

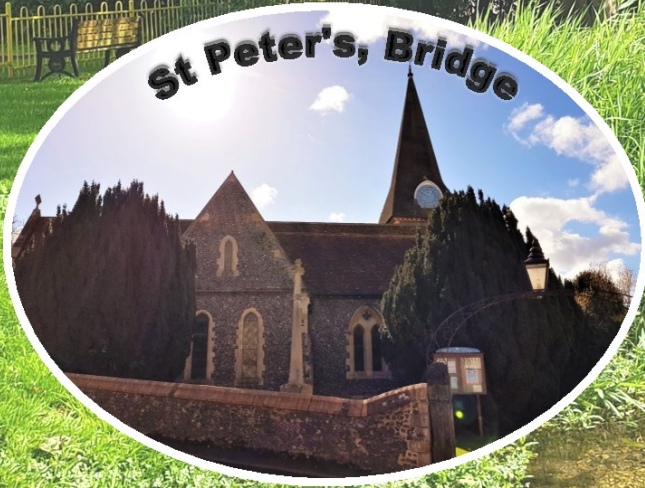


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villages along the
Nailbourne



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Dear Friends

And just like that, October is upon us! I wonder whether, as the summer rolled on, you like us, worried about the continual spells of rain and the impact this might be having on farming? Maybe you did, maybe you didn't but as the weeks of summer rolled on with bursts of hot sunny weather interspersed with bouts of rain, the crops in the fields never quite seemed to have enough time to ripen and dry out in between....each time we walked my prayers went up please God this week?

And then at the beginning of September, if you're a Facebook person you will know from the regular Farming update provided by Christine Ash, that what my uneducated eyes had observed was in fact a reality and the crops were in fact badly affected by the timing of the rain over the summer. But farmers like stockbrokers know that things can go up as well as down and that prayers aren't always answered in the way we think we would like them to be. This is the first time in roughly 20 years that the timing of rain has been so frustrating and upsetting and thankfully there is resilience built into farming practice.

In previous years, by now we have already been well into Harvest celebrations in our churches but the circumstances this year have given us a moment to pause and think carefully about when and how we might reasonably celebrate that 'all is safely gathered in'. The hops are being harvested as I write, it has been a good year for those, and the top fruit harvest, (fruits that grow on trees – thanks Christine!) is also looking good. And so as we come to the end of a summer that really has been a game of two halves for those who farm in our communities, we hope that by holding our Harvest Festival Service at the end of October we really will have plenty to give thanks for and we will pray and give thanks for those who do the precious work of bringing the food we need from land around us.

At the end of the story of Noah in the book of Genesis, God promises "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." And it is important that we remember the effort and science that goes into global food production, adapting to changes in climate, increases in population, and changes in land use is no mean feat, particularly when the weather throws in a curve ball or two.

There is something very grounding about being reminded every year as Autumn begins, exactly where our food comes from, and to give thanks for the land and especially for those who work on it for whom we know this has been a particularly difficult year. As we join together at **St Peter's Bekebourne at 10am on 29th October** to sing Harvest favourites (We plough the fields and scatter, Come ye faithful people come... etc) our prayers are for all who farm and provide for us all as we thank God for the gift that they are to us and their partnership with our created world (even if at times it is a challenging one).

As October brings shorter days, Autumn walks, and paints our landscape with beautiful colours, we are thankful too for the gift of rain, precious water without which we cannot live and the beauty of our green and fertile countryside.

Yours in Christ



Rev. Estella Last, Vicar, The Bridge Group Parish

October 2023 Dates

- Mon 2nd 1pm-3pm BREW Bekesbourne Recreation Ground
- Thurs 5th 9-11am Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion
- Fri 6th 8.45am Coffee, Chat and Prayer at Bridge Church
- Sat 7th 4pm-6pm Messy Church at Bridge School
- Mon 9th 1pm-3pm BREW Bekesbourne Recreation Ground
2.30pm Caring and Sharing
- Weds 11th 10 am Bekesbourne Village coffee morning, Bekesbourne Village Hall
- Thurs 12th 9-11am Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion
- Fri 13th 8.45am Coffee, Chat and Prayer at Bridge Church
10.15-11.30 Fish Scheme Coffee Morning Bridge Village Hall
- Sat 14th 10.15am -11.30 Coffee Cake Concert at St Peter's Bridge
7.30pm Bekesbourne Quiz Night Bekesbourne Village Hall
- Mon 16th 1pm-3pm BREW Bekesbourne Recreation Ground
- Thurs 19th 9-11am Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion
- Fri 20th 8.45am Coffee, Chat and Prayer at Bridge Church
- Mon 23rd 1pm-3pm BREW Bekesbourne Recreation Ground
2.30pm Caring and Sharing
- Thurs 26th 2pm Communion at Mansfield Court
- Tues 31st 4-8pm Halloween Hot chocolate at St Peter's Bridge

Service details and readings for October 2023

<p><u>1st</u> <u>October</u></p>	<p>17th Sunday after Trinity</p>	<p>Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32; Psalm 25.1-9; Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32</p>	<p>8am BCP Communion St Mary's, Nackington</p> <p>10am Songs of Praise at St Peter's Bekesbourne</p> <p>6pm Choral Evensong at St Peter's, Bridge (4pm Come and Sing practice open to all!)</p>
<p>7th October</p>	<p>Messy Church</p>		<p>4pm Bridge and Patrixbourne CEP</p>
<p>8th October</p>	<p>18th Sunday after Trinity</p>	<p>Isaiah 5.1-7; Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-46</p>	<p>10 am Communion at St Peter's Bridge</p>
<p>15th October</p>	<p>19th Sunday after Trinity</p>	<p>Isaiah 25.1-9; Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14</p>	<p>9.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's Nackington</p> <p>10am Traditional Sung Holy Communion at St Mary's Patrixbourne</p> <p>4pm All Age Family Service at St Peter's Bridge</p>
<p>22nd October</p>	<p>20th Sunday after Trinity</p>	<p>Isaiah 45.1-7; 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10; Matthew 22.15-22</p>	<p>10am Parish Communion St Mary's Lower Hardres</p>
<p>29th October</p>	<p>Harvest – with donations to the Foodbank (& Catching Lives for any fresh produce).</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 8.7-18 Psalm 65 2 Corinthians 9.6-15 <u>Luke 12.16-30</u></p>	<p>10am Benefice Harvest Service with Communion, St Peter's Bekesbourne</p>
<p>5th November</p>	<p>4th Sunday before Advent</p> <p>All Saints</p> <p>All Souls</p>	<p>1 Thessalonians 2.9-13; Matthew 23.1-12</p> <p>Matthew 5:1-12</p> <p>Romans 8:31-end; Psalm 109:20-26, 29-30; John 6: 37-40</p>	<p>8am BCP Communion St Mary's, Nackington</p> <p>10am Songs of Praise at St Peter's Bekesbourne with Baptism</p> <p>6pm Choral Evensong at St Peter's, Bridge (4pm Come and Sing practice open to all!)</p>

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The Bridge Group Parish Finance Team

Fish Scheme News

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Bridge with Patrixbourne Womens Institute

September was our last evening meeting, before we change to our Friday afternoon winter schedule. We were given a fascinating talk by Anne Churchill entitled 'The Science of Fragrance and Our Sense of Smell' – why fragrances are so important in everyday life'. A number of 'fragrance sticks' were passed round, and our senses of smell were put to the test by trying to identify them. Her talk aroused much interest, and a lively question time followed.

Our next meeting is on Friday, 20 th October at 2pm in the Village Hall when Julia Till will be talking about 'Adventures in Stained Glass and Decorative Glass'. This will be the first of our afternoon meetings – which will continue on a Fridays at 2pm.

WI welcomes anyone interested in becoming a member, or coming along firstly as a guest for a 'taster'. For more details, please contact the Secretary on 01227-830606.

Joan Hill

Sept. 2023

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Walmer Castle & Gardens

An illustrated talk by the renowned

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Head Gardener

Tuesday 10th October

7.30 pm at Bridge Village Hall

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Entry fee to include refreshments
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10am Sunday 29th October at St Peter's Bekesbourne



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The Bridge Group Harvest Service is at St Peter's Bekesbourne on 29th October at 10am



HARVEST

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We also have lots to look forward to over Autumn with our fun and friendly workshops which include making your own Autumn dried flower garland on the 21st October and our make your own Christmas Door workshops; we also have brand new dried flower wedding bouquets and wedding collections available for Autumn and Winter available online and at the farm shop.

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It's an opportunity to take part in the lovely service of Evensong without having to commit to joining the choir on a regular basis.

We will aim to include music both for those who are able to sing in parts (alto, tenor, bass) and those who are more used to singing 'the tune'. The format will be: 3.45pm assemble; 4.0pm rehearsal; 5.15pm tea and cake; 6pm service. Music will be supplied.

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We look forward to seeing you.



In your garden with Marie Gold



*'I'm so glad I live in a world where there are
Octobers'.*

Anne of Green Gables, 1908, by LM Montgomery

And it must be all about the colours that are just glorious this month. Although this is by an American author, we too have vibrant Autumnal colours here both in the garden and in the great outdoors that surrounds us all.

Cleaning and clearing – the garden may need a general tidy and clear up. Spring flowering perennials can be divided and replanted. Spring flowering bulbs, except tulips, can go in outdoor pots and in the garden. Then there are Narcissus Paper-white daffodils to be potted now for flowering and fragrance inside the house in the early Spring.

There is still time to sow seeds and do cuttings, or if in progress they may need potting on. It is a good time to plant Spring biennials - Wallflowers, Forget Me Nots, Sweet Williams, Bellis daisies and Violas. I also like to take stock on what has done well in the garden and what may need moving to more appropriate locations. October is a good month to be doing this as the soil is warm and hopefully moist, although I am writing this in a heatwave...

I wrote about Solidago Fireworks last September and bought myself a plant which has since grown well and looks very good with bees visiting it – it is the least invasive of the Solidago varieties. Have a look at what is growing well in both local NGS gardens and gardens generally.

If you are lucky enough to have a pond, it will now need tidying up with the removal of excess vegetation and rotting leaves. Take time to enjoy Autumnal walks with all the berries on display, orchards full of fruit with russet and orange colours beginning to turn on the leaves. Children like collecting pinecones, conkers and fallen leaves to mount and display.

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