

# RENDEZVOUS



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**St Mary and St Eanswythe**  
with  
**St Saviour**

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*Cover picture:..detail from the St Eanswythe window - 12th September is St Eanswythe's day*

# CALENDAR

September 2020

## Services and Events in September

Sun	6	<b>The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</b> <b>Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST
Thurs	10	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sat	12	<b>St Eanswythe</b> 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. Ride and Stride
Sun	13	<b>The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</b> <b>Patronal Festival</b> 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST
Mon	14	<b>Holy Cross Day</b>
Tues	15	Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr
Wed	16	Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts
Thurs	17	Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sat	19	2.00 a.m. Renewal of Wedding Vows of Malcolm and Susan Pilcher
Sun	20	<b>The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</b> 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST
Mon	21	<b>Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</b>
Thurs	24	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Fri	25	Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer
Sun	27	<b>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</b> 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST
Tues	29	<b>Michael and All Angels</b>
Thurs	1 Oct	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sun	4	<b>The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</b> 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST <b>Followed by our Annual Parish meeting</b>
Tues	6	William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr
Thurs	8	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

**Our church will be open for quiet prayer between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays. and Saturdays. Morning Prayer will be prayed at 8:00 a.m. on Sundays - Thursdays from September 6th.**

## Welcome Back!

When I decided to do a Lockdown version of Rendezvous for the April edition I didn't expect it to be the first of five such editions. Nor did I expect that we wouldn't have another service in Church until September 6th. Many thanks to Fr John for his daily thoughts and Sunday Eucharists, all on Youtube and our website and Facebook page (see inside cover for details). If any of you didn't get a copy of these, please ask Angela or myself. If you normally get a magazine from church but can't get there, let me know and we'll get one to you.



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## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place in church on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October directly after the Sunday Eucharist at 11:30 a.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.



## Priest's Letter

### From Father John

I'm so excited about opening our wonderful church up for worship again! While the online services have been creative and fun, not everyone has had access to them and there's really no substitute for worshipping together.

Our first act of worship will take place on **Sunday 6 September at 10.30am**. We'll be celebrating the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. But what will it be like? How can we keep each other safe while

meeting for worship?

Well, there are a number of steps we'll be taking, in line with Government and Church advice:

- Everyone must wear a face mask (except when speaking into a microphone)
- Social distancing guidance must be observed at all times
- Hand sanitiser must be used as you come in and before taking communion
- There'll be no collection – put your offering in the box as you come in
- Seating will be arranged to keep **at least** 1 metre distance between household groups
- Only the choir is permitted to sing
- New service sheets will be on your pews for you to take home and re-use
- Communion will be by wafer only, and I will wear mask and gloves to administer it
- Refreshments cannot yet be served

After 6 September the pattern of worship will be:

- Sunday: 10.30am Eucharist – Common Worship
- Thursday: 10am Eucharist – Book of Common Prayer
- Sunday – Thursday: 7am Silent Prayer; 8am Morning Prayer

However, I know that some of you will not be able to join us for worship yet because you're still shielding. And I'm also aware that many people who don't normally come to church appreciated watching our online services.

Creating online services takes an enormous amount of time, and I can't continue them as I return to normal patterns of ministry. But I'm in the process of having WiFi installed in the church so that we can LiveStream our services to Facebook and YouTube. It won't be installed by 6 September, but even then I hope to do LiveStream to our Facebook page using my phone. So if you can't join us in church for worship yet, check out our Facebook page and website for more information.

Our professional LiveStream capability, when it arrives, will also enable concerts to be LiveStreamed from our church, and I am enormously grateful to Grenville Hancox of **Bayle Music** and the **Friends of St Mary & St Eanswythe** who have agreed to cover the costs of the installation. These partner organisations of ours are vital for our flourishing as a church, and I would encourage everyone to support them as fully as possible.

September also sees the reinstatement of church meetings. We'll be arranging a PCC meeting in September and our Annual Parochial Church Meeting for October. More details will follow as soon as arrangements have been finalised. And, again, we will be considering carefully how to make our meetings as safe as we can.

And now, a plea: for two things.

First, many folk who used to take roles such as Welcomers, Sidespeople, Readers and Servers aren't yet able to return to those roles. If you would like to join our teams, please do get in touch.

Second, we're struggling financially because people have not been able to give as they've been used to. Please consider making a donation either in person on 6 September, or sending me envelopes or a cheque, or making a bank transfer. Our account details are:

Account Name: **Vicar and Churchwardens of the Parish Church of St Mary & St Eanswythe**

Sort Code: **52-41-42** Account No: **08627290**

We really do appreciate all the support you're able to give.

Finally, I do hope you are staying well in body, mind or spirit. If I can be any help to you, please do get in touch. I am now able to make pastoral visits so if you'd like me to visit and bring Communion or just to chat, please let me know.

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## **Pause for reflection**

*We would like to share with our readers some of the Daily Reflections which have been circulating since our church was closed for worship. We hope you might find some solace and inspiration in these words from so many different sources.*

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, he who formed you:  
Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by your name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.

*From Isaiah 43*

'The God we find is not a possession to be made use of for our own ends, for our own comfort, for the glory of our own church, but a support in the struggles, a promise in the searching and a presence to be celebrated while we are on our way.'

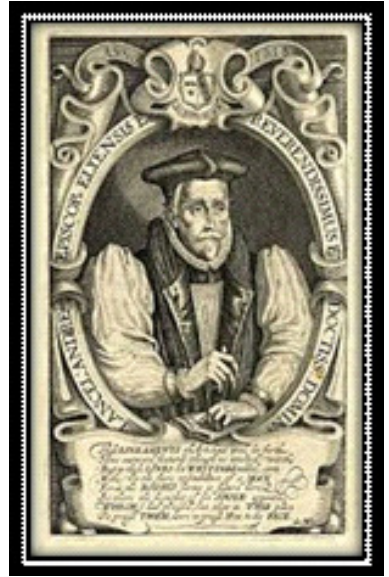
*David Jenkins, Bishop of Durham 1984-94*

## Commemoration of the Month

Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester

25 September

Born in 1555 in Barking, Lancelot Andrewes studied at Merchant Taylors' School and then Pembroke Hall, Cambridge. After ordination, he held several posts before accepting appointment as bishop, first of Chichester, then of Ely and finally of Winchester in 1619. Andrewes was present at the Hampton Court Conference in 1604, which furthered the reform of the Church of England, and he was also a translator of much of the Old Testament of what is known as the 'Authorised Version' or 'King James Version' of the Bible. His preaching and his writings proved highly influential and his holiness of life and gentle nature endeared him to all who met him. He died on this day in the year 1626 and his remains lie in a church which was then in his diocese of Winchester but now is the cathedral for the diocese of Southwark.



### Collect

Lord God,  
who gave to Lancelot Andrewes  
many gifts of your Holy Spirit,  
making him a man of prayer and a pastor of your people:  
perfect in us that which is lacking in your gifts,  
of faith, to increase it,  
of hope, to establish it,  
of love, to kindle it,  
that we may live in the light of your grace and glory;  
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 6.1-8; NT 1Peter 5.1-4; Gospel Matthew 13.44-46



## So, What Happened on the Roof at the beginning of the year?

As many of you will know, we have been plagued for years with a leak onto the pews under the western-most arch of the South Aisle (far side of the Nave).



As can be seen from the above picture, the Nave roof has three pitches with valley gutters in between. There are also high-level parapets at the west end of the Nave.

Despite getting a builder to look for and seal any leaks in the most inaccessible part of the roof, we never seemed to be able to cure the problem.

All Anglican churches have to be surveyed every five years to see what work needs doing - the Quinquennial Survey. This is a visual inspection from ground level and accessible roof areas, which did not cover the areas where we were experiencing water leaks (rear south side of Nave and above the brass at the Tower end of the Nave). So I asked the architect and a builder to come back with ladders to give the problem areas a full examination. From this, and the Quinquennial Survey, a specification was drawn up and put out to tender. This resulted in a price of nearly £40,000 plus architect's fees and VAT (which is reclaimable).

So then we needed funding for the works, so I set about filling in application forms.

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We were most fortunate to be supported by four charities. The Jill Franklin Trust gave us £500, All Churches Trust gave us £3,500 and The Roger de Haan Charitable Trust gave us £10,000. The Friends of Kent

Churches gave us a magnificent grant of £20,000, although part of this is to contribute towards the restoration of the murals once the walls are fully dried out as the team that came to see the church were dismayed at the condition of the paintings at the west end of the Nave. We are very grateful for all four charities supporting us.

By now, winter was approaching but I had only managed to raise half of the required funds. Not wanting to have another winter's worth of rain enter the church causing more damage, we decided to split the program of work into 2 phases, dealing with the roof first and leaving the re-pointing and rainwater goods maintenance for later.

The work would involve replacing both parapet linings, replacing the western end of the south valley liner (in all cases dealing with any rotten boarding under the liner as well as dealing with issues to the flashing on the North Transept, the north west Tower offset (cause of the water leaking over the brass panels) and dealing with persistent leaks to the lower third of the Verger's Vestry roof.

Work started in mid December but immediately hit a major snag. When they lifted the western half of the south valley liner, not only were there some rotten boarding under the liner but the ends of four rafters on the South Aisle roof were rotten, the two bearer plates that the rafters sit on plus the decorative infill between the plates

was rotten, the main cross beam was rotten where it was let into the wall and two of the three wooden supports for the beam also had rot. Time for a re-think!



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## **ACROSS**

- 1 Take your \_\_\_\_ and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt (Exod 7:19)  
6 his eyes are like the \_\_\_\_ of dawn (Job 41:18)  
10 Jezebel's husband (IKing 21:7)  
14 You prepare a \_\_\_\_ before me in the presence of my enemies (Ps 23:5)  
15 He travelled through that \_\_\_\_, speaking many words of (Acts 20:2)  
16 O my people, put on sackcloth and \_\_\_\_ in ashes (Jer 6:26)  
17 I will besiege \_\_\_\_; she will mourn and lament (Isa 29:2)  
18 the sixth angel poured out his \_\_\_\_ upon the great river (Rev 16:12) KJV  
19 beast of burden (Psm.32:9)  
20 The LORD is righteous, yet I \_\_\_\_ against his command (Lam 1:18)  
22 On the \_\_\_\_, as they went on their journey (Acts 10:9) KJV  
24 Show me the \_\_\_\_ used for paying the tax (Matt 22:19)  
25 But when you are invited, take the \_\_\_\_ place (Luke 14:10)  
26 they found the whole road \_\_\_\_ with the clothing (2 Kings 7:15)  
29 Zoan and their envoys have arrived in \_\_\_\_ (Isa 30:4)  
31 material taken from King Solomon's mines  
32 they \_\_\_\_ fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves (Gen 3:7)  
34 reconsider, for my integrity is at \_\_\_\_ (Job 6:29)  
37 that anointing is \_\_\_\_, not counterfeit (1 John 2:27)  
39 lies down, like a lioness who \_\_\_\_ to rouse him? (Gen 49:9)  
41 Rescue me from the mire, do not let me \_\_\_\_ (Ps 69:14)  
42 It is mine to avenge; I will \_\_\_\_\_. In due time (Deut 32:35)  
44 they will \_\_\_\_ the ruined cities that have been devastated (Isa 61:4)  
46 opposite to windward side (naut.)  
47 Long ago you broke off your yoke and tore off your \_\_\_\_ (Jer 2:20)  
49 for every trading ship and every stately \_\_\_\_ (Isa 2:16)  
51 the axles, rims, \_\_\_\_ and hubs were all of cast metal (1 Kings 7:33)  
53 made the hearts of the people \_\_\_\_ with fear (Josh 14:8)  
54 The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant \_\_\_\_ rejoice (Ps 97:1)  
55 the LORD \_\_\_\_ the language of the whole world (Gen 11:9)  
59 be in rest and at \_\_\_\_, and none shall make him afraid (Jer 46:27)  
60 I commanded thee, saying, \_\_\_\_ shalt not eat of it: (Gen 3:17) (KJV)  
62 Keep me as the \_\_\_\_ of your eye (Ps 17:8)  
63 But the word of the Lord endureth for \_\_\_\_ (1 Pet 1:25) KJV  
64 to settle down and \_\_\_\_ the bread they eat. (II Th 3:12)  
65 Prepare for war! \_\_\_\_ the warriors (Joel 3:9)  
66 Benjamin's \_\_\_\_ was five times so much as any of theirs (Gen 43:34) KJV  
67 for the tent a covering of ram skins \_\_\_\_ red (Ex 36:19)  
68 Surely I have acted like a fool and have \_\_\_\_ greatly (1 Sam 26:21)

## **DOWN**

- 1 we have seen his \_\_\_\_ in the east, and are come to worship him (Matt 2:2)  
2 the devil threw him down, and \_\_\_\_ him (Luke 9:42)

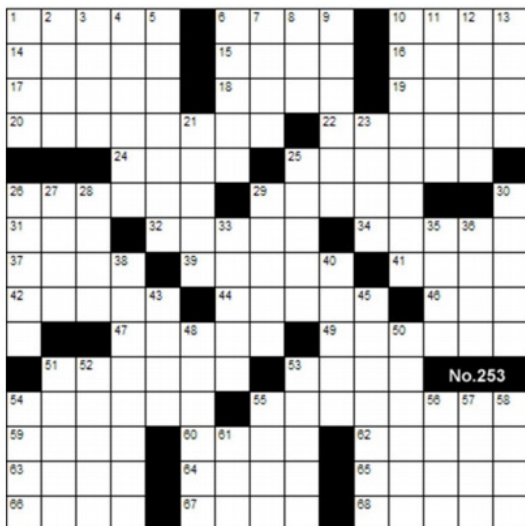
All references are from the New International Version unless otherwise stated.

- 3 First month in the Hebrew calendar (Exod 23:15)  
 4 I will place a wool \_\_\_\_ on the threshing floor (Judg 6:37)  
 5 let's go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised \_\_\_\_ (1 Sam 14:6)  
 6 he sent forth a \_\_\_\_, which went forth to and fro (Gen 8:7)  
 7 it goes through \_\_\_\_ places seeking rest (Luke 11:24)  
 8 positive reply (Luke 11:28) KJV  
 9 the father of Boaz (Ruth 4:21)  
 10 On both sides of the seat were \_\_\_\_ (1 Kings 10:19)  
 11 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve \_\_\_\_ of daylight? (John 11:9)  
 12 You are to \_\_\_\_ it as an inheritance for yourselves (Ezek 47:22)  
 13 the winds \_\_\_\_ and beat against that house (Matt 7:27)  
 21 He \_\_\_\_ its interior walls with cedar boards (Kings 6:15)  
 23 you must cancel any debt your brother \_\_\_\_ you (Deut 15:3)  
 25 He brought out Israel, \_\_\_\_ with silver and gold (Ps 105:37)  
 26 He was crying, and she felt \_\_\_\_ for him (Ex 2:6)  
 27 part of the garden of Eden (Gen 2:16)  
 28 gather, collect (Gal 6:9)  
 29 \_\_\_\_ the bridegroom Come out to meet him (Matt 25:6)  
 30 inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, \_\_\_\_, PAR SIN (Dan 5:25)  
 33 appointed the \_\_\_\_ of the priests and the Levites (Neh 13:30) KJV  
 35 What \_\_\_\_ you that you keep on arguing? (Job 16:3)  
 36 at the name of Jesus every \_\_\_\_ should bow, in heaven and on earth (Phil 2:10)  
 38 against those who defraud \_\_\_\_ of their wages (Mal 3:5)  
 40 He is able to open the scroll and its \_\_\_\_ seals (Rev 5:5)  
 43 For my \_\_\_\_ is easy, and my burden is light. (Matt 11:30)  
 45 and spoke up for the \_\_\_\_ of all the Jews (Est 10:3)  
 48 All the birds of the air \_\_\_\_ in its boughs (Ezek 31:6)

50 as from sleep, as a man  
 wakes from the \_\_\_\_ of wine  
 (Ps 78:65)

**Remaining clues on page 10**

**March's Solution**



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## Bible Wordsearch



The Trial of Jesus

Wordsearch 292

Matt.26:50-75

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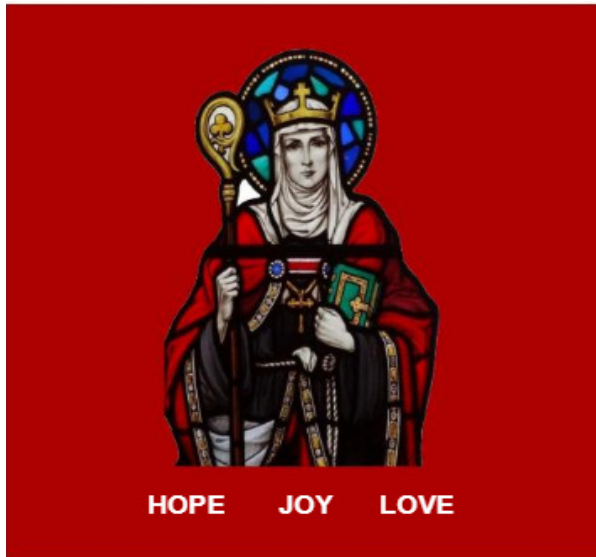
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PRIEST SERVANT  
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After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a  
Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

\_\_\_\_\_  
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- 51 take a sharp sword and use it as a barber's razor to \_\_\_\_ your head (Ezek 5:1)  
52 Jeremiah from Anathoth, who \_\_\_\_ as a prophet among you (Jer 29:27)  
53 Rabbah of the Ammonites; it will become a \_\_\_\_ of ruins (Jer 49:2)  
54 All a man's ways \_\_\_\_ right to him, but the LORD weighs the heart (Prov 21:2)  
55 Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of \_\_\_\_ (Jude 11) KJV  
56 let us consider how we may \_\_\_\_ one another on toward love (Heb 10:24)  
57 Or \_\_\_\_ let them come to me for refuge (Isa 27:5)  
58 He was a prophet, powerful in word and \_\_\_\_ before God (Luke 4:19)  
61 for the \_\_\_\_ is withered away, the grass faileth (Isaiah 15:6) KJV

## Church Christmas Cards



The Friends are absolutely delighted to announce that there are two designs of Christmas Cards that will soon be available. Both are in packs of 10 and cost £5. Please contact Pam Keeling (01303 244876) for details

The greeting inside these cards reads

May the peace and blessings of Christmas be yours  
and may the coming year  
be filled with happiness and good health

### St Mary and St Eanswythe, Folkestone

Painted by Roger Joyce

The greeting inside these cards reads

May the peace and blessings of Christmas be yours  
and may the coming year  
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## Roof Woes continued!

Because of the beam issue, we needed internal scaffolding for access and to support the beam plus a specialist company to deal with structural timberwork. Meanwhile, a temporary tarpaulin valley lining was installed. Then there was Christmas, and with the examination of the Relics taking place in a locked church (to comply with Faculty requirements) in the week after Epiphany, work did not restart until mid January. Unfortunately we had a very wet Christmas and January and the tarpaulin and collection of buckets had a hard, and not very successful, time of keeping the water out.

The first task was to deal with the cross beam and restore it to full strength. The beams can be seen with the light-coloured piece of wood resting on it. The left end is the rotten part where it enters the wall. All of the rotten wood was then carved away and carbon fibre rods inserted into the end of the beam as can be seen in the lower left picture. Shuttering was then fitted to the sides and base of the beam and architectural resin poured in. After 24 hours to harden, the beam was back to full strength.





The fully repaired beam can be seen in the bottom left picture on age 12. Then it was time to replace all of the other rotten timber before staining the new timber to match the old.



The picture to the left shows all of the new timber in place before staining and bottom left, after staining..

Once all the interior work was finished, the roofers could restart their work but.... We then had a leak at the eastern, Tower end of the south valley which soaked the crib.

We ended up with a complete relining of the south valley and, fortunately, no further rotten wood was found.

The lining to the two high-level parapets of the Nave were then lifted but there were no signs of water ingress to the northern parapet (above the Baptistry) or the eastern half of the southern parapet, so the linings were refitted. There was however some rotten wood

under the western end of the south parapet so this was replaced with new timber before replacing the liner.

The north-west Tower offset issue was caused by a very large plant, nourished by pigeon droppings and the fact the liner was sloping the wrong way and so could not drain. With vegetation removed and the correct fall on the offset, no more water has leaked in over the brass panels.

The North Transept flashings just required re-mortaring but the leaking Verger's Vestry roof leak required replacement of the affected roof material.

**WE ARE DRY!** But £5,500 over budget. Now for Phase 2.



## **Meet The New Joint Church Treasurers**

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 eighth of a series of articles to meet some of these unsung heroes and this month we meet the new church treasurers.

As you will be aware Sandra Bierman held this position for over 33 years but decided to step down from the role in June. We are all extremely grateful to her for all that she has done for our church during this time. Our new joint treasurers are Pam Keeling and Jenny Coleman, and we are grateful to them, too, for being willing to take up this demanding and important role.

### **Pam Keeling – Joint Treasurer**

When I started coming to St Mary and St Eanswythe's nine years ago I never envisaged becoming Treasurer of the Church. The role was so very capably managed, and I doubt that any of us thought that change was in the air, but there we go!

In 2014 my husband and I founded the Friends of the Church. Fund raising events followed, painting lamp posts and even clearing the paths in the churchyard! This along with church watch has certainly kept me busy.

However, having consented to tackling the role of Joint Treasurer and approved by the PCC, I received two very large boxes of things relating to the accounts. This was probably the point at which Jenny and I realised that it was more complex than we thought.

Last year's accounts were duly computerised and agreed with Sandra's figures. This means that Jenny, John and I would be able to see where we stand as we juggle the income and expenditure.

A little bit about myself, I was born in North Shields, Northumberland and raised a Presbyterian. I started my career with the Civil Service before moving to London to work for The Times. My next move was to set up an Employment Agency in London, this proved both very successful and a lot of fun. The agency was sold after I had married Dan, a Civil Engineer, and started a family moving to Qatar in the process.

Being an only child, I had little knowledge of raising children, so I had already started the process of becoming a Montessori Teacher. That stood me in good stead when we had our second child and moved to Saudi Arabia for five years where I was able to run a kindergarten group for the children.

Back in the UK and based in Newcastle upon Tyne I set up another Employment Agency which again proved successful. The sale of the business and move to Folkestone was due to Dan being headhunted to work on the Channel Tunnel.

We settled in Folkestone and I became the Manager for East Kent Relate, based in West Cliff Gardens.

## Jenny Coleman – Joint Treasurer

I met Pam Keeling about four years ago when she asked me if I would like to work on the Friends Committee. During that time we have worked on various projects – the two main ones being The Reverend Railton Exhibition to be held at the Folkestone Museum during November 2020 and the new recipe book “Recipes of Hope and Hospitality” which we have produced to raise funds for the Church.

When Pam asked me to work as Joint Treasurer with her, I was thrilled as I felt we could work very well together splitting our tasks to suit our talents.

I have been connected with the church through my role as a Governor of St Eanswythe's Church School for some time and started coming to the church on a regular basis about three years ago.

I retired from my role as Executive Assistant to the Finance Director of The Crown Estate in 2009 and left London to start my new life in Folkestone. I have worked on projects with the Creative Foundation and have been Chairman of the Friends of the Book Festival for several years. I am also on the Friends of Folkestone Museum Committee.

I have had a varied career – I started working in advertising many years ago in England and then moved to Australia where I lived for 18 years. I became a producer and then Account Director at well-known international agencies. I returned to live in England and worked again in advertising and PR before spending ten years in Covent Garden managing shared office space for creative industries. I then worked as Assistant to an American author, before being asked to go to New York to work as Office Manager in a brand management company. On my return to London I went to work at The Crown Estate.

I love living in Folkestone – I used to come here as a child. I walk along the sea most days and spend time gardening (a new hobby), reading, dressmaking, meeting up with friends and visiting museums and galleries everywhere. Hoping to travel again next year!

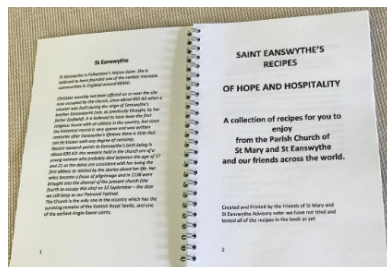
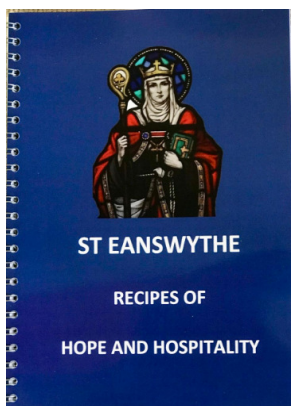
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## Recipes of Hope and Hospitality

The Recipe book is now available at £5 per book. I am taking some to the church tomorrow and they are also available from myself or Jenny .

We have already had some orders and people are buying as gifts etc.

Proceeds are going to straight the Fabric Fund.





## **BOOKWORM: I'VE BEEN READING A LOT OF JOHN WYNDHAM'S BOOKS**

We originally intended this book review to appear in the April edition of *Rendezvous* and I sent it to Andrew early in March. Then suddenly the pandemic really took off, we entered a full scale Lockdown and an article about post-apocalyptic fiction seemed all a bit too close for comfort! So we decided to hold this back until now.

The Day of the Triffids was my book group read for March and I decided to treat myself to several of John Wyndham's books as background reading. Here you have reviews of six of his most well-known titles. As you'll see, some of these I'd read before and others were completely new to me. However, what I found so interesting was that even though these books were written more than half a century ago, they remain very relevant to the present day; uncannily so in some cases.

### **The Day of the Triffids – John Wyndham (1951)**

This is one of my all-time favourite books and I've read it countless times. For some (weird) reason I've always enjoyed post-apocalyptic fiction, and this really is one of the best. I did feel rather haunted by this at the start of Lockdown, even though coronavirus doesn't get a mention in the book, and triffids are much scarier. I think. If you haven't read it, basically there is a fantastic shooting star display that leaves most of the population blind. Fortunately, our hero was in hospital following an eye operation and therefore missed the stars. Our heroine was sleeping off a hangover.

Civilisation crumbles quickly and the triffids move in to attack - they're like massive Venus Fly Traps and a good example of natural selection, as they adapt quickly to the changed environment and grasp the opportunities that there are for plants that can move in a world where hardly anyone can see them coming. And that's it really. The book was written 70 years ago, so there are some interesting views on male and female roles, and an expectation from much of the population that the Americans will be along soon to rescue them (as they had during the Second World War). Only they won't, as the whole world has been affected. The action takes place under the shadow of the Cold War - was this intentional, did something go wrong with a secret weapon? It's a really good read and if you've never read it, what a treat you have in store.

### **The Kraken Wakes – John Wyndham (1953)**

I last read this book over 40 years ago and had very little recollection of the plot. But it was possibly not the best choice of reading on a cruise as the storyline involves numerous ships disappearing without trace and sea monsters of a most unusual kind. It then moves into the sort of post-apocalyptic world that John Wyndham writes so well.

Although published in 1953 it contains many parallels with today's world and the climate change crisis, and I found it a most enjoyable read.

### **The Chrysalids – John Wyndham (1955)**

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This is a story about eugenics in a post-apocalyptic world. A high proportion of people, animals and crops have genetic mutations, but the religious extremists and the inspectors only allow the True Image and any deviations from this are either killed, sterilised, exiled to the Fringes or, in the case of crops, burnt.

The main characters have no visible mutations, but their hidden Deviation is that they communicate by telepathy over long distances. There are also some giant horses and a child with six toes on each foot.

I enjoyed this very much, although it took a bit of getting into and I didn't recognise any of the plot even though I know I'd read it many years ago.

### **The Midwich Cuckoos – John Wyndham (1957)**

This is another one that I'd read before, although all I could remember about it was that mysterious circumstances led to all the women of childbearing age in the village of Midwich becoming pregnant simultaneously. Note that this included (shock, horror) the unmarried women, but bear in mind that the book was published in 1957. I had completely forgotten about the children's golden eyes and how increasingly manipulative and dangerous they become.

I really enjoyed reading this book, which has stood the test of time well.

### **Trouble With Lichen – John Wyndham (1960)**

Would you like to live to be 200 or even older? Once you consider the implications it might not be the attractive option you would think.

In this fascinating book John Wyndham explores the pros and cons of eternal life after two scientists discover a lichen that is capable of delaying the aging process. One of the scientists uses the discovery in the beauty industry while the other focuses on lengthening the lives of close family members. The real trouble starts when the secret gets out.

I found this book a bit slow to get into but then it took off and I was completely gripped. There are several clever twists in the plot and I thoroughly enjoyed it, especially as I hadn't read it before.

### **Chocky – John Wyndham (1968)**

There is a sinister edge to this story, where it is evident to the reader (who can suspend belief) that Chocky, Matthew's imaginary friend, is in fact an extra-terrestrial being. For Matthew's parents and teachers, astonished by his newfound knowledge and skills, it is a very difficult time and as Chocky's influence increases, Matthew finds himself in all sorts of trouble and danger.

I won't say any more than that as you don't want too many plot spoilers if you decide to read it for yourself. It's certainly a jolly good read.

*Catriona*

## Ride and Stride Saturday 12th September 2020

I have been notified that hopefully this will be able to take place this year. The Plested family have nobly offered to visit as many churches in the area as possible to raise much needed funds, half of which will go to St Mary and St Eanswythe and the other half to support Kent churches generally,

Andrew and family do need sponsoring in their endeavour. Naturally it is difficult to collect cash as usual so please give your support in the form of a pledge either contacting Andrew direct or Marilyn Edey on 01303 223049 or [m.edey45@btinternet.com](mailto:m.edey45@btinternet.com)

You will be notified if circumstances change

Very many thanks

*Marilyn Edey*

**Please also note that the Friends of Kent Churches gave us a grant of £20,000 towards the roof works at the beginning of 2020 and towards the mural repairs at a later date so it would be good to show our appreciation.**

For the past three years Patricia has taken over from me to do the rounds. As she is due around the time of Ride and Stride, it would not be wise for her to be riding a bike around the town!

Sylvie will cycle around or whilst I attempt it with my mobility scooter and see how far the battery gets me (it's rated at 14 miles but that appears to be only if the roads are flat, and they aren't around Folkestone and Cheriton, I have twice tried to go to the town centre and back but it didn't get me all the way back up Canterbury Road) but I can always get picked up and put the mini Tesla in the boot!

Patricia is also threatening to walk - maybe a midwife should accompany her!

*Andrew*



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Spam not, lest ye be spammed! Though I surf through the  
valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no virus..."**



## As another Autumn gets underway....



It's September already, and the nights are fast drawing in. the year is speeding by – and soon retailers will begin their annoying Christmas countdown (“September 16 – only 100 shopping days left!”). This year, though, promises to be very different as the business world and indeed each of us come to terms with the widespread effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Many expect work to be very busy over the coming months. Some dread even returning to work. Others struggle to cope with on-going family problems, or with mounting debt. Let us remember them in our prayers and look out for ways of supporting them and the many families which face hunger and poverty at an unprecedented level. The Rainbow Centre is doing a terrific job in difficult circumstances in an effort to relieve the worst of the situation. Don't forget you can donate produce in church.

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Whatever lies ahead this autumn, here is what the Bible says about trusting in God:

“Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shall you dwell in the land, and you shall be fed. Delight yourself in the Lord, and he shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass.” *Psalm 37: 3 – 5*

"The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever puts his trust in the Lord shall be safe."

*Proverbs 29.25*

## Contemporary Witness - The Reformation in England

*From "A Visitation to the Monasteries of Buckinghamshire, Kent and Suffolk, 1535-8": John London, John Ap Rice, Richard Layton, Geoffrey Chamber, Roger Townsend*

‘My singular good lord, my duty remembered unto your lordship, this shall be to advertise the same that upon the defacing of the late monastery of Boxley, and plucking down the images of the same, I found in the image of the Rood called the Rood of Grace, the which heretofore hath been had in great veneration of the people, certain engines and old wire, with old rotten sticks in the back of the same, that did cause the eyes of the same to move and stare in the head thereof, like unto a living thing; and also the nether lip in like wise to move as though it should speak, which, so famed, was not a little strange to me and other that was present at the plucking down of the same, whereupon the abbot, hearing this bruit, did thither resort, whom to my little wit and cunning, with other of the old monks, I did examine of their knowledge of the premises; who do declare themselves to be ignorant of the same.

**Please it your goodness to understand that on Friday 22 October [1535] I rode back with speed to take an inventory of Folkestone (priory), and from thence went to Langdon.’**

So it was that the Deed of Surrender for Folkestone Priory was signed on 15 November 1535 and the link with Eanswythe’s 7<sup>th</sup> century foundation was finally broken. The few monks were given a pension and the buildings were granted to Edward, Lord Clinton in 1537 whose coat of arms can still be seen in our North Transept window.

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## September Sunday Eucharist Gospels

**Sunday 6 September – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity: Matthew 18. 15-20**

*‘Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’*

Christ is uniquely present in the soul of every believer, but he is not the property of any individual believer. His presence draws all Christians together to share the comfort and guidance he gives.

**Sunday 13 September – Patronal Festival**

**Sunday 20 September – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity: Matthew 20.1-16**

*‘Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give this last the same as I give to you’*

God’s ways are not our ways: that is a theme right through the Bible. He shows mercy when people shout for judgement, makes suffering a privilege and does not weigh his love by merit. His kingdom calls for radical change in our human values.

**Sunday 27 September – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity: Matthew 21.23-32**

*‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.’*

God works quietly, changing the lives of those who will hear his word. He is honoured by obedience and not by words of approval and acceptance that have no result.

### RED LETTER DAYS OF OBLIGATION

**Tuesday 8 September – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Luke 6.12-19**

*Joachim came in with the flocks and his wife Anna saw him coming. Running to him she hung on his neck saying ‘Now I know that the Lord has covered me with his blessings, for I was a widow and I am widowed no longer. I was childless and I am going to conceive in my womb’. From the apocryphal Gospel of James*

**Saturday 12 September – the Translation of St Eanswythe: Luke 12.32-37**

*Jesus said ‘Have no fear little flock; for your Father has chosen to give you the Kingdom.’*

**Monday 21 September – Matthew the Apostle: Matthew 9.9-13**

*As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at tax booth; and he said to him ‘Follow me’. And he got up and followed him.*

**Tuesday 29 September – Michael and All Angels: John 1.47-51**

*‘Very truly I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man’.*

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