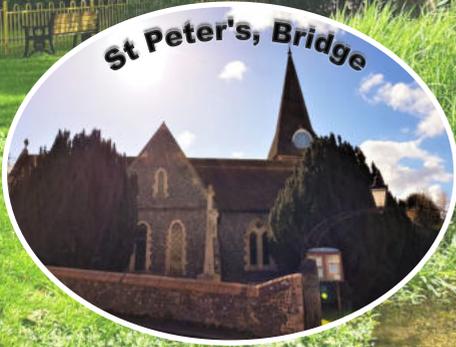


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Dear Friends,

This week has been a week of special moments. Yesterday was the day I preached in the Cathedral at the Service I had been instrumental in organising to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women to the Priesthood in Canterbury. Was it a special moment? Of course it was, but more special still was hearing the voices of women raised in song, seeing those who had been able to attend in spite of their difficult past experiences, and sharing this occasion with supportive colleagues and folk from our parishes too. Just as special, but in a different way, was being asked on Sunday morning, by one of our young people, how they might find a deeper connection with God. We talked about all the things that might help us to feel a deeper spiritual connection, regular prayer, reading the bible, sharing the faith with others in church and as one or two others drew into the conversation, they shared their own routes including intentional quiet time, time set aside to listen and mindfully seek God.

I am full of admiration for a young person who can say I want to know God more deeply can you help me? In my sermon at our Cathedral I talked about the need for intentionality, if as a church, we are ever going to truly be a place of equality and inclusion. We need to work harder at this. But this is also true of our relationship with God. People often say to me 'I don't think you need to go to church to believe in God' and I'm not saying they are wrong, but actually Church isn't about a performance of something already worked out. Living a life of faith and enjoying a deep connection with God requires some intentionality, it involves some wrangling, some questioning and also some accountability and ideally this is what we find in our church practice. A regular commitment to being in a designated place on a designated day, at a designated time, to pray, to listen to scripture, to give thanks to God for all that is good, and in simple terms to bring to God all those things which we are questioning and all that brings pain or upsets us. I think we can do this on our own at home up to a point but the regular check in within the community of faith is important if we are truly to see the difference faith can make in our lives and in the lives of others.

As Vicar's go, I think I'm pretty laid back, I'm not the kind that says you must come to church or I'm not interested in you, because the God I believe in cares about you whether you turn up on Sunday or not. Therefore, since you are precious to God, then you are precious to me. But the church only continues to be the church when there are people to carry on being a community of faith. Just having a building we call 'a Church' in our village doesn't do it.

We have a fairly simple rota of services now which means, for the most part it is easy to work out where the 10am service is each Sunday of the month, and wherever you live you are welcome to attend any service in any of the churches:

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Bekesbourne, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Bridge, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Patrixbourne and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Lower Hardres (with Nackington alternating an earlier service time on both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays). Within this there are varieties of style of worship and while we would love to see families and children at any / all our services, we also offer Messy

Church and regular Family Services for those who feel this is more suitable, and Choral Evensong once a month.

If you wonder about or think perhaps you might like to find a deeper connection with the divine, then maybe the place to start is by making a commitment, could be just once a month to start with, perhaps initially you just commit to coming along on the Sunday when the service is in your village? If you're already doing that, perhaps you could go deeper by committing to attend on another Sunday in the month at one of the other churches? Living a life of faith, is an intentional thing, it requires a bit of care, planning and dedication, like anything else worth having it takes effort and regular practice and this is what we are here for. This is what the beautiful church buildings in your villages were built for.

This June, as we enter Trinity Season and intentionally seek to engage with the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives, why not come along and join us, seek that deeper connection with God, and help us shape a community of faith that can truly lead the church of the future?

Yours in Christ



Rev. Estella Last, Incumbent, The Bridge Group Parish

## **SUMMER MAGAZINE**

Please note the next edition of OTN will be a combined JULY and AUGUST issue. Any content for inclusion should be emailed to [bridgeoffice23@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeoffice23@gmail.com) before 15th June.

## Service details and readings for June 2024

<a href="#">2<sup>nd</sup> June</a>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity	1 Samuel 3.1 -10, (11-20); Psalm 139.1-6,13-18; 2 Corinthians 4.5-12; Mark 2.23 - 3.6	<b>8am BCP Communion St Mary's, Nackington</b>  <b>10am Songs of Praise St Peter's Bekesbourne</b>  <b>6pm Choral Evensong (Come and Sing from 4pm) at St Peter's Bridge</b>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June			<b>8.45pm Anniversary of D Day Service of Peace at St Mary's Lower Hardres with Peace lamp lighting at 9.15pm</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> June	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity	1 Samuel 8:4 -11,(12-15),16-20, (11:14-15); Corinthians 4.13-5.1; Mark 3.20-35	<b>10 am Communion at St Peter's Bridge</b>
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> June			<b>4-6pm Messy Church at Bridge School</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> June	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity	<b>1 Samuel 15:34–16:13</b> ; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5.6-10(11-13)14-17; Mark 4.26-34	<b>9.30 Morning Prayer at St Mary's Nackington</b>  <b>10am Traditional Sung Holy Communion at St Mary's Patrixbourne</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	<b>1 Samuel 17:(1a,4-11, 19-23),32-49</b> ; 2 Corinthians 6.1-13; Mark 4.35-41	<b>10am Communion at St Mary's Lower Hardres</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> June	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	<b>2 Samuel 1:1,17-27</b> ; 2 Corinthians 8.7-15; Mark 5.21-43	<b>10am Benefice Communion Service at St Peter's Bekesbourne</b>

7 <sup>th</sup> July	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	<b>2 Samuel 5:1-5,9-10</b> ; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12.2-10; Mark 6.1-13	<b>8am BCP Communion St Mary's, Nackington</b>  <b>10am Songs of Praise St Peter's Bekebourne</b>  <b>6pm Choral Evensong (Come and Sing from 4pm) Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration at St Peter's Bridge</b>
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## June 2024 Dates

- Mon 3rd - 1pm-3pm BREW, Bekebourne Recreation Ground
- Weds 5<sup>th</sup> -10 am village coffee morning, Bekebourne Village Hall
- Thurs 6th – 9-11am Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion
- Fri 7th –8.45am Coffee, Chat and Prayer at Bridge Church
- Sat 8<sup>th</sup> - 4-6pm Messy Church at Bridge School
- Mon 10<sup>th</sup> - 1pm-3pm BREW, Bekebourne Recreation Ground  
2.30pm Caring and Sharing
- Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> – 9-11am Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> –.45am Coffee, Chat and Prayer at Bridge Church  
10 am Fish Scheme Coffee Pop in Bridge Village Hall
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> - 1pm-3pm BREW Bekebourne Recreation Ground
- Thurs 20th – 9-11am Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion
- Fri 21st – 8.45am Coffee, Chat and Prayer at Bridge Church  
11am-12.30pm Lower Hardres Community Coffee Morning LH Village Hall
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> - 1pm-3pm BREW Bekebourne Recreation Ground  
2.30pm Caring and Sharing
- Thurs 27th – 9-11am Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion  
2pm-3pm Communion at Mansfield Court
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> – 8.45am Coffee, Chat and Prayer at Bridge Church
- Sat 29<sup>th</sup> 12-4pm Bridge Village Fete

# *Pet Service*

## *Songs of Praise*



Sunday 2nd June

10am St Peter's Bekesbourne

Guest appearance—our favourite Donkey Banks!

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### **Bridge with Patrixbourne Womens Institute**

Balloons and music were all part of a successful Tea Party to celebrate our 105<sup>th</sup> birthday, in the lovely gardens of The Red Lion. Tea, coffee and choice of delicious cakes provided by the committee, were enjoyed by members and village supporters. We were very grateful for the generosity and help given to us by Rene and his staff.

'Singing for Fun' was the title of our speaker, Jayl de Lara – and fun it was, with everyone being persuaded to join in and 'have a go'.

**At our next meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> June**, Judi Knight will be speaking on '**Stocking the Nation's Larder – the role of the WI in feeding the Nation**'. It will take place at our usual venue of the Village Hall, at 7.30pm.

For our special coach outing on the 20<sup>th</sup> August to celebrate our 105<sup>th</sup> birthday, the choice of destination will be put to the vote.

WI welcomes new members. For more details, please contact the Secretary, Jill Burden, on 01227-830606

Joan Hill

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## Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

We had an enjoyable meeting this month and are planning one or 2 social events soon. Our recent coffee morning raised just £258.16 for the Poppy Appeal. Thanks go to all who helped run it and all who came and supported us on the day.

The branch current total collected for this year (since last Nov up to Oct) is £2,581.80 with more still to come in.

We will be having a social evening at the Hay Wain, Bramling on Thursday, 6th June at 7pm to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Normandy landings (D Day) and all are welcome to come and join us. Some of us may even dress up in appropriate costumes!!

We have a good branch committee now but are still seeking new members. Phone numbers to contact are in the branch notice board outside the main village hall entrance or ring the Vice Chairman on 01227 472023. We meet every 2nd Tues at 8pm in the Recreation Club, Littlebourne (back of the Hall). Next meeting is on 11th June.

### Garden Party

You are invited to a garden party at Denne Hill Farm Womenswold CT4 6HD, on Saturday June 15th, from 2.30--5.30p.m.

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Do come along for an enjoyable evening of songs from the shows.

## Fish News June 2024.

We hope Tom from Hi Kent will be at the Coffee Pop-in at Bridge village hall on Friday June 14th. If you have a couple of items you are happy to part from do bring them along that morning. We are hiring a space at the Bridge Boot Fair the next day, Saturday 15th, and hope to raise some funds for the Fish Scheme. Thank you. The outing to Folkestone will be on 18th and the Fish number remains 07935 966 080.



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## Let food be thy medicine, and let medicine be thy food

Hippocrates

This month I am devoting the column solely to herbs and in particular the well-known doyenne of herbs, Jekka McVicar, whose mother was totally self-sufficient in the 1950s, when it was necessary, but before it became fashionable, and practised the Dig for Victory approach. From this background it is not surprising that she runs a large Herb Nursery in Bristol and has exhibited at both Chelsea and Hampton Court.

However, her first love was the flute and she performed at the first ever Glastonbury in a progressive rock band before getting a job with the BBC. Jekka always grew herbs and now is quite literally the Herb Queen.

Her new book is the best if you are new to growing herbs in your garden, and I would suggest starting with a small patch or collection of pots to see what you like and will use. Of course, mint with new potatoes and basil on tomatoes are both well known. Some herbs are annual and need propagating each year whilst others are perennial and survive winters. They are wonderful starter plants for children.

Jekka recommends concentrating on the Lamiaceae family which contains useful flavours: bergamot, thyme, oregano, basil and mint – be careful with the latter as it has a strong habit of spreading everywhere and I keep mine in pots (with a crock over the hole at the bottom) to avoid this. Basil and parsley can be bought in supermarkets to be split up and potted on. Bay will grow to a sizeable tree and Rosemary makes a substantial aromatic shrub, but there is a variety that can easily be grown in a pot – *Rosmarinus officinalis* 'Prostratus'.

Patience is key to growing anything and it was a joy to read that she spent 20 years propagating curry leaf. Enjoy a harvest of culinary delights for now and the future and here's hoping for a flaming June in the garden.

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## Bridge & District History Society

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## **Nailbourne Scout Group news**

Now the warmer weather is finally here, Nailbourne Scout Group has been able to move outside for lots of our activities, which is what Scouting is all about! Beavers have been learning how to light a campfire – and toasting marshmallows, naturally – practising their navigation skills and having a go at maypole dancing! Cubs have also been enjoying campfires and marshmallows, plus they enjoyed an informative and exciting visit to the fire station! Scouts held an exhibition to celebrate their artwork, did some hiking and had a go at rifle shooting at Ross Wood with the Explorers. As well as rifle shooting, Explorers have been learning how to safely use Swiss army knives and had a go at making natural cordage.

Recent events have included an indoor sleepover camp for Scouts, where they had fun cooking, navigating and working on their communication badge, using walkie-talkies to complete a team scavenger hunt across Barham. The St George's Day parade and service in Canterbury took place in April, and members of all our sections attended. Our five Explorers taking part in their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award also completed a very successful expedition, involving two nights camping and two eight-mile walks. At the end of May, we'll be holding a two-night camp in Walderchain Woods for Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, which should be exciting!

We've also been thinking about fundraising and have set a provisional date of 15 September for our annual Barham Garage Safari. Keep an eye on Facebook and the newsletters for more details. Look out for us at Bridge Village fete on 29 June, where we'll be running two stalls. And there are also plans for a quiz in October – watch this space...!

Most importantly, our temporary Beaver leader will be stepping down in July and we are in urgent need of a new leader to help us continue the section. Can you help us? Training will be provided and you will have help from other volunteers, but without a leader, our Beavers section will have to fold - and this would be a terrible shame. We are also looking for more help with our Explorers unit. Scouting offers many benefits for our young people and we want to be able to continue to offer this service for our area's young people, but we are entirely reliant on volunteers. Please consider joining us - we're a pretty good bunch, if we say so ourselves!

**Nailbourne Scout Group welcomes both boys AND girls and meets during term time as follows:**

**Beavers (6–8 years) – Wednesdays, 5.30–6.30pm, Barham Village Hall**

**Cubs (8–10 years) – Wednesdays, 6.45–8.00pm, Barham Village Hall**

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