

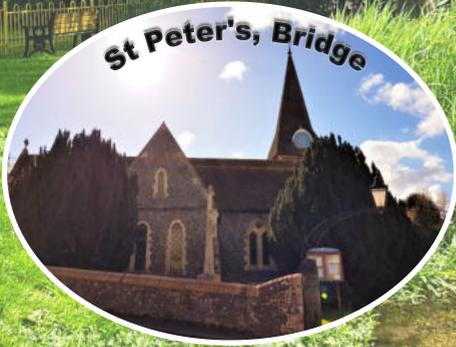


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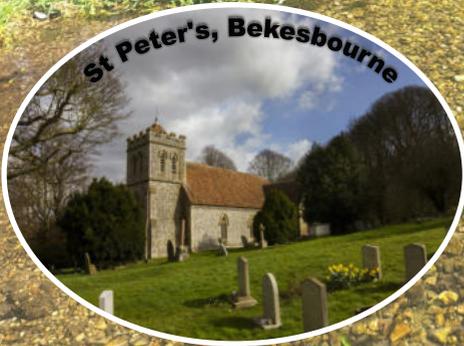
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Dear Friends,

As I write, Election Fever has well and truly gripped the nation – as you read, depending on when you get to your copy of the magazine this month, it may well be all over or we might be in the last throes of election mania as polling day hurtles in.

During the campaign, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York provided some resources to encourage us to ensure that our response is a prayerful one. In the booklet they published entitled 'Pray your part' they wrote:

*“The coming General Election is critical moment in the life of our nation, which will shape our future. This is a time for us all to ask important questions about what kind of country we want to build. The world and our nation face deep challenges – from questions of war and peace, poverty and injustice to the very future of the earth God has given us. Faced with such huge questions, our calling as Christians is to turn first to God in prayer. We are therefore inviting everyone who is willing to dedicate the next few weeks as a time not just to think about the big questions, but also to pray for our nation and our world. We want to invite everyone to think about how we all can play our part both as voters and, more broadly, as citizens.”*

There is no party politics in this request to pray, simply the hope that over the course of the electoral process, we would be able to come together as a nation seeking after the values of integrity and honesty among those serving our nation in Government, and among those leading and reporting on political campaigns. Praying too that those causes which matter to us all, family life, housing and education, economic stability, the environment and the NHS and Social Care to name but a few are given due priority both during the campaign and in the governance that will follow. Whatever the outcome of the election, I will continue to pray for those in Government, knowing that they are “real people with their own joys and struggles who offer their own gifts in public service” and praying too that whoever is elected will be able to make a difference for the good of our whole nation.

As the Archbishops' remind us “Across the political spectrum, we believe that those who offer themselves for public office need and deserve our support and our prayer. In fact, the Bible urges us to pray for those who make difficult decisions on our behalf; who shoulder great burdens; who, we pray, will carry out their duty with integrity and compassion.”

If you would like to join us in church over the summer at all, the worship pattern is easy to follow, with one 10am service each week at one of our 5 churches each week, the services all include communion (which is of course optional) and coffee and biscuits afterwards (also optional!) but are designed to be welcoming to everyone even if you haven't been to church much, recently or ever! Singing familiar hymns together is a great way to build community, singing is also great for our mental health and well being and there are few places nowadays where we can get together to sing together as we do in church.

Yours in Christ

*Estella Last*

Rev. Estella Last, Incumbent, The Bridge Group Parish

### **July 2024 Dates**

Mon 1st - 1pm-3pm BREW, Bekesbourne Recreation Ground

Thurs 4th – 9-11am Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion

Fri 5th –8.45am Coffee, Chat and Prayer at Bridge Church

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> - 1pm-3pm BREW, Bekesbourne Recreation Ground

2.30pm Caring and Sharing

Weds 10<sup>th</sup> -10 am village coffee morning, Bekesbourne Village Hall

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> – 9-11am Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> –8.45am Coffee, Chat and Prayer at Bridge Church

10 am Fish Scheme Coffee Pop in Bridge Village Hall

Sat 13<sup>th</sup>- 12.30-2.30pm Friends of Bekesbourne Summer Lunch

4-6pm Messy Church at Bridge School

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> - 1pm-3pm BREW Bekesbourne Recreation Ground

Thurs 18th – 9-11am Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion

2pm-3pm Communion at Mansfield Court

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – 8.45am Coffee, Chat and Prayer at Bridge Church

11am-12.30pm Lower Hardres Community Coffee Morning LH Village Hall

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> - 1pm-3pm BREW Bekesbourne Recreation Ground

2.30pm Caring and Sharing

Mon 29th - 1pm-3pm BREW Bekesbourne Recreation Ground

### **August 2024**

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> - 1pm-3pm BREW Bekesbourne Recreation Ground

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> - 10.15-11.30 Fish Scheme Coffee Morning Bridge Village Hall

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> - 1pm-3pm BREW Bekesbourne Recreation Ground

Weds 14<sup>th</sup> -10 am Bekesbourne Village coffee morning, Bekesbourne Village Hall

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> - 2pm Communion at Mansfield Court

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> 1pm-3pm BREW Bekesbourne Recreation Ground

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> 1pm-3pm BREW Bekesbourne Recreation Ground

## Service details and readings for July – August 2024

30 <sup>th</sup> June	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	2 Samuel 1:1,17-27; Corinthians 8.7-15; Mark 5.21-43	<b>10am Benefice Communion Service at St Peter's Bekesbourne (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month)</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> July	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	2 Samuel 5:1-5,9-10; 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 Bekesbourne</b>  <b>6pm Choral Evensong (Come and Sing from 4pm) Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration at St Peter's Bridge</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> July			<b>4-6pm Messy Church at Bridge School</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> July	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	2 Samuel 6:1-5,12b-19; Ephesians 1.3-14; Mark 6.14-29	<b>10 am Parish Communion at St Peter's Bridge</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> July	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Ephesians 2.11-22; Mark 6.30-34,53-56	<b>10am Traditional Sung Holy Communion at St Mary's Patrixbourne</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> July	9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	2 Samuel 11:1-15; Ephesians 3.14-21; John 6.1-21	<b>10am Benefice Summer Communion at St Mary's Lower Hardres</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> August	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	2 Samuel 11:26–12:13a; Ephesians 4.1-16; John 6.24-35	<b>10am Songs of Praise with Benefice Summer Communion St Peter's Bekesbourne</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> August	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33; Ephesians 4.25-5.2; John 6.35,45-51	<b>10am Benefice Summer Communion St Peter's Bridge</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> August	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Ephesians 5.15-20; John 6.51-58	<b>10am Benefice Summer Communion St Mary's Patrixbourne</b>

25 <sup>th</sup> August	13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11),22-30,41-43; Ephesians 6.10-20; John 6.56-69	<b>10am Benefice Summer Communion St Mary's Nackington</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> September	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Creation Season starts)	Song of Solomon 2: 8-13; Psalm 45: 1-7 James 1:17-end Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23	<b>8am BCP Communion St Mary's, Nackington</b>  <b>10am Songs of Praise St Peter's Bekesbourne</b>  <b>6pm Hymns and Pimms at St Peter's Bridge</b>

### **SUMMER MAGAZINE**

Please note the next edition of OTN will be the September issue. Any content for inclusion should be emailed to

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### **SAVE THE DATE**



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July 7th 10am - 3 30pm

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# Bridge Open Gardens and Flower Festival

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**5.15 Refreshment break for singers**

**6pm Celebration and Thanksgiving Choral Evensong  
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## National Vegetable Society – Kent District Association

After a couple of months' absence, the Society returns to Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday 14 August (7.30 for 8.00 pm start). Chris Stewart, who has given talks in Bridge previously, is the guest speaker and his subject this time is "The Hope Bine and Hop Pickers of Kent", in which he will take us from the planting of the hop, hop gardens, hop pickers in Kent, the drying process right through to the end use of hops in beer making. This is a topic which should interest us all living close to what I have been told is the oldest hop garden in Kent. Everyone is welcome, there is no charge for entry and refreshments are available as well as a raffle and

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## Bridge with Patrixbourne Womens Institute

**‘Stocking the Nation’s Larder’ – the role of the WI in feeding the Nation during WW2** was the title of the talk given by Judi Knight at the Open Meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> June in the Village Hall. The talk attracted a larger than usual audience, who enjoyed a very informative talk, and as a result, encouraged many questions.

At our next meeting on the **16<sup>th</sup> July**, our own member, Sarah Lane, will be giving a talk entitled **‘Do you like Chocolate’**. This should prove to be a popular topic! As usual, we shall meet at the Village Hall and the meeting will start at 7.30pm.

Plans for our **Summer Outing on 20 August** are going ahead, and a coach has been booked to take us firstly to Pashley Manor and then to Great Dixter. Final details will be given at our next meeting.

WI always welcomes new members. For more details, please contact the Secretary,

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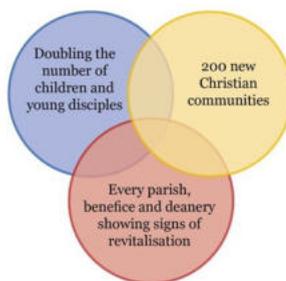
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### East Bridge Deanery Synod **Open Meeting** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 7pm St Nicholas’ Church, Ash

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  - How might we work together as a Deanery to make a difference in every Parish and Benefice?
  - How can we help and support one another to make plans and access resources and further support?

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Our next event is the **Summer Show** which will be held in Bridge Village Hall on **Saturday 27 July**. The Show is open to the public from 11.30 am to 2.00 pm, with the presentation of prizes at 1.45 pm. There are classes to interest everyone - flowers, vegetables, floral art, photography, handicrafts and a pre-school children's section. Entry is free, refreshments will be available as well as a bring and buy/ plant stall and a raffle to raise funds for the Society.

We would welcome entries from non-members for the open classes in the Show, with the chance to win a garden voucher.

These classes are:

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In floral art, with the title of "Parish Olympics" - an exhibit, space allowed 45 x 45 cm (18 x 18 inches), height unrestricted and accessories permitted.

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Nailbourne Horticultural Society



## Summer Show



Saturday 27 July, Bridge Village Hall

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<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	11.30am – 4pm Private Hire  Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Weds of the month Coffee Morning 10am – 11.30am  Pilates with Marcela, Bring your own mat. 6.15pm to 7pm No Booking Required
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Tyler Hill Bridge Club 10.45am – 2.45pm. No Booking Required  Cardio & Fitness Class – a very gentle class for all John 5.45 – 6.45pm £5 per class. No booking Required.
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<b>SATURDAY</b>	Available for parties
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*A writer is like a bean plant -  
he has his little day and then gets stringy.*

*E B White*

Except in this case, he is a she and she has had her little day most definitely, so thank you for reading my monthly ramblings. I have so much enjoyed the research and ideas that have sprung from the quotations. My neighbour/ editor started to get involved when I needed pictures and then spotted errors, which I had missed, and some had already gone to print. I remain indebted to him. Others have aided me when it got technical or facts required checking, and you all know who you are and thank you for keeping my secret!

I started writing the column when I was given a health diagnosis. It helped me through all the treatment and beyond. Now is the time to stop, before my ramblings become boring. If you enjoyed reading the bits and pieces, I enjoyed writing and researching them thrice over.

Thank you, Megan, for slotting me in so professionally each month and I leave you all with one last quotation....

*Gardening adds years to your life and life to  
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## **Nailbourne Scout Group news**

Nailbourne Scout Group have continued their outdoor activities over the last month. Beavers have had a nature focus, going on hikes and spotting and recording flora and fauna. They've also got crafty, making beautiful photo frames and cards for those who are special to them on Father's Day. Cubs have made a bird feeder, learnt about the countryside code, prepared, lit and extinguished fires and honed their teamwork skills. Scouts went on a hike from Bridge to Barham and have worked on their knife skills, making whistles and kazoos from wood. Explorers have also practised their knife skills, as well as following an urban geocache route, doing plenty of games and planning their future sessions.

In May half-term, our Explorers and Scouts took part in a camp – sadly reduced to one night due to some shocking weather, but they still managed to cram plenty in! In our private woodland campsite, they practised their bushcraft skills, including making pioneering chairs and cooking pizzas in cardboard box ovens, plus some hiking and Scouts Got Talent around the campfire! All groups will be coming together for a whole-group campfire and BBQ in July as an end-of-year celebration.

By the time you read this, hopefully some of you will have seen us on our Explorer and Scout Group stalls at Bridge Village Fete. A very important date for your diary is our Barham Garage Safari on Sunday 15 September from 9am–2pm, with maps available from Barham Village Hall from 8.45am. There will also be a car wash, raffle and refreshments, so plenty for everyone! Keep an eye out on Facebook and in our next newsletter for more information. There will be spaces available in the hall for those without a driveway, with priority given to Barham/Kingston residents and Nailbourne Scout families – again, keep an eye out for how to book.

We are still in need of volunteers to lead and help in our sessions, with Beavers and Explorers in particular need of support (both taking place on a Wednesday evening). 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**

**Scouts (10–14 years) – Fridays, 6.30–8.00pm, Barham Village Hall**

**Explorers (14–18 years) – Wednesdays, 7.30–9.00pm, Bridge Village Hall**

**Please note that the venue is subject to frequent change, particularly in the summer, when we meet outside as often as possible!**

For more information on joining Beavers, Cubs or Scouts 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)). For information on Explorers, please contact Phil Last at [explorersnailbourne@gmail.com](mailto:explorersnailbourne@gmail.com)

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