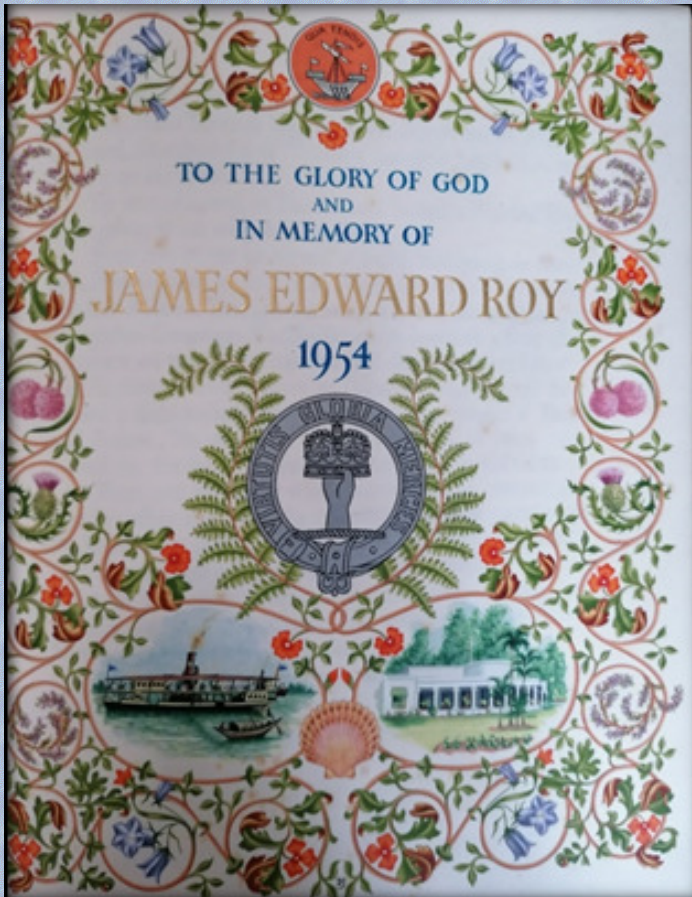


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St Augustine's Centre

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Cover picture: Dedication page from the Book of Remembrance - see page 7

CALENDAR

March 2020

Services and Events in March

Sun	1	The First Sunday of Lent 10.30 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST
Mon	2	Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary
Thurs	5	11.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Fri	6	7 p.m. Eanswythe Found? Reveal in the Chancel
Sat	7	Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage
Sun	8	The Second Sunday of Lent 10.30 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST
Sun	15	The Third Sunday of Lent 10.30 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST
Tues	17	Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland
Thurs	19	Joseph of Nazareth 11.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Fri	20	Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary
Sat	21	Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr 2.00 p.m. Concert – Bach St John Passion
Sun	22	The Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday 10.30 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST
Wed	25	The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thurs	26	11.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sat	28	2.00 p.m. Renewal of wedding vows of Malcolm and Susan Pilcher
Sun	29	The Fifth Sunday of Lent 10.30 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST
Tues	31	7.30 p.m. PCC Meeting
Thurs	2 April	11.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sun	5	Palm Sunday 10.30 a.m. Distribution of Palms, Procession and SUNG EUCHARIST
Thurs	9	Maundy Thursday 7.30 p.m. THE LITURGY FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY
Fri	10	Good Friday 10.00 a.m. THE LITURGY FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Our church will be open for quiet prayer between 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. Mondays to Thursdays. Morning Prayer will be prayed at 8:00 a.m. on these days.

From the Parish Registers

**Departed
January**

May they rest in peace and rise in glory
John Leech



Electoral Roll Revision

The Electoral Roll is revised annually prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which is to be held on Wednesday 22nd April 2020 in Church. If you are not already on the Electoral Roll and would like to be please see Angela Flisher [Electoral Roll Officer] or the Churchwardens. The last date for application is Sunday 29th March.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place in church on Wednesday 22nd April, 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Two Churchwardens need to be elected plus six PCC members.

Parking in the School Playground

We are grateful to the Headteacher of St Eanswythe's School for allowing us to use the school playground as a car park on Sundays and on other occasions. In order to protect the school's security, the gates will now be locked on Sunday morning at 10.25 and opened when the service is finished. On other occasions the gates will be locked 5 minutes before the service or concert begins and opened immediately afterwards. Thank you for your co-operation.

The **Woodward Hall** is available for hire
for Wedding Receptions, Family Parties, Club Meetings etc.

Details from Mrs S Lamberton at St Eanswythe's School on 01303 255516
during school hours

What has Fr John come here to do?

All kinds of people have their own ideas about what a priest should be doing. So I thought you should know what *I* think I've come to do.

Both the advert and job description for this post said that St Mary & St Eanswythe Church has "the vision that those in our church and community can realise their full potential as children of God."

This, I think, is the heart of our shared purpose and unity as a parish church. So I haven't come to do anything *on my own*. I've come to help enable us as a community of faith to fulfil this vision, because I think that it is **this** that will lead to the spiritual and numerical growth so essential to our future.

And we'll need to work in partnership both within the church and with the wider community as we pursue this vision for the fulfilment of our potential. There are a number of ways that I'd like to do this, all of which correlate well with existing data on what helps churches grow.

- **Inspiring worship.** For churchgoers and non-churchgoers alike. We're Anglo-Catholic and we should celebrate and make the most of that in both our weekly and our special services. Colour, movement, beauty, music, art; engaging all the senses in the mystery of encounter with the living God in our worship.

But I'd also like to develop a new service at other times designed for those with no churchgoing background, using ritual, art, music and liturgy in a creative and contemporary way.

- **Welcome.** For churchgoers and non-churchgoers alike. People will visit. We need to make sure they come back. Attentiveness, sensitivity, information, connection and the best coffee and cake we can afford.
- **Belonging.** For churchgoers and non-churchgoers alike. Social events and suppers; barbecues and beer tasting, picnics and performances. The giving of mutual support and pastoral care.
- **Spirituality.** For churchgoers and non-churchgoers alike. Helping each other on our spiritual journey. Groups where honest questions about life and faith can be asked. Courses to deepen discipleship. Learning more about prayer and meditation. Developing everyone's gifts and ministries. Pastoral care for those experiencing significant life changes, and not just through the Occasional Offices of baptisms, weddings and funerals.

- **Heritage.** For churchgoers and non-churchgoers alike. Let's make the most of our history and heritage. Let's open our beautiful building for all kinds of events. Liturgies for life-events. A space for reflection and wonder. The story of St Eanswythe as an inspiration for contemporary living. Art and music as another way to apprehend the wonder of God. Offering pilgrimage in partnership with other parishes on the Royal Saxon Way.
- **Partnerships.** For churchgoers and non-churchgoers alike. Making the most of active partnerships with our Town and our Schools. Engagement with the Creative Quarter, art and culture in Folkestone. Building relationships and planning shared events.
- **Stories.** A priest is a story-weaver; weaving together the stories of individuals, communities and the timeless story of God's love. So I'll be listening to your stories and wanting to talk through with you how we might together write a new chapter in the continuing story of the community of faith at St Mary & St Eanswythe.

And, because you can't do everything at once, a 5-year plan to take things steadily. People usually overestimate what you can do in one year and underestimate what you can do in five. I'll be working on this with the new PCC after our Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April. So more about this later...

Revd Dr John Walker, February 2020

Lent Study Group

Fr John is offering a weekly Lent Study Group with Lunch on Thursdays at 12-2 p.m. in the Vicarage. All are welcome, but please sign the list at the back of church so he knows how many to expect. Therefore, the Thursday Eucharist will be held at 11.30 a.m. during Lent.

Are you a budding flower arranger?

Gillian and Pearl are looking for someone else to assist with the church flowers. Often helpers are found through the Folkestone Flower Club, but if you are already a keen flower arranger, or would like to learn how to do this, please speak to Gillian (01303 257562) or Pearl (01303 891118).

Commemoration of the Month

Harriet Monsell of Clewer - 26 March



Harriet Monsell (nee O'Brien) was born in 1811. She married Charles Monsell in 1839 but as a result of his continued delicate health, much of their later married life was spent in Europe, including Naples.

After her husband's death in 1850, Harriet Monsell continued her affiliation with the Oxford Movement and began working in Clewer, near the garrison town of Windsor, among former prostitutes and unwed mothers at a House of Mercy, which had been founded by Mrs Mariquita Tennant. It was here that Harriet professed religious vows with two other women. Initially known as the Sisters of Mercy. Their name was later changed and she became Mother Superior of the Community of St John Baptist, established on 30 November 1852,

and one of the first Anglican religious orders since the Reformation.

During the new order's first five years, guided by Mother Harriet's energy, it expanded greatly, eventually running about forty institutions, including St Andrew's here on Folkestone's East Cliff.

Mother Harriet retired to Folkestone in 1875 for health reasons. She died on the morning of 25 March 1883, which was Easter Sunday that year. Since it is also the Feast of the Annunciation, her Feast Day is always celebrated the following day and occupies that date in the Calendar of the Church of England.

Collect

Almighty God,
by whose grace *Mother Harriet*, kindled with the fire of your love,
became a burning and a shining light in the Church:
inflame us with the same spirit of discipline and love,
that we may ever walk before you as children of light;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings

OT-Proverbs 10.27-32; NT-1 John 2.15-17; Gospel-Luke 12 32-37

March Sunday Eucharist Gospels

Sunday 1 March – 1st Sunday of Lent: Matthew 4.1-11

‘Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil’

Yielding to temptation has been the failure of men and women since the beginning. In Christ we find the human example of resistance and the divine guidance which enables us to rise above our bad inclinations.

Sunday 8 March – 2nd Sunday of Lent: John 3.1-17

‘God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him’

God is constant in his promises, unchanging in his nature. It is only his love that sets his mercy between us and his judgement.

Sunday 15 March – 3rd Sunday of Lent: John 4.5-42

‘Come and see the man who told me everything I have ever done!’

We too often try to conceal our sins, or to justify them by pleading special circumstances. True repentance that brings pardon requires complete honesty with ourselves and with God.

Sunday 22 March – 4th Sunday of Lent; John Chapter 9

‘Now that you say, “We see”, your sin remains’.

Self-respect is necessary for a full life but Self-regard leads to hypocrisy and dishonesty. Only if we understand that God sees us as we really are can we hope to do his will.

OR For Mothering Sunday: Luke 2.33-35

‘A sword will pierce your own soul too’.

No one is so loving or as vulnerable as a mother. The Bible tells of many mothers who bore heavy burdens: the mother of Moses hiding him from peril; Hannah dedicating Samuel to the Lord; Sara and Elizabeth bearing babies in old age; the mothers of the Innocents and above all the Virgin Mary, mother of the Lord.

Wednesday 25 March The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary Red Letter Day – a Day of Obligation: Luke 1.6-38

‘Mary said ‘Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.’

Our duty may be opened to us at a time and in a way that we least expect. If we are obedient to the call of God, he will do the rest.

Sunday 29 March- 5th Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday): John 11.1-45

‘Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life’.

Death is a mystery, which even the most devout cannot face without some anxiety. Natural fear of the unknown is overcome only by faith in the new and eternal life given by God.

I never knew that about our Church!

The first in an occasional series in which Mentor will explore some of the lesser known people, features and facts about our extraordinary historic church.

James Edward Roy 1869-1954

James was born on 18 March 1869 in Alloa, Scotland, the fourth child of William Roy and his wife Jeannie (nee Robertson). He was educated in Dundee and became a Marine Engineer, going to sea with the Clan Line.

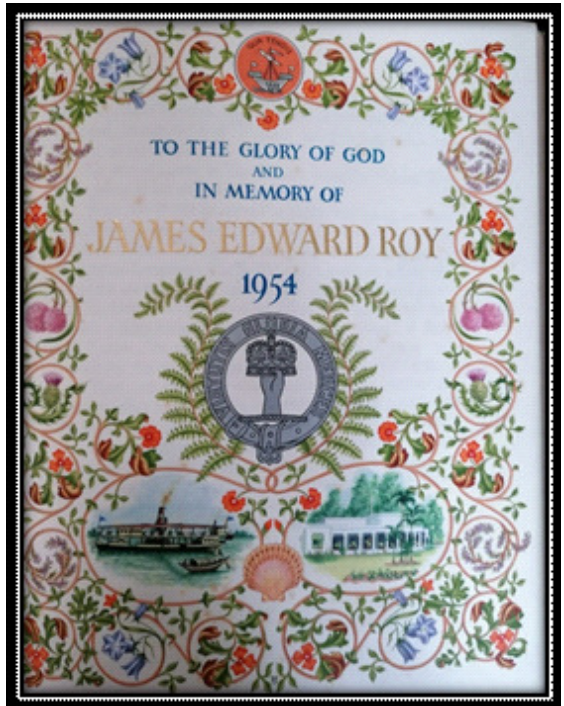
From 1893 to 1922 he served in India. He married Mary Cornish on 29 January 1902 in Calcutta with whom he had four children. Through his work with the River Steam and Navigation Company (MacNeill's), which operated a fleet of steamers on the Brahmaputra and Ganges rivers by which he gained a deep knowledge of the rivers and peoples of Bengal and Assam. He was held in high esteem by all races and served as a member of the first Legislative Council in Calcutta.

Returning to the UK in 1922 he and Mary lived in Radlett, Herts. James was partner in his company's London office and a greatly respected committee member of the Indian Tea Association, which had been founded in 1881, and still is the premier and oldest Association of tea producers in India.

His last few years were spent in Folkestone, by the sea, which he had always loved. His unfailing courtesy and kindness, sense of humour and interest in life endeared him to everyone he met, throughout his life.

His connection with our church?

James died in 1954 and the Book of Remembrance, in the glass-topped case in the North Transept was given in his memory by his wife, Mary. It contains the names of all whose ashes are interred in the Garden of Remembrance at the west end of the churchyard. The book's pages are turned once a week so it will be while before the beautiful frontispiece is on show again. The black and white image below does not do it justice. But it is in colour on the cover



ACROSS

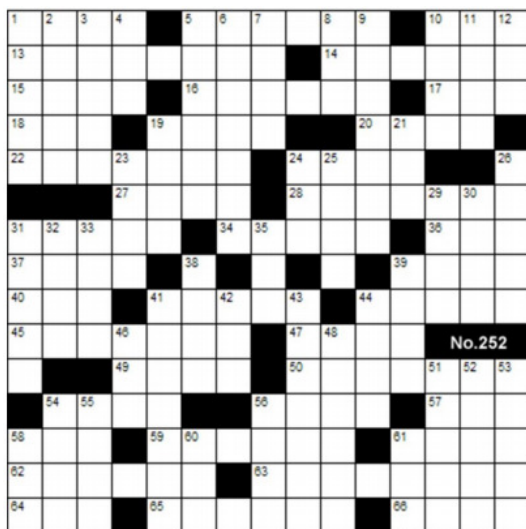
- 1 He will surely violently turn and ____ thee like a ball (Isaiah 22:18)
5 had given them much exhortation, he came into ____ (Acts 20:2)
10 Create in ____ pure heart, O God (2,1) (Ps 51:10)
13 Gray hair is a crown of splendor it is ____ by a righteous life (Prov 16:31)
14 beginning to end, are written in the ____ of Jehu (2 Chron 20:34)
15 He ____ his arrows and scattered the enemies (Ps 18:14)
16 Suddenly ____ like the blowing of a violent wind came (1,5) (Acts 2:2)
17 It ____ good land which the LORD our God doth (2,1) (Deut 1:25) KJV
18 exiles who lived at ____ Abib near the Kebar River (Ezek 3:15)
19 they which could ____ should cast themselves first into the sea (Acts 27:43)
20 he burned the bones of the king of Edom into ____ (Amos 2:1) KJV
22 Absalom had taken a pillar and ____ it in the King's Valley (2 Sam 18:18)
24 If the iron be blunt, and he do not ____ the edge (Eccl 10:10) KJV
27 Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' ____ (Num 11:28)
28 a desolation, an astonishment, an ____, and a curse (Jer 25:18) KJV
31 pure gold, more rare than the gold of ____ (Isa 13:12)
34 if the ____ are dull white, it is a harmless rash (Lev 13:39)
36 the LORD drove the ____ back with a strong east wind (Exod 14:21)
37 from my own ____ and from my father's family (Gen 24:40)
39 ____ your hands, all you nations; shout to God (Ps 47:1)
40 slaughtering them along the way to a point below Beth ____ (1 Sam 7:11)
41 they threw the ____ into the sea to lighten the ship (Jonah 1:5)
44 ____ your treasure is, there your heart will be (Matt 6:21)
45 But I have a baptism to ____ (Luke 12:50)
47 ye shall ____, like as ye fled from before the earthquake (Zech 14:5) KJV
49 thrown into the sea with a millstone ____ around his neck (Luke 17:2)
50 Then the men stepped ____, seized Jesus and arrested him. (Matt 26:50)
54 Let their table be made a snare, and a ____ (Romans 11:9)
56 man shall not ____ by bread alone, but by every word of God. (Luke 4:4)
57 they cast the ____ (that is, the lot) in the presence of Haman (Est 3:7)
58 enemy said of you, ____ The ancient heights have become (Ezek 36:2)
59 David returned to his ____ in Jerusalem (2 Sam 20:3)
61 the price of his ____ shall be according unto the number of years (Lev 25:50)
62 I want you to ____ the words spoken in the past (2 Peter 3:2)
63 Solomon had built the supporting ____ (1 Kings 11:27)
64 he cometh with clouds; and every ____ shall see him (Rev 1:7)
65 the teachers of the law and the ____ mocked him (Matt 27:41-42)
66 A state of confusion

DOWN

- 1 Honey from the comb is sweet to your ____ (Prov 24:13)
2 "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the ____ nine? (Luke 17:17-18)

All references are from the New International Version unless otherwise stated.

- 3 men ____ into the city that day as men steal in (2 Sam 19:3)
 4 Every day I ____ in the temple courts teaching (Matt 26:55)
 5 Men ____ their tongues in agony and cursed (Rev 16:10-11)
 6 for anger ____ in the lap of fools (Eccl 7:9)
 7 the sons of Esau, who is ____ (Gen 36:19)
 8 he hath faith, and have not works? ____ faith save him (James 2:14) KJV
 9 to him as righteousness for ____ generations to come (Ps 106:31)
 10 They conquered Ijon, Dan, Abel ____ (2 Chron 16:4)
 11 or he may die in battle and someone ____ marry her (Deut 20:7)
 12 In the third year of ____ king of Judah (1 King 15:33)
 19 Mockers ____ up a city, but wise men turn away anger (Prov 29:8)
 21 That which groweth of ____ own accord (Lev 25:5) KJV
 23 Adams first son (Gen 4:1)
 24 to see if there are any ____ understand, any who seek God (Ps 14:2)
 25 and he ____ someone so that he dies, he is a murderer (Num 35:18)
 26 the love of God (Gr.)
 29 was in the ____ that is called Patmos, for the word of God (Rev 1:9) KJV
 30 The LORD is ____ to all who call on him (Ps 145:18)
 31 This miraculous sign will ____ tomorrow (Ex 8:23)
 32 Woe to those who ____ iniquity, to those who plot evil (Mic 2:1)
 33 Master, we've worked ____ all night (Luke 5:5)
 35 there lay Sisera with the tent ____ through his temple (Judg 4:22)
 38 rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, ____, malice (Col 3:8)
 39 shall ye not eat of them that ____ the cud (Lev 11:4) KJV
 41 for an act of kindness shown to a ____ (Acts 4:9)
 42 shall I come unto you with a ____, or in love (1 Cor 4:21)
 43 He asked the king's ____, "Why did the king issue (Dan 2:15)
 44 but ____ eyewitnesses of his majesty (2 Pet 1:16)



Remaining clues on page 10

Last Month's Solution

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The Betrayal

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BORN ARREST
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FIRST BREAD
JESUS BURIAL
JUDAS CELEBRATE
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POOR PERFUME
PRICE PLOTTED
RABBI PREACHED
RIOT PREPARE
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SOLD TRUTH
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TELL WRITTEN

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a
Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

- 46 seventh letter of the Greek alphabet
48 treacherous, rash, conceited ____ of pleasure (2 Tim 3:4)
51 their mighty ones are beaten down, and are fled ____ (Jer 46:5) KJV
52 He ____ forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations (Ps 66:7)
53 I also want women to ____ modestly, with decency (1 Tim 2:9)
54 came to the place called the Skull, there ____ crucified him (Luke 23:33)
55 I have finished the ____, I have kept the faith (2 Tim 4:7)
56 vain for you to rise up early, to sit up ____ (Ps 127:2)
58 My days ____ swifter than a runner; they fly away (Job 9:25)
60 Come to me, ____ you who are weary and burdened (Matt 11:28)
61 abbr. for books 9 and 10 of the Old Testament

Church Postcards

The Friends are absolutely delighted to announce that, courtesy of Mark Punton, we have been granted special permission by the Victoria and Albert Museum to print a limited edition of 500 postcards. These are prints taken from a John Constable pencil and watercolour dated 16th October 1833. The subject matter is Folkestone Harbour and in the picture you can quite clearly see the Church of St Mary and St Eanswythe's Parish Church.

In a similar manner we have also been granted special permission by The Tate to print a limited edition of 500 postcards by Joseph Mallord William Turner. Entitled Folkestone from the sea and originally a watercolour painted around 1823 -1825, which once more shows the Church , *see below*.

The postcards are available in Church for £1 each with all of the proceeds going to Friends of St Mary and St Eanswythe.



Membership forms are always available for anyone to join the Friends and if any readers have any articles they believe we may be able to sell on the EBAY website please do let Pam Keeling know.

Thank you.

Food Bank

The Rainbow Centre Food Bank is always in need of tinned goods - preferably with ring pulls - and other food. If you are able to help, please put your gifts in the orange bin near the Missionary Corner.

Here is the latest list:

Tinned goods (fruit, rice pudding, meat, fish or vegetables)	
Noodles	Pasta sauce
Biscuits	Cereals
UHT Milk	Long life fruit juice
Coffee / Tea / Hot Chocolate	

Please ensure that all items are in date and unopened.

THANK YOU!



Music Notes

Here are the details of the performance of Bach's St John Passion at 5 pm at Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 21 March.

The performance begins at 5 pm and includes a longer than usual refreshment interval to compensate for the earlier start.

PLEASE NOTE THE SPECIAL TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR ADVANCE RESERVATIONS FOR THIS CONCERT.

A poster for a concert. The background is black. A large, stylized, white and red thorny branch, resembling a crown of thorns, curves across the middle. Text is in white. At the bottom left is a logo for 'Amici Chorus' with a stylized 'C' in orange and yellow. At the bottom right is contact information.

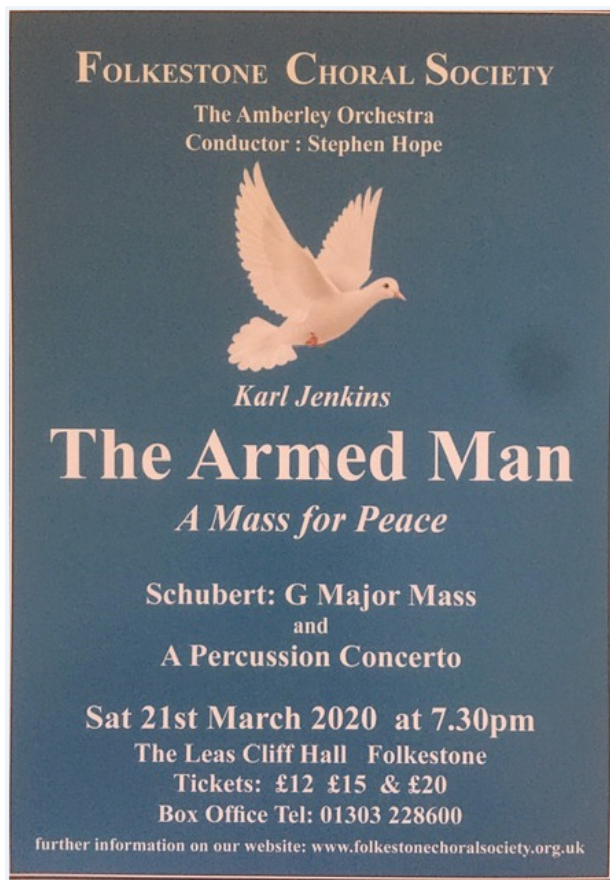
J.S. Bach
St. John Passion
Amici Chorus and Camerata
Leader Stelios Chatzilosifidis
Directed by Grenville Hancox

Soloists
Sarah Hale - soprano
Jennifer Joosten - alto
Thomas Kelly - tenor
Robin Whitehouse - tenor
Peter Cox - bass
Tony Eldridge - bass

Saturday 21st March 5pm

Holy Trinity Church, Sandgate Road, Folkestone
Tickets sold on behalf of Canterbury Cantata Trust
Tickets: £12 at the door
Reservations: 07723 767624

Amici Chorus



Members of Folkestone Choral Society and The Amberley Orchestra, conducted by Stephen Hope, will be performing an exciting concert including Karl Jenkins' *The Armed Man*: a Mass for Peace and Schubert's Mass in G at The Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone on Saturday 21 March at 7.30pm. The Percussion Ensemble of London will also perform a Percussion Concerto.

Tickets cost £12, £15 and £20 and are available online from atgtickets.com (booking fee), Box Office 01303 228600 or on the door.

This performance of *The Armed Man*: a Mass for Peace by Karl Jenkins (b 1944) is being given to mark the 75th anniversary year of VE Day and the end of World War 2.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of *The Armed Man: a Mass for Peace*. It was commissioned by the Royal Armouries to compose something special to mark the beginning of the new millennium.

Soloists

Felicity Hope (soprano)
Gillian Hope (alto)
David Walder (tenor)
Simon Wilson (bass).

Further information is available at www.folkestonechoralsociety.org.uk

Meet the People of the Church

There are many people who give generously of their time to ensure the smooth running of the church; most of these people are unpaid. This is the sixth of a series of articles to meet some of these unsung heroes and we meet two people with very different roles: the man behind Bayle Music and the Webmaster. Next month we will meet the bell ringers.

Ian Gordon – The Man Behind Bayle Music

First some history. Bayle Music, now in its 9th season, grew out of the ‘Music on a Sunday Afternoon’ series which in turn had developed from the ‘Coffee, Cakes and Classics’ series held on Saturday mornings at The Metropole.

When The Metropole was no longer available, the concerts – and the splendid Yamaha Concert Grand Piano – transferred to St Mary and St Eanswythe’s church. With agreement of the church, the concerts moved to Sunday afternoons. Grenville Hancox, then Head of the Music Department at Canterbury Christ Church University, organised the concerts and booked the performers. The costs of the concerts were underwritten by the University and the programmes, featuring established and emerging young musicians proved attractive.

One such emerging group was the Sacconi Quartet which after performing twice asked if the church would be prepared to host an annual Music Festival over a weekend in May. Fr David and the Churchwardens agreed, and the first Sacconi Chamber Music Festival was held in 2008. The Festival goes from strength to strength and presents five concerts in three days filling the church each time.

Sadly the University withdrew its financial support leaving the concerts uncertain. However under the leadership of Grenville Hancox, sponsorship from local businesses and the support of our ‘regulars’ becoming patrons or buying season tickets, the concerts continued under the name ‘Bayle Music’.

2019-20 marks Bayle Music’s 9th season and plans are well in hand for the 10th season beginning in September 2020.

And what about me? Well, I have been associated with this church since I joined the choir in 1954. I attended St Eanswythe’s Primary and the Harvey Grammar Schools and undertook my teacher training at Canterbury followed by 11 years’ teaching in Hampshire.

I returned to Folkestone in 1978, when Canon Peter Cole was vicar, and have been a member of the church community in a variety of roles ever since. Most recently I have explored the use of the church as a community asset. We have hosted Folkestone Art Society exhibitions; Folkestone Book Festival events and Folkestone Triennial installations; visiting music groups and choirs as well as special civic and community services and events. Each of these has attracted any number of visitors from the town and beyond and, we hope, encouraged people to come to our services.

Chris Hunter – Webmaster

The church web site is built in WordPress, a system mainly intended to allow bloggers to concentrate on content rather than having to worry about the mechanics of web authoring, but which also makes it easy to construct simple web sites and manage their content. I took over the maintenance in 2015 as Fiona Dungay, who had created it, wanted to concentrate on her day job.

Running the web site mainly consists of uploading the weekly pew sheets and monthly music lists to their pages once I've received them from Angela and Toby respectively. The bulk of the content is as Fiona originally created it, but there's always a need to tweak things as circumstances dictate such as during the recently ended (phew!) interregnum, or if it's decided to add a new page such as the Choir and Organ section which was suggested (and the copy provided) by Toby after he arrived as Organist.

If you find something on the web site which doesn't make sense, please let me know! I only have one pair of eyes with which to proof-read my own work so errors occasionally slip through: there's a webmaster email link on the contacts page which will reach me.

To find out more about me as a person, look back at the October 2019 edition of *Rendezvous*, where I featured as a member of the church choir.

A Daily Lenten Litany

That this day may be holy, good and joyful:
We pray to you, O Lord.

That we may offer to you our worship and our work:
We pray to you, O Lord.

That we may strive for the well-being of all creation:
We pray to you, O Lord.

That in the pleasures and pains of life,
we may know the love of Christ and be thankful:
We pray to you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit,
in communion with St Mary & St Eanswythe and with all your saints,
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ:
We pray to you, O Lord.

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessèd Virgin Mary

25 March



The story of the announcement of the coming of God made flesh in the person of his Son, Jesus the Christ, the Anointed One, is heard in today's proclamation of the good news from the gospel of Luke. The feast marks the conception of Christ in the womb of Mary and has been celebrated in the Church at least since the late

fourth century. The perfect humanity and the complete divinity of Jesus is affirmed, following the controversies around those orthodox assertions, which themselves led to the acknowledgement of Mary as Theotokos, God-bearer, which in the West became translated as Mother of God. The celebration thus took on strong associations with the person of Mary, and became known in England as Lady Day. In recent years, the Church has re-affirmed the day as a Feast of our Lord, on which his virgin- mother has a unique place of honour and veneration.

This festival has been celebrated since the 5th century and celebrates two things:

God's action in entering the human world as Jesus in order to save humanity;

Humanity's willing acceptance of God's action in Mary's freely given acceptance of the task of being the Mother of God.

Collect

We beseech you, O Lord,
pour your grace into our hearts,
that as we have known the incarnation
of your Son Jesus Christ
by the message of an angel,
so by his cross and passion
we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings

OT: Isaiah 7.10-14a NT: Hebrews 10. 4-10 Gospel: Luke 1.26-38

The picture shows The Annunciation – on the east wall of the South Aisle



BOOKWORM: What I've Reading

The Salt Path – Raynor Winn (2018)

This is probably the most inspirational and heart-warming book I have ever read. It's about despair turning into hope, personal fortitude, homelessness, prejudice and living on next to no money. Oh and long distance walking and wild camping.

Raynor and Moth have been married for something like 35 years. Then in the space of a week, through no fault of their own, they lose their house and farm as well as most of their possessions; at the same time Moth learns that he has an incurable illness that will kill him. The doctor tells him to take it easy. Instead they pack a few things into rucksacks and spend the next year walking the South West Coastal Path, all 630 miles of it, wild camping and eating as cheaply as possible on about £30 a week.

An amazing story. An outstanding book. And it's all true.

My Name is Why: a Memoir – Lemn Sissay (2019)

A compelling read about how the care system spectacularly failed (yet another) child. Lemn Sissay was in foster care for the first 12 years of his life, with a family whom he generously describes as “good people who did bad things”. His foster parents were unable to cope with him as an adolescent (‘stealing’ biscuits, smoking and disagreeing with their strong religious beliefs) and insisted that he was taken away from the family. He was then placed in a series of children's homes, where care was very much absent, and finally there was cruelty and psychological abuse. Every social worker should read this book. In fact, everyone should read it. It will break your heart.

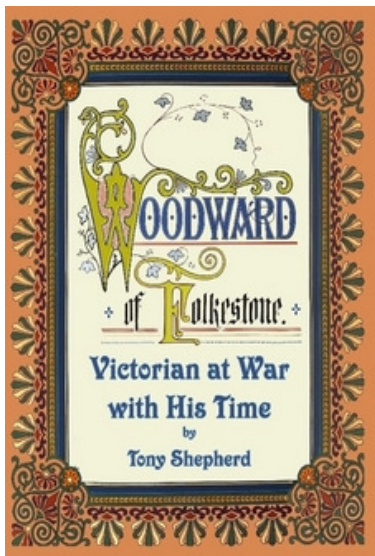
When The Germans Came: True Stories of Life Under Occupation in the Channel Islands – Duncan Barrett (2018)

An exceptionally good, well researched book about the German occupation of the Channel Islands during WW2.

The author interviewed over 100 people who had lived through the occupation, as well as consulting memoirs written by islanders, and has written a most interesting and compelling book. I was inspired to read this not only because the author's presentation at the 2018 Folkestone Book Festival was excellent, but also having recently watched for the second time, the wonderful film (Another Mother's Son) about Louisa Gould who harboured an escaped Russian prisoner in her Jersey home, losing her life in consequence. Her story is told again in this book, as are those of many others.

I commend this book to you, although somewhat confusingly, the hardback edition is entitled Hitler's British Isles and the paperback, which I read, is called When The Germans Came. What a nightmare for librarians!

Woodward of Folkestone



Tony Shepherd's fascinating biography of Matthew Woodward – vicar here from Trinity Sunday 1851 until the Feast of St Philip and St James 1898 has been reprinted again by demand. Copies cost £10 and can be obtained from Ian Gordon (01303 257 248).

It tells the story of the man whose 47 years as Vicar of Folkestone transformed the church building and indeed the church's ministry to the people of the town. His espousal of the Anglo-Catholic cause was at the root of much disagreement in the parish and in the town, but his sincerity, strength of purpose and unshakeable faith carried him through 47-year his ministry here to a triumphant end.

This is a compelling and riveting book which says as much about Victorian Folkestone as it does about its subject and the church.

Please Don't Feed The Pigeons (or RATS!)

You may have noticed the signs in the churchyard. We have a large community of Pigeons here, roosting in the Tower louvres. Thankfully they haven't forced an entry into the bell chamber, the last time they did that we had several weeks without bells and a four-figure bill for the removal of hazardous waste

Although we have lots of trees in the churchyard, we don't suffer from leaves in the gutters and valleys of the roof. We have just had to have them cleaned of pigeon droppings - **the back gutters were totally full, a total of 23 sacks of pigeon droppings were removed this year. Plus 2 cubic yards of droppings from the Chancel tower buttress trays in 2018 causing leaks by the bell rope and a further two sacks in 2019 that were causing the leaks onto the light switches in the Chancel.**

So, please **DON'T FEED THE PIGEONS!** (at least, not in the churchyard!)



St Chad

March 2nd



Saint Chad, also called Ceadda, (died March 2, 672, Lichfield, Mercia, England; feast day, March 2), monastic founder, abbot, and first bishop of Lichfield, who is credited with the Christianization of the ancient English kingdom of Mercia.

With his brother St. Cedd, he was educated at the great abbey of Lindisfarne on Holy Island (off the coast of Northumbria) under its founder, Abbot St. Aidan, and later apparently studied with St. Egbert, a monk at the Irish monastery of Rathmelsigi. Cedd recalled Chad to England to assist in establishing the monastery of Laestingaeu (now Lastingham, North Yorkshire). Upon Cedd's death in 664, Chad succeeded him to become the second abbot of Laestingaeu, and, probably late in the same year, at the request of King Oswiu (Oswy) of

Northumbria, he was consecrated bishop of the Northumbrians (with his see at York).

An ecclesiastical dispute arose because St. Wilfrid had already been chosen bishop of York and had gone to Gaul for his consecration, a mix-up recorded in Venerable Bede's Ecclesiastical History of the English People (considered to be the best source for Chad's life). The issue remains confusing. When in 669 the new archbishop, St. Theodore of Canterbury, arrived in England, he charged Chad with improper ordination. On Wilfrid's return in the same year, Chad resigned York and retired to Laestingaeu. Theodore, however, was so impressed with Chad's humility that when the bishop of Mercia died he asked King Oswiu to appoint Chad as the bishop's successor. The king approved, and Chad, having been reconsecrated by Theodore in 669, chose Lichfield, where he built a church and monastery, as the new seat of his diocese.

During the last three years of his life, Chad founded a monastery in Lindsey, on land given him by King Wulphere of Mercia. In the same area Chad supposedly founded another monastery, at Barrow-upon-Humber. He is noted as having conducted his apostolate zealously, travelling much on foot. He died of plague, and numerous miracles were reported as having taken place at his tomb. His relics, originally in the Cathedral of Lichfield, were saved by Roman Catholics during the Reformation and transferred to St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham.

A Lenten Poem

Lent is a time to take time to let the power
of our faith story take hold of us,
a time to let the events get up
and walk around in us,
a time to intensify our living unto Christ,
a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,
a time to place our feet in the streets of
Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and
listen to his Word,
a time to touch his robe
and feel the healing surge through us,
a time to ponder and a time to wonder....

Lent is a time to allow
a fresh new taste of God!
Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think,
for thoughts come unbidden.
Perhaps we're afraid to face our future
knowing our past.

Give us courage, O God,
to hear your Word
and to read our living into it.
Give us the trust to know we're forgiven
and give us the faith
to take up our lives and walk.

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