blackcurrants. It's delicious as well as good for you - how many other puddings are both?

This is the easiest pudding I know - takes minutes to make, but has to be done a few days in advance for best results. It freezes beautifully too. The recipe is for a large pudding, but you can also make little individual ones in yoghurt pots or deep ramekins. Gluten free is possible, with a sliced white loaf. It doesn't take up the juices the same way, so you don't get that lovely stodgy mixture, but it works well enough – I generally make two smaller ones, one being gluten free.



### Summer Pudding

(Quickest method known to woman)

1 small loaf crustless white bread (now that's cheating!),  
2 x 1lb/500g bags mixed berries, or 1 bag mixed berries, 1 bag frozen cherries – this is a minimum quantity, especially if you are making two

jam sugar to taste (4oz/100g or so),  
good slug of Framboise or some other red liqueur (if you wish)

Pudding basin approx 2 pints – this serves 6-8

Tip the berries into a large saucepan, with the sugar and the Framboise. Bring up to a gentle simmer, just so the juices flow and the black currants are not like bullets. Taste it - too sweet is almost worse than too tart! Meanwhile, arrange the bread all around the base of the pudding basin, and make sure you have enough to make a top as well.

Pour the mixture into the bread mould - it takes far more than you would believe possible, and the bread sucks up all the juice, so over-fill if you can. Fit on the bread top, then put a plate on top of that, weigh it down with something and put in the fridge for at least 3 - 4 days. The juice should seep into the bread so it is all crimson (which isn't always the case as you can see above, so I occasionally help it with some melted redcurrant jelly or sieved jam).

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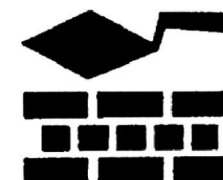
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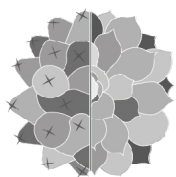
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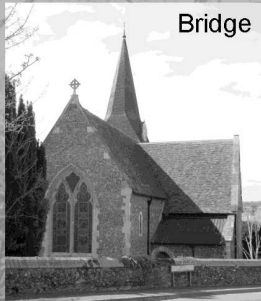
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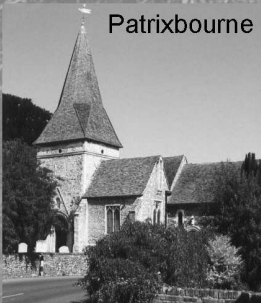


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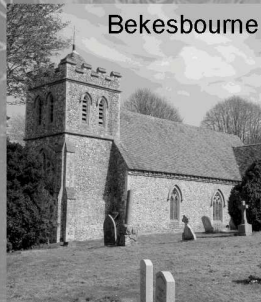
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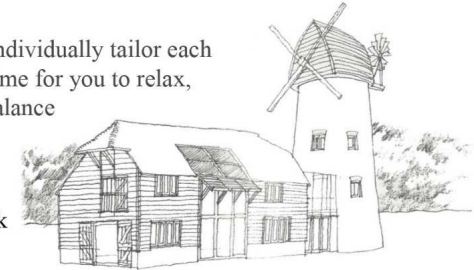
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As September turns to October we can see the vivid colours of our world changing around us, as they adapt to the change in the weather. Shorter days, colder nights, misty mornings all bring a new beauty with them in their own way. It seems that 'adapting to change' must be our new 'modus operandi' for some time to come, as we get to grips with the fact that Corona Virus isn't going to go away anytime soon and the only way to deal with it now is to adapt ourselves to new ways of living and being until such time as a vaccine is found.

We held our first gathered service since Lockdown in St Peter's Bridge on Sunday, and it was a joy to be able to be back together. Many of those of us who were there were moved by being able to pray and worship and receive communion together after such a long time apart. It was of course strange, with masks, hand sanitiser, no singing and careful routes around the building but these are the adaptations we must make for everyone to be able to worship safely for the time being. Details of forthcoming services can be found elsewhere in this magazine. If you would like to attend, please do get in touch so that we can make sure there is a place for you. Please remember too that there will also be an Online Prayer and Reflection available every Sunday morning for anyone who is unable to come to church.

I mentioned in my last letter that Bishop Rose had invited us to make some time and space for some conversations to help us reflect on the experience of the last 6 months and consider our future together as a church. These conversations are beginning to happen all around our Parish and will continue I think for some time to come. An early headline from those which I have been involved with is that we have all enjoyed being less busy, having more time for long walks, for prayer, for our gardens, for reading and quiet time, for our family members – whether virtually or in person, paying more attention perhaps to the food we eat and the environment around us. One of the early conclusions we might draw from this is that we need to be very careful not to rush back to the crazy merry-go-round of life we perhaps lived before and think carefully about what we do restart and what things we allow ourselves to let go of in order to keep the precious 'time and space' for ourselves that we have perhaps encountered in the last 6 months. Maybe this is an adaptation we need to think about as we move forward together.

We will continue to keep track of the guidance and the law and to develop what we can offer as a worshipping community in the coming weeks. Do keep in touch, I would love to hear about your experiences.

Yours in Christ Rev.

*Estella Last*

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# The Bridge Group Parish

Churches open for private Prayer from Monday 1st September

Unless circumstances change, the churches of the Bridge Group Parish will be open for Personal prayer / Quiet time on the days and times listed below

Name of Church	Open Days / Times
St Peter's Bridge	Wednesday 10am-4pm
St Peter's Bekesbourne	Sunday 10am-12pm
St Mary's Patrixbourne	Tuesday 2-4pm Saturday 10am-1pm
St Mary's Nackington	Wednesday 10am-4pm Sunday 10am-4pm
St Mary's Lower Hardres	Monday 10am-4pm Thursday 10am-4pm

- There may be someone present to welcome you when you visit.
- Please observe Social Distancing (2 metres) while inside the church building and follow any instructions given.
- You will be asked to leave a name and contact number (for track and trace purposes) but these details will only be held for 21 days after which they will be destroyed.
- You will also be asked to leave a notice on the seat you have used when you leave.
- The Vicar is available if you would like to make an appointment for Prayer/Pastoral visit (01227 206272)

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding.

## Sunday Services in the Bridge Group Parish from Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September

### Instructions for congregations

We are delighted to announce that we will be returning to gathered worship, starting with a 10am Communion Service at St Peter's Bridge on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September and Sundays following, excluding the first Sunday of the month. From October we hope to be able to resume the popular 'Songs of Praise' Service (without the singing until this is permitted) at St Peter's Bekesbourne at 10am and hold an 8am BCP Communion service elsewhere in the Parish on the first Sunday of the month.

If you would like to attend a Sunday Service please note:

- Numbers are limited so if you plan to come you must let us know by the preceding Friday (i.e. for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September please let us know by Friday 11<sup>th</sup>). You can let us know by email to [estellalast@gmail.com](mailto:estellalast@gmail.com) or by telephone 01227 206272. Please tell us your name and how many people will be in your group. We can sit couples or small family bubbles together.
- Communion will be in one kind – bread only and only the minister will handle this. The minister will sanitise their hands thoroughly before the distribution, which will take place at the front of the Nave not at the High Altar.
- Please wear a mask – this is now mandatory.
- If you have it, please bring your own hand sanitiser so that you can sanitise your hands before receiving communion. There will be sanitiser available on the way into church.
- There will be a 'one-way' system for moving around the church, please follow the instructions given to you, sit only where you are asked to sit and move only when you are asked to move. At the end of the service please follow the one-way system out of the building. The toilet will not be available, and we are not able to offer refreshments after the service.
- Congregational singing is not currently permitted but there will be music during the service.
- There will be a collection plate by the door if you wish to bring an offering to the service, however where possible please make your donation to the church direct via Standing Order or using our online giving facility.



## Service details and readings for Services in October 2020

Please see the advice note about attending services in church. If you plan to attend a service you must let us know either via email to

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Date	Known as	Readings	Church Service
4 <sup>th</sup> October	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Harvest Festival)	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-15 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46 Or readings appropriate for Harvest tbc	<b>8am BCP Communion St Mary's, Nackington</b>  <b>10am St Peter's Bekesbourne</b>  Online option
11 <sup>th</sup> October	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 25.1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14	<b>10am St Peter's Bridge</b>  Online option
18 <sup>th</sup> October	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity / St Luke the Evangelist	Isaiah 45.1-7; Psalm 96.1-9,(10-13); 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10; Matthew 22.15-22 For St Luke: Isiah 35:3-6; Acts 16:6-12a; Luke 10:1-9	<b>10am St Peter's Bridge</b> Online option
25 <sup>th</sup> October	20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18; Psalm 1; 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8 Matthew 22.34-46;	<b>10am St Peter's Bridge</b>  Online option
1 <sup>st</sup> November	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Micah 3.5-12; Psalm 43; 1 Thessalonians 2.9-13; Matthew 23.1-12	<b>8am BCP Communion St Mary's, Nackington</b>  <b>10am St Peter's Bekesbourne</b>  Online option

## Bridge with Patrixbourne Womens Institute

The highlight of the month was celebrating the birthday of our oldest member, Dorothy King, who was 100 on the 10<sup>th</sup> September.

We gathered in Dorothy's front garden, (keeping to the stipulated numbers and spacing), I gave a short address, pointing out the highlights during Dorothy's long life. Then glasses were raised, and 'happy birthday' was sung. I presented Dorothy with a 'flower cake' made entirely of flowers, including gold and cream roses, with pearl decorations and a silver '100' on the top. An 'edible' cake was given by W.I. members, which had a picture of Dorothy on the top. The cake was cut, and a slice was handed round and enjoyed by everyone.

Dorothy managed to speak to all members and friends individually, through the window of her bungalow, where she was sitting. She later said that she had so many lovely memories of the day, which would last for ever!

We have also taken advantage of the fine weather, and managed to have a tea and lunch in the garden of the Red Lion, giving members the chance to meet and chat, which was very enjoyable.

Take care, everyone, and I hope to see you soon.

**Avril Austin, President**

### A message from Dorothy King, who celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 10 September

Dorothy would like to thank everyone who sent her cards, flowers, chocolates and gifts on her birthday, and was also delighted to receive a card from the Queen. She was overwhelmed with all the flowers, and said her room resembled a florists.

Dorothy had a full, and very happy day – seeing friends and neighbours, and enjoying a party in her garden in the afternoon, given by the Women's Institute. She was also pleased to see friends from the Church, the Parish Council and other groups she had been connected with over many years.

Dorothy wants you to know how much she enjoyed 'her day', and thanks everyone for making her birthday so memorable.



### RIDE AND STRIDE

A big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to raising over £400 for St Mary's Patrixbourne and the Friends of Kent Churches in the Ride and Stride event on 12th



## Diamond Wedding Anniversaries

### **A message from John and Joan Hill...**

We celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> Diamond Anniversary on the 17<sup>th</sup> September, but were unable to have any form of major celebration.

Fifty-three years of our marriage have been in the village, which we have very much enjoyed.

We are longstanding members of the Church and have participated in village tennis and badminton and are still members of the Horticultural and History Societies. Joan is an active member of the W.I. and John enjoyed being on the Parish Council. He was Chairman, intermittently, for nearly 40 years, and was responsible for making the Village Sign (which at the moment is being repaired).

We would like to thank everyone for their friendship, which we have greatly valued.

John and Joan



### **Congratulations also go to Barry and Hilary Whiting...**

Barry and Hilary Whiting were married on August 6th, 1960 in Hexham Abbey, by the Vicar of St. Cuthbert's, Allendale, Northumberland, their local church.

They have considered what, in their case, has added to the longevity of their marriage, particularly when the statistics show many couples jack it in after but few years. The solemn promises exchanged at the altar cannot foresee the challenges that may come out of the blue.

It is important to have shared interests, as well as developing one's own hobbies or activity groups, and having support for those, from the partner. When problems arise, a supportive partner is crucial, and problems have to be sorted jointly. It is the caring support - element of the whole family that makes the cement of a marriage and adapting together to crises is important.

After thirty years of mortgage commitments, the thrift demanded to stay solvent is replaced by widening one's horizons. Staying content with what you have achieved in the working years and enjoying retirement activities, which local friends add to the mix, all constitute factors in the equation.

Don't do everything to excess, and finally, try not to bore everyone with your thoughts...

Barry and Hilary.



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During this pandemic ordinary neighbours like us have come together to do extraordinary things for the most vulnerable in society. In this uncertain and fragile world, let's keep looking out for our neighbours near and far. Could you and your neighbours help more communities still facing crisis around the world?

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### **Submissions criteria for On the Nail**

- All submissions for On the Nail should be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the Month at the **latest** to [bridgeoffice23@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeoffice23@gmail.com)
- Any posters should be A5 in size with a portrait and landscape version provided.
- 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



## Nailbourne Scout Group news

It has certainly been an interesting Scouting year for Nailbourne, as it has for all of us! By the time you read this, and bar any last-minute changes from the government, Scouts will have restarted face-to-face meetings, with Cubs due to follow suit. Of course, it can't be quite the same as before just yet. Following guidance from the Scout Association. Scouts will be meeting in smaller groups, alternating weeks, and sessions will be taking place outside, with a handy parachute shelter set up for rainy weather. Sessions planned for this term include obstacle courses, shelter building (could come in handy!) and making fires. We are currently establishing a new leadership team for Beavers, and sessions are likely to initially take place online to fit with the current guidance. Of course, everything is subject to change in the current climate, so please keep an eye on our Facebook page for up-to-date news.

Although our young people had a break over the summer, leaders and the committee kept working behind the scenes to ensure that everything would be ready and COVID-compliant for September. We recently held our AGM, and our Group Scout Leader's review of the year can be seen in full on our Facebook page. This includes our online sessions, 'at home' sleep-outs for Porchlight and a record number of badges being given out, all during lockdown, while we shouldn't forget that we were also busy with the leaders' Nuts Challenge, the Scouts' expedition camp and the Cubs' and Beavers' Christmas sleepover – among many other activities – before COVID changed things. We also raised a magnificent total of £3,133 for Porchlight across the year! We are hoping for an even bigger and better year for 2020/21, so keep an eye out for our next newsletter to find out what we manage to achieve in September!

\*Please note that the sessions detailed below are not currently accurate – email Nick Gore for more information\*

**Nailbourne Scout Group welcomes both boys AND girls and, once life is back to normal, 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 Nick Gore at [skipnailbourne@gmail.com](mailto:skipnailbourne@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/Nailbourne-Scout-Group-public-108853207216429](http://www.facebook.com/Nailbourne-Scout-Group-public-108853207216429)).**

## News from Bokesbourne

For the past few weeks we have enjoyed hearing the bells rung, albeit with only 4 ringers, to welcome people to church for private prayer.

We said farewell to Stuart and Maggie Field last month. They have contributed so much to our church and community over the years and we will miss them greatly. Estella led prayers for their future happiness as we wished them well in their new home in Cambridge.

Great news! A Harvest Songs of Praise is to take place in Bokesbourne Church on 4<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am. 'Thank you to Our Farmers'. It will not be quite the same as usual. There will be no singing, you will be required to wear masks and social distancing rules will apply. Numbers therefore will be limited and we are asking you to let us know if you intend to come so that this can be facilitated. However the church will be decorated for Harvest and a lovely service of music, readings and prayers is planned. You are invited to bring gifts, which will be donated to the Women's Refuge after the service. They have asked for : tinned and packet food, basics including tea and coffee, items of single bedding, towels, tea towels, fresh fruit and vegetables. BUT no clothes please!

Nicky Fry 01227 830319

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15th September 2020

For 'On the Nail'

We would like to thank everyone for all their good wishes and friendship on our move to Bottisham. In particular we would like to thank those who attended a farewell socially distanced gathering at St Peter's Bokesbourne on the Sunday prior to our move and to Estella and Phil for attending this event.

The move didn't go quite as smoothly as we had hoped, finally receiving the keys at 5pm, having waited since mid-day. Our daughters and their husbands have been really helpful, both with specific jobs, feeding us and making sure we do something other than unpacking! The weather has been amazing which has made a huge difference and we are off to the Cambridge Botanic Gardens this morning. Our email hasn't changed so do keep in touch. Many thanks again for all your good wishes and support.

With our love and prayers  
Stuart & Maggie





**Bridge Church, 4-5pm**

**Saturday 4th October —Harvest**

**Saturday 31st October—Light in the Darkness**

- 6-8 families max, socially distanced from one another in the Church in an allocated space for each family (usual guidance re social distancing, hygiene, masks etc applies)
- Craft activities/games in family groups followed by story, prayer and blessing song
- Resources for older children especially those who have just moved up to Secondary school
- BYO snack and drink if wanted

Places will be allocated on a 'first come first served basis' so please do get in touch to book your family's place. When booking please give us your full contact details and the number of people and ages of the children in your group.

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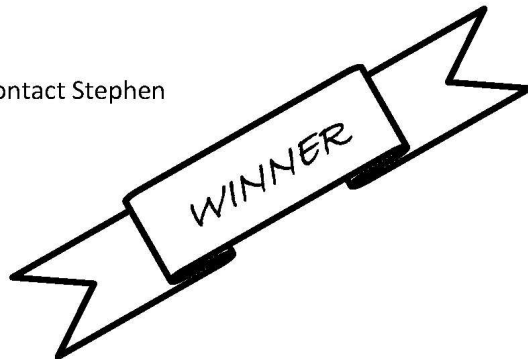
The winners in September were: Jan Kent £50; Gill Moon £25; Jane Mason £25. Nick Jagers drew the numbers

Thank you to all who continue to support the 100 Club which provides much valued funds for the Friends of Bekesbourne Church for the ongoing maintenance of the church and its lovely churchyard.

New members are always welcome: contact Stephen

Thomas , [stevethomas@gmail.com](mailto:stevethomas@gmail.com),

01227 832573



## **Plans for the extension of Patrixbourne Church**

St Mary's Church Patrixbourne, may have been closed for services and visitors for the past few months, but work to move forward the ideas about extending the church has continued. The extension will provide a kitchen, disabled friendly toilet and a shower in a small area on the North side of the church. The new facilities will be welcomed by the congregation at services, weddings and other such occasions, but will also enable us to better look after visitors and the increasing number of pilgrims stopping at the church.

We now have computer images of what the extension on the north side of the church will look like, and are moving forward to obtain all the necessary permissions so that fundraising, and then building can take place.

### **The proposed extension on the north side of the church**



The extension will be accessed using the north doorway and we will also be creating a circulation space internally by removing some of the pews at the rear of the north aisle. Refreshments after the service, and at our ever-popular concerts can then be served here, and pilgrims staying overnight will have space to sleep in comfort.

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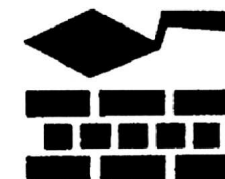
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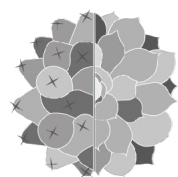
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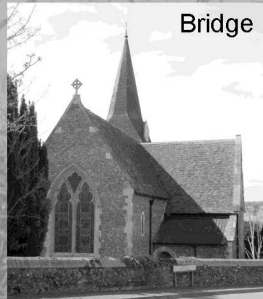
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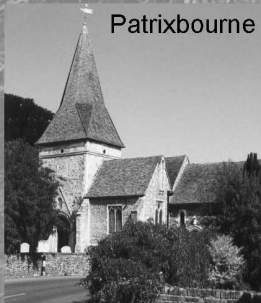


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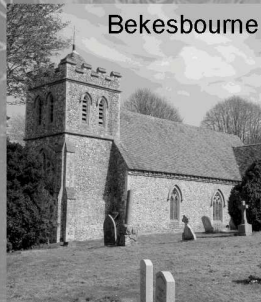
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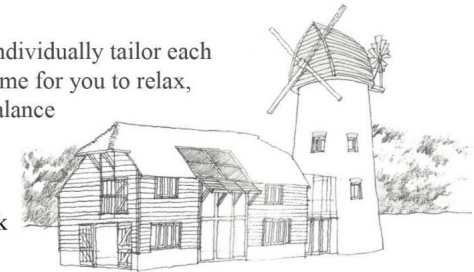
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Dear Friends

At a time when it seems as though there is very little good news around it is my pleasure to share with you some very good news for all of us in the life our churches. On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October we were finally able to hold our churches' Annual Meeting (known as the APCM) which had been postponed from 23<sup>rd</sup> April. It was unlike any meeting we have ever held with folk attending both in person in St Peter's Bridge and online via Zoom but it was wonderful to be together.

At the meeting the Annual Reports and Accounts of the three former PCCs, Lower Hardres with Nackington, Bekesbourne, and Patribourne with Bridge were presented and we celebrated all that had been achieved in 2019. Our greatest achievement last year was to complete the process of amalgamating our 3 parishes into one and so on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October, we also saw the next phase of this process take shape in the form of a newly elected team of Churchwardens and PCC members for the single PCC of The Bridge Group Parish.

At this point I want to pause and to offer my heartfelt thanks to all those who have faithfully served on our PCCs over many many years. Churches rely on dedicated teams of volunteers to keep them running and without the people who give tirelessly of themselves, looking after the buildings, the finance and the wider mission and ministry of our churches we wouldn't have places to come to for celebration, mourning, worship and prayer.

Sadly as the number of people in our communities able to support this valuable work diminishes so too does our ability to continue to run as much activity in every one of our churches as we have done over the years. So now I have an invitation for you. Now that the PCC has been elected, the churchwardens and church representatives will be looking for new volunteers to help them with the work of running our church buildings. These local church sub teams will take on the responsibility for the day to day running and care of the buildings as well as thinking about mission and outreach to the wider community, supported and overseen by the PCC. If you have time to spare and would like to join the sub team for your local church please do get in touch either with me or with the churchwardens – we would love to hear from you.

You don't have to be a regular church-goer as long as you value the church in your community, recognise what it stands for and would like to offer you support. At the risk of descending into cliches, the more the merrier as we all know, many hands make light work!

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For all our services we will have to keep numbers strictly limited so that social distancing can be achieved for all those attending. It will therefore be necessary to take bookings for all our Christmas services. We would hate to have to turn anyone away, but we won't be able to let anyone in who hasn't booked in advance.

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**\*\*DATES AND TIMES FOR EACH CHURCH IN NEXT MONTH'S MAGAZINE\*\***

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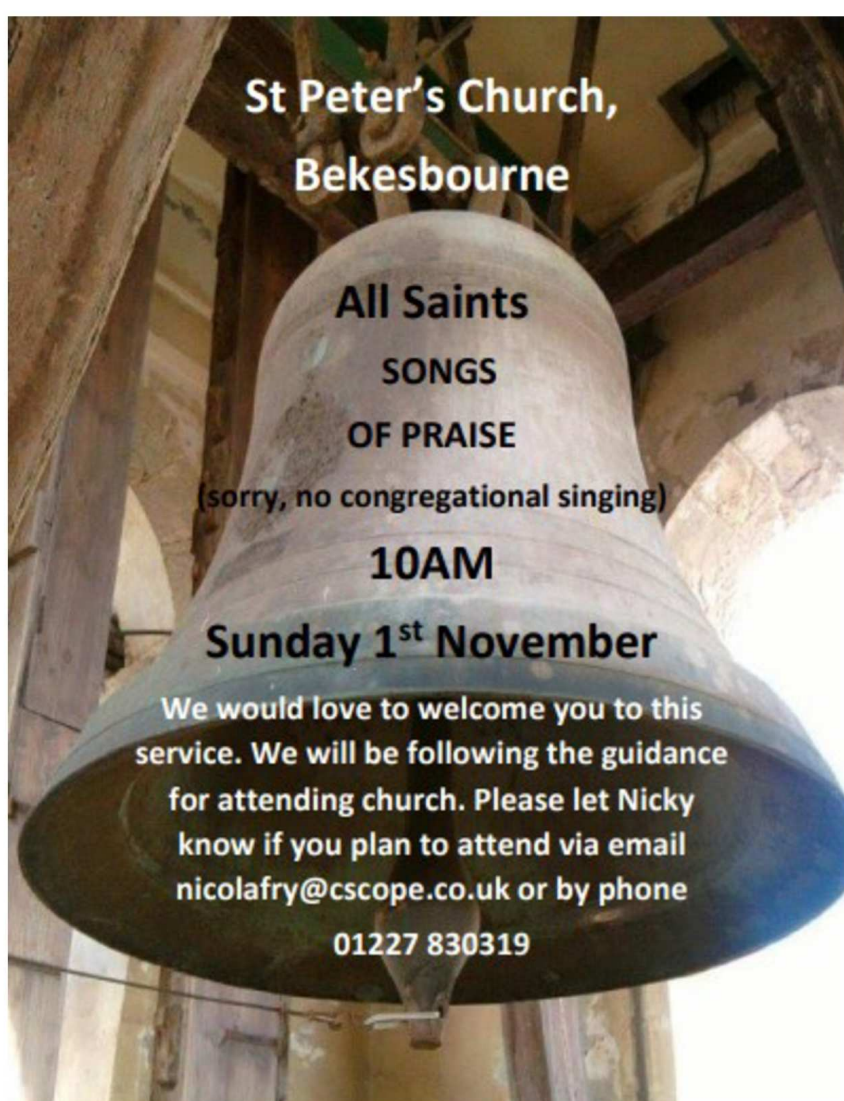
Date	Known as	Readings	Church Service
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1 <sup>st</sup> November	All Souls	tbc	<b>4pm Memorial Service at St Peter's Bridge</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Sunday <i>*See separate notice about Remembrance Services</i>	Ephesians 6: 10-18 Matthew 5:1-12	<b>10am St Peter's Bridge (Communion Service)</b>  Online option
15 <sup>th</sup> November	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-end; Psalm 90:1-12 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	<b>10am St Peter's Bridge</b>  Online option
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Christ the King	Ezekiel 34:11-16;20-24; Psalm 95:1-7 Ephesians 1:15-end; Matthew 25:31-end	<b>10am St Peter's Bridge</b>  Online option
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Advent Sunday	Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:108,18-20; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:34-36	<b>10am St Peter's Bridge</b>  Online option
6 <sup>th</sup> December	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85: 1-2,8-end 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8	<b>8am BCP Com-munion St Mary's, Nackington</b>  <b>10am St Peter's Bekesbourne</b>  Online option

## Arrangements for Remembrance - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

As with so many other event this year, all Remembrance events have had to be stripped back to a minimum to reduce large numbers of people gathering. We will be marking Remembrance in each of our churches as follows:

Church	Date	Time	Booking details
St Mary's Nackington	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>10.30am</b> Remembrance Service in Church followed by Wreath Laying at the War Memorial	Please contact Estella Last to book your place at the Service in Church.
St Peter's Bridge	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>10am</b> Service in church followed by Act of Remembrance at the <b>War Memorial at 10.50am.</b>  The Act of Remembrance will be livestreamed to the Parish Facebook Page.	Please contact Estella Last to book your place at the Service in Church.  Those attending the Act of Remembrance <b>must</b> abide by the 'Rule of Six' and practice Social Distancing.
St Mary's Lower Hardres	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>10.45am</b> Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Lower Hardres	No booking necessary. Those attending the Act of Remembrance <b>must</b> abide by the 'Rule of Six' and practice Social Distancing.
St Peter's Bekesbourne	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>10.50am</b> Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial	No booking necessary. Those attending the Act of Remembrance <b>must</b> abide by the 'Rule of Six' and practice Social Distancing
St Mary's Patribourne	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>10.45am</b> Wreath Laying at the War Memorial	Rev'd Estella Last and children from Bridge and Patribourne School





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#### Submissions criteria for On the Nail

- All submissions for On the Nail should be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the Month at the **latest** to [bridgeoffice23@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeoffice23@gmail.com)
- Any posters should be A5 in size with a portrait and landscape version provided.
- 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

#### CANTERBURY FOOD BANK PRESS RELEASE

Canterbury Food Bank distributed 24,273 meals to people in financial need in the first six months of the Coronavirus crisis, it was revealed today 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The charity saw a 58% increase in demand compared to the same period last year and expects that to continue in the coming months.

A deep-rooted recession with the looming threat of unemployment, plus increased prevalence of the virus over winter indicate that food bank usage will soar. Research by the Heriot-Watt University this week showed that at the start of the pandemic around half of people who used a food bank had never needed one before. CFB today warned that families could soon be plunged into even deeper crisis as thousands struggle to keep their children clothed and well-fed. Chair Martin Ward said: "It is becoming increasingly clear that we are in this crisis for the long haul. But we should stand together in the face of adversity and we will. "We have made strenuous efforts to replenish our stocks and, due to generous public donations, we are in a strong position to face the winter. "We expect high demand to continue and would urge anyone who is struggling financially to use our services. "A child needing new shoes or an unexpected bill for a car in need of repair can be a tipping point for many people. But we are here to help if you cannot afford food."

The 24,373 meals were distributed by Canterbury Food Bank between March 16 and September 16 this year. The charity provides emergency food parcels to individuals and families in financial need across Canterbury, Whitstable, Herne Bay and surrounding villages. It has donation baskets in all leading supermarkets including Sainsbury's, Waitrose, Tesco, Asda and Morrisons, where people can leave dried or tinned food items. Anyone who cannot afford to buy food can make contact via <https://canterburyfoodbank.org> or by phoning 01227 936450.

For ideas as to what is urgently required please look at the website .

#### The Kingsbourne Players

The Kingsbourne Players Amateur Dramatic Group's AGM was held via Zoom in early October, and the minutes have been circulated to all members. The Chairman's report reiterated how well the panto 'Camelot' went, and that the children, especially, were brilliant. Sadly, but unsurprisingly, there will be no pantomime this January - we'll miss it as much as our audiences - but we hope the new cast members will be keen to return next time!

The Treasurer's report highlighted that we still have certain expenses - insurance, for instance - but no means of generating income at the moment. We are looking into the possibility of an online quiz - watch this space. The group got together - again, via Zoom - during the summer, to read a comedy script, providing a few of their own homespun props, which was good fun.



Basically, we are still here (Oh yes we are!) We hope that we will be able to hold a Summer Play in 2021; fingers crossed please, everybody! Stay safe, stay well, and hopefully we can all get together again for some fun next year.

## The Bridge Group Parish

### Churches open for private Prayer from Monday 1st September

Unless circumstances change, the churches of the Bridge Group Parish will be open for Personal prayer / Quiet time on the days and times listed below

Name of Church	Open Days / Times
St Peter's Bridge	Wednesday 10am-4pm
St Peter's Bekesbourne	Sunday 10am-12pm
St Mary's Patricbourne	Tuesday 2-4pm Saturday 10am-1pm
St Mary's Nackington	Wednesday 10am-4pm Sunday 10am-4pm
St Mary's Lower Hardres	Monday 10am-4pm Thursday 10am-4pm

- There may be someone present to welcome you when you visit.
- Please observe Social Distancing (2 metres) while inside the church building and follow any instructions given.
- You will be asked to leave a name and contact number (for track and trace purposes) but these details will only be held for 21 days after which they will be destroyed.
- You will also be asked to leave a notice on the seat you have used when you leave.
- The Vicar is available if you would like to make an appointment for Prayer/Pastoral visit (01227 206272)

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding.

### Patricbourne War Memorial

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 1920, the people of Patricbourne gathered in St Mary's Church at 3pm for a memorial service 'for the men of Patricbourne who fell in the Great War 1914-1919'. Led, no doubt, by their Vicar, the Rev Hubert Knight, they sang 'Through the night of doubt and sorrow', they listened to the reading of the names of the fallen and a stirring reading from Revelation chapter 21, they prayed and then, singing 'The saints of God! their conflict past' they moved out to the churchyard for the unveiling and blessing of the new memorial cross.

We had hoped to commemorate that event this autumn but Covid had other ideas. Instead, I'd like to take a closer look at the names on the memorial and must start by thanking Mark Joplin for all the research that he undertook.

The memorial stands not far from the churchyard gate by the east wall of the chancel. It is a plain cross on a stepped base which bears six names picked out in black. Six men from such a small village seems like a lot but it rapidly becomes clear that the villagers were generous in their definition of Patricbourne. As is frequently the case on British war memorials, the names are listed in order of military rank. However, I think we get a better 'feel' for the people they were and what happened to them if we look at these men in chronological order of their death. Between them, they encapsulate so many aspects of the Great War.

Captain James Ronald lived at Bifrons Cottage in The Street, probably moving there when he left the army in 1912. He was a career soldier with the Buffs and fought in the Boer War. He was a specialist Railway Transport Officer, so when the Great War broke out he rejoined his old regiment in that capacity. He was killed in action at St Julien, near Ypres, on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1915 at the age of 39. His name appears on the Menin Gate as he has no known grave.

His daughter Patience continued to live at Bifrons Cottage with her mother Evelyn until her marriage to Sir Walter Whigham of Highland Court, announced in 1943. After Sir Walter's death, only five years later, she returned to live out the rest of her long life in the same house.

Sapper Frederick Brickenden was from the Gate Inn on the Dover Road, which was in Patricbourne until the county council reforms of 1889. He was the second of seventeen children and was actually born in Elham. By 1911, he was a carpenter living in Military Road Canterbury with his wife and baby daughter, both called Lillian. He joined the Royal Engineers and was sent to Gallipoli. He died on 30<sup>th</sup> October 1915 at the age of 36 and is buried in Alexandria in Egypt but it is unclear whether he died of wounds or of disease and whether he was already in transit to Egypt when he died. He also appears on the Canterbury war memorial in the Buttermarket.

Private Albert Stevens was the only one of the six to be born in Patricbourne and to live out his civilian life there. His father was a horseman at Renville (then in Patricbourne) and Albert followed him in that calling. He died as a prisoner of war at a camp in Prémont, near Le Cateau-Cambrésis, on 30<sup>th</sup> May 1917. He was seventeen years old and was thus technically too young to fight. He had gone to the Somme with a cavalry regiment probably to look after the military horses. In 1924, his remains were moved from the civilian cemetery at Prémont to a military cemetery eight miles away at St Souplet.



Rifleman Charles Stevens was Albert's older brother. He too was a horseman at Renville but he was born in Wickhambreaux when his father was a labourer on a farm there. He was killed in action at Brie, on the Somme between Amiens and St Quentin, on 25<sup>th</sup> September 1918, at the age of 27. After the war, the family moved on to work in Nackington.

CSM David Alexander was born in London but married Winifred Drapper from Bishopsbourne in 1912. (Winifred's only brother Sydney is commemorated on Bishopsbourne war memorial. He died at Loos on 26<sup>th</sup> September 1915.) The Alexander family moved to Lower Lodge Patixbourne about the beginning of the war. Their eldest child Ellen did well but the next two babies both died before they were a year old and are buried in Patixbourne churchyard. Their youngest child David was born in January 1919 and so never knew his father. He has left behind an interesting account of life in the lodge as a child. When we commemorated the end of the Great War two years ago, David Jr's daughter was able to join us.

David Sr was a career soldier with the Buffs, having joined up in 1908, and he rose through the ranks to become a company sergeant major just three weeks before he died. He won the Military Medal for valour. He was killed in action between Arras and Cambrai on 29<sup>th</sup> September 1918, at the age of 28, having served throughout the war. He has no known grave, so is commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial.

Lieutenant 5<sup>th</sup> Marquis Conyngham was baptised at Patixbourne but never lived here. After the death of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marquis in 1882, the Conyngham family moved back to their family seat, Slane Castle in Ireland, and young Victor George Henry Francis

Conyngham was born in their London home in 1883. He became the 5<sup>th</sup> Marquis at the age of 14. His war service is interesting, as he was appointed aide-de-camp to Sir John Grenfell Maxwell, the man charged with 'mopping up' after the 1916 Easter Rising in Dublin. Sir John was responsible for the rapid execution of the leaders of the rising and was moved to a command in York in some haste. Marquis Conyngham died at York on 9<sup>th</sup> November 1918 during the flu pandemic. He was 35. He has a memorial in York Minster but is buried at Slane.



## News from Bekesbourne

With great excitement, on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October we celebrated our first 'Songs of Praise' since lockdown. It was a very emotional moment. We had worked hard to sweep away the cobwebs, sanitize the surfaces and polish the brass so that we were ready to welcome everyone into church. As you came through the door you could see and smell the fruits of the harvest all creatively displayed. It looked beautiful. People had generously brought gifts which were collected after the service and taken to the Women's Refuge. The harvest service was a 'thank you' to the farmers. Although we couldn't sing, Andrew played some lovely medleys of harvest hymns which were very moving. It was such a pleasure to all meet together to worship in our very special church.



Our next service is on 1<sup>st</sup> November celebrating 'All Saints'. Please give me a ring on 01227 830319 if you want to reserve your place. We look forward to welcoming you.

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## The Bridge Village



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**How does it work?** - On each day of Advent a different address in the village will light up a window display based on a Christmas Song or Carol.

Windows will be lit between **4pm and 6pm** for villagers to spot .

Addresses will be listed in the December parish magazine and on our Facebook and Web pages.

Once a window has been lit on their assigned day of Advent they will be lit each night at the same time until Christmas Eve.

**How can I take part?**- You can join in by registering to create a window display by emailing [bridgeoffice23@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeoffice23@gmail.com) before **15th November**, window themes will be assigned on a first come first served basis.

Or you can simply follow the trail around the village as each window is lit during the days of Advent.



## League of Friends of Kent & Canterbury Hospital

### Nailbourne Group

The League of Friends of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital raises money for the purchase of medical equipment and other items, for the benefit of staff, patients and their visitors – as well as providing volunteers to maintain services such as shops and tea bars. The current policy is to buy only items that will continue to be used in Canterbury.

We have recently purchased items for the Occupational Therapy department, Physiotherapy department and Dolphin ward.

The group has organised a letter drop to villagers requesting support for the Hospital by making a donation and becoming or continuing to be a Friend and we would like to thank everyone who has donated.

This will enable us to continue purchasing much needed equipment and other items.

We would be very grateful to receive any donations, and cheques made payable to **The League of Friends Nailbourne** can be sent or delivered to:

The Treasurer John Thackray 56 Riverside Close Bridge.

Alternatively donations can be left in Bridge at Mervyn Gulvin's office, 90 High Street; with Kate Whitten 28 Bridge Down; or in Bekesbourne with Gill Moon The Haven, Aerodrome Road.

To donate online our bank details are:

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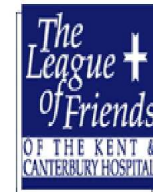
For online donations, it is helpful if you could confirm to [LoFnailbourne@yahoo.com](mailto:LoFnailbourne@yahoo.com) including your agreement to collect gift aid, if appropriate.

### Bridge Village Christmas Trees—Volunteers Needed

This year Christmas trees will be put up on Saturday 5th December and will come down on Saturday 2nd January.

Volunteers can contact Mark Esdale ([Mark@BridgeVillage.uk](mailto:Mark@BridgeVillage.uk)) for more information or to register.

Villagers should also keep an eye on the Village Facebook page and website. Social distancing measures and Covid secure measures will be in place.





## News from the Friends' of Bekesbourne Church

Dear Friends and Supporters - I would like to keep you updated on the Friends' of Bekesbourne Church events.

It is with regret that we have to inform you that we are unable to organise any of our usual events for this year. These are the Christmas Bazaar and the Wine and Wisdom.

Two reasons: Firstly, due to the Government social distancing restrictions, and secondly due to the Village Hall being closed for its planned refurbishment over the next few months.

Like us, I know you will be disappointed as these two events are extremely popular with you.

If the situation on both, the Government restrictions, and the availability of the Village Hall eases, we will be looking at holding a Wine and Wisdom, early in 2021, and a Spring Festival to replace the Christmas Bazaar.

I am sure you will understand our situation as these are really unprecedented times.

We sincerely hope you are all staying safe and well, and we look forward to being able to give you good news in the not too distant future.

With kind regards

Christine Dutfield  
Chair of the Friends of Bekesbourne Church  
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## Advertising in On the Nail

Please take a fresh look at our Advertising Directory this month. Some interesting new adverts; some reshuffling of our hardy supporters; and, sadly, some advertisers unable to continue – good luck to them with their on-going business endeavours in these Covid times.

Good luck also to the new cafe, Mahoneys, opening next door to Nicholas James hairdressers.

Please support our advertisers and feedback any good experiences via the various village websites. I know many of our advertisers personally and have used them in our own home and can vouch for the quality of their work.

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Ordering through the Essentially Hops website is quick and easy, and you can choose the week you would like your tree to be delivered or ready for a safe and seamless collection at a convenient time.

As well as Christmas trees, Essentially Hops have also launched a range of four Fresh Christmas Wreaths, also available for pre-order on their website.

Every wreath will be made specially to order by the shop florists and available for shop collection or courier delivery.

Essentially Hops farm shop is open Tuesday – Saturday, 10.30am – 2.30pm at Chalkpit Farm, Adisham Road, Bekesbourne. Pre-order online at [essentially-hops.co.uk](http://essentially-hops.co.uk).

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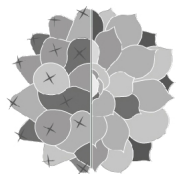
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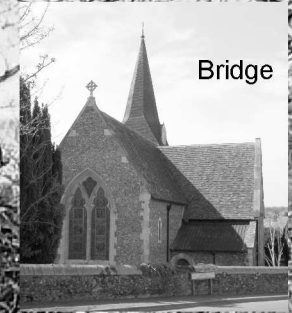
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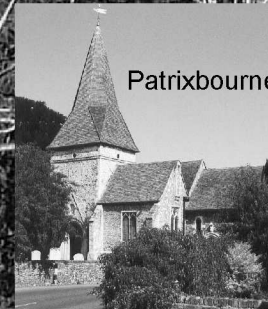


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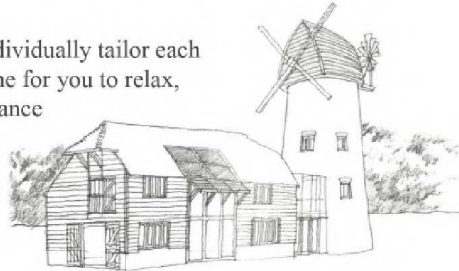
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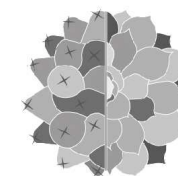


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Second time around for this simple pudding, as sometimes familiar things are best in a time of uncertainty. This is a light, Christmassy pudding, which I originally served in home-made chocolate bowls, but that's not mandatory – you could just make a lovely hot chocolate sauce to pour over the top instead – the recipe is on my blog. Our top tip is to grease the balloon moulds, also to be ready to do a second dip if the first isn't strong enough (and do a couple extra). You could also make it in silicon moulds (oil them first). At this time of year, it is easy to cool down the ice cream mixture, so this is made with a warm custard mix which gives it a really unctuously smooth taste!

### **Christmas Pudding Ice Cream**

3 egg yolks

1 vanilla pod, or 1tsp good quality vanilla extract

4½oz/120g caster sugar

23floz/600ml double cream and milk – normally ¾ cream to ¼ milk

1 jar mincemeat or 6tbsp home made mincemeat

Whisk the egg yolks with the sugar and vanilla in a jug. In a non-stick pan (good gadget!), heat the cream and milk, stirring, to blood heat. Pour this warmed mixture into the egg yolk mix and stir well, before pouring it back into the pan (off the heat, but using the residual warmth). When it is completely combined, leave it to cool/chill. Pour into an ice cream maker and churn until it is thick – probably about 35-50 minutes. Mix the mincemeat into it at the very last minute, or, if you are making it in advance, layer the mincemeat with the cream in a plastic box and put it into the freezer to firm up. Serve in chocolate bowls - see below.

### **Chocolate Bowls**

8oz/220g dark chocolate

6 or 7 balloons, half blown up (plus one test one)

light oil for greasing; baking parchment

Blow up the balloons and secure before wiping them with oil. Spread baking parchment over a tray. Melt the chocolate and stir well. Dip each balloon into the bowl, twisting it to give a good coating of chocolate, then sit it on the parchment. Allow to cool and harden. When the chocolate is set, prick a test balloon and peel the shreds off the chocolate bowl. If the chocolate implodes, melt some more chocolate and repeat! (you can always eat the failures....) This is not tempered chocolate, so will not be glossy.

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December 2020

Dear Friends,

One of the things that clergy and church teams spend a lot of time doing, as you might expect, is thinking about Christmas! We usually start thinking about it around January, reflecting on what went well the previous year and what we might change for the year to come.

It then drops off the radar for a few months as we prepare for Easter, but when things calm down again over the summer we spend our idle moments trying to remember what we had decided back in January and coming up with wildly creative and completely impractical ideas for things we could do in the winter to come.

Generally those wildly creative ideas never make it off the drawing board, and we end up doing more or less the same as usual – even (and I'll let you in on a trade secret here) re-using the odd sermon if needs must (it is a very busy time of year!).

This year, however, has been completely different. Planning ahead for Christmas this year has felt more like a game of Snakes and Ladders where one roll of the dice can send you sliding back down a completely different path and you have to start all over again!

So we have made some plans for holding services in all our churches and online, and we are excited about what we're hoping to offer to help our communities celebrate Christmas this year. But we also know that a word from the Prime Minister, or an uptick in local cases, could scupper some of these plans and send us back to the drawing board.

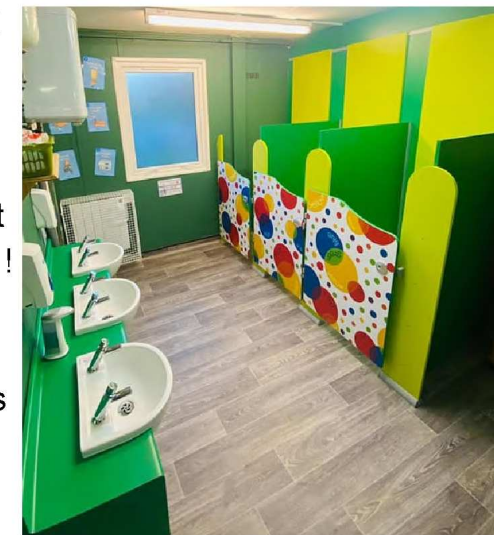
All this uncertainty has given me a new perspective on the Christmas story itself, because the more I reflect on it this in this year of disruption, the more I realise how disrupting the events of the first Christmas were for those involved.

Mary and Joseph were engaged to be married, they no doubt had their plans for what their lives would look like, until the angel Gabriel turned up and sent all their plans out the window. Then, just as they were getting used to the idea that they would have a baby, the emperor ordered a census, so they had to set off away from home on the long journey to Bethlehem. Not what they had planned at all.

Or what about the shepherds, sat happily in their fields just doing their job until the angels appeared and sent them running into the village to find the new-born Jesus. And then there were the wise men, sent on a perilous journey to a far-off land because of the appearance of a new star in the sky. None of these people could have predicted or planned what would happen to them, but when the disruption came, they went with it and in doing so they met God face to face.

## News from Woodpeckers Nursery

November has been an exciting month at Woodpeckers. We were very excited to finally complete our bathroom project, which was the last phase of a three year refurbishment ! We now have a fresh and bright bathroom for all of our children to use. We are also pleased to see Mrs Gruszka return from maternity leave after having her baby in the Spring.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has supported the nursery this year and wish all of our families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*To book your child a space for January please email /call  
[info@woodpeckersnursery.co.uk](mailto:info@woodpeckersnursery.co.uk) / 01227831159*

## Bridge Village Christmas Trees—Volunteers Needed

This year Christmas trees will be put up on Saturday 5th December and will come down on Saturday 2nd January.

Volunteers can contact

Mark Esdale ([Mark@BridgeVillage.uk](mailto:Mark@BridgeVillage.uk)) for more Information or to register.

Villagers should also keep an eye on the Village Facebook page and website. Social distancing measures







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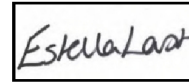
News from Lower Hardres

As I look back to last December we were planning Christmas services with great excitement . This year it is so different and yet we are planning Christmas services the Carol Service and Christmas day itself. But the joy is still there because Christ is born. No Lock Down can prevent that Christ is here always . God's own Son Jesus was born as a human being and He has taught us to care and help each other. So I do say my friends., lots of love and prayers a very peaceful and blessed Christmas and a healthy and wonderful New Year 2021 .



We all approach Christmas with our own sets of expectations and hopes, rituals and traditions, and after all we've been through this year it may feel heart-breaking that we won't be able to celebrate in the ways that we usually do. But perhaps this Christmas, this strange and disrupted Christmas, gives us an opportunity to learn anew from Mary and Joseph, the wise men and the shepherds, and to allow the strange turn our lives have taken to lead us closer to the God who is always with us.

Yours in Christ



Rev. Estella Last, Priest in Charge  
The Bridge Group Parish

***Christmas Giving***

Our nominated charity for December is the Canterbury Branch of the Salvation Army who are supporting more than 200 local families. A representative will be coming to speak at the Carol Service at St Mary's Nackington on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. If you would like to make a donation to help this worthwhile work you can either drop your donation into the Vicarage (23 High Street Bridge) marked clearly – 'For Salvation Army' or you can visit their Just Giving Page via Facebook @CanterburySalvationArmy Please make any donations as early as you can so they have the money in time to make Christmas special for some families who are in need.

***Open for Prayer***

Throughout December, Government restrictions permitting, our churches will remain open for Prayer on the designated days and times below:

**St Mary's Lower Hardres** Mondays 10am-4pm and Thursdays 10am-4pm

**St Mary's Nackington** Sundays and Wednesdays 10am -4pm (except 2<sup>nd</sup> December)

The Vicar is available if you would like to make an appointment for Prayer or a Pastoral Visit (Covid restrictions permitting) on 01227 206272.

**Please note that the events which are advertised in this magazine may be changed or cancelled at short notice due to changes in government guidance.**

Thank you

OTN Team



**Service details and readings for Services in December 2020 / January 2021**

Please see the advice note about attending services in church. If you plan to attend a service you must let us know either via email to [estellalast@gmail.com](mailto:estellalast@gmail.com) or by phone 01227 206272

Date	Known as	Readings	Church Service
6 <sup>th</sup> December	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 85.1-2,8-13; 2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8	<b>8am BCP Communion St Mary's, Nackington</b>  <b>10am St Peter's Bokesbourne</b>  Online option
13 <sup>th</sup> December	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11; Psalm 126; Luke 1.46b-55 (Magnificat); 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24; John 1.6-8,19-28	<b>10am St Peter's Bridge (Communion Service)</b>  Online option
20 <sup>th</sup> December	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	2 Samuel 7.1-11,16; Luke 1.46b-55 (Magnificat); Psalm 89.1-4,19-26; Romans 16.25-27; Luke 1.26-38	<b>10am St Peter's Bridge (Communion Service)</b>  Online option
27 <sup>th</sup> December	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas	Isaiah 61.10-62.3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.22-40	<b>10am St Mary's Patrixbourne (Communion Service)</b>  Online option
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas / The Epiphany	Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.1-7,10-14; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12	<b>8am BCP Communion St Mary's, Nackington</b>  <b>10am St Peter's Bokesbourne</b>  Online option



## CHRISTIAN AID at CHRISTMAS

Despite its worst fears about this year's Christian Aid Week during the pandemic, nearly £3 million was raised, which was amazing under the circumstances. However, that is £4 million less than the average yearly amount the week raises, which means it has been a real struggle for Christian Aid to maintain all its work to help those living in poverty world-wide.

Could you help people like Kawite in Ethiopia to build a village pond to cope with the severe drought caused by climate change, or Angela in Nicaragua to cope with her failing coffee bean harvest?

Here are some ways you can help this Christmas:

Donate to Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal – online at [caid.org.uk/hope](http://caid.org.uk/hope) or by cheque to the Canterbury Christian Aid Treasurer Jennie Bukht at 6 Chantry Hall, Dane John, Canterbury, CT1 2QS

Buy virtual gifts via [charity-gifts.christianaid.org.uk](http://charity-gifts.christianaid.org.uk) - for example 10 cocoa saplings cost £9.00

Buy your Christmas cards via [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk) Christian Aid is one of the 4 charities that benefit from these sales. I can obtain them locally if you are not online.

Buy your Christmas gifts and many other things through websites such as Amazon Smile ([smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk)) or Give as You Live ([giveasyoulive.com](http://giveasyoulive.com)). These sites donate a percentage of the cost of purchase to a charity you nominate. There are thousands of well-known retailers available on these sites.

Thank you for your support.

Jean Barber.





## Nailbourne Scout Group news

Since our last newsletter, we seem to have come full circle – back to lockdown! Luckily, before lockdown hit us again, we did manage to get all the Cubs and Scouts outdoors for several bushcraft sessions, plus obstacle courses and strategy games. Following guidance from the Scout Association, Scouts and Cubs met outside in smaller groups, alternating weeks, with plenty of other precautions to help keep them and the leaders COVID-safe. We also now have a new Beaver leaders team, and they have resumed online sessions, with lots of fun new activities including making armpit fudge (best not to ask!).

As we are currently no longer allowed to meet face to face, all sections are continuing with an online programme for the rest of the term. Sessions so far have already included Diwali celebrations (including dancing, henna tattoos and making lamps), navigational skills and learning about diabetes. Although our Scout group was unable to take part in the usual Remembrance Sunday service, Scouts Cubs and Beavers took part in a doorstep silence in uniform at 11am to mark the date.

As with everything at the moment, the Nailbourne Scout Group Christmas will be looking a little different. Unfortunately, we will be unable to offer the Scout Christmas Post this year, as it goes against COVID regulations; hopefully normal service will be resumed next year! However, we will still be having our traditional whole-group Christmas service remotely, along with a group project to support residents and staff at Bridge Haven, with whom we developed links in 2019 with our 'Never Say Never' Scout camp.

Scouts will be back again in January – hopefully meeting face to face but online if not. In the meantime, we wish everyone in the Nailbourne area a very happy Christmas and a much-improved 2021!

\*Please note that the sessions detailed below are not currently accurate – email Nick Gore for more information\*

**Nailbourne Scout Group welcomes both boys AND girls and, once life is back to normal, 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 Nick Gore at [skipnailbourne@gmail.com](mailto:skipnailbourne@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/Nailbourne-Scout-Group-public-108853207216429](https://www.facebook.com/Nailbourne-Scout-Group-public-108853207216429)).**

10 <sup>th</sup> January	Baptism of Christ	Genesis 1.1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19.1-7; Mark 1.4-11	10am St Peter's Bridge (Communion Service)  Online option
17 <sup>th</sup> January	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	1 Samuel 3.1-10, (11-20); Psalm 139.1-6,13-18; 1 Corinthians 6.12-20; John 1.43-51	10am St Peter's Bridge (Communion Service)  Online option
24 <sup>th</sup> January	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	Jonah 3.1-5,10; Psalm 62.5-12; 1 Corinthians 7.29-31; Mark 1.14-20	10am St Peter's Bridge (Communion Service)  Online option
31 <sup>st</sup> January	The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	Deuteronomy 18.15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8.1-13; Mark 1.21-28	10am (Communion Service) St Mary's Patricbourne  Online option

***Please remember to let us know if you would like to attend one of our regular Sunday services. We still must limit numbers and abide by Social Distancing. All Services are subject to change in accordance with the Government Guidance in place at the time.***

### ***Christmas Family Activities***

**Advent Trail:** Around the village of Lower Hardres from 1-24<sup>th</sup> December there will be numbers decorated for you to spot (details can be found elsewhere in this magazine). See if you can spot them all as each day a new number is unveiled!

**Christingle Services:** Sadly due to the overwhelming number of people who usually attend, we are not able to hold our usual Christingle services on Christmas Eve at St Peter's Bridge. However the good news is all the children who attend Bridge and Patricbourne Church of England School will have the opportunity to attend a Christingle Service in the Church with their Year Group Bubble during the last week of term. If you would like to make a donation to support the

Children's Society you can do so at <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/>





**Special Services for Christmas**

Date	Description		Church Service
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Carol Service</b> <i>with live Choir</i>		3pm St Mary's Lower Hardres
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Carol Service</b> <i>with live Choir</i>		6pm St Mary's Nackington
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Carol Service</b> <i>with live Choir</i>		7.00pm St Mary's Patrixbourne
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Carol Service</b> <i>with live Choir</i>		4pm St Peter's Bekesbourne
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Carol Service</b> <i>with live Choir</i>		4pm St Peter's Bridge
24 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-12; John 1:1-14	10pm St Mary's Nackington
25 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Day</b>	Isaiah 9.2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-20	9am Family Service St Mary's Lower Hardres  10.30am Christmas Communion St Peter's Bridge

**\*\*\*FOR ALL CHRISTMAS SERVICES\*\***

To book your seats at one of our Christmas Services please email [BGPCChristmas2020@gmail.com](mailto:BGPCChristmas2020@gmail.com) (or phone 01227 206272)

Please ensure you include the following information:

The date and time of the service and the name of the church you would like to attend

How many (up to a max of 6) will be in your family group / bubble

A contact telephone number

You will receive a confirmation email which you should keep for your reference. Please do let us know if for any reason you are unable to attend as booked so that we can offer your seats to someone else. We will also need to take contact details of all those attending for the purposes of

Track and Trace.



**The Bridge Village**

**'Advent Window Trail'**



*1st-24th*

*December 2020*

**How does it work?** - On each day of Advent a different address in the village will light up a window display based on a Christmas Song or Carol.

Windows will be lit between **4pm and 6pm** for villagers to spot .

**A full list of addresses will be listed on our Facebook and Web pages. At the time of printing these were the confirmed entries:**

**To sign up please email [bridgeoffice23@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeoffice23@gmail.com)**



1 <sup>st</sup>	The Ship, 40 High Street
2 <sup>nd</sup>	tbc
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 Saxon Road
4 <sup>th</sup>	The Forge, 49 High Street
5 <sup>th</sup>	10 High Street
6 <sup>th</sup>	56 Western Avenue
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12 <sup>th</sup>	tbc
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23 <sup>rd</sup>	20 The Close, (off Union Road)
24 <sup>th</sup>	St Peter's Church, High Street



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Dear Friends of Bridge School,

In my family, we have a tradition that prior to our decorating of the Christmas tree (which doesn't happen until the first weekend in December!) each of us selects a new Christmas decoration to adorn the tree. My selection this year was quite a simple one – a red bauble with 2020 displayed around it.

*"Why have you chosen that one?" asked Mrs Tibbles, "Not sure I want a reminder of this year!"*

This past year has brought incredible challenges, to each of us as families as well as ourselves as a school community. We have all had to navigate an ever-changing situation to the best of our abilities: partial school closures; working from home; home-schooling; the wider re-opening of schools and the full return of all pupils over the summer.

Throughout the year I've had to deal with anxiety, denial, anger, fear (some of this was even my own!) but when I look back on 2020, I hope that what I will remember is how our school community came together in a time of significant adversity.

I will remember the service of the staff who came into school to teach the children at personal risk to themselves and their families; I will remember the compassion and generosity shown in the sacrifices that staff made in order to allow other staff with vulnerable family members to remain home and protect their loved ones; I will remember the trust and support we have received from our parental community throughout the year but most of all I will remember the resilience of the children – during the first lockdown and in their return to school.

I will remember the gratitude I felt and the pride I have in Bridge School.

Our school community faces a Christmas like no other but whilst there is much that we will not be able to partake or share, we will continue to celebrate the Christmas season and will be sharing these celebrations with you via our school website – please look out for these and I hope that you enjoy them.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

With best wishes and continuing gratitude.

James Tibbles  
Headteacher



**St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne**

SONGS OF PRAISE

# Epiphany

**10am January 3rd 2021**

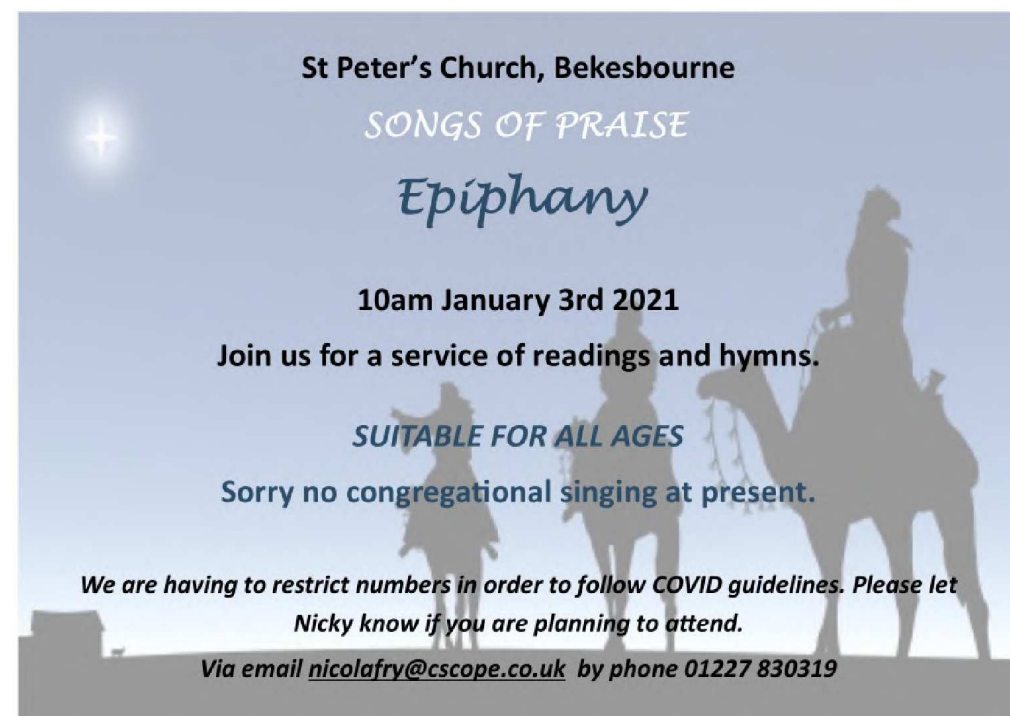
**Join us for a service of readings and hymns.**

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**Sorry no congregational singing at present.**

*We are having to restrict numbers in order to follow COVID guidelines. Please let Nicky know if you are planning to attend.*

**Via email [nicolafry@cscope.co.uk](mailto:nicolafry@cscope.co.uk) by phone 01227 830319**



### News from Bekesbourne

On 1<sup>st</sup> November we celebrated All Saints Songs of Praise. Unfortunately there was no congregational singing and numbers were restricted following the Covid guidance. However the church was as full as we could manage and everyone enjoyed an inspiring and uplifting service. The music was amazing we had Paul on the cello and Andrew on the organ. Ariadne told us some interesting things about St Thomas Aquinas; his childhood experiences as well as his later achievements. Pat delivered the prayers which focused on the different areas in the church and what they mean to us. It seemed very appropriate after so many months when we were unable to meet in church for worship. Estella did the reading and gave a short, thought provoking talk.

We said 'goodbye' to Pat and Paul Kusel, who are moving to Hawkinge. It was lovely that they were able to contribute to the service. Nicky thanked them for all they have done for Bekesbourne church. Pat ran the Family Service for 15 years and Paul provided the music on many occasions. Estella gave them a blessing as they go to make a new home and join a new community.

Our next 2 Songs of Praise services are on 6<sup>th</sup> December 'Advent Carols' and 3<sup>rd</sup> January 'Epiphany'. Hopefully both services will go ahead as planned. Please book in advance. We look forward to seeing you there.

# The Christmas Decoration of Churches

## Fish Scheme

We will have our delayed Annual General Meeting at 10 am on Wednesday January 13th. Just how we will have it should become clearer near the time. If we are allowed to meet we will do so in the Red Lion with thanks to their wonderful hospitality. But if restrictions are still in place we would have to meet on Zoom which is allowed for at present.

Do remember that we are here to help so give us a call on 07935 966 080

## Submissions criteria for On the Nail

- All submissions for On the Nail should be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the Month at the **latest** to bridgeoffice23@gmail.com
- Any posters should be A5 in size with a portrait and landscape version provided.
- 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

## **Poppy Appeal 2020, Bridge and Patrixbourne.**

As you know the Covid restrictions affected the RBL Poppy Appeal this year.

There were no house - house collections or street collections allowed.

I am pleased to announce that the Headteacher at the school was able to have their usual poppy supplies and donation boxes this year. In addition I was able to have boxes in both Bridge and Patrixbourne churches and Bridgeway Stores.

Thanks to generous donations. the staff, parents and pupils, of the school raised a staggering £813.

Customers and staff at Bridgeway Stores raised just short of £300.

In total (with other donations passed to me I am delighted to report that £1200 has been raised this year. This is about half of the amount raised in 2019.

Thanks to everyone who donated.

We look forward to being able to resume collections next year.

Laurence Dunderdale

(Poppy Appeal Organiser.)

Alan Barber writes - Back in the 1860s the publishing of books like 'Christmas Decorations of Churches' and 'The Art of Garnishing Churches at Christmas' were both popular and influential. Their authors explained this custom had ancient roots and both included various quotations. This one by the botanist William Cole from 1657 sets the scene - "*In some Churches the setting up of holly, ivy, rosemary, yew and bays etc. at Christmas is still in use.*"

In December 1872 a local press reporter wrote – "*This pretty parish church in Bridge is elegantly decorated in commemoration of the Christmas season.*" He followed that by these descriptions of each.

**The window ledges** have sentences in wool letters on crimson ground bordered with evergreens.

**The chancel arch** has '*Behold thy King*' in large bold letters with evergreen borders.

**The communion table** has '*Emmanuel God with us*' above it set in white letters on red ground.

**The pulpit** has holly, ivy & fern borders and blue velvet with gold crowns on its panels. The book rest at the top has '*The Lord is our righteousness*' in gold on the blue velvet drop.

**The nave pillars** are girded under the capitals with holly & ivy wreathes giving a very pleasing & light effect. .

**The Rose window** has shields with '*Unto us a child is born*' on the left & '*Unto us a son is given*' on the right, all in red & gold lettering on white with evergreen borders.

**The font** has a conical cover decked with ferns & flowers with '*Suffer little children to come unto me*' above & '*In the name of the Father, Son & Holy Ghost*' beneath, all in white & green.

**The organ** is not forgotten having '*Praise the Lord*' in white on red ground, showing both its use and that of all the decorations.