

# RENDEZVOUS



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**St Mary and St Eanswythe**  
with  
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### *Front Cover: Epiphany scene*

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# CALENDAR

January 2021

## Events in January

Wed	6	<b>EPIPHANY</b>
Sun	10	<b>The Baptism of Christ</b>
Tues	12	Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx 10.00 a.m. PCC Meeting by Zoom
Wed	13	Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher
Sun	17	<b>The Second Sunday of Epiphany</b>
Mon	18	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity until 25 <sup>th</sup> January
Tues	19	Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester
Thurs	21	Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome
Sun	24	<b>The Third Sunday of Epiphany</b> 3.00 p.m. Concert – Clare Hammond, piano recital <i>To be confirmed, may be live streamed</i>
Mon	25	<b>The Conversion of Paul</b>
Tues	26	Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul
Thurs	28	Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher
Sun	31	<b>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple [Candlemas]</b>
Wed	3	Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary in Denmark and Sweden

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE CURRENT CORONAVIRUS SITUATION  
THE CHURCH IS CLOSED

With the virus infections increasing so rapidly we have unfortunately had to make the decision to close the church for public and private worship in order to safeguard our worshippers and visitors.

Services are available online:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyXKq3QCIByOskV06Bg35UQ>  
Or <https://www.youtube.com> and search for Eanswythe and then click on the St Eanswythe stained glass window. Click on Vireos and you will see the services in reverse order (latest first)

<https://www.facebook.com/sainteanswythe/> and click on videos.

If you see a window open asking you to login or create an account, just click on **Not Now**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION

## Smiles

The Official flag of 2020



Doctor, when do you think covid 19 will be over?  
Doctor: I don't know, I'm not a Journalist.



2021 travel plans!



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



## Priest's Letter From Father John

Dear friends

January is the season of Epiphany.

The word *Epiphany* suggests a sudden, new insight into the meaning or significance of something.

But the trouble is, the wise men; the carol *We Three Kings*; gold, frankincense and myrrh – all these have been such a central part of church culture that most of us have grown up knowing all about them.

Therefore, just about anything I write concerning the Magi – who were they?; how many?; what was the star?; educated, privileged gentiles bowing before humble Jewish infant; the three gifts – you'll probably have heard it before.

Because of this, it's hard for us to expect any new revelation – a real epiphany – of what this season might be all about.

And so I want to share with you an Epiphany journey of my own, and a new 'seeing' I had as I read some poetry and thought about our faith, our church and our world. It sees the end of our season of Advent and the birth of Christ not only through the prism of poetry, but also in the recognition of the reality of suffering in the midst of a season of celebration. Like many of us, I have been more aware than ever before of those for whom this Christmas has not been merry, and who's new year will be far from happy.

My journey starts with Kate Compston, who got me thinking about the three gifts in a new way:

*My singing heart, my day's doxology, my gold,  
I bring for celebration*

*My stillness, my glimpses of serenity, my frankincense  
I bring for meditation.*

*My brokenness, my tears of rage and sorrow, my myrrh  
I bring for sacrifice.*

This mixture; this incongruity of attitude within each human breast... reminded me of an old favourite:

*A cold coming we had of it,  
Just the worst time of the year  
For a journey, and such a long journey:  
The ways deep and the weather sharp,  
The very dead of winter.  
And the camels galled, sore-footed, refractory,  
Lying down in the melting snow.*

*/continued overleaf*



*There were times we regretted  
 The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,  
 And the silken girls bringing sherbet.  
 Then the camel men cursing and grumbling  
 And running away, and wanting their liquor and women,  
 And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters,  
 And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly  
 And the villages dirty and charging high prices:  
 A hard time we had of it.  
 At the end we preferred to travel all night,  
 Sleeping in snatches,  
 With the voices singing in our ears, saying  
 That this was all folly.  
 Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,  
 Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;  
 With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness,  
 And three trees on the low sky,  
 And an old white horse galloped away in the meadow.  
 Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lintel,  
 Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,  
 And feet kicking the empty wine-skins.  
 But there was no information, and so we continued  
 And arrived at evening, not a moment too soon  
 Finding the place; it was (you may say) satisfactory.  
 All this was a long time ago, I remember,  
 And I would do it again, but set down  
 This set down  
 This: were we led all that way for  
 Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly,  
 We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,  
 But had thought they were different; this Birth was  
 Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.  
 We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,  
 But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,  
 With an alien people clutching their gods.  
 I should be glad of another death.*

In *The Journey Of The Magi*, T.S. Eliot builds tension through the rising incongruity of the interplay between suffering and fulfilment – a vital spiritual insight for any serious pilgrim, for our journey with God has not, is not and will not always be easy. Did you notice the signs of the suffering to come for Bethlehem's babe there: three trees on the low sky; dicing; silver pieces. Our spiritual growth and maturity comes at the price of learning steadfastness; fortitude. And a recognition that nothing will ever quite be the same.

It was R.S. Thomas, however, who took this thought and, through a simple, artful twist, sent me spiralling and shuddering to a new and very dark place:

*Christmas.  
There is a morning:  
Time brings it nearer,  
Brittle with frost  
And starlight. The owls sing  
In the parishes. The people rise  
And walk to the churches'  
Stone lanterns, there to kneel  
And eat the new bread  
Of love, washing it down  
With the sharp taste  
Of blood they will shed.*

What about the times when it is we pilgrims who, while defining ourselves by our own devotions, become the source of sorrow and pain for our fellow travellers?

Thomas highlights our potential for hypocrisy, but Kate Compston suggests that our very devotion can itself produce suffering through the thoughtlessness of the single-minded:

*We call them wise  
and I had always thought of them that way  
respecting the pilgrimage of anyone  
who sees a star and follows it  
to his discomforting –  
being prepared to change.  
And yet –  
in following their star, the star  
that was to lead them to  
the enlargement of the soul (their own)...  
they blundered mightily, and set in train  
the massacre of many innocents.  
Naive and foolish men they were, not wise,  
to go and ask of Herod 'Where's  
your rival, where  
is he who might unseat you?'  
I wonder if, back  
in their own countries,  
for all that they themselves were born again,  
they heard the voice of Rachel  
weeping for her children  
refusing to be comforted  
because they were no more?*

Here, for me, is a new story, a new epiphany; a story of well-meaning, devoted, pilgrims who are so wrapped up in their spiritual journey and the object of their worship that they were oblivious to the needs of the vulnerable and oppressed.

And I wonder at the way in which my devotion to the necessarily limited perception of the Jesus I have learned to recognise might lead me to neglect all sorts of people cherished by the very one I say I worship; and perhaps unwittingly bring them harm, if only through the complicity of my inaction.

And I wonder if this has anything to say to us as a worshipping community at St Mary & St Eanswythe.

And it seems to me that Howard Thurman has it right:

*When the song of the angels is stilled  
when the star in the sky is gone  
when the kings and princes are home  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost  
to heal the broken  
to feed the hungry  
to release the prisoner  
to rebuild the nations  
to bring peace among the people  
to make music in the heart.*

Together, could we perhaps help at least some who are suffering have

A Happy New Year?

*Father John*





# Norman Cavell 1934 – 2020

## An appreciation



It was with great sadness that we heard of Norman's death at the end of last month.

I first came to know Norman and his wife Pam when their son Michael joined the choir in the early 1980s. They both quickly became active members of the congregation then under the leadership of Canon Peter Cole.

Norman soon became a server with encouragement from Ron Mullett a role he fulfilled with dignity and dedication for many years. Whenever he was serving, he could be seen sitting quietly in the St Eanswythe Chapel in preparation. More often than not, he carried the cross at the head of our

processions on special Feast Days when the golden rule for the choir and clergy was to follow Norman wherever he led!

He had an impish sense of humour and he and Pam were soon active members of the St Eanswythe Players – a drama group based in the Woodward Hall. The Players mounted play readings in residential homes, plays, reviews and on several never-to-be forgotten occasions a Christmas pantomime. One of my most vivid memories is of Norman and Maurice Berry as the Ugly Sisters attempting to beguile various members of the audience with their 'charms'!

An accountant by trade, Norman for many years also managed the parish's planned giving scheme, which involved not only checking the donations each week but keeping the accounts and most importantly submitting the claim for the Gift Aid rebate – a welcome valuable addition to our church's income.

Whatever he undertook, he did so conscientiously, to the very best of his ability, unstintingly and with a cheerful smile.

I and all of us who knew Norman, counted ourselves honoured to know him as a faithful Christian, a true gentleman and, above all, a valued friend.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

*IG*

## **ACROSS**

- 1 like the merchant ships, bringing her food from \_\_\_\_ (Prov 31:14)  
5 The diameter of each wheel was a \_\_\_\_ and a half (1 Kings 7:32)  
9 Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth \_\_\_\_ (Josh 7:2)  
13 If someone forces you to go one \_\_\_\_, go with him two (Matt 5:41-42)  
14 The merchant \_\_\_\_ dishonest scales; he loves to defraud (Hos 12:7)  
15 banish (1 Chr 6:15) 16 \_\_\_\_ and Dumah, and Eshean (Joshua 15:52)  
17 Daniel, close up and \_\_\_\_ the words of the scroll (Dan 12:4)  
18 God will meet all your \_\_\_\_ according to his glorious riches (Phil 4:19)  
19 A voice of one calling in the \_\_\_\_ (Matt 3:3)  
21 commanders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of \_\_\_\_ (Deut 1:15)  
23 she began to \_\_\_\_ his feet with her tears (Luke 7:38)  
24 walking in the garden in the \_\_\_\_ of the day (Gen 3:8)  
26 He restoreth my \_\_\_\_: he leadeth me in the paths of (Ps 23:3) KJV  
28 if he comes to you, \_\_\_\_ him (Col 4:10)  
31 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me \_\_\_\_ (Matt 25:35) KJV  
34 You are bringing some strange \_\_\_\_ to our ears (Acts 17:20)  
35 he said, \_\_\_\_, Father, all things are possible unto thee (Mark 14:36) KJV  
38 which is gone down in the sun \_\_\_\_ of Ahaz (Isa 38:8) KJV  
40 is there any taste in the white of an \_\_\_\_? (Job 6:6)  
41 he snapped the ropes off his arms as if they were \_\_\_\_ (Judg 16:12)  
44 the king told the attendants, \_\_\_\_ him hand and foot, and throw him (Matt 22:13)  
45 Jacob's first wife (Gen 29:16-18)  
47 there was one \_\_\_\_, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel (Luke 2:36)  
48 wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the \_\_\_\_ (Amos 9:13)  
50 found that he was already dead, they did not break his \_\_\_\_ (John 19:33-34)  
52 Like a lion he crouches and lies down, like a \_\_\_\_ (Gen 49:9)  
55 write it before them in a table, and \_\_\_\_ it in a book (Isaiah 30:8)  
57 white like wool, as white as \_\_\_\_ (Rev 1:14)  
58 Christ, who \_\_\_\_ been appointed for you even Jesus (Acts 3:20)  
60 off the coast of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we landed at \_\_\_\_ in Lycia (Acts 27:5)  
62 Solomon had four thousand \_\_\_\_ for chariot horses (1 Kings 4:26)  
66 unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ (1,4) (Heb 5:13) KJV  
68 Awake, and \_\_\_\_ to my defence! Contend for me, my God (Ps 35:23)  
70 that anointing is \_\_\_\_, not counterfeit (1 John 2:27)  
71 How long will you \_\_\_\_ between two opinions? (1 Kings 18:21)  
72 dead man, "by this time there is a bad \_\_\_\_ (John 11:39)  
73 to give notice of the \_\_\_\_ when the days of purification (Acts 21:26)  
74 at the name of Jesus every \_\_\_\_ should bow (Phil 2:10)  
75 there are certain men \_\_\_\_ in unawares (Jude 1:4)  
76 and make him \_\_\_\_ out what he has swallowed (Jer 51:44)

## **DOWN**

- 1 As \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ man who casteth firebrands (1,3) (Prov 26:18) KJV

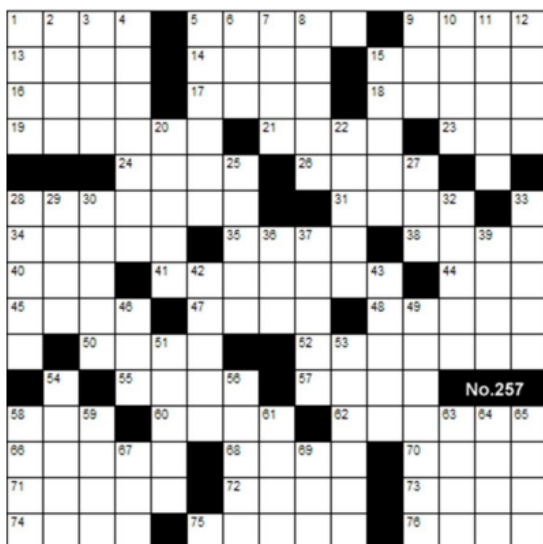
All references are from the New International Version unless otherwise stated.

- 2 upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and \_\_\_\_ (Gen 19:24)  
 3 \_\_\_\_ for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand (Joel 1:15)  
 4 wife of Isaac (Rom 9:10) KJV  
 5 As his \_\_\_\_ was, Paul went into the synagogue (Acts 17:2)  
 6 do not \_\_\_\_ your freedom as a cover-up for evil (1 Peter 2:16)  
 7 \_\_\_\_ your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into  
 (Joel 3:10) KJV  
 8 Now shall the \_\_\_\_ tremble in the day of thy fall (Ezek 26:18) KJV  
 9 a stroke with the \_\_\_\_ to cut down the tree (Deut 19:5) KJV  
 10 fire to come down from heaven to earth in full \_\_\_\_ of men (Rev 13:13)  
 11 An \_\_\_\_ must be blameless, the husband of but one wife (Titus 1:6)  
 12 If a bird's \_\_\_\_ chance to be before thee (Deut 22:6) KJV  
 15 and do good; let him seek peace, and \_\_\_\_ it (1 Peter 3:11) KJV  
 20 the screech owl will \_\_\_\_ on her columns (Zeph 2:14)  
 22 roamer, wanderer (Jer 3:2)  
 25 Now \_\_\_\_ this lesson from the fig tree (Matt 24:32)  
 27 There is a \_\_\_\_ here, which hath five barley loaves (John 6:9) KJV  
 28 As if a rod were to \_\_\_\_ him who lifts it up (Isa 10:15)  
 29 the axe is dull and its \_\_\_\_ unsharpened (Eccl 10:10)  
 30 Is it \_\_\_\_ for you to flog a Roman citizen (Acts 22:25)  
 32 This \_\_\_\_ was written on her forehead: MYSTERY BABYLON (Rev 17:5)  
 33 he will \_\_\_\_ those who fear the LORD (Ps 115:13)  
 36 Hebrew for "son of "  
 37 So the Israelites put away their \_\_\_\_ and Ashtoreths (1 Sam 7:4)  
 39 What \_\_\_\_ you that you keep on arguing? (Job 16:3)  
 42 do not be \_\_\_\_ in your heart to utter anything before God (Eccl 5:2)  
 43 But God will \_\_\_\_ them with arrows (Ps 64:7)

46 even as a \_\_\_\_ gathereth her  
 chickens under her wings  
 (Matt 23:37) KJV

**Remaining clues on page 10**

*Last month's solution*



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# Word Search

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												ADAM
												EDEN

- 49 cut the ram in pieces, and wash the \_\_\_\_ of him (Ex 29:17) KJV  
 51 The sons of Japheth: \_\_\_\_, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal (Gen 10:2)  
 53 \_\_\_\_ the poles into the rings on the sides of the chest (Ex 25:14)  
 54 Jacob said unto \_\_\_\_, Give me my wife (Gen 29:21)  
 56 ran greedily after the \_\_\_\_ of Balaam for reward (Jude 1:11)  
 58 the owl, and the night \_\_\_\_, and the cuckow (Lev 11:16)  
 59 Christ Jesus came into the world to \_\_\_\_ sinners (1 Tim 1:15)  
 61 Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' \_\_\_\_ (Num 11:28)  
 63 "Rejoice in that day and \_\_\_\_ for joy (Luke 6:23)  
 64 vain for you to rise up early, to sit up \_\_\_\_ (Ps 127:2)  
 65 raised up Jesus, whom ye \_\_\_\_ and hanged on a tree (Acts 5:30) KJV  
 67 and for the \_\_\_\_ that is in the land of Assyria. (Isaiah 7:18)  
 69 Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a \_\_\_\_ (John 13:26) (KJV)

## A New Year begins

The first day of a new year is commonly kept as a World Day of Prayer for Peace and is also dedicated to Mary, Mother of Jesus.

In the 7<sup>th</sup> century, 1 January – the octave of Christmas – was known as the Commemoration of Holy Mary. Seven hundred years later, it had become the Circumcision of Christ mindful of the Jewish tradition for a boy to be circumcised on the eighth day. However in 1969, Pope Paul VI reverted to the original celebration by declaring New Year's Day to be the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. In the Anglican lectionary, 1 January remains the Naming and Circumcision of Jesus, but it is not difficult to see the one in relation to the other.

Mary, Mother of God, is our Patron and will be celebrated as such on various days through the year: The Annunciation on 25<sup>th</sup> March; The Assumption 15<sup>th</sup> August and her Nativity on 8 September, which marks the beginning of our Patronal Festival celebrations.

Prayers for peace are perpetual and so necessary – not just for the end of war but in the life of this world where so many people, women and men, young and old are subjected to many forms of violence, including mental, verbal and physical manifestations.

### A Collect for Peace

Eternal God,  
in whose perfect kingdom  
no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness;  
no strength known but the strength of love:  
so mightily spread abroad your Spirit  
that all peoples may be gathered  
under the banner of the Prince of Peace  
as children of one Father  
to whom be dominion and glory now and for ever.



## The Way We Were





Firstly a 60s view from Grace Hill (note that it is two-way) towards the former Plummer Roddis department store which, together with Bobby's in Sandgate Road, were taken over by Debenhams. Of course in those days, Rendezvous Street was also two-way with and a main bus route in and out of the town centre. The parking outside Plummer's used to alternate between parking on the left or right side with the cast iron signs being flipped each day. There is obviously a good film on at the Savoy Cinema with the long crocodile to get in. The building still exists but there are flats at the front. I don't know what has happened to the auditorium after Bingo finished. R,O.Wiltshier's cycle shop below the then Baptist Church looks boarded ready for demolition. Swift and Co. were wholesale butchers. The road is very quiet with only a Morris Minor (one for Paul and Patricia!)

Below opposite is part of the Plummer's frontage although the figures outside and the car look superimposed. I suspect that this is early 1900s. My Aunt used to work in the dress fabrics department further to the right. There used to be various mannequins showing off the fabrics however, they were not dressed as such, just a length of cloth and pins and some very clever manipulation of the cloth. You had to look hard to realise this. The picture below shows the scene after the building had been demolished. There was a row of pillars to the building, beneath the tea room and opposite to what is now Kipps at the top of the High Street. There was much controversy when it came to demolition. The present building has pillars that are more slender - and just repainted in pouring rain!



## Finding Eanswythe

# Finding Eanswythe

The Life and Afterlife of an Anglo-Saxon Saint



Whilst the Finding Eanswythe Project has come to a conclusion, the working group will continue with their research. This book covers the findings over the six-year program with a series of essays covering such topics as The Legend of St Eanswythe, A Minster in the early Mediaeval Landscape, Minster to Priory, Folkestone and the English Reformation, St Eanswythe's Water, St Eanswythe's Chapel, Matthew Woodward and Eanswythe Found. All by various members of the Research Group.

This 54 page book is available from our sales table priced at £5.

# Support Folkestone Rainbow Centre and the Winter Shelter



We can all help by donating these items.  
Please leave them in the orange bin by the porch. THANK YOU!

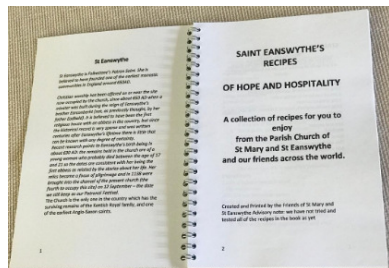
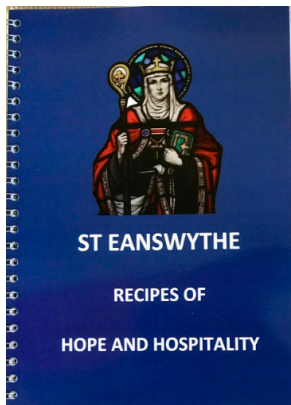


## Recipes of Hope and Hospitality

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:



### **Mum and Dad – Joanna Trollope (2020)**

Joanna Trollope writes so well about the complexities of family life, and while it is tempting to think that her families are dysfunctional, I think they are just normal families actually.

Monica and Gus moved to Spain 25 years ago and have been running an award winning vineyard. Or at least Gus has. Monica has been a Wife. But now Gus has had a stroke and is even more irascible than ever.

Their adult children, Sebastian, Katie and Jake all have their own worries and problems, not to mention past resentments, but they realise that they are going to have to pull together to support their parents and the family business. I'll leave you to find out the rest for yourself.

This was a very good book, and a most enjoyable and thought provoking read.

### **Find Them Dead – Peter James (2020)**

This is the latest in the Roy Grace series and the main storyline is about the high profile trial of a local drug baron, who on the face of it is a respectable solicitor. But he has many contacts in the criminal world, which is what leads to some members of the jury being blackmailed into giving a not guilty verdict. But will they be able to influence the rest of the jury to agree with them when the defendant is so obviously guilty? Why don't they just tell the judge or the police? If you read this book you'll see that it's not always as straightforward as you might think to do the right thing. As always with Peter James, this is a riveting, credible and very well researched plot. It also made me think again about the pros and cons of juries. A very good book indeed.

### **V2 – Robert Harris (2020)**

I'm a huge fan of Robert Harris and this exciting book really conveys the sheer terror of the V2 rockets that threatened Londoners in the final few months of World War Two. These ballistic missiles travelled three times faster than the speed of sound and gave no warning before the almighty explosion on impact.

The action takes place over five days in November 1944 telling simultaneously of the V2 rockets launching from the Dutch coast and the subsequent destruction caused in London.

Using air reconnaissance photographs and a slide rule, WAAF Officer Kay Caton-Walsh, has the unenviable job of trying to locate the rocket launch pads. Before her transfer to newly liberated Belgium, she experiences a V2 hit for herself while with her lover in London.

Meanwhile, working for the German army under the watchful eyes of the SS, is the disillusioned engineer Dr Rudi Graf. He always wanted to build a rocket to the moon but instead has found himself designing hugely destructive rockets, with a high failure rate, for a war he no longer believes in.

This is an excellent book, based on fact, that grabbed me from the first page and had some excellent plot twists at the end. Do read it!

*Catriona Hunter*



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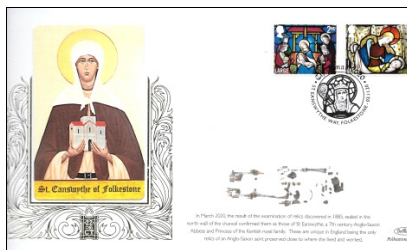
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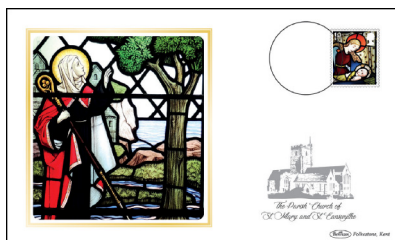


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## January Sunday Eucharist Gospels

### **Sunday 3 January – Second Sunday of Christmas: John 1. [1-9] 10-18**

*Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ*

The promise of redemption and new life made known through the Old Testament prophets was fulfilled in Christ. Those who believe in him are saved not by merit but by the absolute love of God.

### **Sunday 10 January – The Baptism of Christ (First Sunday of Epiphany)**

*I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.*

The spirit of God works in many ways often beyond human understanding. In their baptism Christians receive the grace of the Holy Spirit through faith in Jesus Christ, Son of God.

### **Sunday 17 January – Second Sunday of Epiphany: John 1. 43-51**

*Nathaniel said to him ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’*

*Philip said to him ‘Come and see’*

The word of God is not contained by human prejudices and expectations. It is revealed when and where he wills and no obstinacy can conceal it.

### **Sunday 24 January – Third Sunday of Epiphany: John 2. 1-11**

*Jesus said to her ‘Woman, what concern is that to you and me? My hour has not yet come.’*

God answers prayer with ‘Yes’, ‘No’ or ‘Wait’. When we bring our devotion into his presence, we must be prepared to meet his response in reality, not in what we think will happen.

### **Sunday 31 January – Fourth Sunday of Epiphany: Mark 1.21-28**

*He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him*

The Bible tells in many places of the continual conflict between good and evil. God gives power to those who will work for his victory.

## **Red Letter Days – Major Festivals**

### **Wednesday 6 January - The Epiphany: Matthew 2. 1-12**

*On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then opening their treasure-chests they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.*

The Wise men were the first Gentiles to see and acknowledge Christ. Their homage was a sign that the whole human race would be included in the salvation he brought.

### **Monday 25 January – The Conversion of St Paul: Matthew 19.27-30**

*Many who were first will be last and the last will be first.*

The call of God may come early or late in life but when it comes, the change is greater than anything the human would choose.

## **From Daily Reflections shared during lockdown.**

**A meditation by Desmond Tutu**

You are my child,  
My beloved.  
With you I am well pleased.  
Stand beside me and see yourself,  
Borrow my eyes so you can see perfectly.  
When you look with my eyes then you will see  
That the wrong you have done and the good left  
undone,  
The words you have said that should not have been  
spoken,  
The words you should have spoken but left unsaid,  
The hurts you have caused,  
The help you've not given  
Are not the whole of the story of you.  
You are not defined by what you did not achieve.  
Your worth is not determined by success.  
You were priceless before you drew your first breath,  
Beautiful before dress or artifice,  
Good at the core.



And now is the time for unveiling  
The goodness that is hidden behind the fear of failing.  
You shout down your impulse to kindness in case it is shamed,  
You suck in your smile,  
You smother your laughter,  
You hold back the hand that would help.  
You crush your indignation  
When you see people wronged or in pain In case all you can do is not enough,  
In case you cannot fix the fault,  
In case you cannot soothe the searing,  
In case you cannot make it right.  
What does it matter if you do not make it right?  
What does it matter if your efforts move no mountains?  
It matters not at all.  
It only matters that you push back the veil to let your goodness shine through.  
It only matters that you live as I have made you.  
It only matters that you are made for me,  
Made like me,  
Made for goodness.

*Sent from Fr John*



# Commemoration of the Month

**Aelred of Rievaulx (1110-1167)**

12 January

Aelred was a Northumbrian in the early Norman period, born at Hexham in 1109. After serving at the court of David I of Scotland and rising to be the Master of the Household he joined the Cistercians at Rievaulx in about 1133. He became the abbot of a new house of his order at Revesby in Lincolnshire, and later, abbot of Rievaulx itself in 1147. As abbot he had a charisma for friendship and Rievaulx had over three hundred monks when he died. Aelred also made annual visits to other Cistercian houses in England and Scotland, and to Cîteaux and Clairvaux in France. These visits may have damaged his health, as he suffered from a kidney disease and died at the age of fifty-seven on 12 January 1167.

There seems little doubt that Aelred was homosexual by inclination, but he seems to have been able to transcend his physical desires and when he became a monk was able to cultivate chaste spiritual friendships. He also developed a theology of friendship, based on the intimacy of relationships between the persons of the Trinity.

Just as there is a continuous dialogue and interchange of love between the three persons of the Trinity, so human beings – the rational creatures made in the image and likeness of this Trinity of Persons – are called to relationships based on mutual dialogue, exchange, sharing and self-giving.

Aelred wrote several influential books on spirituality, among them *The Mirror of Charity* (perhaps at the request of Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux) and *Spiritual Friendship*. He also wrote seven works of history, addressing two of them to Henry II of England, advising him how to be a good king and authenticating him as a true descendent of the Anglo-Saxon kings. Until the twentieth century, Aelred was known more as a historian than a spiritual writer because of his *Life of Saint Edward, King and Confessor*.

## Collect

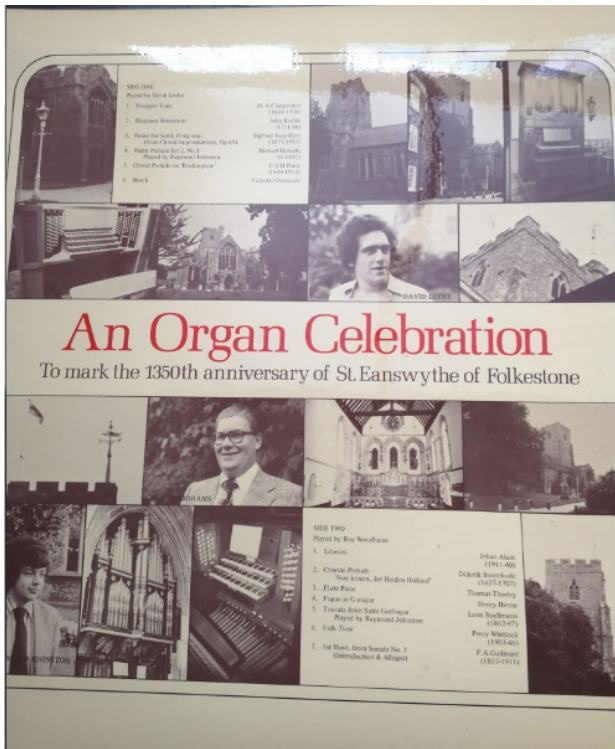
Almighty God,  
who endowed Aelred the abbot  
with the gift of Christian friendship  
and the wisdom to lead others in the way of holiness:  
grant to your people that same spirit of mutual affection,  
so that, in loving one another,  
we may know the love of Christ  
and rejoice in the eternal possession of your supreme goodness;  
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-Ecclesiasticus 15.1-6; NT-Philippians 3.7-14; Gospel Luke 12.32-37



*'No medicine is more valuable, none more efficacious, none better suited to the cure of our temporal ills than a friend to whom we may turn for consolation in time of trouble and with whom we may share happiness in time of joy'*  
(Aelred)

## 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.

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