

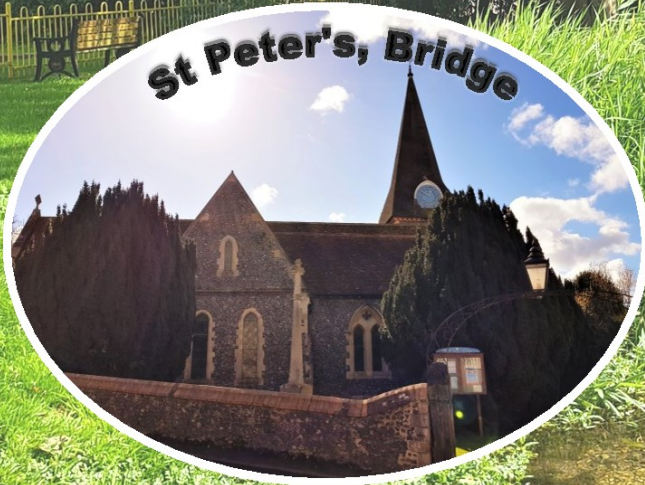


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villages along the
Nailbourne



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Dear Friends

Well this is a challenge! We haven't even been away for our Summer holiday yet but because of the way print deadlines fall I am writing my September magazine letter to you. So far on our 'Summer Sundays' in the Parish we have enjoyed an informal Communion Service each week, singing the Gloria to the tune 'Ode to Joy' and the Sanctus to the 'The Skye Boat Song'. We have enjoyed interactive and creative approaches to the sermon slot, with visual aids and congregational participation and time for coffee and conversation after the service, all of which, have led to many of us coming away from church on a Sunday thinking 'yes this is what church should be about!'. But it's not just about Sundays is it?

If you read the newspaper, the C of E is getting a bashing from most quarters for being variously outdated, 'woke', sex obsessed, discriminatory, elitest....., the list goes on. Well, what is it that they say? Don't believe everything you read in newspapers. Yes it's true that the C of E is wrangling with some of the issues that are pressing in our time, and tackling the problems of the past as well as looking to the future, just as it always has done. But in the Parishes we are also simply doing what we have always done and trying to do it in the most effective way we can.

Being the church in the heart of the local community, means; conducting weddings, baptisms and funerals, providing final resting places and lasting memorials for loved ones, joining in with local community events, supporting the school, visiting the sick and those in our care homes, for no purpose other than that this is what we are called to do. And when we gather together on a Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist, its not to give ourselves a pat on the back and congratulate ourselves on how well we're doing, it's to refresh ourselves in mind, body and spirit, it's to lay on God the burdens and the struggles of life that we all experience and those we carry on behalf of others, to repent of those times we have failed, to bring the prayers not just of ourselves but of all those we encounter during the week, to hear again the word of scripture which helps us to learn to be the people of God and to sing our praises. That 'whoosh!' one gets from singing Hark the Herald, or the deep heart filled sense of love one gets from singing Silent Night, is not just for Christmas it's an all year round thing – every Sunday in fact but funnily enough they never write that in the newspapers.

In 'The Message', a modern Bible translation, Paul's words to the Philippians are translated as "Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society. Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the living God. Carry the light-giving Message [of God] into the night".....as best as we can, with the help of God.

Yours in Christ

Estella Last

Rev. Estella Last, Vicar, The Bridge Group Parish

September 2023 Diary Dates

Mon 4th - 1pm-3pm BREW Bekesbourne Recreation Ground

Thurs 7th 9-11am Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion

Fri 8th 8.45am Coffee, Chat and Prayer at Bridge Church

Sat 9th Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride

4pm-6pm Messy Church at Bridge School

Mon 11th - 1pm-3pm BREW Bekesbourne Recreation Ground

2.30pm Caring and Sharing

Weds 13th -10 am Bekesbourne Village coffee morning, Bekesbourne Village Hall

Thurs 14th 9-11am Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion

Fri 15th – 8.45am Coffee, Chat and Prayer at Bridge Church

10.15-11.30 Fish Scheme Coffee Morning Bridge Village Hall

Sat 16th- 10.15am -11.30 Coffee Cake Concert at St Peter's Bridge

Mon 18th - 1pm-3pm BREW Bekesbourne Recreation Ground

Thurs 21st – 9-11am Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion

2pm Communion at Mansfield Court

Fri 22nd – 8.45am Coffee, Chat and Prayer at Bridge Church

Mon 25th 1pm-3pm BREW Bekesbourne Recreation Ground

2.30pm Caring and Sharing

Thurs 28th – 9-11am Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion

Fri 29th – 8.45am Coffee, Chat and Prayer at Bridge Church

Fish Scheme News

The September Coffee Pop-in will be in Bridge village hall from 10 am on Friday September 8th. Tom, the representative from Hi Kent , will be there to help with hearing aids.

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Service details and readings for September 2023

3 rd September	13 th Sunday after Trinity	Jeremiah 15.15-21; Psalm 26.1- 8; Romans 12.9 -21; Matthew 16.21-28	8am BCP Communion St Mary's, Nackington 10am Songs of Praise at St Peter's Bekesbourne 6pm Hymns and Pimms at St Peter's, Bridge
9 th September	Messy Church		4pm Bridge and Patrixbourne CEP
10 th September	14 th Sunday after Trinity (Education Sunday)	Ezekiel 33.7- 11; Psalm 119.33 -40; Romans 13.8-14; Matthew 18.15-20	10 am Communion at St Pe- ter's Bridge
17 th September	15 th Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 50.15-21; Psalm 103.(1 -7),8-13; Ro- mans 14.1- 12; Matthew 18.21-35	9.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's Nackington 10am Traditional Sung Holy Communion at St Mary's Patrixbourne 4pm All Age Family Service at St Peter's Bridge
24 th September	16 th Sunday after Trinity	Jonah 3.10- 4.11; Psalm 145.1- 8; Philippians 1.21-30; Matthew 20.1-16	10am Parish Communion St Mary's Lower Hardres
1 st October	17 th Sunday after Trinity	Ezekiel 18.1- 4,25-32; Psalm 25.1- 9; Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32	8am BCP Communion St Mary's, Nackington 10am Songs of Praise at St Peter's Bekesbourne 6pm Choral Evensong at St Peter's, Bridge

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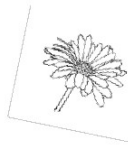
August

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£25 Matt Moon

£15 Mrs J Billings





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Oscar Wilde

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November:

Most of the above, plus snowdrops.

Late November into December:

The very best time for planting tulips to avoid Tulip Fire.

Just writing this out makes me want to browse a bulb catalogue right now!

I am now taking cuttings from salvias, fuchsias, pelargoniums, and favourite geraniums and aiming to order some seeds for next year. Chiltern Seeds is my favourite seed merchant for all things floral. They have few pictures and make no apologies for giving the Latin names, but the descriptions of the plants make for good reading. My big problem is in ordering more than I actually need...

Meanwhile, enjoy the many butterflies and bees in your gardens before the majority start to disappear. A small shallow dish with a few pebbles and a piece of slate as a getaway, will ensure bees and indeed wasps, do not drown. The birds will appreciate a bath too and my old stone bird bath has been well used in the summer with the shortage of puddles in hot dry spells.

The Autumnal Garden is just beginning to get going and I hope the weather is kind to us throughout the month to ensure it continues. This my favourite season, if for no other reasons than for the colours, the fullness of the flowers and the fruits that are ripening.



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No membership fee, £4.00 at the door to include refreshments. All welcome.

Further details of our new programme at www.bridgehistory.org.uk

Bridge with Patricbourne Womens Institute

Our summer outing was to Preston Garden Centre, where members enjoyed not only looking at the tempting and colourful items in the shop and the assortment of plants and shrubs, but also enjoying a delicious tea.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 19 th September, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The talk by Anne Churchill is 'The Science of Fragrance and our Sense of Smell – why fragrances are so important in everyday life'.

This will be our last evening meeting – after which we revert to afternoon meetings on Friday at 2pm.

WI welcomes anyone interested in becoming a member, or coming along firstly as a guest for

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Joan Hill

August 2023

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National Vegetable Society – Kent District Association

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Following on the week after the Show is the regular monthly meeting in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday 13 September, when we are hoping that Giz Gaskin, who is involved in the science of soil management and crop production, will give a talk on the growing and breeding of tomatoes. Watch out for an update as this could change. There is no charge for entry and all are welcome. Refreshments, raffle and sales table.

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This Autumn we will be trying out a new 'Come and Sing Evensong' at St Peter's, Bridge on the first Sunday of the month, starting on

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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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After our very successful Summer Show in July and followed by a break in August, the Society 'Springs' into the Autumn programme with a re-scheduled meeting. On **Tuesday 5th September**, Anna Evans, of 'Anna's Country Flowers', will be giving a talk with a demonstration of two or three floral arrangements using sustainably grown flowers from her flower farm, near Chilham. Many of you will remember we had a very enjoyable Summer evening's visit to the farm a few years ago. It should be an evening to look forward to and we hope members and non members will come and support the event. The arrangements made by Anna will be raffled at the end of the meeting. The entry fee of £2 for members and £4 for non members, will include refreshments.

All are most Welcome!

Nailbourne Scout Group news

We hope everyone has had a lovely summer. Nailbourne Scouts have had a well-earned break, ready to start fresh in September. We have three main pieces of news to report.

The first rather exciting news is that our Explorers group will be starting in the second week of September on Wednesday evenings in Barham Village Hall, led by Phil Last with able support from some of our other Nailbourne volunteers. We have an exciting programme ahead and can't wait to get started! For more information or if you would like to join (or volunteer), please email us on the address below.

The second piece of news is our now-yearly Barham Garage Safari, happening on Saturday 23 September from 10am to 2pm. As well as some bargains to be had, we will also have car-washing, a raffle and refreshments at the village hall, and a 'treasure trail' for children around the village. Please keep an eye out on our Facebook page for more information. Barham residents who would like their garage to be included will be able to pick up a form from the village shop from 21 August.

The final and very sad news is that we have been unable to find a replacement Beaver leader, and unless anything changes, we will be unable to offer a Beavers group in September. This is a huge loss for the unit and for local children. We are entirely reliant on volunteers and we are hugely grateful for the excellent Beaver leadership from Nick (Baloo) and Martyne May over the last few years. If you or anyone you know might be able to offer your time to lead or help with Beavers, please let us know as soon as possible. Full training will be given – we are a friendly, supportive group! - and no experience is necessary. It would also be possible to share the leadership position. **Please help us to save our Beavers!**

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