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As we can't get our Rendezvous printed or use the usual distribution method in the current situation I have created this simpler edition. If you have an email address, please let me know by emailing me at andrew_plested@yahoo.co.uk. For those who do not have email, we will endeavour to get this simpler version printed and circulated.

My apologies for the lateness of these editions - teething troubles with a different way of producing and printing this and other things taking up my time! Hopefully we should soon be back to normal.

Take care

Andrew

CALENDAR July 2020


Fri	3	Thomas the Apostle
Sun	5	The Fourth Sunday after Trinity
Sat	11	Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, Father of Western Monasticism
Sun	12	The Fifth Sunday after Trinity
Tues	14	John Keble, Priest, Tractarian, Poet
Wed	15	Swithun, Bishop of Winchester
Sun	19	The Sixth Sunday after Trinity
Wed	22	Mary Magdalene
Sat	25	James the Apostle
Sun	26	The Seventh Sunday after Trinity
Wed	29	Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of Our Lord
Thurs	30	William Wilberforce, Social Reformer, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, Anti-Slavery
Sun	2 Aug	The Eighth Sunday after Trinity
Wed	5	Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr
Thurs	6	The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Supporting our Church Financially

During this time when our usual supporters are not able to make cash donations or use the planned giving scheme, I would like to ask if donations could be made instead by bank transfer so that we can keep paying our bills! All donations would be gratefully received. Our bank details are:


Account Name: Vicar and Churchwardens of the Parish Church of St Mary & St Eanswythe
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St. Mary and St. Eanswythe Church, Folkestone



The Church of St Mary and St Eanswythe, with St Saviour Folkestone, exists to make Jesus Christ known in Folkestone Through its worship, it's fellowship and it's mission. It looks To encourage it's members, and the people of the community of which it is a part, to realise their full potential as children of God.

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RECIPES OF

HOPE AND HOSPITALITY

Thanks to Covid 19 and lockdown Jenny Coleman and I started to discuss recipes we were using and Jenny told me about a recipe book she had in her possession, written in 1995 supporting two churches in Wanstead, her Mother's Parish.

We decided that if others liked the idea we would go ahead and create our own recipe book and when questioned it seems they do! We are asking for recipes from our friends at church and elsewhere and we are hoping that along with the recipe people could add a few personal words.

One example arrived in my e-mail this morning and it was from a Folkestonian who has recently lost his wife. The recipe is Dawn's Almond Tart which Dave says she made quite frequently because it is his favourite.

Don't worry that we may end up with too many recipes, if we do we may end up doing a follow up version....

The intention is that the Friends of St Mary and St Eanswythe will fund the printing costs but the Recipe books will be on general sale with all funds going directly to the church. The more visitors we have because of St Eanswythe the more books we hope to sell.

The illustrations and wording may have to be improved upon, I am certainly no expert and you may notice that on the inside back cover I have put a copy of membership for the Friends.

We really don't mind what kind of recipe you would like to offer us as all welcome, having said that perhaps not the final recipe in the book, don't forget it was 1995!!

How to Preserve a Husband

Be careful in your selection.

Do not choose too young.

When selected, give your entire thoughts to preparing for domestic use.

Some wives insist on keeping them in a pickle; others constantly getting them in hot water. This may make them sour, hard and sometimes bitter.

Even poor varieties can be made sweet, tender and good by garnishing them with patience well-sweetened with love and seasoned with kisses.

Wrap them in a mantle of charity.

Keep warm with a steady fore of domestic devotion, and serve with peaches and cream.

If you do have a recipe in mind my e-mail is tpdkeel@aol.com.

Pam Keeling

Our Church is gradually re-opening - see page 8

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Patricia Edith Mary Heron

It is with great sadness the family of Pat (Chish) announce that she passed away on the 25th May 2020 at the William Harvey hospital. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Now reunited with George.

The Private family service was on Wednesday 17th June at Hawkinge Cemetery.

No flowers or donations at this time please. A service of memorium will take place at a later date.

This month's Commemoration **William Wilberforce, Social Reformer** **30 July**

William Wilberforce, born in 1759 in Hull, was a British politician, philanthropist, and a leader of the movement to abolish then slave trade. He began his political career in 1780, eventually becoming an independent Member of Parliament for Yorkshire, sitting from 1784 until 1812. In 1785, he became an evangelical Christian, which resulted in major changes to his lifestyle and a lifelong concern for reform. He was a supporter of missionary initiatives and helped found The Bible Society.

Settling in Clapham in London, he became a leader of the reforming group of Evangelicals known as the 'Clapham Sect'. Of all the causes for which he fought, he is remembered best for his crusade against slavery. After years of effort, the trade in slaves was made illegal in the British Empire in 1807 and Wilberforce lived to see the complete abolition of slavery, just before his death on this day in 1833.

Collect

God our deliverer,
who sent your Son Jesus Christ
to set your people free from the slavery of sin:
grant that, as your servant William Wilberforce
toiled against the sin of slavery,
so we may bring compassion to all
and work for the freedom of all the children of
God;
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.



William Wilberforce 1759-1833

Readings: OT - Job 31. 16-23: NT – Galatians 3.26-29 & 4.6-7: Gospel – Luke 4.16-21

Sunday Eucharist Gospels – July 2020

Sunday 5 July – 4th Sunday after Trinity; Matthew 11.16-19 & 25-30

‘Come to me all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest’

Only as we turn to God and are open to his liberating power can we find true freedom. Constraints that come from outside may be overcome, but the inner conflicts can be resolved only by grace.

Sunday 12 July – 5th Sunday after Trinity; Matthew 13.1-9 & 18-23

Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

The evidence of faith is shown not in words but in lives. It is as we respond or fail to respond to what God has given that we reveal or conceal his goodness and hasten or hinder his purpose.

Sunday 19 July – 6th Sunday after Trinity; Matthew 13.24-30 & 36-43

‘Let both of them grow together until the harvest.’

We live in the assurance of the ultimate triumph of God’s loving purpose. There is much sorrow and suffering in the world as well as much goodness. Our faith tells us that all is moving towards the final glory.

Sunday 26 July – 7th Sunday after Trinity; Matthew 13.31-33 & 44-52

Every scribe who has been trained for the Kingdom of Heaven is like the master of the household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.

Age, temperament, social life, peer pressure – all combine to thrust us into a corner when we make our response to the life of our time. Is what is new always an improvement and to be desired? Or what is old better and to be preserved?

This month’s Red Letter Days

Wednesday 22 July - St Mary Magdalene; John 20.1-2 & 11-18

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples ‘I have seen the Lord’.

Great love may bring great sorrow as well as happiness. In the power of the Resurrection, we know that Christ lives for ever and that in him all is made joyful.

Saturday 25 July – St James the Apostle; Matthew 20.20-28

He said to them, ‘You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father’.

The way of Christ leads to joy and also to sorrow, for to share his love is also to share his suffering. It is not for reward in this world or the next that we must follow him.

Praise for the mighty oat!

This summer, if you want to lose weight, lower your cholesterol, lower your blood pressure, get rid of some toxins, and then increase your brain power, libido, and even life expectancy, start eating oatmeal or muesli for breakfast.

It may not sound very exciting or dramatic – you could hardly imagine James Bond tucking into a bowl of porridge in one of the films, but it seems it works. The humble oat is packed full of healthy things for us. Certainly sales have soared this past year. Last winter the Quaker Oats factory in Fife had the biggest sales increase in its 110 year history - up by between 18 and 38 per cent.

So – how do you cook it? In 1929 Marian McNeill produced “The One and Only Method” for making proper porridge. She decreed that coarse oats should be added to boiling water “in a steady rain from the left hand, stirring it briskly the while with the right, sunwise.” In Scotland, purists decree that only salt and milk or cream should be added; the English don’t care, and add sugar.

Food for thought

We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing; others judge us by what we have done.
– *Longfellow*

The true test of civilization is, not the census, nor the size of cities, nor the crops – but the kind of man the country turns out. – *Emerson*

‘Plus ca change...?’

The Excommunication of Boys for Playing Ball in St Paul’s Cathedral, 1385

The Bishop of London

. . . Certain (boys), also, good for nothing in their insolence and idleness, instigated by evil minds and busying themselves rather in doing harm than good, throw and shoot stones, arrows and different kinds of missiles at the rooks, pigeons, and other birds nesting in the walls and porches of the church and perching there. Also they play ball inside and outside the church and engage in other destructive games there, breaking and greatly damaging the glass windows and the stone images of the church, which, having been made with the greatest skill, are a pleasure to the eyes of all beholders, adorning the fabric and adding to its refinement. This they do not without great offense to God and our church and to the prejudice and injury of us as well as to the grave peril of their souls.

from English Historical Documents, Vol IV, ed. Myers, A. R., 1970

Choir cassette recording - found!!

Back in January (which now seems like a very long time ago!) I made an appeal in this magazine to try to find a copy of a cassette recording made by the church choir in 1983. We only had the box, but the tape was missing. It seemed like something of a long shot after more than 30 years had elapsed, but still worth a try, not least as I know many of the members of the congregation have been loyal to the church for many decades.

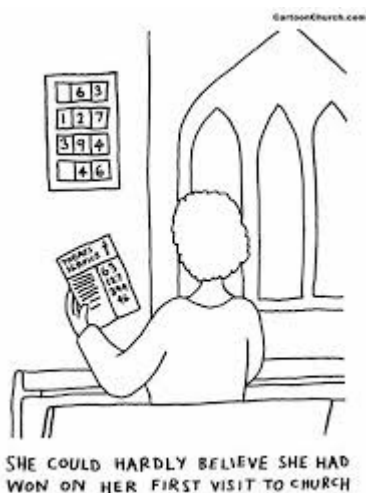
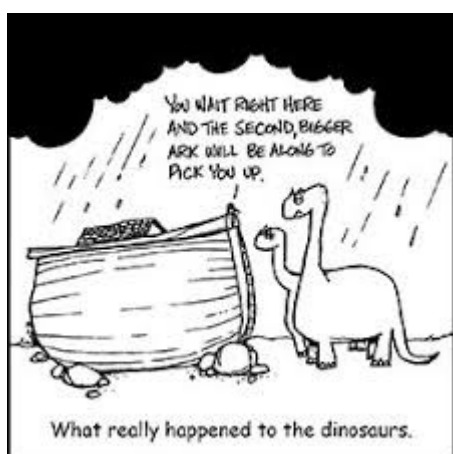
A few weeks later I was handed a small envelope containing a cassette! Indeed, we managed to track a total of two recordings down. I would like to express my grateful thanks to Alison Warnock who found the cassette in a drawer which matched the description and contents of the inlay box, and to Janice Brown for sharing an MP3 transfer. A digital transfer of the cassette has been made by myself as part of my work at Canterbury Cathedral Archives. This, and a copy of the second transfer, have been saved as a permanent part of the Parish collection housed in the Archives. It may be found under the reference CCA-U3-88/28/L/1.

A transfer has also been presented to the Archive of Recorded Church Music based in Great Malvern, Worcestershire. The Archivist, Colin Brownlee, is particularly keen to track down church choirs which were previously unrepresented in the archive. This recording is the first entry for this church in the Archive.

On the tape the choir sings a mixture of well-known seasonal favourites together with some attractive (although far less well-known) pieces such as 'On this day earth shall ring' by H C Stewart. Various members of the choir took part in some of the readings, so the tape is a valuable all-round snapshot of the choir at this time. The cassette was made by the Choir Parents' Association with the reference CPA01 – one wonders whether any others followed! We have an LP of the organ from the late 1970s too.

Once again, my warm thanks to the magazine and its readers.

Toby Huitson (Organist and Choirmaster)



BOOKWORM: BOOKS TO READ DURING LOCKDOWN

So Much Life Left Over – Louis De Bernières (2018)

An extremely good read. It's the second in what I now discover is a trilogy, although no 3 is not being published until November. The book features the same people that we met in *'The Dust That Falls From Dreams'* and covers the years 1925-1940.

It starts off in Ceylon where Daniel and his wife Rosie are living, (he's working at a tea plantation) but later it moves back to England and then to Germany. There is happiness and despair, love and loss, some laugh out loud humour as well as parts that will make you weep, and a very good story too.

There is no need to have read the previous book, but the characters are so wonderful I think you will want to.

I strongly recommend this book. It's worth reading for Mr McCosh's will and the letter from Willy and Fritzl, if nothing else.

The Confidential Agent – Graham Greene (1939)

This is one of the few Graham Greene books that I had never read. It's got a lovely cover (a black and white photo of a 1930s car) and if I was judging it by that it would get top marks. However, it was a strange and somewhat unconvincing book to read. There were lots of twists in the plot, which I would normally applaud, but here it just made the plot a bit confusing. The author's introduction notes that it was written in six weeks in 1938, in parallel with his writing of *The Power and The Glory* (a much better read). During this time Graham Greene says he found his energy from Bensedrine, which it would appear might not have been such a good idea.

This is a thriller of sorts, about an agent called D (we never learn his full name) who is trying to set up an export deal, but being thwarted in all directions. There are false arrests, misunderstandings, a gun, two girls, lots of shady characters, a death, police chases, and a new language called Entrenationo, which is clearly based on Esperanto and adds an element of humour to the book.

It's all a bit silly really, but I'm glad I've read it, and Greene did describe it as 'an entertainment'.

A Stranger in the House – Shari Lapena (2017)

I do like a good psychological thriller and this one is very good.

Karen wakes up in hospital following a serious car accident. She can remember nothing about it at all. Then a body is found, she is suspected of murder and the mystery deepens as her memory starts to return.

There are lots of twists in the plot and even when I thought I was ahead of the game another twist was there to hit me. The 'stranger in the house' element is reminiscent of *Gaslight* - is Karen imagining it, or is someone really moving things in the house when she's out? Well, I'll leave you to read this terrific book and find out for yourself.

Catriona Hunter

RE-OPENING ST MARY & ST EANSWYTHE FOLKESTONE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

St Mary & St Eanswythe Church are pleased to announce a limited opening for private individual prayer on 6 days a week from Saturday 20 June.

Opening hours will be:

12.30-1.30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

10.30-1.30 p.m. on Sunday.

We regret that we can't do more than this just yet, but hope to expand our opening times just as soon as we can.

Access within the building will be restricted to the Nave. Use of Hand Sanitizer and Social Distancing must be observed.

Update 28/6/2020

RE-OPENING ST MARY & ST EANSWYTHE FOLKESTONE FOR WORSHIP

We have decided to delay opening St Mary & St Eanswythe Folkestone for worship services until Sunday 6 September, as long as we are not experiencing a second wave of Covid-19 at that time. The main reason is the age and health profile of our congregation, which affects both the heightened risk of infection and also the availability of volunteers to help run services. Services of daily Morning Prayer and Sunday Eucharist will continue to be published online.

For those of you with a computer or smartphone Fr John has been providing the following:

- Daily Reflection - if you aren't getting this, email rev.dr.john.walker@gmail.com to be put on the mailing list
- Recorded Services on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/pg/sainteanswythe/videos/> you will get a facebook sign in panel but just click *not now* at the bottom of the panel.
- See also the church website <https://stmaryandsteanswythe.org/>

