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Front Cover: Ascension

Deadline for the next Rendezvous Edition: 20th of the month
but December 10th for the January edition
Please contact Andrew Plested as above

CALENDAR

May 2021

Sat	1	Philip and James, Apostles 2.00 p.m. Marriage of Martin Jordon Aaron Grant and Stacey Claire Kathleen Reid
Sun	2	The Fifth Sunday of Easter 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 10.30 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST
Mon	3	8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Tues	4	English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Wed	5	8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Thurs	6	8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sat	8	Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer
Sun	9	The Sixth Sunday of Easter 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 10.30 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST
Mon	10	8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Tues	11	8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Wed	12	8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Thurs	13	Ascension Day 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion
Fri	14	Matthias the Apostle
Sun	16	The Seventh Sunday of Easter 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 10.30 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST 3.00 p.m. Concert – Kentish Piano Trio
Mon	17	8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Tues	18	8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m. PCC Meeting
Wed	19	Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Thurs	20	Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Fri	21	SACCONI FESTIVAL – Spring Chamber Music Festival until 23 rd May
Sun	23	Day of Pentecost 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 10.30 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST
Mon	24	John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Tues	25	The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Wed	26	Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Thurs	27	8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sun	30	Trinity Sunday 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 10.30 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST 11.30 a.m. Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Mon	31	The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Tues	1 June	Justin, Martyr at Rome 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Wed	2	8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Thurs	3	Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion [Corpus Christi] 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion
Fri	4	7.30 p.m. Concert – Rotterdam chamber Choir
Sat	5	Boniface [Wynfrith] of Crediton, Bishop, Apostle of Germany, Martyr
Sun	6	The First Sunday after Trinity 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 10.30 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

Parking in the School Playground

We are grateful to the Headteachers 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. Parking permits for Sunday services are available from the Churchwardens.

Thank you for your co-operation.

The church is now open for private prayer. The schedule is:

- 12.00-13.00 Sunday
- 11.00-13.00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

If you visit for prayer you **MUST**

- Observe social distancing
- Wear a face mask
- Use the hand gel provided

The **Woodward Hall** is available for hire for Wedding Receptions, Family Parties, Club Meetings etc. Details from Tracy Arnold at St Eanswythe's School on 01303 255516 during school hours

Christian Aid Week 2021

10 - 16 May



This climate crisis hurts us all. But people living in poverty fight the worst of it every day.

From drought to flooding, climate change robs people of control over their lives. Extreme weather means thousands of people are struggling to survive without a reliable source of water.

Your gift could help a community build an earth dam, so when the rains do come, they will have the water they need to live. A reliable source of water will help families withstand long drought or relentless rainstorms.

Every envelope; every gift can change lives.

Prayer in Christian Aid Week 2021

‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you’ John 15:12

Pray for all the events and services happening this Christian Aid Week, that they will create a sense of connection and joy for churches and communities here and across the world.

May the spirit of joyful giving transform communities across this nation and the world this Christian Aid Week. Amen.

Look out for the envelopes here in church and please consider giving, however small an amount. It could save lives and livelihoods.

Thank you.

In a train from London to Manchester, an American was berating the Englishman sitting across from him in the compartment.

"The trouble with you English is that you are too stuffy. You set yourselves apart too much. You think your stiff upper lip makes you above the rest of us. Look at me... I'm me! I have a little Italian in me, a bit of Greek blood, a little Irish and some Spanish blood. What do you say to that?"

The Englishman lowered his newspaper, looks over his glasses and replied, "How very sporting of your mother!"

Welcome One and Welcome All

We are very grateful for our dedicated team of volunteers who keep the church open and welcome visitors. This article, from one of our 'regulars', explains why we keep the church open and why it is important.

For some time now I have been a regular visitor to the church, although I do not attend the usual services, as I am an atheist in the literal sense – that being a lack of belief in any deity. However, that does not mean that I do not respect - and indeed envy - anyone who has a genuine faith.

Unfortunately, there are those who adhere to a religion and its rigid views, who are not sympathetic to anyone who does not share them. I mention this because I want to emphasise that this is certainly NOT the case where Fr. John and all those I have met at the church are concerned and I want to express my gratitude for the way in which I have been welcomed by them. They have listened patiently to my questions – and sometimes criticism of the rigidity I have mentioned. They have tried to explain their convictions without preaching or putting any pressure on me knowing that I have searched for some particular meaning in life for many years. A friend gave me a card which read 'Be still and know that I Am'. One day there may be a revelation, who knows. Meanwhile I have kept an open mind and heart. I agree with the Dalai Lama who says 'There are many different paths to faith' – and mine is probably very different from most.

There are many beautiful things in the church – the stained glass windows, the intricate wood carving, the marble, the mosaics – but I feel the most important is the spirit of the people who have been and are part of it. It contributes to the sense of peace, which has certainly given solace during this past difficult year.

An American writer, Joseph Campbell, said 'The concept of a deity is the condescension of the infinite to the mind of man'. That makes sense to me.

So my heartfelt thanks for the kindness and understanding shown to me – and may your God bless you.

Dora Alker

QR Codes - Another Way to Donate

If you would like to make a donation to the church you can easily scan the QR code ON THE BACK COVER OF RENDEZVOUS with your smartphone and it will take you to our Give A Little page enabling you to donate by credit card. (Not to be confused with the venue check-in QR code as you enter the church!)

May Sunday Eucharist Gospels

Sunday 2 May – The Fifth Sunday of Easter – John 15.1-8

Whosoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered and thrown into the fire and burned.

Fullness of life is found only through Christ. If we live in him and he in us, we are united with God, whom we can never approach by our own efforts.

Sunday 9 May – The Sixth Sunday of Easter – John 15.9-17

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit that will last.

The divine calling is a mystery, which brings obligations to service and the grace to fulfil them. To turn to God is to be born again.

Sunday 16 May – The Seventh Sunday of Easter (The Sunday after Ascension Day) – John 17.6-19

I am not asking you to take them out of the world but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.

The will of God calls us to his own eternity

Sunday 23 May PENTECOST (Whit Sunday) John 15.26-27 & 16.4-15

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth.

The Holy Spirit gives power and direction in our journey of faith.
We cannot know the truth without divine guidance

Sunday 30 May – TRINITY SUNDAY – John 3.1-17

The wind blows where it chooses and you hear the sound of it but you do not know where it comes from nor where it goes.

There is a deep mystery in the Holy Trinity, which we cannot fully understand but must simply accept in reverence,
knowing that God is at work in us at all times.

Red Letter Day of obligation

Thursday 13 May ASCENSION DAY – Luke 24. 44-53

They worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

The work of Christ on earth, incarnate in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, is ended.
Now it is for those who believe in him, from the Apostles to the end of time to continue the work in his name.

Ronnie Dutt

25 October 1933 – 5 April 2021

We were sad to learn of Ronnie's death in hospital just after Easter. He was one of Folkestone's characters. I have lost count of the times when out shopping in the precinct I heard the cry 'Hello Ian!' It was Ronnie, of course, in his mobility scooter, shopping basket up front full of all sorts of things. Often he would have a print out of his latest computer research on the history of Folkestone and his memories, which he was always eager to share. He attended St Mary & St Eanswythe regular as clockwork, until the first lockdown, taking his place at the front of the nave. In earlier days, he took great pleasure in ringing our tenor bell at the consecration using the bell rope in the chancel. He was admitted into hospital, contracted Covid-19 but made a recovery. Sadly, he did not make a full recovery. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



*Ronnie at RAF
Conningsby in 1967*

Here are some extracts from an article he wrote in 2010 for the Folkestone and District Local History Society about his early life

'It all began when I was a child – at the age of 5 years my old mother had me put away in a children's care home - Cheriton Cottage Homes and the year was 1938. I was a very shy little boy. I used to go to Horn Street School where we had knitting lessons but I never joined in! On 3rd June 1940, all of us children were evacuated down to parts of South Wales. The Mums and Dads watched as their children stepped aboard the train at Folkestone Central railway station, wondering who was going to care for them and how well were they going to be kept.'



'We all returned home on August 15th 1945 and I stayed with my mother and stepfather in Harvey Street where I went to the old Dover Road School from 1945 to 1948. When I left, I took a job as a daily newspaper seller in the town centre working for Wally Gibbs at the top of New Street. I used to go around in a van driven by Bob Baker delivering the daily papers to newsagents. I used to sell "The Star" newspaper just outside Bobby's Snack Bar before I got moved to Red Lion Square, Hythe. From there I was moved to the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Light Railway Station.'

Ronnie in 2010 – as we remember him

Rendezvous Readership / Non Readership Survey

Thank you very much to the 40 people who completed the recent readership survey. We are in the process of analysing the responses and will share the results in a future issue of Rendezvous. We will also be taking on board some of your suggestions and feedback as we continue to work towards giving you the magazine that you want to read.

We are grateful to everyone who offered to write occasionally or regularly for Rendezvous or who said you would like to take out a subscription. We will be in touch shortly.

Finally, congratulations to Maureen Hadlington and Ian Gordon who were the lucky winners of the prize draw. They have won a year's subscription to Rendezvous.

Coffee & cleaning

We have a regular cleaning session in the church starting at 10.00 and ending at 1.00. We stop at 11.30 for a cup of a coffee. Come and join us and have some fun and friendly chat while taking care of our beautiful church. If you would like to come along please let Jenny Coleman know – jsc46bythesea@gmail.com

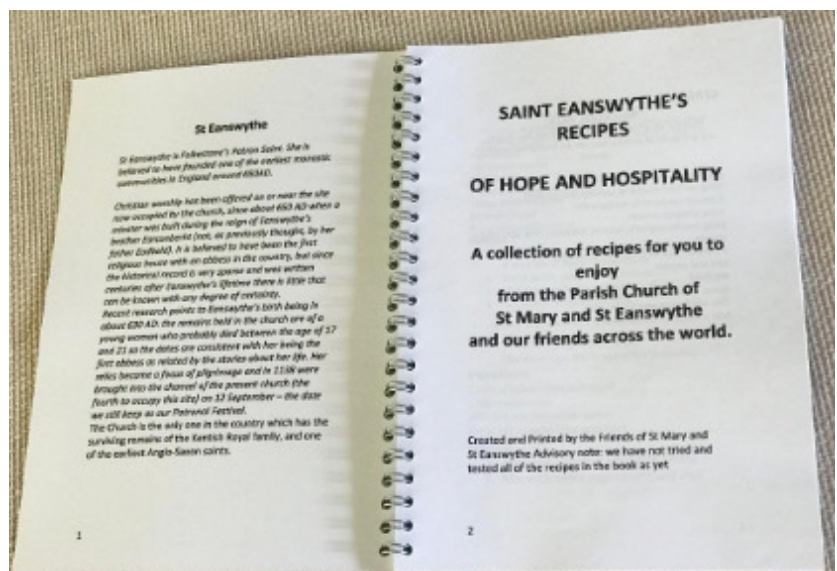
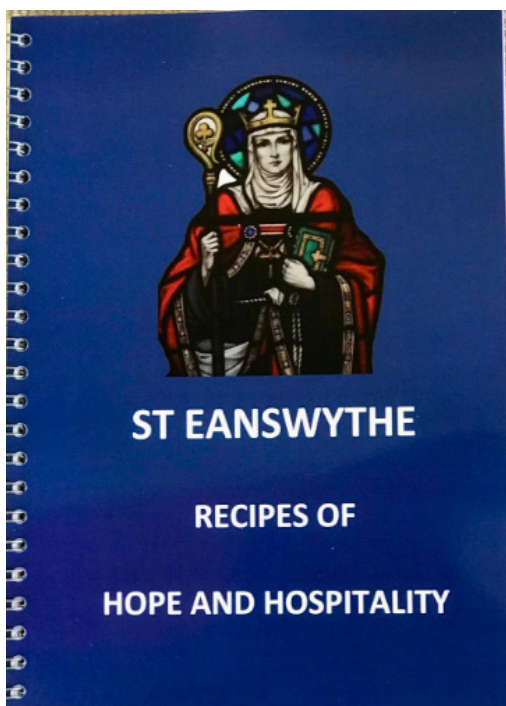
Recipes of Hope and Hospitality

A collection of recipes from members of the congregation and many friends.

The Recipe Book is now available at £5 per copy from the table at the main door, [please use the Donation Station for card payments](#) or put the money in the box.

Notelets are available at £5 per pack – all photographs taken by members of the congregation.

All proceeds are used to take care of the Fabric of the Church



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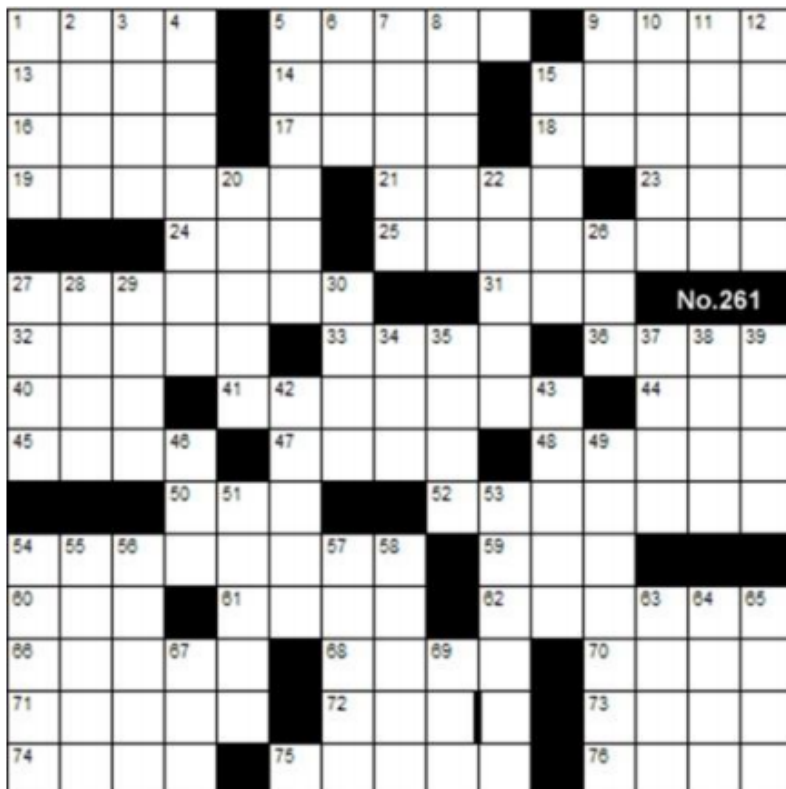
- 1 Israel, who pursued ____ of righteousness (1,3) (Rom 9:31)
5 Therefore, get rid of all ____ filth and the evil (James 1:21)
9 God is ____ to make all grace abound to you (2 Cor 9:8)
13 A deceptive manoeuvre (especially to avoid capture) (Josh 9:3-4)
14 you must cancel any debt your brother ____ you (Deut 15:3)
15 this message will bring ____ terror (Isa 28:19)
16 he entered the temple ____ and began driving out those who were (Luke 19:45)
17 The body is a ____, though it is made up of many parts (1 Cor 12:12)
18 Sarah's Egyptian handmaid (Gen 25:12)
19 Three times I was ____ with rods (2 Cor 11:25)
21 Bel bows down, ____ stoops low; their idols (Isa 46:1)
23 member of the first family of the Bible
24 And he ____ in his right hand seven stars (Rev 1:16)
25 After them, seven other heads of grain ____ thin and scorched (Gen 41:6)
27 No one can deliver out of my hand when I act, who can ____ it? (Isa 43:13)
31 That which groweth of ____ own accord of thy harvest (Lev 25:5) KJV
32 also, that women ____ themselves in modest apparel (1 Tim 2:9)
33 will men take ____ of it to hang any vessel thereon? (1,3) (Ezek 15:3) KJV
36 ____ put forth his left hand, and took the dagger (Judg 3:21) KJV
40 and drew the ____ to land full of great fishes (John 21:11)
41 praise him with the ____ and flute (Ps 150:4)
44 Iron is taken from the earth, and copper is smelted from ____ (Job 28:2)
45 If you really ____ me, you would know my Father as well (John 14:7)
47 Jesus was led by the Spirit ____ the desert to be tempted (Matt 4:1-2)
48 The king got up in ____ (1,4) (Est 7:7)
50 son of Noah (Gen 6:10) 52 for out of that well they ____ the flocks (Gen 29:2)
54 He will deliver us from the ____ when he invades our land (Mic 5:6)
59 a quarter of a ____ of seed pods for five shekels (2 Kings 6:25)
60 to see if there are any ____ understand, any who seek God (Ps 14:2)
61 keep away from every brother who is ____ (2 Thess 3:6)
62 and singers joined in ____, as with one voice (2 Chron 5:13)
66 a third of a shekel for sharpening ____ and axes (1 Sam 13:21)
68 I will make thee ruler ____ many things (Matt 25:23) KJV
70 testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in ____ (Acts 23:11)
71 loose the chains of injustice and ____ the cords (Isa 58:6)
72 so is good ____ from a far country (Prov 25:25)
73 To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the ____ of life (Rev 2:7)
74 ____ there be debates, envyings (2 Cor 12:20) KJV
75 But neither so did their witness ____ together (Mark 14:59)
76 A large ____ of pigs was feeding on the nearby (Mark 5:11-12)

DOWN

- 1 ____ and Dumah, and Eshean (Joshua 15:52)
2 See if you can ____ him into showing you the secret (Judg 16:5)
3 the throne there was what looked like ____ of glass (1,3) (Rev 4:6)
4 you say, 'It will be fair ____, for the sky is red (Matt 16:2)

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

- 5 they will tear down your ____ and destroy your lofty shrines (Ezek 16:39)
 6 and begat a son in his ____ likeness, after his image (Gen 5:3)
 7 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my ____ and my heart (Ps 26:2) KJV
 8 there is only ____ between me and death (1,4) (1 Sam 20:3)
 9 he warmeth himself, and saith, ____, I am warm (Isaiah 44:16) KJV
 10 Take ye wives, and ____ sons and daughters (Jer 29:6) KJV
 11 Let love and faithfulness never ____ you; bind them around your (Prov 3:3)
 12 Surely I have acted like a fool and have ____ greatly (1 Sam 26:21)
 15 But God will ____ them with arrows (Ps 64:7)
 20 The wicked man ____ deceptive wages (Prov 11:18)
 22 He will ____ those wretches to a wretched end (Matt 21:41)
 26 Of what ____ is money in the hand of a fool (Prov 17:16)
 27 Mordecai the Jew was second in ____ to King Xerxes (Est 10:3)
 28 garden (Gen 2:15)
 29 I cast my ____ against them (Acts 26:10)
 30 to settle down and ____ the bread they eat (II Th 3:12)
 34 digs a hole and scoops it out falls into the ____ he has made (Ps 7:15-16)
 35 Am ____ trying to win the approval of men, or of God? (1,3) (Gal 1:10)
 37 as small as the ____ frost on the ground (Ex 16:14) KJV
 38 I particularly ____ you to pray so that I may be restored to you (Heb 13:19)
 39 He was a prophet, powerful in word and ____ before God (Luke 24:19)
 42 encourage the ____, help the weak, be patient with everyone (1 Thess 5:14)
 43 that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or ____ (Rev 20:2)
 46 Awake, O Lord ____ do you sleep? (Ps 44:23)
 49 He saved us through the washing of ____ and renewal (Titus 3:5)
 51 angels hastened Lot, saying, ____, take thy wife (Gen 19:15) (KJV)
 53 ____ on him who is lax in doing the LORD's work (1,5) (Jer 48:10)
 54 What about this ____ crime that was committed (Judg 20:12)
 55 His face ____ like the sun, and his clothes became as white (Matt 17:2)
 56 appointed priests from all ____ of people (1 Kings 12:31)



Remaining clues on page 10

Last month's solution

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If Jesus came down on earth today, how would he read his newspaper? One thing I know he would certainly read it. How could he possibly be indifferent to the world's news? . . . What would he see in the daily chain of human events, which are painful, joyful, discouraging, amusing, horrifying? Would he find in these things material for discussion, or for strong emotions, or for anger? He would find all of these in them. But, beyond human events, he would see the kingdom of his Father being built or demolished . . . 'What is happening to my brothers who are my living members?' he would ask. 'Is my body being built up? What were the problems yesterday, the failures and successes? What will they be today?' And, with his newspaper in his hand, Jesus would pray to the Father.

Michel Quoist, *'Meet Christ and Live'*

Four Husbands

Our local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just married for the fourth time. The interviewer was asking her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation.

"He's a funeral director," she answered.

"Interesting," the newsman thought.

He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living.

She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, and a vicar when in her 60's, and now - in her 80's - a funeral director.

The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers.

She smiled and explained, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go"

57 her maidens walked ____ by the river's side (Exodus 2:5)

58 Moses replied, "I will ____ appear before you again" (Ex 10:29)

63 the ____ has faded and has not spread in the skin (Lev 13:6)

64 Moses said to Aaron, "Take a jar and put an ____ of manna in it (Ex 16:33)

65 I have ____ to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? (Matt 3:14) KJV

67 a man clothed in linen who had a writing ____ at his side (Ezek 9:2)

69 bring two male lambs and one ____ lamb a year old (Lev 14:10)



BOOKWORM

What I've Been Reading

One More Croissant for the Road – Felicity Cloake (2019)

This book reminded me of one of those tricky classification exercises when I was studying to be a librarian. Is it a food book about travel or a travel book about food? As the author is one of The Guardian's food writers I have settled on the former. It certainly is an engrossing account of Felicity Cloake's 2,334 km journey throughout France on her bicycle, Eddy, in search of the perfect croissant. And other food.

Each chapter describes a section of the journey, the food she ate, the restaurants she visited (which range from those with Michelin stars to roadside cafes), the wine and coffee she drank, and the taste, look and texture of every croissant devoured. The croissants are also rated out of 10, the best achieving 9.5 and the worst a miserable 3. Each chapter also contains a recipe for a French regional dish or speciality and some interesting facts about French food or culture.

The reader shares with her the pain of cycling up and down mountains, often in the pouring rain, the joy or despair of her accommodation (be it seedy hotel, a campsite full of mosquitoes, or a luxury suite) the ravenous delight she finds in all food (with the notable exception of garlic ice cream), and the often vast quantities of food eaten and wine, beer or Orangina drunk. How could anyone but a cyclist eat three Boeuf Bourguignons in as many meals? Or 6 (it may have been more) croissants on her final morning?

I loved this book and I feel inclined to try some of the recipes too. My only complaint is that there was no map included with which to follow her journey and really appreciate the distance travelled.

Angels and Men – Catherine Fox (1995)

Set in a thinly disguised Durham University this excellent book tells of an academic year in the life of a group of theological students. Mara, the central character, is researching the role of women in religious sects (or something) for her MA but no one seems to realise that her interest stems from experience. She has a spiky personality and tries (and fails) to keep her fellow students at a distance. The daughter of a well-known clergyman, she maintains that she is a non-believer and that she could not possibly marry a vicar.

I enjoyed this very much indeed, and once I got into it I was reading it at every opportunity. It was very different from the other books I've read by Catherine Fox, but none the worse for that.

Catriona

We were so delighted last month when the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Carey, wrote to say that he and his wife Eileen still read Rendezvous, and enclosing a gift towards the cost of producing it. We are so very thankful!

Pages from an Unwritten Diary

An occasional series of reminiscences of a life lived mostly in Folkestone

My first visit to the Parish Church (as it was known in those days) was when I was seven or eight. I came to the 11.15 Sung Eucharist with a great aunt to see if I could manage to sit still during the service, as it had been suggested that I should join the choir as the disciplined breathing would help my asthma. The service in those days lasted well over an hour.

I remember the church being very dark – and very quiet even though the large congregation filled both the Nave and the Chancel. We sat in the Nave. The walls were painted all over, as far as I can remember, with the areas that are white nowadays, decorated with intricate patterns of intertwined brown foliage against a beige background – not a space was left unadorned.



The signal that the service was about to begin was the appearance of the organist, Reg Adams, who began playing the opening voluntary (no meandering improvisations in those days!). Then the crucifer, flanked by two acolytes entered from the Vestry followed by the choir – which seemed

never-ending! At

least 20 boys and a dozen men – two more acolytes, the servers, curate and the vicar, then the Rev Ian White–Thomson, robed in one of the church's beautiful chasubles.

As far as I can recall, the service was conducted from the High Altar with the Gospel being brought in procession, with crucifer and acolytes, to the Nave Crossing where it was chanted – not read – by the curate, facing north.

The sermon followed from the pulpit, which in those days projected out into the church so that the congregation in both parts of the building could see and be seen by the preacher.

Eventually the service ended and we left, glad to be able to stretch our legs on the walk home. I was not deterred however, and within a couple of weeks, I became one of the newest choir probationers. More of that in my next article.

Mentor

Coffee and Chat Anyone?



John and I began worshipping regularly at St Mary & St Eanswythe in February last year; we were just beginning to meet and get to know other members of the congregation when the first lockdown was announced and that was that – or was it? During those first months we continued to chat with friends, keep fit and even sing via Zoom so why not, suggested John, meet after church for a coffee and catch up? So, Coffee and Chat after Church (via Zoom) was born!

It was a great way to stay in touch and it helped us to learn people's names, as they are very neatly displayed on individual screens. Now we're back in Church on Sundays, we don't need the Sunday chat BUT, if you're free at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays, there is an opportunity to meet over Zoom – we have 40 minutes together – feel free to drop in! It's very informal and you don't even have to leave your own home! The link is published in Fr John's daily email on Wednesdays and if you're not sure about Zoom, please get in touch and I'll explain how it works.

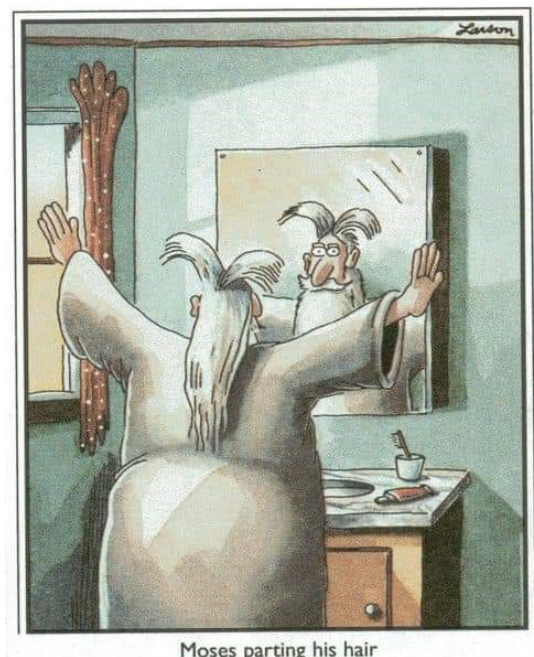
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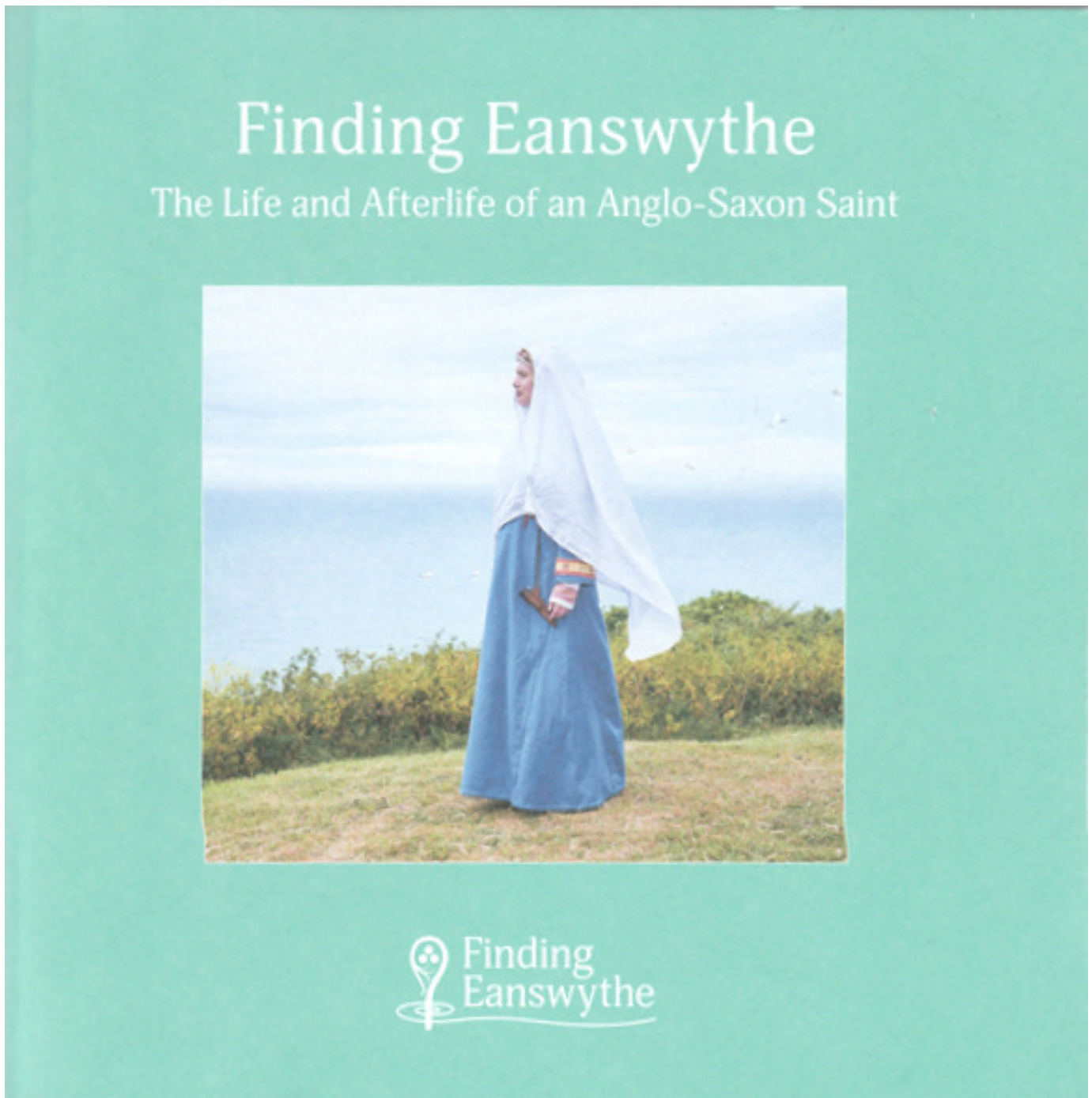
Drunk in the Gutter

'Twas an evening in November,
As I very well remember.
I was strolling down the street in drunken pride,
But my knees were all aflutter,
So I landed in the gutter,
And a pig came up to lay down by my side.

Yes, I lay there in the gutter
Thinking thoughts I could not utter,
When a colleen passing by did softly say,
'You can tell a man that boozes
By the company he chooses.'
At that the pig got up and gently walked away!



Finding Eanswythe



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.

The Easter Garden



Our Easter Garden was designed and made with love by Jan Clarke and Jenny Coleman, members of the PCC.

Everything – plants, flowers, stones and pebbles came from Jan's garden. We designed it so that the Hill and crucifixes were surrounded with dry desert-like plants to reflect Christ's time in the desert. Little violas and other flowers have been added around the Tomb each week and will be put around the steps as we celebrate the Resurrection. The Garden

will be in the church until Ascension Day.

It is dedicated to the memory of Gillian Thompson who died in March. She was a long-standing member of the congregation and a flower arranger par excellence.

News from St Eanswythe's School

Greetings from St Eanswythe's School.

Year 6 write:

The whole class say that they are glad to be back in school after the holidays. Mollie talks about the wonderful time she had with her family

Evie says that although they had fun, and ate lots of chocolate, but remembered the true meaning of Easter and of Jesus rising from the tomb on Easter Sunday. The real meaning of Easter was a constant theme from the whole class, with Isabelle talking about Jesus being Crucified and giving his life that we might be forgiven. Mollie was one of many who made an Easter Garden (picture below) which was one of the challenges set the children during the holidays. Forgiveness is the theme for our worship this term, and Year 6 worship leaders will be leading their next act of worship on Zacchaeus

Best wishes to all,

Kim Adlington

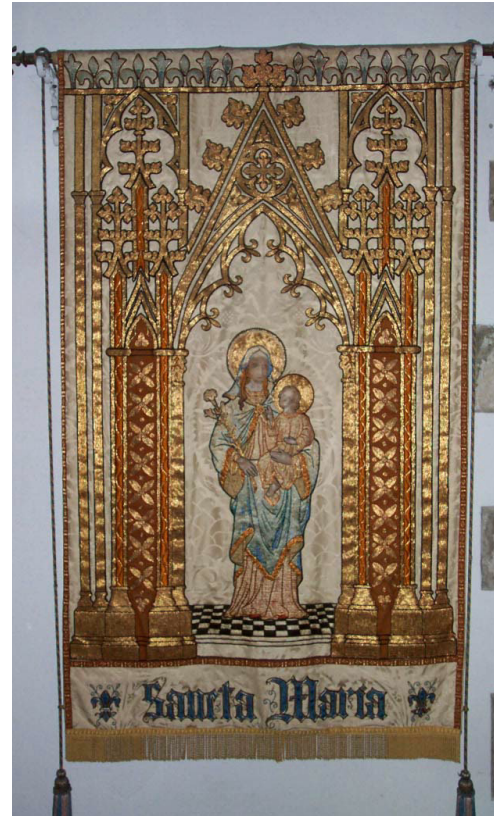


Know your Church

The Banners



Ecce Homo



Sancta Maria

Until around 33 years ago every major festival would be celebrated by the Servers, Choir and Clergy processing around the church. Up to four banners would accompany the procession. These would be stationed behind the Crucifer, who would also be accompanied by two acolytes bearing candles, at the end of the choirboys, at the end of the choir men and in front of the celebrant (who may also have had a pair of acolytes). Everyone formed up in the (full for Eucharists) Chancel. After the celebrant intoned “Let us proceed in peace”, everyone would respond with “In the name of the Lord, Amen” and at the “In” the banners would be raised aloft. The two banners shown above were the heaviest of the four.

Of the other two, one has disappeared (it can be seen on the right of the Nave arch in the picture on page 12 and had a dark green border with a figure in the middle on a cream background) and the other has been trimmed and framed and is hung by the Pulpit steps.

Sadly the four banner poles were disposed of in the 90s.

The Mothers Union banners were seldom carried and the Folkestone banner resided in the Town Hall in those days but nowadays is in a case in the North Transept, it is used on Town Sunday only.

The skill in banner carrying involved missing the lights in the Nave, especially the one by the pulpit as there were more pews then and the gap was narrow. A banner would also be taken in the procession from St Peter’s to the Harbour for the Blessing of the Fisheries, fighting the wind whilst walking down The Durlocks was also an art!

What's Happening to the Church?



Last year we had a program of works to deal with various issues with water ingress from our roofs, work identified by our regular Quinquennial Surveys.

We are now continuing the process with a program of works funded by Historic England's Heritage At Risk (HAR) funding.

The ground-level scaffolding is in place to deal with two issues:

- Re-pointing localised areas of missing mortar between the stonework or where vegetation has taken hold. This has been held up by late frosts.
- Removal of all guttering and downpipes, replacing any failed items and re-fixing, sealing and re-painting. This has revealed many failed components.

In addition, the weathervane on top of the Tower is to be totally overhauled, replacing the lost compass directionals (N S E W) and the broken directional pointer.

We are extremely grateful to Historic England for funding this important work.



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Worship at St. Mary's School

At St. Mary's we like to start each day with Worship. Before the pandemic that would mean us all gathering in the school hall but now we have to do things slightly differently. Our school Worship Leaders will explain more...

At the start of worship each day it is our job to light the candle and say "the light and peace of Jesus". Then everyone says, "Thanks be to God". We say, "May the Lord be with you" and everyone says, "and also with you". This is our way of welcoming Jesus into our classrooms.

We have stay in our classrooms for Worship now. We are not allowed to all be in the hall together. On Mondays Mr North leads the worship and on Wednesdays it is Reverend John. We see all the classes on our big screen. It's good to see everyone in the other classrooms.

Sometimes we miss singing all together in the big hall. We can still sing in our classrooms and do the actions. Some of our favourite songs are "My lighthouse" because it has good actions and the words help us feel peaceful and "Faith as small as a mustard seed" because it reminds us that even though we might be small we can still have big kindness. It makes us smile watching everyone do the actions on the screen.

Mr North and Reverend John tell us stories from the Bible or we might watch a video of the story. When we are asked a question to think about, we can discuss it in our classrooms while the computer is on mute. Then if you are chosen to give your answer to everyone it isn't so scary as standing in front of all the children in the hall. This makes us feel more confident.

By Eleanor, Olivia, Libbie, Mia, George and Laila.





Our aim is to have at least 14 summer baskets in place around the first weekend in May.

The local resident - Ann Charlotte has been working tirelessly to source, purchase and nurture the new mix of bee and butterfly friendly plants. She has guarded the army of pots in her garden trying to protect it from recent freezing temperatures.

Our hanging baskets are complimented by The Bayle residents' private window boxes and many of you have contributed with wonderful displays.

Well done and thank you very much!

Please note that our team is available for

advice and assistance, or just a chat sharing ideas. If you are interested to be part of the Green Bayle Whatsapp group, please, contact us via e-mail: info@thebayle.org

If you like visiting The Bayle and if you wish to support what we are doing, please, get in touch and share the appeal with others.

Any donations or support are much appreciated.

Kind regards,

the Green Bayle team on behalf of B.R.A

Commemoration of the Month

Julian of Norwich - 8 May

On this day in the year 1373, when Julian of Norwich was thirty years old and suffering from what was considered to be a terminal illness, she experienced a series of sixteen visions, which revealed aspects of the love of God. Following her recovery, she spent the next twenty years of her life pondering their meaning and recorded her conclusions in what became the first book written by a woman in English, *The Revelations of Divine Love*. Unparalleled in English religious literature, *Revelations* spans the most profound mysteries of the Christian faith—such as the problems of predestination, the foreknowledge of God, and the existence of evil. The clarity and depth of her perception, the precision and accuracy of her theological presentation, and the sincerity and beauty of her expression reveal a mind and personality of exceptional strength and charm. At an unknown point in her life, she became an anchoress attached to the Church of St Julian in Norwich. She died around the year 1417.



*Her statue on the West Front of Norwich Cathedral
(David Holgate 2014)*

Collect

Most holy God, the ground of our beseeching,
who through your servant Julian
revealed the wonders of your love:
grant that as we are created in your nature
and restored by your grace,
our wills may be made one with yours,
that we may come to see you face to face
and gaze on you for ever;
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-1 Kings 19.9-13a NT-1 Cor 13.8-13 Gospel-John 20. 11-18

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 aren't 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

A Reflection

Between lockdowns last year visitors were once again welcomed into Canterbury Cathedral. Although restrictions were in place according to Government Guidelines, it was a joy to see how delighted people were to be able to access this wonderful place of worship and historical interest again.



What I found intriguing was how many individuals seemed to be constantly drawn to gaze up at the Bossanyi windows in the South East transept. I think visitors wished to reflect on their brightness and striking colours as well as their challenging content during these anxious and depressing days of the pandemic.

Erin Bossanyi was born in Hungary of Jewish descent and came to England as a refugee in 1938 and was commissioned to replace the Victorian windows destroyed during the war. His windows encompass all that was dear to Erin's heart, nature, humanity and peace and were installed in the 1950's. The large window named Salvation shows a man being freed by an angel from prison while others wait their turn. Looking

at the top of the window is a glowing cross between two doves. By its side is the window called Peace showing a large figure of Christ surrounded by children from throughout the world. The two small windows depict Faith and Strength showing Christ walking over the waves in a storm towards his disciples and the other of St. Christopher carrying Christ on his shoulders. There is so much detail in these windows that there always seems to be something new to discover

On a personal level I love to see the light reflecting through the bright colours. Sometimes it shines on the tomb of Archbishop Stratford opposite in the South choir aisle and the structure becomes a beautiful shade of pink!

All being well visitors will once again return in mid May and for whatever reason they come they will be welcomed .

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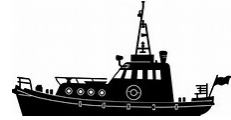
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