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# Who's Who in the Parish

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# St Augustine's Centre

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# **CALENDAR**

# November 2020

# **Services and Events in November**

Sun	1	All Saints' Day
		8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
		10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST
Mon	2	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed [All Souls' Day]
		8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
		7.30 p.m. REQUIEM EUCHARIST
Tues	3	Richard Hooker, Priest, Anglican Apologist, Teacher
		8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Wed	4	8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Thurs	5	8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
		10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sun	8	The Third Sunday before Advent
		Remembrance Sunday
		8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
		10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST
Mon	9	8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Tues	10	Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher
		8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
		10.00 a.m. PCC Meeting
Wed	11	Martin, Bishop of Tours
		8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Thurs	12	8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
		10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sun	15	The Second Sunday before Advent
		8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
		10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST
Thurs	19	Hilda, Abbess of Whitby
		10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sun	22	Christ the King
		8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
		10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST
		3.00 p.m. Concert – Kentish Piano Trio
Mon	23	Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr
		8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Tues	24	8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Wed	25	8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Thurs	26	8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
		10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sun	29	The First Sunday of Advent
		8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
		10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST
		4.00 p.m. From Darkness to Light: An Advent Service
Mon	30	Andrew the Apostle
		8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Tues	1 Dec	8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Wed	2	8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Thurs	3	8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
		10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sun	6	The Second Sunday of Advent
		8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
		10.30 a m. THE FLICHARIST



# Our revised opening and service times are as follows:

- Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11 a.m. 1 p.m.
- Morning Prayer Sundays to Thursdays 8 a.m.
- Midweek Eucharist Thursdays 10.30 a.m. (BCP)
- Sunday Eucharist 10.30 a.m. (Common Worship)

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

# **Priest's Letter** From Father John



#### Dear friends

Autumn is really with us now and, with it, all the fruits of the field, garden and hedgerow. It was sad that we were not able to have a traditional Harvest Festival this year, but the Rainbow Centre is delighted with our donation of £330 to help with the Folkestone Food Bank.

Let us continue to be thankful for all we have, and not take any of it for granted – and continue to be generous to those in need around us in these dark times, as people suffer physically, financially, mentally and spirituality. Here is a poem to help us reflect...

#### A Harvest of Thanksgiving

And if I manage to be thankful one day for the thing I think will always be there but only treasure in the loss of it

And if, in this new-brimmed cup of seeing, I drink the draught deep and am granted the gift of the third eye, harvesting insight; inner sight

And if the harvest in sight grows, from new-born wonder, the grace of gratitude forming fresh fruit; juice-filled; generous

And if, as I long, I learn to linger each day amid the limpid pools of grace and see, all crissed and crossed, the shifting patterns of the gifts of God

And if I apprehend at last how high is my harvest, unseen 'til now; all indivisible, of fortitude, food and faithful friend of learning, love and breath of life of homing, hearth and ease of heart of praying, praise and presence of God in life or in death.

Then I may yet glimpse the true joy of it: that I walk not alone but in companionship, sharing the bread, getting and giving, of the one in whose presence is no place for fear; in life or in death

Fr John Walker

# Canon John Dilnot - an appreciation



Vicar of St Mary & St Eanswythe with St Augustine Folkestone 1987-1999

Canon John, as he preferred to be known, who has died in hospital in Merseyside on 11 October 2020 aged 84, will be remembered at St Mary & St Eanswythe's with much affection and admiration for his pastoral and priestly skills and his liturgical gifts.

To many parishioners, he was a selfless support in times of need and those of us who benefitted from his personal pastoral care and concern will be forever grateful.

Canon John came to this parish at a challenging time in its history, following a Consistory Court hearing, which had divided parishioners' loyalties and resulted in the departure of his predecessor, Canon Peter Cole.

His organisational skills and ability swiftly to see the way forward in the many challenges he faced both initially and throughout his ministry were of huge benefit to us all and carefully drew our community back together.

His ministry here saw many changes and improvements in the church and in the parish. Under his unerring leadership, in partnership with Colin Laxon, our then curate, he oversaw the transformation of St Augustine's church in Dover Road from a rather dank and dark church and hall into the St Augustine's Centre, embracing an ecumenical partnership with the East Kent Greek Orthodox community and a social outreach project with KCC funding under the leadership of a full-time co-ordinator.

Perhaps the project closest to his heart, was the complete re-building of St Eanswythe's School in the late 1990s in order to bring the almost unaltered 1901 building up to a standard that was worthy of children of the 21st century. The school closed for a complete academic year the children moving to the former Holywell School buildings in Park Farm Road under the headship of Mr Kevin Bailey. This

transformation involved Canon John in hours of meetings and correspondence accessing the necessary funding from the Church, Kent County Council and Department of Education and mastering the many legal processes.

To his vision and liturgical gifts, we owe the creation of the impressive space at the head of the nave where the altar is now placed for our Sunday Eucharist and the renewal of our patterns of worship on Sundays and our Patronal and other major festivals.

His insistence on proper order in both worship and the tidiness of the church and vestries was typical of his whole approach. On one memorable occasion, when confronted by the Choir Vestry in a more than usual state of untidiness, he swept all the music and choir books into a black sack, which he left on the piano!

He knew his own mind and while some people found it difficult to adjust to his approach to PCC and other meetings, there was never any doubt of his sincerity and conviction

Our prayers and condolences are with his children Lizzie and Giles and their families. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Rev Canon John William Dilnot 1936-2020

# **Royal Mail Stamps and First Day Covers**

Every Christmas, Royal Mail issues special seasonal stamps. This year they feature beautiful stained glass images of The Virgin and Child from churches across the country.

Benham VF, a Folkestone company produces First Day covers for all the new Royal Mail stamps. A First Day Cover is an envelope with a special design complementing the stamps which are cancelled by a hand-applied postmark on the day of issue – hence the name Fist Day Cover.

# A First for SS Mary & Eanswythe

This year we are delighted to be able to announce that all Benham's Christmas covers will feature our church of St Mary & St Eanswythe, the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our chancel and our Patron, Eanswythe.

However, we have commissioned two individual covers featuring St Eanswythe and a set of eight covers with pictures of our own beautiful stained glass. These designs **are unique to the church** and will not be available elsewhere, which makes them highly collectable – and an ideal present for anyone who has an interest in stamps and First Day Covers. There will be just 25 of each sort and when they are sold out there will be no more. So watch out for full details later in the month. Their price will be in the region of £15 - £20.

The full range of the 2020 Benham Christmas covers can be seen on the company's website at <a href="www.benhamphilatelic.com">www.benhamphilatelic.com</a> which will also give you an idea of the high standard of their products.

# **Meet The New Parochial Church Council Members**

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 ninth of a series of articles to meet some of these unsung heroes and this month we meet the new Parochial Church Council (PCC) Members who were elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 4 October.

Two PCC members were elected to serve for three years on the Deanery Synod: Vicky Friedrich and Clare Tomlinson. Six people were elected to serve on the PCC for three years: Jan Clarke, Jenny Coleman, Ian Gordon, Pam Keeling, Pat Skelton and David Wright. They join Tom Bertram, Marilyn Edey and Catriona Hunter who are part way through their three year terms as PCC members.

In brief, the PCC is the executive committee of the parish and consists of the clergy, churchwardens and representatives of the laity. It is legally responsible for the financial affairs of the parish, the care and maintenance of the church fabric and its contents, and for promoting the mission of the church.

We met the new joint Church Treasurers, **Jenny Coleman** and **Pam Keeling**, in the September issue of Rendezvous, but here are the others.

#### **Tom Bertram**

We discovered the church when we moved to Folkestone in 2006, and much enjoy worshipping here.

This is my second term on the PCC, and I see my role as supporting the church by being present to listen and contribute to the overall discussion.

Within the Church I am licensed to take Communion to any parishioner at home who is unable to get to church. I have led a number of home groups over the years and I am currently a member of the Church Welcoming Team. I also act as a volunteer chaplain to the Kent & Canterbury Hospital Trust, visiting the renal unit at the William Harvey; I have been doing this for 8 years.

Outside of the Church I now live in Hawkinge with Anne my wife, having moved from Clifton Crescent in December 2018. I retired in 2006 from my job in the office furniture industry. We have two sons one in London and one in Minneapolis, USA, and a granddaughter in London.

My hobbies are play-reading, gardening, music, classic cars with my eldest son in London.

#### Jan Clarke

I have lived in Folkestone since I was 3 years old. My first memory of attending our church was as a 5-6 year old and being constantly reprimanded by my Mum for fidgeting and fiddling with my long plaits. The Rev Hough was Vicar and I found him quite scary although now I'm sure he wasn't.

Mum and I attended church weekly as 2 of my brothers were in the choir (with Ian Gordon). Kenny, my youngest of brothers, was in the same class as Ian at St Eanswythe's School. My other 2 brothers also went, but I could not as at that time

St Eanswythe was a boys only school.

In 1969 Paul and I were married in our church on a lovely September day. The Rev Kingston was priest. We then moved to the East Cliff area, were we still live. I then went to St Peter's church.

I returned to our church in 2010 and was confirmed there in 2012.

In more recent years I have been involved in the Finding Eanswythe Research group, which came to such an exciting conclusion at the beginning of this year. I was also a member of the 'Dig' team for the St Eanswythe watercourse project.

I am a committee member and Trustee for the Friends of St Mary and St Eanswythe and have been involved in several of their fund raising projects. I am also a member of the weekly Church Welcoming Group.

I am now very proud to have been elected to be a member of the PCC, especially now, as Fr John leads us into a new chapter in the continuing story of St Eanswythe and once again brings her vision of ministry to our community.

In 2012 I retired from working in the NHS and now enjoy gardening, reading, Tai Chi and lots of walks with Paul and our lovely dog, Benji

#### Marilyn Edey

I did write about myself in the January edition of Rendezvous and am now very pleased to be able to continue being a member of the PCC now that the Church is once again open.

Following the meeting on 4th October I was appointed the Parish safeguarding officer. I do attend the Sunday Church services on a regular basis and enjoy talking to members of the congregation, especially newcomers, and I feel this will help me in my role together with my nursing background.

I am now also a member of the Church Welcoming team and have been invited on to the Friends' Committee.

Unfortunately owing to Lockdown some of my other interests are on hold but it is a joy to be back volunteering in the Cathedral.

I look forward to working with Father John and my fellow PCC members. Exciting times ahead!

# Vicky Friedrich

Hello, I'm Vicky and I have attended this church since 2014. I was conscripted into the choir at the end of the first service I attended at this church. In previous parishes I have not only been a chorister but have served as Verger, Church Warden and Secretary to the PCC. This will be my first experience of the Deanery Synod. I'm an independent scholar of mainly medieval history, but my research often strays across the centuries. I'm also a KCC Registrar and a Freelance Heritage Educator and Living Historian. My hobbies include crochet, card making and bobbin lace. I have a lovely husband, Steve, and an insane dog called Zeus, who enjoys walking us at least once a day.

# ACROSS 1 Peter followed him off unto the high priest's palace (Matt 26:58) 5 Like tooth or a lame (1,3) (Prov 25:19) 9 So the Israelites put away their and Ashtoreths (1 Sam 7:4) 14 lest he \_\_\_\_ thee to the judge (Luke 12:58) KJV 15 Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of (Jude 11) KJV 16 May the LORD be \_\_\_\_ and faithful witness (1,4) (Jer 42:5) 17 What you keep on arguing? (Job 16:3) 18 it came between the of the Egyptians (Exodus 14:20) the dust off your feet when you leave (Matt 10:14) 20 Whoever loves God must also love his \_\_\_\_ (1 John 4:21) 22 I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm \_\_\_\_ to beg (Luke 16:3) 24 like locusts they the land and then fly away (Nah 3:16) 25 the sons of Rephaiah, of \_\_\_\_, of Obadiah and of Shecaniah (1 Chron 3:21) 27 A man finds joy in giving an \_\_\_ reply (Prov 15:23) 28 each man under his \_\_\_\_ with the banners of his family (Num 2:2) 32 during the time of King Herod, from the east came (Matt 2:1) 35 let us consider how we may \_\_\_ one another on toward love (Heb 10:24) 36 together with the two posts, and tore them loose, and all (Judg 16:3) 37 for a possession of a buryingplace vou (Gen 23:9) KJV 39 settled them in the towns of Samaria to the Israelites (2 Kings 17:24) 41 stored up huge quantities of grain, like the sand of the (Gen 41:49) 42 speechless (Isa 35:6) 44 he has appeared once for all at the end of the (Heb 9:26) 45 wild goat, the ibex, the \_\_\_ and the mountain sheep (Deut 14:5) 48 and those that robbed them, saith the Lord GOD. (Ezek 39:10) 50 in letters of Greek, and \_\_\_\_\_, and Hebrew (Luke 23:38) was the father of Methuselah (Gen 5:21) 54 one of the Pharisees Jesus to have dinner with him (Luke 7:36) 57 the pot is to be and rinsed with water (Lev 6:28) is hidden for him on the ground (Job 18:10) 60 The man who was healed had no \_\_\_\_ who it was (John 5:13) 62 ill-bred, uncivil (1 Cor 13:5) 63 They make many promises, take false and make (Hos 10:4) 64 From morning \_\_\_ evening he explained and declared to them (Acts 28:23) 65 The fathers eat sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on \_\_\_\_ (Ezek 18:2) 66 his enemy came and sowed weeds among the \_\_\_\_ (Matt 13:25) KJV 67 shout (Jer 51:38) (KJV) 68 I was given a like ameasuring rod (Rev 11:1) **DOWN** 1 Jezebel's husband (IKing 21:7) 2 with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded in thy . (Ezek 27:12) KJV

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

3 You are to it as an inheritance for yourselves (Ezek 47:22)											
4 They greatly love to wander; they do not their feet (Jer 14:10)											
5 instruction, and in the end you will be wise (Prov 19:20)											
6 The out of the wood doth waste it, (Ps 80:13) KJV											
7 by his right hand, and by the of his strength (Isaiah 62:8)											
8 to be offered, and the time f my is at hand (2 Tim 4:6)											
9 Amorites and the kingdom of Og king of (Num 32:33)											
10 for the day of the LORD is coming It is close (2,4) (Joel 2:1)											
11 Bring me a heifer, a goat and (1,3) (Gen 15:9)											
12 Author of one of the Gospels (Col 4:14)											
13 Some people are like along the path (Mark 4:15)											
21 he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his (Gen 32:31)											
23 The is laid for him in the ground, and a trap (Job 18:10)											
25 the sucking child shall play on the hole of the (Isa 11:8) KJV											
26 and son of Jether, commander of Judah's army (IKing 2:32)											
29 earneth wages to put it into with holes (1,3) (Hag 1:6) KJV											
30 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the (2 Tim 4:7)											
31 I also want women to modestly, with decency (1 Tim 2:9)											
33 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all (Rev 22:21)											
34 The sun turned black like sackcloth made of hair (Rev 6:12)											
35 and to understand the of wickedness (Eccl 7:25)											
38 the men that held Jesus mocked him, and him (Luke 22:63) KJV											
40 for the is worthy of his hire (Luke 10:7) KJV											
43 the kingdom of heaven will be like virgins who took their lamps (Matt 25:1)											
46 successor of Elijah (2 Kings 2:9)											
47 talking about and listening to the ideas (Acts 17:21)											
48 I want you to the words spoken in the past by the holy (2 Peter 3:2)											
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52 tasteless, unrefined
53 Have you not put a around him and his household (Job 1:10)
54 Have become your enemy by telling you the truth? (1,3) (Gal 4:16)
55 and begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Gen 5:32)
56 I cast my against them (Acts 26:10)
57 Go, everything you have and give to the poor (Mark 10:21)
58 He was a prophet, powerful in word and before God (Luke 4:19)
61 If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we to the Lord (Rom 14:8)

# **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

be filled with happiness and good health



# **Rev. David Railton Exhibition**



100 years ago, on the 11th November 1920, an Unknown Warrior was laid to rest at Westminster Abbey. This was to be the legacy of a remarkable man, Reverend David Railton, curate at the Parish Church of St Mary and St Eanswythe in Folkestone.

We are delighted to announce that the Friends of St Mary's and St Eanswythe's exhibition 'Reverend David Railton M.C.' has now opened at the Folkestone Museum and reflects on his experiences of the First World War which lead to his idea for the Grave of the Unknown Warrior.

The iconic image of the Tomb has been recreated, with the kind permission of

Westminster Abbey, and is on display along with a recording of some of Reverend Railton's private letters, courtesy of his family and a film on loan from the Imperial War Museum which covers the journey of the coffin.

Born in London in 1884, David Railton was the eldest of three children. He attended The King's School, then Macclesfield Grammar School, before moving on to Keble College, Oxford in 1904. Four years later he was ordained and it was whilst he was a priest in Folkestone, where he lived with his wife Ruby, that the First World War broke out and he volunteered to serve as an Army Chaplain.

In 1916 Reverend Railton was awarded the Military Cross for rescuing an Officer and two soldiers under heavy fire. It was also in 1916 that he returned from the front line to his billet at Erquinghem – Lys, France and in the back garden he came across a grave marked by a small wooden cross, the cross was inscribed to 'An Unknown British Soldier'. Railton reflected upon this and in 1920 Railton wrote to the Dean of Westminster, Bishop Herbert Ryle, to present his idea of a funeral and burial of one unknown soldier that represented all those who have lost their lives. The Dean supported the idea and was, at first reluctantly, supported by King George V and the Government.

In November of the same year, the body of an unidentified British serviceman was selected by Brigadier General Wyatt and sent to Britain in a coffin made from oak from Hampton Court and affixed with a sixteenth-century sword from King George V's private collection.

On the 11th day of the 11th month in 1920, the procession accompanying the coffin of the Unknown Warrior made its way to Westminster Abbey accompanied by an honour guard of 100 holders of the Victoria Cross. Within a week of the burial, over 1 million people had visited the grave in Westminster Abbey to pay their respects.

RENEATH THIS STONE RESTS THE BODY OF A BRITISH WARRIOR UNKNOWN BY NAME OR RANK BROUGHT FROM FRANCE TO LIE AMONG THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS OF THE LAND AND BURIED HERE ON ARMISTICE DAY 11 Nov: 1920, in the presence of HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V HIS MINISTERS OF STATE THE CHIEFS OF HIS FORCES AND A VAST CONCOURSE OF THE NATION THUS ARE COMMEMORATED THE MANY MULTITUDES WHO DURING THE GREAT WAR OF 1914 - 1918 GAVE THE MOST THAT MAN CAN GIVE LIFE ITSELE For Gon

FOR KING AND COUNTRY
FOR LOVED ONES HOME AND EMPIRE
FOR THE SACRED CAUSE OF JUSTICE AND
THE FREEDOM OF THE WORLD

THEY BURIED HIM AMONG THE KINGS BECAUSE HE
HAD DONE GOOD TOWARD GOD AND TOWARD
HIS HOUSE



Replica Coffin of the Unknown Warrior; interior of the Cavell Van, Bodiam

Poignantly, many other countries have since created a tomb for an unknown soldier, amongst them France, Belgium, Germany, Italy and the USA. In a fitting tribute to the man who had the idea for this moving homage to the Fallen, the coffin was covered by 'the Padre's Flag', the

Union Jack that Reverend David Railton had used as an altar cloth during the war. This flag was donated to Westminster Abbey a year later and hangs to this day in the Abbey's St George's Chapel, near to the Unknown Warrior's final resting place.

The Folkestone Museum is running reduced opening hours, the current opening hours are Thursday – Saturday 10.00 – 16.00 (last entry 15.00)

Pam Keeling

## **Music Notes**

## Bayle Music in association with The Canterbury Music Club

The November concert takes place in the church at 3 p.m. on Sunday 22 November – appropriately enough St Cecilia's Day, the Patron Saint of Music.

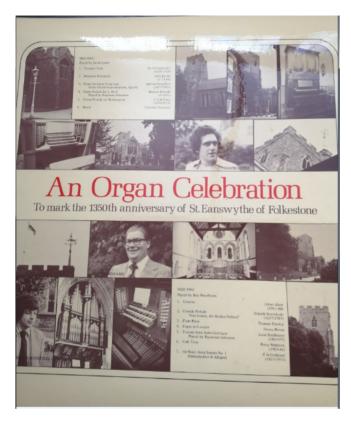
It will be given by the Kentish Piano Trio; **Kathy Shave** · violin; **Julia Vohralik** · cello and **Helen Crayford** · piano, in a programme of music by Beethoven (in this his 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary year) and Schubert: Beethoven · Piano Trio in C minor, Op. 1, No. 1; Schubert · Notturno, Op. Post. 148 and Beethoven · Piano Trio in D major, Op. 70 ('The Ghost').



A limited number of seats is available in church which MUST BE BOOKED BY MIDDAY ON SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER. You can also watch the concert live on the Canterbury Music Cub Facebook page. Whichever you choose, the cost is £10 per person. If you choose to watch online, you need to pay in advance and the online information will be sent to you on the Sunday morning. Cheques in advance for attendance at church or for watching live online for £10 per person, payable to 'Bayle Music' can be left in the Donations Box in church any Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in an envelope clearly marked 'Bayle Music' or posted to Ian Gordon, 16 Bayle Court, The Parade, Folkestone CT20 1SN. church as directed.

If you have any queries, please contact Ian by telephone 01303 257 248 or by email at <a href="mailto:bayleman@gmail.com">bayleman@gmail.com</a>. HELP US TO HELP LIVE MUSIC LIVE!

# LPs For Sale!



Back in the dim distant days of 1980, three organists (David Leeke our then organist, Roy Woodhams from Margate and Ray Johnson, David's assistant) recorded an LP using the three organs in the parish, The 1894 Hill Organ, the short-lived Copeman Hart electronic organ and the chamber organ at St Augustines.

This was to mark the celebration of 1350 years of St Eanswythe.

When Fr John moved into the Vicarage, a large number of these LPs were found.

They are now on sale at the back of the church for £5. A CD version

will be available later.

What would you like your legacy to be? Leaving money to the church in your will is a wonderful way to ensure that our church will be here for future generations. There are also some benefits for your inheritance tax bill, too. So, if you're thinking of adding a charitable bequest in your will, here's what you need to know.

Big or small, your donation could be of huge help in keeping our beautiful church cared for in the future.

As you may already know, like money you leave to your spouse, gifts to charities arent taxed. And if you leave at least 10% of your estate to a charitable cause, your inheritance tax rate drops from 40% to 36%. This means that for every £100 you leave to charity; it only really costs your family £24.

Please give this some thought

# **Canon John Dilnot**

A constant in my life since I stepped into St Mary's and St Eanswythe's, Canon John brought strength and friendship to my family for over thirty years. Starting as a (very) fresh-faced chorister at six, I witnessed Canon John's ministry and spirituality at choir practice, at services, and in daily life for many years. I will always remember him through my child-eyes, my head tipped back all the way to the friendly face at the top of a towering set of robes.

Canon John was keen to empower all in his reach, encouraging us to do our best in every aspect of our lives, whether that was academic pursuits or personal relationships; support still received long after his retirement. I have a box where I keep all the letters, postcards and notes I've been sent over the years. The box is often found when I am hunting for something else, but when rediscovered, I indulge myself by going through it slowly, re-igniting memories temporarily lost. The number of times Canon John's signature black italic script features in this collection rivals that of my grandparents'; cards, letters and notes congratulating an achievement, commemorating an anniversary, or simply because something reminded him of me. One letter remembers a time I bumped into him on a double-decker bus in the middle of London – turning a normally dull journey into a wonderful surprise for us both.

Canon John's constant presence in my family's life is surely not unique – each time Canon John saw one of us, we would be updated on the wonderful news from families that we knew from our time together at St Mary's and St Eanswythe's. Only with the growth into adulthood have I recognised the privilege of having Canon John's presence in my life from an early age. He saw my family through many ups and downs, giving us peace when we thought there was none, and magnifying our joy on many occasions. The time and thought Canon John invested in us and the dedication he had to hundreds of families is a humbling notion I will carry for the rest of my life.

Dr Fiona Larner, Former Head Chorister

# **How We Were**

Firstly, Rendezvous Street, showing the Baptist Church, Lewis & Hyland and Plummer Roddis at the end.



The Royal Victoria Hospital as built, and soon to be as flats after the East Wing wards were demolished.



# We're Going Contactless

You could be forgiven for thinking that in the midst of this pandemic we have already gone contactless, but what we're talking about here is contactless donations and payments.

Fewer people are carrying cash these days and most of us are using our debit and credit cards more and more, especially since the start of the pandemic. This means that visitors, tourists and parishioners who would like to make donations to the church, including the collection, or pay for our fund-raising merchandise (Christmas cards, notelets, recipe books etc) may have difficulty in doing so and even be deterred from making donations or purchases because they don't have any cash with them. Fewer people use cheques these days, so offering the ability to pay wedding and other fees would also be an advantage.



As we move towards becoming a place of pilgrimage and attracting increased visitor numbers it is vital that we enable donations and sales to be made by both credit/debit cards and cash. Many smaller churches are now using these systems to boost their income, not just cathedrals.

A trial across the Church of England in 2017-18 found that church income increased because donations were being received that people would not have made with cash; that card machines were useful for events where people don't always carry cash; and one church reported that on Christmas eve, half the collection was by card payments.

With all this in mind, and following extensive research, we are in the process of purchasing a Donation Station, which we expect to be installed during November. This will be roughly the same height as our cash donation box near the main door and it will stand alongside it. It has a screen about the size of an iPad and will take contactless as well as chip and PIN payments. The screen will be configured to our

requirements and users will have the option of adding Gift Aid to any donations, which as you know increases the amount that the church receives by 25%.

We also have plans to introduce the use of QR codes to enable contactless payments via mobile phone.



We see this as a very exciting development that has the potential to increase our income substantially, and to make life easier for both visitors and regular church attenders. The Treasurers will be happy too as there will be less cash to handle and less money being left on the premises. But don't worry, if you still prefer to use cash that's fine. You will just have a choice now.

The photos show a similar Donation Station in use by the RNLI.

#### Ian Gordon

I grew up in Folkestone and attended St Eanswythe's Primary and the Harvey Grammar Schools. I sang as a treble in the choir here from 1953 to 1963 under the legendary Reg Adams. I returned to Folkestone in 1978 working in two schools as head teacher and later as a copywriter and researcher for a local company producing dealing in a variety of collectables.

Nowadays my chief role for the parish is developing links with the local community, which involves an annual series of concerts including the Sacconi Festival, guided tours (by request); recordings and various exhibitions.

#### Catriona Hunter

Chris and I moved to Folkestone in 2011 and still consider this to be one of the best decisions we ever made. We consider ourselves particularly fortunate to live so close to the church where we were made to feel so welcome and have both sung in the choir for many years. Our 'children' are three large black and white cats: Freddie, Joey and Herbie. I have been retired for the past five years but was previously a career civil servant working initially as a medical librarian and latterly as a pay specialist. My hobbies include reading, learning languages (I've given up the Russian and gone back to Spanish), singing and baking cakes. I'm also a governor at St Eanswythe's school.

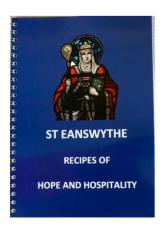
I have been on the PCC for several years and enjoy the closer involvement with the church and being able to contribute to some of the decisions made.

# **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.





#### Pat Skelsted

I have been a PCC member for a number of years and have sung in the church choir for most of my life.

I joined the choir when I was 5, just after Andrew Larner, the then choir master, led an activity day for children to try and get children into the choir. At that stage, the choir only had children, no Tenor/Bass, but assisted by Joyce Barber and a young Australian mum but the family moved back down under. I went on a couple of Rod's Harwich workshops (and fell in love with Dyson in D, mainly because the treble part is stratospheric!), along with others who had joined the choir at a similar time, before getting my Bishop's Award. .....and the next 26 years are history.

#### Clare Tomlinson

John and I came to rest in Folkestone in 2015; this is our 14th address since our marriage in 1976 so you can imagine we're glad to feel at home here! John retired from his role as Team Rector in 10 villages in Wiltshire and, at the same time, I retired from a career in teaching. I taught in primary schools – my favourite activities with every age group were singing and telling or reading stories but I did make time to teach Science, Maths, English, RE, PE, Art etc. as well!

We have been blessed with a great family - three amazing sons, two lovely daughters-in-law and one lovely girlfriend. They are all such good company and excellent cooks. In August our youngest son and his wife had their first baby -- Charlie James – he is just the best!

Although lockdown has curtailed my outdoor activities somewhat, I am still able enjoy my interests of reading, yoga, singing and birdwatching (and walking when I can).

Church has been part of my life since childhood and I have enjoyed being involved in many different aspects of Church life, including PCCs and Deanery Synods. I'm very happy to be able to serve you all in my new role as a Deanery Synod and PCC member at this exciting time in the life of St Mary and St Eanswythe Church.

# **David Wright**

I was born in Leeds, Yorkshire and left to join the Army in 1963. I served in Plymouth, Singapore, Malaysia (where Diane and I were married), Australia, Germany, Northern Ireland, North and Central America, South Atlantic and finally Folkestone which we made our home some 42 years ago. When I left to join the great unwashed in Civvy Street, I worked in SSAFA administrating health and social service staff to the Armed Forces throughout the world and was lucky to be able to visit exotic places like Hong Kong and Aldershot. I then moved to the Royal Air Force Association as the War Pensions Manager and Welfare Trainer. I also chaired a committee which audited the MoD welfare services. I was Church Warden at St Saviour's Church and also a past member of St Mary and St Eanswythe's Church. I can be frustrated by perceived unnecessary obstruction to progress and my favourite mantra? "Rules are for the guidance of wise men and the strict obedience of fools!"



## The Unknown Warrior

On November 7th, 1920, in strictest secrecy, four unidentified British bodies were exhumed from temporary battlefield cemeteries at Ypres, Arras, the Asine and the Somme. None of the soldiers who did the digging were told why. The bodies were taken by field ambulance to GHQ at St-Pol-Sur-Ter Noise. Once there, the bodies were draped with the union flag. Sentries were posted and Brigadier-General Wyatt and a Colonel Gell selected one body at random. The other three were reburied.

A French Honour Guard was selected and stood by the coffin overnight of the chosen soldier overnight.

On the morning of the 8th November, a specially designed coffin made of oak from the grounds of

Hampton Court arrived and the Unknown Warrior was placed inside. On top was placed a crusaders sword and a shield on which was inscribed: "A British Warrior who fell in the GREAT WAR 1914-1918 for King and Country". The coffin was moved to Boulogne-Sur-Mer Castle where it stayed overnight.

On the 9th of November, the Unknown Warrior was taken by horse-drawn carriage through Guards of Honour and the sound of tolling bells and bugle calls to the quayside. There, he was saluted by Marechal Foche and loaded onto HMS Vernon bound for Dover. The coffin stood on the deck covered in wreaths, surrounded by the French Honour Guard.

Upon arrival at Dover, the Unknown Warrior was met with a nineteen gun salute something that was normally only reserved for Field Marshals. A special train had been arranged and he was then conveyed to Victoria Station, London.

He remained there overnight, and, on the morning of the 11th of November, he was finally taken to Westminster Abbey.

The idea of the unknown warrior was thought of by Rev David Railton who had served on the front line during the Great War the union flag he had used as an altar cloth whilst at the front, was the one that had been draped over the coffin.

It was his intention that all of the relatives of the 517,773 combatants whose bodies had not been identified could believe that the Unknown Warrior could very well be their lost husband, father, brother or son...

THIS is the reason we wear poppies.

We do not glorify war. We remember - with humility - the great and the ultimate sacrifices that were made, not just in this war, but in every war and conflict where our service personnel have fought - to ensure the liberty and freedoms that we now take for granted.

Every year, on the 11th of November, we remember the Unknown Warrior.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.

David Wright

# **BOOKWORM:**

## WHAT I'VE BEEN READING

# The Ice-Cream War – William Boyd (1982)

It's a great title for a book, isn't it? The Ice-Cream War. So called because it is far too hot in East Africa for sustained fighting and the army risks melting like ice cream in the sun. Though, as we learn, in the rainy season all fighting stops because it's too wet to fight.

The book is set during World War 1 in British and German East Africa (now Tanzania, Burundi and Rwanda). It's about the far-reaching effects of the war at home in England as well as for the civilians in East Africa, and it's about the British and German armies. The war is at the same time farcical and tragic, brutal and sad. This is a story about guilt, kindness, revenge, and obsession with a decorticator. It's an excellent book, which I really enjoyed reading. One of William Boyd's earlier works.

# Captain Corelli's Mandolin - Louis de Bernières (1994)

A recent sort out of our bookcases brought this one to light, which I've been meaning to read for the last 20 years, ever since I saw the film.

Set on the Greek Island of Cephalonia during and after World War 2 it is a beautiful love story between Pelagia, the doctor's daughter and Captain Corelli, an enemy Italian soldier. It is funny and sad, happy and desperately tragic, and very readable. One of those books that I became totally immersed in and just wanted it to go on for ever.

I like the way that Louis de Bernières so the reader to lots of different characters and storylines so that you von earth it is all going to piece together. And then it does. Brilliantly.

This book just got better and better, and is far superior to the film. I couldn't remember very much of the plot, so there were plenty of shocks and surprises for me.

## The Outrun – Amy Liptrot (2016)

I bought this book because it's about life on the Orkney Islands, but it turned out to be about so much more.

It's an inspirational account of the author's life growing up on a farm in Orkney and then leaving the islands for an alcohol and drug-fuelled life in the bright lights of London. After 12 years in London she goes through rehab and the majority of the book is about her return to Orkney and her successful struggle to remain sober. It is not always a comfortable read but it seems realistic to me and I loved the detail about life on Orkney. I think the Independent On Sunday was right in describing this book as "remarkable". It was a very good read indeed and gave me a far deeper insight into both alcoholism and island life.

Catriona Hunter

# **Commemoration of the Month**

Martin, Bishop of Tours 11 November

Born in about the year 316 in Pannonia (in modern-day Hungary), Martin was a soldier in the Roman army and a Christian. He found the two rôles conflicted and, under the influence of Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, he founded a monastery in Hilary's diocese in the year 360, the first such foundation in Gaul. The religious house was a centre for missionary work in the local countryside, setting a new example where, previously, all



Christian activity had been centred in cities and undertaken from the cathedral there. In 372, Martin was elected Bishop of Tours by popular acclaim and he continued his monastic lifestyle as a bishop, remaining in that ministry until his death on this day in the year 397. A famous legend, which has become popular, tells a story of Martin, who whilst still a soldier, took pity on a naked beggar and cut his soldier's cloak in half with his sword giving half to the beggar. That night he had a vision of Christ wearing the piece of his cloak.

#### Collect

God all powerful, who called Martin from the armies of this world to be a faithful soldier of Christ: give us grace to follow him in his love and compassion for the needy, and enable your Church to claim for all people their inheritance as 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.

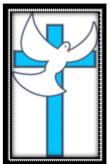
**Readings**: OT-Deuteronomy 15.7-8 & 10-11: NT-1 Thess. 5.1-11: Gospel-Matthew 25.34-40

# From Daily Reflections shared during lockdown.

#### From Fr John

Deliver us, O God from the insecurity that leads to fear the fear that leads to defensiveness the defensiveness that leads to isolation the isolation that leads to prejudice the prejudice that leads to discrimination the discrimination that leads to conflict the conflict that leads to oppression the oppression that leads to slavery and enslaves us as victims of violence, cruelty and hatred.

Release to us, O God
the dignity which promotes confidence
the confidence which promotes openness
the openness which promotes co-operation
the co-operation which promotes understanding
the understanding which promotes inclusiveness
the inclusiveness which promotes partnership
the partnership which promotes growth
the growth which promotes freedom
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# **November Sunday Eucharist Gospels**

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#### Sunday 1 November ALL SAINTS' DAY – Matthew 5.1-12

Blessed are the poor in heart for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

It is not influence, power or even great virtue that is the mark of sainthood. The Grace of God, which changes and sanctifies ordinary people, is the glory of his Kingdom

## **Sunday 8 November – Third Sunday before Advent Matthew 25.1-13**

When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps

Making a commitment to Christ means being continually open to his word and ready to obey. We can never say that we have done all that is required. Complacency is the enemy of faith.

#### Sunday 15 November – Second Sunday before Advent – Matthew 25.14-30

To all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

There is no limit to God's mercy except what people may choose to put upon it. Those who do not make their lives ready for his coming are liable to his judgement for failing to honour the good things that he has given.

### Sunday 22 November – Christ the King (Sunday next before Advent) Matthew 25.31-46

Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.... Just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.

We joyfully acknowledge Christ as King and Lord. Our worship is flawed if we do not also acknowledge his presence in humanity and treat all men and women with respect and consideration for their needs.

# Sunday 29 November – Advent Sunday – Mark 13.24-37

Year B begins and the Sunday Gospel readings will be predominantly drawn from the Gospel of Mark.

What I say to you I say to all: Keep awake

God has revealed himself in many ways, supremely in the coming of Christ as man and will one day bring all things to the completion of his purpose. The great signs he has given should make us alert to find him in the ordinary course of our lives.

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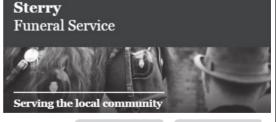
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