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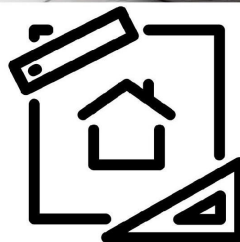
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Dear Friends

What a wonderful Jubilee weekend? It was so good to be able to get together as whole communities to celebrate such an historic occasion! I really want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who put in time and energy to helping our communities to celebrate – concerts, street parties, jubilee picnics, fun days and flower arrangements don't happen by magic and so a sincere thank you to everyone who helped make this happen in our villages!

Last Sunday we launched something called 'The Parish Giving Scheme' in our Parish. As you know we have been working hard to streamline and modernise the way in which we manage and run the administrative and financial side of our churches and this work is ongoing. The Parish Giving Scheme, is a national not-for-profit scheme which has been set up as a way of enabling churches to receive donations via Direct Debit in the same way that other charitable organisations do, regulated and covered by the same Direct Debit Guarantee.

This means that anyone wishing to give to any of our 5 churches can simply set up a Direct Debit and we will receive 100% of your donation plus any gift aid (if you are eligible for us to claim it) at no cost to us (or you!) and with no involvement from our volunteers. At present this process is much more complicated and time consuming. The money received in this way is used to pay for the day to day running costs of our churches, including ministry costs, things like heating, lighting and general wear and tear. Our Friends organisations continue to fundraise for expenditure related directly to the buildings themselves and special projects and we continue to raise funds for other charitable causes through campaigns and events.

Money is tight just now I know and the cost of living is going up which means there is less spare money around but the costs of running and maintain churches go up too, the same as for everyone else.

If you already give regularly to the church in some way (or even if you don't), if you would like to see us to continue to be able to offer the service that we do in all of our villages and more importantly if you would like to see our work grow (!) please do consider signing up and giving a regular monthly amount. Even if you can only afford a little, as the saying goes 'Every little helps'!

Those of us who have faith believe that we serve a generous God who has given us extravagant blessing in Christ and in life in general. As we respond to God, both by the giving of time and money, our prayer is that God might grow our church in a way that would honour God and continue to serve our communities faithfully as we have for so many hundreds of years.

Lastly, if you are experiencing hardship of any kind please get in touch as there are many ways in which we can help.

Yours in Christ,

Estella Last

Rev. Estella Last, Vicar, The Bridge Group Parish

Diary Dates for July

Fri 1st - 8.45am Parent's Prayer Group, Bridge Church

Sat 2nd – Bridge Village Fete, 12-4pm Bridge School Field

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

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

Fri 8th – 8.45am Parent's Prayer Group, Bridge Church

Sat 9th – 4pm-6pm Messy Church at Bridge and Patricxbourne School

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

2.30pm Caring and Sharing

Wed 13th – 10 am village coffee morning, Bekesbourne Recreation Ground

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

10.15-11.30 Fish Scheme Coffee Morning Bridge Village Hall

Fri 15th –8.45am Parent's Prayer Group, Bridge Church

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

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

Fri 22nd – 8.45am Parent's Prayer Group, Bridge Church

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

2.30pm Caring and Sharing

**Please note that this year we are planning
on producing separate August and
September Magazines**

Service details and readings for July and August 2022

Date	Known as	Readings	Church Service
3 rd July	3 rd Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 66.10-14; Psalm 66.1-9; Galatians 6.(1- 6),7-16; Luke 10.1-11,16-20	8am BCP Communion St Mary's, Nackington 10am Songs of Praise St Pe- ter's Bokesbourne 6pm Choral Evensong St Mary's Lower Hardres
Saturday 9 th July			4-6pm Messy Church at Bridge School
10 th July	4 th Sunday after Trinity	Deuteronomy 30.9-14; Colossians 1.1-14; Luke 10.25-37	10 am Communion at St Pe- ter's Bridge (Rev'd Miriam Presiding for the first time!)
17 th July	5 th Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 18.1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1.15-28; Luke 10.38-42	9.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's Nackington 10am Traditional Sung Holy Communion at St Mary's Patricxbourne 4pm All Age Family Service at St Peter's Bridge
24 th July	6 th Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 18.20-32; Co- lossians 2.6-15,(16-19); Luke 11.1-13	10am Parish Communion St Peter's Bridge
<u>31st</u> July	7 th Sunday after Trinity	Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14; 2.18-23; Colossians 3.1- 11 Luke 12.13-21	10am Benefice Communion at St Mary's Nackington
7 th August	8 th Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 15.1-6; Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16; Luke 12.32- 40	10am Songs of Praise Service with Communion at St Peter's Bokesbourne
14 th August	9 th Sunday after Trini- ty / Blessed Virgin Mary	Isaiah 61:10-end Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 1: 46-55	10am Benefice Communion at St Mary's Lower Hardres - Patronal Festival
21 st August	10 th Sun- day after Trinity	Isaiah 58.9b-14; He- brews 12.18-29; Luke 13.10-17	10am Benefice Communion at St Marys Patricxbourne
28 th August	11 th Sun- day after Trinity	Proverbs 25.6-7; He- brews 13.1-8,15- 16; Luke 14.1,7-14	10am Benefice Communion at St Peter's Bridge



In your garden with Marie Gold



***“Now summer is in flower and nature’s hum is never
silent rounder her sultry bloom”***

John Clare

This month it must be for bees and the flowers they love and need. We need bees and they need our flowers. There are 200 varieties of bees, and some are dying out, but it is usually up to 20 varieties that can be found in the garden. If you have the space plant lavender, asters, zinnias, cosmos, erigeron karvanskus and open flowered hardy geraniums, but particularly flowers with open petals, not the fancy crinkled ones that bees cannot access. A dish of clean water will be welcome as they need to drink. I like to watch them disappear up a Foxglove flower. My best bee plant is Teucrium Lucidrys and if you can find one, you will not regret having it in a sunny spot.

When you are at home and in the garden take note of which bees are visiting your own space, which flowers they like and see how many varieties you and your family spot. This will go a long way to ensuring their survival on this planet is for years to come. The family will enjoy making a Bee & Bee (formerly known as a Bee Hotel). A small wooden box and cut down canes and hollow stems, are all you need. I soon found that pinecones are not suitable as they easily close when wet.

For a family garden visit: 16th and 17th July 1.30-5.30 – home-made teas - Stable House, Heppington, Street End CT4 7AN specifically for its 5-acre wildflower meadow with mown paths so you can meander through it and get up close to all the insects and butterflies – I went last year on a sunny day, and it was magical. Adm £4, children free and they will love it.

Happy start of summer



'Pet Service'

Songs of Praise

Sunday 3rd July

10am St Peter's Bokesbourne

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community.**

All welcome.

Royal British Legion

We had a good meeting on Tuesday 14th June when 12 members attended. We are looking forward to a return match in the autumn when we go to Staple for another Quiz Night. As usual, we are seeking new branch members (ex-service or not, it doesn't matter, everyone is welcome to join us). Just contact the Vice Chairman on 01227 472023 or find information in our notice board outside the Village Hall. Our next Branch meeting will be on Tuesday 12 July at 8pm in the Recreation Club.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2022

Many thanks to everyone who put envelopes in letter boxes, supported the two Soup Lunches or donated in any way during Christian Aid Week. The total raised was £1,270.29.

This is noticeably down on previous years' collections, but considering the demand on everybody's finances this year, still a valuable contribution to helping people across the world who are suffering from the effects of drought caused by climate change. It will be greatly appreciated.

The children at Bridge and Patricxbourne Primary School also raised £272.03 through the 300,000 Steps Challenge which every child in the school took part in. Many thanks to them and the school staff also.

If you missed this year's collection and would still like to give, you may do so online at the Canterbury Christian Aid Group's Just Giving page www.justgiving.com/fundraising/camoo0407

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Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 19th July** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, when Mr H Smith will be giving a talk on **1950's Britain**. Anyone wishing to come as a guest, is welcome.

On **Friday, 19th August**, tea has been booked at the **Elham Valley Vineyard**, where the Restaurant is excellent, and there is an extensive Garden Centre, with many tempting plants and shrubs.

Joan Hill

June 2022



Saturday 9th July

4-6pm

Bridge and Patrixbourne School Hall

Crafts, worship, stories and a hot dinner!

All welcome.

Bridge FiSH Scheme

We had a lovely Jubilee meeting in June with bunting, flags, vintage crockery and delicious cakes. We also welcomed Emma Haynes from Bridge School who came along with some children to talk about the Silver Stories scheme. This is an inter-generational scheme to promote good relationships between young children and older people through reading stories. Bridge School would pair an older person with a younger person and they would chat once a week and share a story together. If you might be interested in this scheme contact the Fish Scheme or Emma at emma.haynes@bridge.kent.sch.uk. And the website for further information is www.silverstories.co.uk.

Our next coffee morning is on the 14th July, we look forward to seeing you there at 10 ish. If you, or someone you know, needs transport to the Coffee morning then please call us on 07935 966080.

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The Village Gardeners

The large and blousy Alliums have bloomed at Green Court but the smaller (sphaerocephalon) Alliums are just about the burst forth. Come along and take a look. They should look amazing.

If you live around Green Court or Western Avenue, or are just passing by with a handy pair of gardening gloves, can you help us by pulling any thistles that you see? We are battling with the thistles in the large sunny bed and don't want them to spread into the bark area that we are gradually rewilding. If you place them by the compost bins (which are padlocked for safety reasons) we will pop them in when they are dry and there's no chance of transferring the seed. We would welcome any help with that area, but would particularly welcome help from anyone surrounding Green Court who might be able to lend a hand sometimes. Please get in touch. We have a further request re. our new area at the corner of Conyngham Lane and the High Street. The area is coming along well, although slightly suffering from the prolonged dry periods we have had this year. We are looking for a volunteer who could mow around the border during the growing season to keep the area looking tidy. Could you help with this? KCC are doing a grand job with this currently, but only have use of a strimmer which sometimes covers the area with grass clippings and makes it look untidy. If you live around that end of the High Street or Conyngham Lane and have a little time to spare, (and a petrol mower!) please get in touch.

If you can help in any way contact Sue (sr. arw52@gmail.com) or Pam (pamelafdobson@gmail.com).

The Village Gardeners..... helping the village to bloom.

Woodpeckers Nursery

There are some more exciting changes coming to Woodpeckers as a new committee was formed on June 13th. The new committee will include members of staff at Bridge and Patribourne School and parents from the setting allowing stronger links to be built with the school and the sharing of knowledge and expertise. Unfortunately, after 4 years as the setting manager, Michelle Briggs will be moving on as her family are relocating to Lancashire. We wish Mrs Briggs the best of luck and thank her for everything she has done for the nursery. Our current deputy, Jo Richards, will be acting as Manager whilst the committee find the perfect person to drive the nursery forward.

Our next fundraising event will be at the Bridge Village Fete please come along to support the fantastic work of the nursery and to meet the new team. You can also help support the nursery by donating via one of our online giving schemes.

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/17030a08-9409-4cfa-82e0-e9f53db04ab8>

https://www.easypfundraising.org.uk/causes/woodpeckersnursery1/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=cpl

As we come to the end of another busy year the staff and committee at Woodpeckers Nursery would like to wish all of the children moving on to school this year the very best and look forward to welcoming our new families in September.

Woodpeckers Committee

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

A reminder of the Society's Summer Show in Bridge Village Hall on Saturday 23 July. The Show will be open from 11.30 am to 2.00 pm, with prize giving at 1.45 pm and light refreshments served throughout the day. There will be a plant/bring and buy stall and, of course, a raffle. The various classes in the Show include vegetables, fruit, cut flowers, pot plants, cookery, floral arrangements, handicraft and photography – indeed, something to interest everyone. There are also 7 open classes for everyone to enter, not just members, and details of these are available from Kathy Walder, Show Secretary, 830057 / 07791 [656539](tel:656539) / kath@askwalder.com Please remember that entries for the two open photographic classes entitled "Transport" and "Tranquillity" are to be emailed to Kathy no later than Saturday 9 July. A reminder, too, to members to bring along on the day their Chairman's Challenge Chilli Pepper that they are carefully nurturing!

We do hope that you will come and visit us in the hall on Saturday 23rd to enjoy a splendid display of entries and to support all the exhibitors and the Society in general.



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Nailbourne Horticultural Society



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THE QUIET VIEW

As well as being a Centre for Contemplative Spirituality, the Quiet View is a Community Retreat Garden, and so we would like to invite you all to come sometime to meet Angel. She is over 20' tall and has been exquisitely carved from a dying ash tree by local Wood Sculptor, Daniel Hilton. (www.iswoodgood.co.uk) Here's the link to a beautiful 5 minute video of the Angel's creation process -

<https://youtu.be/wRoqYNIPFG0>

We have been open every day since Lockdown, without the need to book, so people can wander in the garden, yurt and the labyrinth to find peace, rest, comfort, inspiration – and now we invite you to come to experience the power of this stunning angel sculpture. Our intention is that she will give us a sense of the angelic realm for angels are always longing and waiting to guide our souls from darkness to light.

Sunday 10th July is an **Open Day** when we shall be serving refreshments from **11am – 4.30pm** – so do pop in, meet Angel and share a drink and a snack with us! Donations are always welcome to the Angel Fund!

We have been amazed but not surprised at the numbers of people who have been visiting and leading new groups since the start of the pandemic. Many are discovering a new spiritual thirst and in an inclusive way we welcome all. Some of our regular events include **Taizé Prayers, Taoji Qigong, Yoga, Spirit Dance, Healing Drum Circle, Sound Baths, Silent Retreats, Kirtan, Sacred Earth Chants** and some other special events coming up include –

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Kate's Puddings – What's Cooking?

This was the first recipe I put onto my puddings blog, back in January 2013. It is still one of my top five favourite puddings, and one I will be making for the Stour Music Festival, where I have the joy of making all the puddings in the Artists' tent. I have just bought the first 12 pints of cream to get me started! For Stour I make a double quantity, as pictured – any larger and you have to use a clean washing up bowl for the mixing. The original is from the much-used Penguin Hume and Downs Cordon Bleu Cookbook.

Cold Lemon Soufflé

3 large eggs
8oz/225g caster sugar
2 ½ lemons
½ pint/300ml cream
½ oz/12g gelatine (leaf or powder)
½ gill water (2.5 fl oz/75ml)
To finish: extra cream

Separate the eggs and place the yolks, sugar and grated lemon rind in a bowl and whisk until thick. I usually do this in a Kenwood with the whisk. Heat the lemon juice, add, and continue whisking "to the ribbon" (ie, pale and very thick). This takes ages, and my Kenwood died at this point in 2017.

Half-whip the cream and fold into the mixture. Dissolve the gelatine in the water over heat and stir into the mixture. Whisk the egg white until stiff peaks but not dry. Set the soufflé mixture on ice and fold in the egg whites (I don't bother with the ice). This is easier if you stir in a tablespoon of whisked egg white first to break the mix up a bit and then fold in the rest. (It's very hard to avoid little islands of egg white.)

As the mixture begins to thicken, turn at once into a large bowl and put in the fridge to set. When firm, decorate with cream and anything else that takes your fancy.

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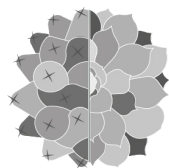
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