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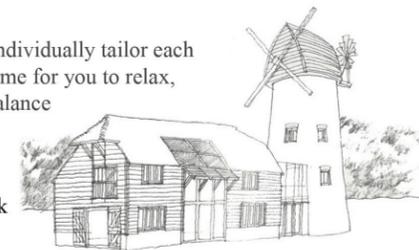
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Dear Friends

I am writing this in the middle of May and it seems impossible to think that June will soon be upon us – the year seems to be flying by. By the time you read this we will have celebrated both Ascension and Pentecost and we will have held our Annual Meeting! During May we welcomed Bishop Rose to Bridge, along with Archdeacon Jo to finally celebrate and commission the Single Parish and to install me as Incumbent. We also appointed our Lay Chaplain Miriam Westendarp, and then just a week later announced the good news that we will be receiving a Curate later in the year. You can read more about both of these wonderful people elsewhere in the magazine.

Obviously with Covid Restrictions beginning to lift, we are exploring what worshipping and fellowship opportunities this offers us and are really pleased with our new Baby Group for those with babies born during the last year or so and with the joy of being able to sing hymns together outside (whilst congregational singing is at the time of writing, still not possible inside our churches). **New for June** in our pattern of Services is a reintroduction of a **Service of Choral Evensong** which will take place at **St Mary's Lower Hardres** at 6pm (during the Summer) and will be sung by members of the Choir who usually sing at Bridge but who are becoming a little 'peripatetic' to enable us to have sung worship more widely in the Parish. If you enjoy Evensong, we do hope you will join us on Sunday 6th June for our first one!

During May we also engaged in 'Thy Kingdom Come', the global wave of prayer which took place on the days between Ascension and Pentecost – here we were encouraged by our Archbishops to engage in daily prayer for one another and for our communities – praying for fresh encounter with Jesus and for renewal of faith throughout our Society. One of the things that I have relearned in this time, is that Faith isn't just something you either have or don't have, it is a choice and it is a relationship. And, like all relationships it takes effort and care to nurture and develop in all of our lives. It is not something that is easy, and it's two way. God can pour out all the love He has for you but you do have to put in time and effort to draw close to him and allow that love to soak into you. Faith is not about whether you think you are C of E (or what you think of this institution), Faith is about you and God – and the role of ministry here in this Parish is always to open up opportunities for this relationship to be experienced and explored. All are welcome to join us in this, whether you have never been to church, used to go as a child and lapsed, would love to go but can't do a Sunday morningthere are always other options (online, outdoors etc!) just get in touch to find out more.

My prayer in this season of 'Thy Kingdom Come' is that we will see renewal in our communities, and transformation as Society, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Yours in Christ

Estella Last

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

Churches open for Prayer

Usually, the churches of the Bridge Group Parish remain open for Prayer / Quiet time as outlined below. Occasionally it is necessary to change the regular day to accommodate other activities (e.g. Funerals). Thank you for your understanding:

St Peter's Bridge Wednesday 10-4pm
St Peter's Bekesbourne Sunday 10am -12pm
St Mary's Patribourne Tuesday 2-4pm & Saturday 10am-1pm
St Mary's Nackington Sunday & Wednesday 10-4pm
St Mary's Lower Hardres Monday & Thursday 10-4pm

Appointment Miriam Westendarp, Lay Chaplain (Volunteer) to the Bridge Group Parish



Many of you will know Miriam Westendarp, who joined the church in Bridge in 2018 and with her deep faith and learning has been supporting ministry here in various ways ever since. Notably her involvement in the planning and delivery of our home-grown Lent courses in 2019 and 2020, her prayerful support to Margaret and Estella, her participation in

the Novena last year and most recently her creation of the prayer walk staged in Bridge Church for Good Friday. Together with the PCC and Archdeacon we have discerned a calling to the ministry of (volunteer) Lay Chaplain to the Parish and are delighted to be recognising this appointment in our service today. Miriam will be supporting us all in a number of ways, notably through prayer and bible study, small group work, some preaching and prayerful support for the Ministry Team and PCC. Please welcome Miriam as she steps into this new role with us.

Announcement a new Curate for the Bridge Group Parish

We are delighted to announce that the Bishop of Dover has invited Miriam Bier Hinksman to serve her Title Post as half time Curate in the Parish of The Bridge Group for three years from September 2021. Miriam is to be ordained Deacon in Canterbury Cathedral on 3rd July. This will be Miriam's first post as an ordained minister, and the 'Title Post' enables her to continue her training and development as an ordained minister, while taking on some real responsibility for church leadership with the supervision and support of the Incumbent, PCC and Ministry Team.

Miriam is married to James and they have a daughter who attends Bridge and Patribourne Primary School. Miriam and her family will continue to live in their family home in South Canterbury and Miriam will be in the Parish with us for two days per week plus Sundays from September. Originally from New Zealand, Miriam came to the UK in 2012 to teach Old Testament at the London School of Theology, and biblical teaching and preaching continue to be at the core of her ministry and vocation. Please keep Miriam and her family in your prayers as they prepare for this next step on her vocational journey.

Service details and readings for Services in June 2021

If you plan to attend a service **BOOKING IS STILL ESSENTIAL** email to estellalast@gmail.com or by phone 01227 206272

Date	Known as	Readings	Church Service
6 th June	1 st Sunday after Trinity (Environment Sunday)	Genesis 3.8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1; Mark 3.20-35	8am BCP Communion St Mary's, Nackington 10am St Peter's Bekesbourne Online option
NEW SERVICE! 6 th June	1 st Sunday after Trinity	Psalm 37:1-11[12-17] Jeremiah 6:16-21 Romans 9:1-13	6pm Parish Evensong St Mary's Lower Hardres
13 th June	2 nd Sunday after Trinity	Ezekiel 17.22-24; Psalm 92.1-4,12-15; 2 Corinthians 5.6-10(11-13)14-17; Mark 4.26-34	10am Parish Communion St Peter's Bridge Online option
20 th June	3 rd Sunday after Trinity	Job 38.1-11; Psalm 107.1-3,23-32; 2 Corinthians 6.1-13; Mark 4.35-41	10am Parish Communion St Peter's Bridge Online option
27 th June	4 th Sunday after Trinity	Lamentations 3.22-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8.7-15; Mark 5.21-43	10am Parish Communion St Peter's Bridge Online option
4 th July	5 th Sunday after Trinity	Ezekiel 2.1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12.2-10; Mark 6.1-13	8am BCP Communion St Mary's, Nackington 10am St Peter's Bekesbourne Online option
NEW SERVICE! 4 th July	5 th Sunday after Trinity	Psalm 64 Jeremiah 20:1-11a Romans 14:1-17	6pm Parish Evensong St Mary's Lower Hardres

If you wish to attend a service, as we may still have to limit numbers according to Government Rules, you **MUST** contact us to let us know that you are coming. Please reserve your place by emailing estellalast@gmail.com or calling 01227 206272



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Summer Show

As you know we have opted to hold a virtual Summer Show again on **Saturday 24th July** and details have already been sent out of the classes and how to submit entries. If anyone requires more information please contact the Show Secretary, Kathy Walder (kath@askwalder.com or tel: 830057/07791 656539). Members should have received their Chairman's Challenge Salvia to grow on for the Show and we have ideas of how we may judge them "in the flesh". We will let you know as soon as we have made a decision.

After a lapse of a year, we are delighted to be organising the three garden classes again this year:

- "Prettiest Small Garden"
- "Best Kept Vegetable Garden" (garden and/or allotment)
- "Most Picturesque Garden".

Entries for these classes should be notified to the Show Secretary, (contact details above), by **Wednesday 16 June** at the latest. They will be judged around the first week of July, with handsome trophies awarded to the winners and, because we did not hold the competition last year, it is open to all members to enter this time (normally the previous year's winners cannot enter).

We very much hope the entries will top the numbers received for the Spring Show, thereby adding to our Society's successes so far this year!

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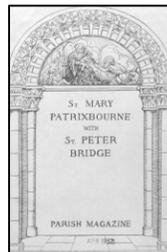
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Bridge & District History Society - Archive



During the lockdown, members have been busy scanning documents from the History Archive so that they will be available for viewing online. Good progress has been made and the interesting results, including a collection of Parish Magazines, can be seen in the Archive section. For more details see [in-fo@bridgehistory.org.uk](mailto:info@bridgehistory.org.uk) Also earlier parish magazines most welcome.

This miniature of the front cover of the magazine dated April 1957 is the earliest in the collection. It is assumed that there were previous editions. The back cover lists the vicar Rev Geoffrey A Church MA (1952-58), the lay-reader and churchwardens with 2 for Patricxbourne and 2 for Bridge. The 4 inside pages listed the services for April in both churches, generally with 2 at each (Matins or Communion and Evensong). St George's Day was celebrated in Bridge with a service on Saturday. A PCC meeting was listed, also records of baptisms, weddings and funerals, the flower rota, along with the Vicar's letter and notes about Junior Church.

The May edition had similar contents, likewise for June. As the latter was exactly 64 years ago, it seems appropriate to include more details for this edition of 'On the Nail'. Items of particular interest are: (1) This extract from the Vicar's Letter "Dear People, many of you will have heard that the Archbishop has appointed me to be the Rector of Harbledown... single parish... large Rectory... I did not seek to move... but I was chosen by Archbishop... great sadness to my wife and me to be leaving... we have been completely happy for 4½ years...we feel so much at home with you all." (2) Special thanks given to the Mothers' Union, magazine visitors and for £37 Easter Offering for the vicar: (3) A Garden Fete at 'Dearnley', Patricxbourne, on 1 June: (4) Junior Church: the annual concert last month in the Reading Room (now the Village Hall) was a great success: (5) Anti-litter League was ashamed to see the litter around in Bridge: (6) Mothers' Union prayers in Bridge Church on 4 June and talk in Methodist Chapel about Dr Schweitzer on 17 June. (7) Patronal Festival for St Peter at Bridge on Saturday 29 June with Holy Communion at 7.15am and Choral Evensong with Address at 8pm. A further instalment follows in July.

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The Bridge Group Parish - was formed to unite the churches at Nackington, Lower Hardres, Bridge, Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne. It officially took place on 1st January 2020, but due to the Coronavirus pandemic the transitioning stage was extended. The Commissioning of the new Parochial Church Council (PCC) and the Installation of Revd Estella Last as Vicar were both postponed. This Parish Celebration Service led by Bishop Rose and Archdeacon Jo took place on Sunday 9th May 2021 and was still very restricted due to the current Covid regulations. The congregation at a full strength of 50! All of whom had applied for places in advance. They were masked and safely distanced, and the hymns will be sung by a quartet choir. Estella's selected hymns and their brief stories are given below:

I the Lord of Sea and Sky - with words and music by Dan Schutte was commissioned for the ordination of a Roman Catholic priest in 1979. Published two years later, it quickly became very popular, its 3 verses reminding us about the gifts from God intended for all people and posing the question - *Whom shall I send?* The chorus - *Here I am Lord*, compiled from texts in Isaiah and Samuel provides us with our challenging Christian response.

O Jesus I have promised - this hymn was written by Rev John Ernest Bode, Rector of All Saints, Castle Camps, Cambridgeshire, for the confirmation of his daughter and two sons in 1866. It began *O Jesus we have promised*, and had 6 verses which he said "include all the important truths I want you to remember." The hymn was published in the revised edition of Hymns Ancient and Modern in 1875. It became very popular and was included in the main hymnbooks of most denominations. This hymn about Christian commitment has been paired with a variety of tunes, with later editions of Ancient and Modern using *Wolvercote*. This stirring tune was written for the boys at Lancing College by their organist W H Ferguson and published in 1919. The key change mid-way in each verse gives an emphasis to the words at that point.

The Liturgy of Installation - includes the ancient Latin plainchant *Come Holy Ghost* or the modern alternative *Spirit of the living God*. We sing the latter with words and music written by Daniel Iverson in 1926 for a mission around Orlando. Today it is described as "one of the most long-lasting and widely used choruses in Christian worship; it embodies a simple sincerity."

Beauty from Brokenness - has words and music written by Graham Kendrick in 1993 for the 25th Anniversary of the charity *Tearfund*. He drew inspiration from a visit to India the previous year where he experienced first-hand the contrast between poverty and affluence. Musically it has a powerful melody, which acts as a wake-up call to all in our self-centred world to show Christian compassion to all poor and suffering peoples. Today Kendrick lives in Tunbridge Wells and is well-known for writing *Shine Jesus shine* and *The Servant King*, plus other songs.

Government guide on hymn singing - Indoors restricted to the smallest possible group of singers. **Outdoors** the congregation (socially distanced) can sing in the church grounds. Here in Bridge we have sung our final hymn in the churchyard and hope to do so again this Sunday.

Praise my soul the King of heaven - will provide a fitting climax to this our Parish Celebration Service. Written by the Rev Henry Lyte it was published in 1834 in his *Spirit of the Psalms*. This hymn is a poetic Christian interpretation of Psalm 103 *Bless the Lord, O my soul*. Lyte is also known as the author of *Abide with me* (see Hymn Stories 8). The appearance of *Praise my Soul* in the first edition of Hymns Ancient and Modern in 1861 led to its popularity. It was enhanced by the tune *Praise my soul* composed by John Goss, the organist at St Paul's Cathedral. Experts list his memorable lines - *Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, and slow to chide and swift to bless*, ending with *Praise with us the God of grace*. **Alan Barber May 21**

The League of Friends of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital



A virtual AGM of the Nailbourne Group was held on Wednesday 21 April 2021. The members all took part and agreed to remain on the committee for the coming year. Thanks to all our Nailbourne Group Friends and those who have given donations or supported the group in other ways. We raised £4113 last year, including £2000 gift aid from the donation in memory of Elizabeth Stewart.

Unfortunately, the 2021 League of Friends Hospital Fair and Grand Draw has had to be cancelled again this year.

We always welcome donations of used stamps and coins, over £118 was raised last year (Committee members are always happy to pass these on). Anyone who would like more information about our group or is considering joining us as a committee member, please contact Maggie Fairweather 01227 830320.

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We hope you will be able to join us and enjoy the homemade cakes and drinks in Mike & Marilyn's lovely garden.

Nailbourne Scout Group news

Big news: we are back having face-to-face sessions! Well, Cubs and Scouts are; Beavers will also be meeting in person after May half-term. Cubs and Scouts have taken part in hikes and pioneering, followed by the all-important hot chocolate, of course! They have also practised putting up tents, which should come in very handy when we are finally able to go on Scout camps again! Of course, there have also been plenty of outdoor games, such as relay races and frisbee golf, and behaviour and social distancing efforts from everyone have been very impressive.

'It's great to be back having fun in the woods with my friends from Scouts!' (Harry, Scouts)

Beavers have been continuing to meet via Zoom. They've been taking part in lots of traditional activities, like making knots, learning semaphore and Morse Code, and making soda bread, and lots of less traditional activities like designing magic sweetie machines and playing 'Guess Who'! Much as they have enjoyed Zoom sessions, Beavers are looking forward to getting back to 'real life' meetings – especially those who joined since lockdown and haven't actually attended one yet!

'I love Beavers, Baloo is really fun and I like cooking and drawing!' (Oliver, Beaver)

Please note that the sessions detailed below are current as of 14 May, and likely to change! Email Nick Gore for up-to-date information

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

Beavers (6–8 years) – Wednesdays, 5.15–6.15pm via Zoom

Cubs (8–10 years) – Wednesdays, 7.00–8.00pm, outside – location varied

Scouts (10–14 years) – Fridays, 6.30–8.00pm, outside – location varied

For more information on joining or volunteering, please email Nick Gore at skipnailbourne@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Nailbourne-Scout-Group-public-108853207216429).

Fish Scheme

The Fish Scheme is ready as ever to help you with transport. The number to ring is 07935 966 080.

If all goes well with the war on the virus we intend to start the Coffee Pop-Ins again on the second Thursday of September. By then we hope to be able to sit beside each other, see our faces and even hear what we say

Caring for Creation

Songs of Praise

St Peter's Bekebourne
10am Sunday 6th June

A service of songs to mark Environment Sunday.

Please let Nicky know if you wish to attend.
nicolafry@cscope.co.uk or 01227 830319

Face masks and social distancing rules will apply.
No congregational singing.

Pet Service

Songs of Praise

St Peter's Bekebourne
10am Sunday 4th July

A service to celebrate our beloved pets.

Please let Nicky know if you wish to attend.
nicolafry@cscope.co.uk or 01227 830319

Face masks and social distancing rules may still apply.
No congregational singing.

Kate's Puddings – What's Cooking?

I've always loved Jaffa cakes, and this recipe delivers as close to the original as you can get, except they lack the packaging. The recipe appears quite involved, but don't be deterred, the results are definitely worth it! Warning: There's a time delay as you have to allow at least 4 hours to set the jelly (I hate recipes that don't tell you that!)



Home Made Jaffa Cakes

Jelly: 3 tbsp marmalade, 1 tbsp apricot jam (or just marmalade)
2 sheets gelatine, orange juice to make up to ½ pint/280ml liquid

Cakes: 2 eggs
2oz/50g caster sugar
2oz/50g plain flour, sieved

Chocolate: approx 7oz/200g dark chocolate

Make the jelly layer first – put the marmalade and jam into a jug and add enough orange juice to get to ½ pint/280ml. Pour into a small pan and heat it until bubbling gently. Soak the gelatine in cold water, squeeze out when soft and add to the mix. Take this off the heat while you prepare the mould. Grease a baking tray (8 x 10"/20 x 30cm) and line it with cling film. Now sieve the gel into the tray, where it should make a layer about ½".5cm. Let this cool and then chill for a few hours as it has to be well set (trust me!).

Preheat oven to 180 deg C, and grease a 12 cup muffin tin. Pour a small amount of water in a pan and bring it to the simmer. Put a heatproof bowl on top (don't let the water touch the bowl). Tip in the eggs and sugar and whisk this together for about 5 minutes so that the mixture is pale and fluffy. Add the flour and whisk for 1 minute. Put the batter into the muffin tin, about half way up each hole, and bake for 8-10 minutes. A skewer should come out clean. Allow the cakes to cool in the tin as you want that slightly denser texture.

Assembly time! If the cakes are not flat on top, cut off a little bit. Use a cookie cutter similar size to the cakes to make jelly circles (slightly smaller is better than over the edges), and cover each cake with its own little jelly. Melt the chocolate in the microwave, stirring between bursts of heat. Don't keep going until it is too hot, just stir and allow the heat of the chocolate to melt the last remaining bits. Put the cakes onto a cooling rack with paper below to catch the drips and cover each little cake with chocolate, smoothing the junction over the cake and jelly bit. My chocolate was quite cool, so it didn't pour everywhere, and I think that worked better. Lastly, drag a fork over the top to give that classic pattern. Allow these to set before serving, if you can wait.

Check out my other recipes on <https://katespuddings.blogspot.co.uk>



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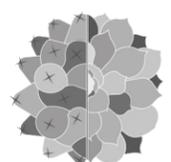
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