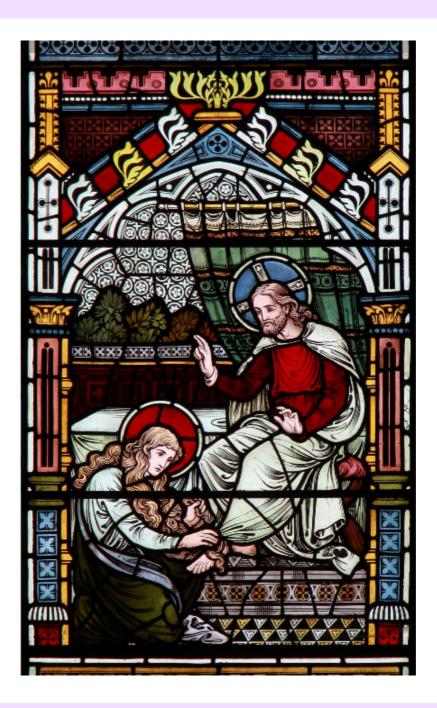
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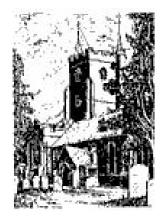
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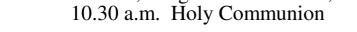
Front Cover: Mary Magdalene washes Jesus' feet

Deadline for the next Rendezvous Edition: 20th of the month but December 10th for the January edition. Please submit articles in 16 point text - this shows you how much fits on a page once it is reduced for printing.

Please contact Andrew Plested as above

CALENDAR July 2021

Thurs	1	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sat	3	Thomas the Apostle
a	4	3.00 p.m. Concert – Kentish Piano Trio
Sun	4	The Fifth Sunday after Trinity
		10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST
T 1	0	12.30 p.m. Baptism of Daisy May Walker and Molly Rose Walker
Thurs	8	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Fri	9	5.00 p.m. St Eanswythe's School Leaver's Service
Sun	11	The Sixth Sunday after Trinity
		10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST
T 1	15	12.30 p.m. Baptism of Henry William Charles Roy Brown
Thurs	15	Swithun, Bishop of Winchester
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Sun	18	The Seventh Sunday after Trinity
		10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST
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Mon	19	Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina, Deaconess, Teachers
T	20	1.30 p.m. St Mary's School Leaver's Service
Tues	20	10.00 a.m. PCC Meeting
Thurs	22	Mary Magdalene
a	25	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sun	25	The Eighth Sunday after Trinity
		10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST
	•	12.30 p.m. Baptism of Emily Dinsdale
Mon	26	James the Apostle
Thurs	29	Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of Our Lord
		10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
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Pam Mullett and Angela Flisher wish to thank everyone for the kind and generous gift and beautiful flowers which were given to them on the occasion of their retirement as Churchwarden and Parish Secretary.

Don't forget the Donation Station!

There are so many ways that you can make donations or pay for our range of merchandise.

Cash and cheques can be placed in the box by the main door, and credit card payments can be made in several ways:

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- by clicking the Donate Button on our website; or
- by using the Donation Station adjacent to the sales table.

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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, Wednesday, 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

Priest's Letter From Father John



Dear friends

As I write this, we've just heard that the full lifting of Covid restrictions has been delayed for another month. Sad, but most folk I've spoken to think it's worth being safe, and are anyway enjoying the freedoms we now have.

Last night we had a bonfire in the Vicarage garden. It had been cleared of its jungle and the debris needed burning before a membrane can be laid and wood chippings put down on top. Add a few outside tables and, *Hey Presto!*, a church garden for picnics and barbecues. We're not quite there yet, but it was wonderful to be together with twenty or so folk from our church and community eating, drinking and nattering. May it be the first of many such occasions this year.

We're certainly planning a jamboree for the weekend of St Eanswythe's day: September 11 & 12. Working in partnership with the Museum, we're planning a picnic, talks, displays, concerts, historic re-enactments, craft stalls and a special Eucharist on the Sunday. It's still being planned but once the programme is finalised and the publicity available, we'll let you know.

And I do hope you're in close touch with family or friends. I had my daughter's family with me this weekend, including two grandsons aged 1 and 5. Wonderful! I hadn't seen them in so long. Your Vicar was to be seen with his trousers rolled up and sploshing in the sea. And covered with ice cream. To be with those we love is so important after such a lonely and isolated year. So I hope you have found someone to see again. But if not, and you feel alone, do be in touch with me, or with someone you know from the church, and arrange a coffee and a chat.

Have a wonderful summer!

Fr John

TOWN SUNDAY

On Sunday 20 June we welcomed our newly-elected mayor, Councillor Michelle Keutenius, along with our Town Councillors and some impressive standard bearers ably commanded by the Town Sergeant. They all dedicated themselves to acting according to God's kingly rule of grace and truth. This is the sermon I preached...

All three of our readings today tell us that God's resources have to be used in God's way.

Just look at us! Don't we look grand?! The finery and regalia we wear today sets us apart. But for what? For honour and a sense of our own importance? Some people think so, but NO! Our finery and regalia symbolise something, but not that! They set us apart because we have been given power and resources to help people; as individuals and as communities. It's a big responsibility. It's a calling. It's an opportunity to make a difference.

But we have to remember, God's resources have to be used in God's way.

Our readings tell us that the resources we need to lead a happy and fulfilled life come from God. They also show us that material resources are not enough. Our mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing matter too. Without them, we cannot be happy and fulfilled.

Psalm 23 reveals that God is the ultimate source of our wellbeing. The resources that help folk flourish come ultimately from him. I Kings tells us that when people hit hard times the resources they need often have to come through the care and compassion of others. Luke shows us that when a community is interested only in wealth, those with fractured lives can be ignored. Jesus' attitude, on the contrary, is that those with power must have the compassion and will to also act to make fractured lives whole.

Because God's resources have to be used in God's way.

It reminds me of something written by an American comedian a while ago. It's an entirely fictitious account of a Bricklayer making a medical insurance claim. If it's not your sense of humour I do apologise, but I hope you see the point I'm trying to make. It goes like this...

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Dear Sir

I am writing in response to your request for additional information for my medical insurance claim. In Section 3 of the accident reporting form I put "trying to do the job alone" as the cause of my accident. You asked for a fuller explanation and I trust the following details will be sufficient.

I am a bricklayer by trade. On the day of the accident, I was working alone on the roof of a new six-story building. When I completed my work, I found I had some bricks left over which when weighed later were found to weigh 240 lbs. Rather than carry the bricks down by hand, I decided to lower them in a barrel by using a pulley which was attached to the side of the building at the sixth floor. Securing the rope at ground level, I went up to the roof, swung the barrel out and loaded the bricks into it. Then I went down and untied the rope, holding it tightly to ensure a slow descent of the 240 lbs of bricks. You will note on the accident reporting form that my weight is 135 lbs.

Due to my surprise at being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rapid rate up the side of the building. In the vicinity of the third floor, I met the barrel which was now proceeding downward at an equally impressive speed. This explains the fractured skull, minor abrasions and the broken collarbone, as listed in Section 3 of the accident reporting form. Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley which I mentioned in Paragraph 2 of this correspondence. Fortunately by this time I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold tightly to the rope. At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of bricks hit the ground, and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Now devoid of the weight of the bricks, the barrel weighed approximately 50 lbs. I refer you again to my weight.

As you might imagine, I began a rapid descent down the side of the building. In the vicinity of the third floor, I met the barrel coming up. This accounts for the two fractured ankles, broken tooth and severe lacerations of my legs and lower body. Here my luck began to change slightly. The encounter with the barrel seemed to slow me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell into the pile of bricks and fortunately only three vertebrae were cracked.

I am sorry to report, however, as I lay there on the pile of bricks, unable to move and watching the empty barrel six stories above me, I again lost my composure and presence of mind and let go of the rope...

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Bricklayers cannot afford to ignore the laws of physics. If they do, disaster awaits. Those given the power to help people cannot afford to ignore the laws of God. If they do, disaster awaits. For God's resources have to be used in God's way. Yes, prosperity is necessary for communities to flourish. But so is compassion.

Not that compassion is just a different kind of resource, like prosperity, peace or partnerships. Resources such as money and power can, after all, be developed and utilised with ruthlessness, arrogance and selfishness. We know this too well. But compassion is God's way of handling *all* kinds of resources – wealth, plant, power, communication, skills, landscape, health, social capital, law, language and access to all these things.

So may God grant us the power and will to discharge our responsibilities with compassion. Because, for our communities to truly flourish, God's resources have to be used in God's way.

Amen.

Let us pray for our Mayor, Councillors and council officials that they may be given the grace, power and will to serve us in the ways of Christ.

Fr John



I was happily watching the Bermuda Philharmonic Orchestra when the guy on triangle disappeared.

July Sunday Eucharist Gospels

Sunday 4 July - 5th Sunday after Trinity – Mark 6.1-13

Jesus said to them 'Prophets are not without honour except in their home town and among their kin and in their own house. In all ages God sends his messengers to proclaim his word. People do not

always listen to them but they are constrained to do his will and not expect a favourable reception.

Sunday 11 July - 6th Sunday after Trinity - Mark 6.14-29

The king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother.

Those who would serve God sometimes have to suffer for his sake. They are following the pattern of Jesus Christ, who was killed for the offence he caused to the powers of his time.

Sunday 18 July – 7th Sunday after Trinity– Mark 6.30-24; 53-56

He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest awhile'. For many were coming and going

and they had no leisure even to eat.

Even good works may bring the danger of distraction from worship and meditation. There is a time to go and be quiet.

Sunday 25th July – James the Apostle Matt. 20.20-28 He said to them 'You will indeed drink my cup but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

OR

Sunday 25 July 8th Sunday after Trinity John 6.1-21

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him 'There is a boy here who has five loaves and two fish.

But what are they among so many'

Nothing is too small to be the means of God's bountiful love.

No one is too insignificant to be a channel of his grace.

All we need is faith and he will do the rest.

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



Thank You

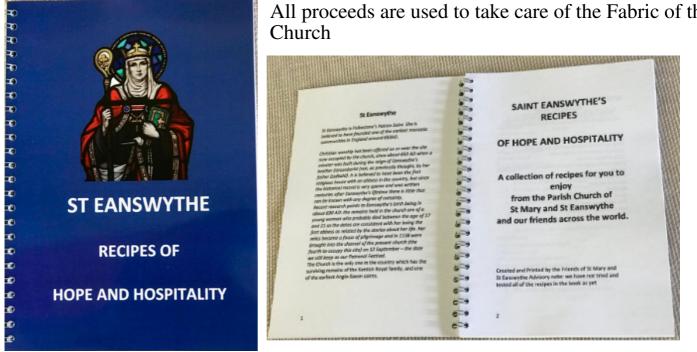
At our Annual meeting this year we said a big thank you to Angela and Pam, both stepping down from significant roles: Angela as Parish Secretary; Pam as Church Warden. They have given our church SO MUCH over the years in time, energy, skill and dedication. We are so very, very grateful to them. And so we were very glad to express our appreciation with flowers, a card and a generous money donation given by very grateful parishioners.

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

ACROSS

1 All streams into the sea, yet the sea is never full (Eccl 1:7) 5 we understand that the were framed by the word of God (Heb 11:3) KJV 10 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will ____ God. (Matt 5:8) 13 Whosesoever sins ye _____, they are remitted unto them (John 20:23) KJV 15 he made a of cherubim of olive wood (1 Kings 6:23) 16 Because thy lovingkindness is better _____ life (Ps 63:3) KJV 17 In the beginning God created the heaven and the (Gen 1:1) 18 fetch olive branches, and branches, and myrtle (Neh 8:15) 19 a great company of the heavenly _____ appeared with the angel (Luke 2:13) 20 Father, keep through own name those whom (John 17:11) KJV 21 foolish _____ took their lamps but did not take any oil (Matt 25:3) 22 said unto the king, Let the king live for ____ (Neh 2:3) 23 son of Seth (Gen 5:6) KJV 25 he shall make even a _____ riddance of all them (Zeph 1:18) KJV 27 Her people all roar like young lions, they growl like lion ____ (Jer 51:38) 30 the ____, the rat, any kind of great lizard (Lev 11:29) 33 and singers joined in ____, as with one voice (2 Chron 5:13) 35 God did extraordinary _____ through Paul (Acts 19:11) 40 the whole herd rushed down the ____ bank into the lake (Matt 8:32) 41 ``son of`` in Hebrew 42 Wherefore the people did with Moses (Ex 17:2) KJV 43 the Egyptians and their chariots and (Ex 14:26) 45 Take heed, beware of the _____ of the Pharisees (Mark 8:15) KJV 46 _____ and thread (Matt 19:24) 48 a time to tear and a time to ____ (Eccl 3:7) 49 the devil, and he will flee from you (James 4:7) 53 if his hands are ____, the house leaks (Eccl 10:18) are creatures of little strength (Prov 30:25) 56 were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their ____ (Dan 3:21) KJV 59 and offered burnt offerings on the ____ (Gen 8:20) 63 they consult a wooden _____ and are answered by a stick (Hos 4:12) 64 Tell them everything I command you; do not _____ a word (Jer 26:2) 65 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth _____ to men (Luke 2:14) 66 no remedy for your ____, no healing for you (Jer 30:13) 67 they will _____ out the bread by weight (Lev 26:26) 68 appointed priests from all _____of people (1 Kings 12:31) 69 Abraham set apart seven ____ lambs from the flock (Gen 21:28) 70 the prophets declare good to the king with one (2 Chr 18:12) (KJV) 71 The owl will _____ there and lay eggs (Isa 34:15) DOWN 1 Do not _____ because of evil men or be envious of the wicked (Prov 24:19) 2 Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was (Gen 29:16) 3 Ahab son of _____ became king of Israel (1 Kings 16:29) 4 since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of ____ (Heb 12:1)

6 He will and will exalt himself over everything (2 Thess 2:4)

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

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Canterbury Cathedral

The Cathedral was once again open for visiting on May17th, and it was very special being able to welcome many families who came on Bank Holiday Monday.

There is currently a much published exhibition about St. Thomas Becket at The British Museum and many people are visiting prior to going to London to see that.

The question most frequently asked by visitors is 'Where is Becket buried' and the answer is 'no one really knows'.

If I am in the Martyrdom I enjoy explaining the significance of the wall mounted sculpture by Giles Blomfield. A floodlight casts shadows of the two swords on the wall behind making four in all. This represents the swords of the four knights responsible for Becket's murder. Most visitors agree it does make an impact .

After his murder in 1170 Becket's body was placed in a tomb in the Crypt overlooked by the Watching Chamber now known as the Wax Chamber.From the two small windows the monks kept vigil. After a period of time the Crypt was open to the public and pilgrims came from far and wide to pray at the tomb and two monks William, and Benedict kept a record of miracles that occurred.These are depicted in the windows surrounding the Trinity Chapel, one of which is on loan to the exhibition.

By 1220 the cult of St. Thomas was well and truly established and it was then that his body was translated to a magnificent shrine in the Trinity Chapel. This was covered in gold and precious stones and must have been an amazing sight. Below the casket were arches for pilgrims to pray and an altar for daily mass.Pilgrims from all backgrounds London and the Continent came to pay homage. King Louis VII presented a huge ruby known as the Regale of France for the restoration to health of his son. On the Shrine a golden angel pointed to it.

However in the early 1500's with Henry V111 on the throne everything changed and orders were given for the Shrine to be destroyed. I was amused by a press report on the current exhibition that stated that Henry carried home its treasures in a goody bag! In fact it took 26 ox carts to carry the spoils to The Tower of London.! The King was later portrayed sporting a ring set with a giant ruby!

Maybe the monks were able to spirit away Becket's mortal remains but who knows?

Marilyn Edey

Annual Parish Meeting Elections

The following were elected:

Churchwardens	Tom Bertram and Andrew Plested
Deputy Wardens	Jenny Coleman and Pam Mullett
PCC Members	Maurice Bauhahn and Marilyn Edey

BOOKWORM



Recently I seem to have been reading rather a lot about last year's lockdowns

Tales From Lindford – Catherine Fox (2021)

Fans of the Lindchester Chronicles will be pleased to learn that the trilogy has now become a quartet, and in this book we follow the inhabitants of Lindchester diocese through 2020 and all its challenges.

Freddie, now happily married to fellow lay clerk Ambrose, desperately wants to be a father. How will that work out? Jane starts to accept that she wants to know more about her roots. Father Dominic has his mother living with him in the vicarage, unfortunately her dementia means that she thinks he is his father most of the time. That's when she's not mistaking the washing machine for the dishwasher. And Leah and Jess are now all grown up, aged 14 and 12, both with a crush on Freddie. We see a lot of the events from Jess's point of view through the medium of her Moon Diary - though her spelling and punctuation is appalling and more like that of a child half her age (unless schools no longer focus on either of these essentials). But I did learn a lot about the moon.

I found it fascinating to relive 2020 through the experiences of Lindchester's residents. Covid hits them of course, but not as badly as it has hit us in Folkestone and elsewhere. And I did find myself frequently thinking that they just don't know what is coming round the corner.

Anyway, it's a good read and quite uplifting. I enjoyed it and I think you will too. But do read the others in the series first if you have not yet discovered Lindchester.

The Night Gate – Peter May (2021)

This was a compelling read, and I was immediately hooked by the two parallel, but interconnected plots set 75 or so years apart.

This very topical thriller was written during lockdown last year. Much of it is set in south west France, where the author lives, and the idea for it arose following the discovery that many major art works had been hidden in his house during the last war.

During lockdown in autumn 2020, retired forensics expert Enzo Macleod becomes involved in the investigation of a murder in south west France. Coincidentally another body from a murder in World War 2 is also discovered nearby tangled in the roots of a fallen tree.

Meanwhile, in 1940 art expert Georgette Pignall is given the job, by General Charles de Gaulle himself, to protect the Mona Lisa (known as La Joconde in France) and to prevent Hitler getting his hands on it. But it turns out that others are also after the painting. This makes for a very exciting story taking the reader from wartime London to the Outer Hebrides and occupied France.

I'm a huge fan of Peter May and this was a terrific book, well up to his usual standard. I feel very fortunate that I was sent this as a review copy.

Catriona Hunter

From St Eanswythe's School

Our Tudor class play

The year 4 class is doing a Tudor play about Henry VIII and his wives. We started doing the play in the classroom and standing up to talk. Most of us didn't have any lines to say but the more we did the play the more we increased the lines. When we went up to the hall everyone grew into their parts and got more confident.

In the first scene, there was a battle between Henry Tudor and Richard III, called the battle of Bosworth Field. In this battle Richard III dangerously rides up to Henry Tudor. During the battle, Richard III was killed by Henry Tudor, Richard III had lost his life! Then Henry Tudor became king of England.

When Henry VII died his youngest son also called Henry got the throne, He had six wives! The first one was called Catherine of Aragon who was married for twenty four years but when she had a daughter not a son she got divorced. The next wife was Anne Boleyn who was married for three years but SHE had a daughter as well and was beheaded! Jane Seymour was next and at long last she had a son! Henry was so happy but sadly Jane died twelve days after Edward's birth. Oh no! Anne of Cleves was next and she was married for only six months! Anne was divorced because Henry didn't like her face! Kathryn Howard was married for two years, but she was a bit of a flirt so she was beheaded! Katherine Parr was last but not least, she was married for four years. In 1547 Henry VIII died of an ulcered leg. Katherine cared for Edward, Elizabeth and Mary and she got remarried right away. In a year she died giving birth! How Sad!

Romilly + Izabella

From St Mary's School

At St Mary's this week we have had the joy of opening up two brand new Prayer Spaces in the school. They have been created in partnership with local charity Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) who run a humanitarian airline, taking small planes loaded with aid into remote countries all around the world. The Prayer Spaces are in the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds so that the children can access them freely during their play times. Each one offers the children opportunities to pray for countries around the world, reflect on their hopes and dreams for the future, remember people who they may have lost and identify things that want to be thankful for. It was also great to be able to use the Prayer Spaces to gather the children in groups for our first "live" assemblies since before lockdown. Well done to all the children who have been involved in preparing these wonderful spaces.

Hannah Haines





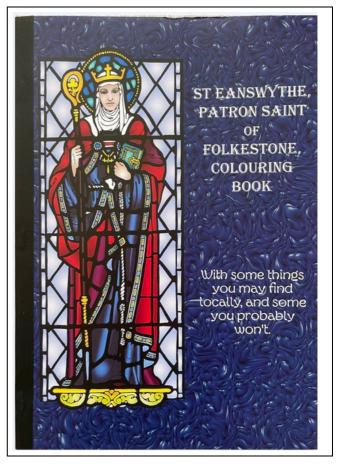




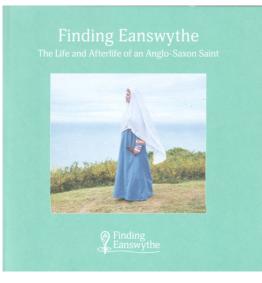
St Eanswythe, Patron Saint of Folkestone, Colouring Book

Once upon a time, not so long ago, when Marilyn and Catriona were on church welcoming duty, a father and his two young daughters came into the church. The girls wanted to do some colouring, but although there were plenty of crayons in the children's corner, there was nothing for them to colour in. This was how the idea for a St Eanswythe colouring book came about.

We have worked with local artist, Dandi Palmer, to create a beautiful colouring book with 40 varied pictures and something for all ages. We hope that it will give a true feeling of what you may be able to see in and around the church. You'll find pictures of St Eanswythe, the Reverend David Railton MC, the church organ, various plants and animals that you might find inside the church or in the churchyard, even the church mouse and one of the spiders. Though please forgive us our artistic licence over the likes of the kingfisher.



We are grateful to Rendezvous magazine for sponsoring the printing of the colouring book. You can buy the book at the sales table for £5, which we are sure you will agree is very good value indeed. Even if colouring isn't your 'thing', this is a book you will want for your coffee table.



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 $\pounds 5$.

Pages from an Unwritten Diary

Further reminiscences of a life lived mostly in Folkestone

My education started at one of a number of Kindergartens that were popular before and after the war. I must have been about four-and-a-half when I was admitted to the Robin School in Broadmead Road. I don't remember a great deal about it except I didn't settle in very easily. I could read by then but working with numbers was never a strength of mine.

Just before my fifth birthday, I entered St Eanswythe's School opposite the church. It was a small school – probably no more than 120-130 children in four classrooms. We started in the Infants' class with Mrs Bull – a kind and encouraging teacher, rather like a mother hen keeping an eye on all her chicks! It was in her class that I reached the dizzying heights of 'Top Table' next to the door, which led into the hall and the Junior classes.

At the age of 7 we moved to Mr Nicholls' class. He was something of a disciplinarian. If you transgressed you were put across his knee and smacked as he balanced one foot on a small infant chair he kept for the purpose.

Next came Miss Plum. She had one of those tall desks and chairs that were common in those days in classrooms without a teacher's platform. She played the piano for our assemblies, which were held in the small hall in the centre of the building. The head teacher, Mr Williams – who also taught the top class – stood on a chair at the front and often told us bible stories illustrated with pictures from a pad he held up. We said the Lord's Prayer each day in a whisper with a separate prayer day by day.

The top class was the largest. Here is a picture taken in 1961 after I had left, of Mr



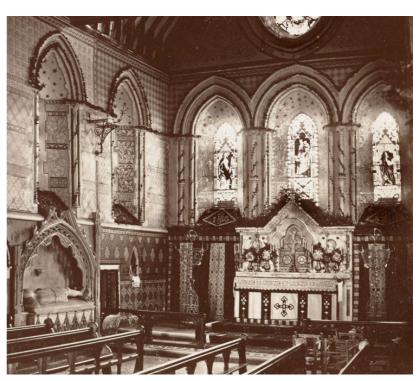
Williams with the top class. Notice that there are no girls. They moved from Mrs Bull's class to St Mary's School, then in Dover Road.

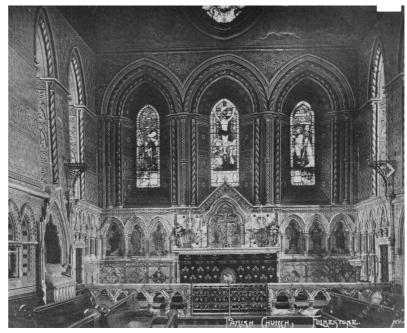
Mr Williams was a remarkable man and I will write more about him in another article.

Know your Church The Chancel Sanctuary



In the first picture we see a view of the Chance through the Tower in 1851, when Canon Woodward arrived as Vicar. Note the flat

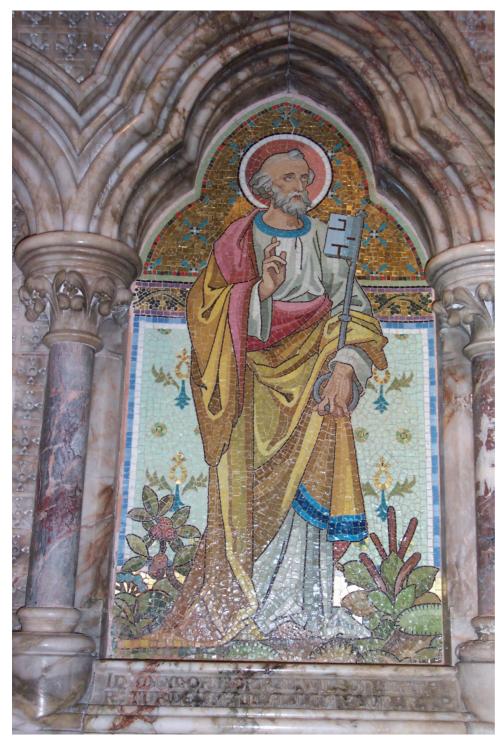




ceiling, plain glass windows and the text tablets on the east wall. The next picture is some 15 years later. The ceiling has gone, the walls are highly decorated in the Oxford Movement style and the vesica window reopened. You can see that the central part of the reredos is the oldest part with curtains either side but note the central mosaic which is quite different to the one we see today. To the right can be seen a niche, below which the relics of St Eanswythe were rediscovered in 1885. The three windows are also different and were replaced by those we have now in around 1885. The wooden altar rail was also replaced by alabaster at this time with the walls. The last picture dates from the 1890s and shows the finished Sanctuary - well almost as in the 1920s the brown top step was added and the central part raised.

Sadly, the walls were overpainted white in the 1950s

In the coming months, I will be looking at the mosaics in the Sanctuary. All the mosaics were by A Cappello, a pupil of Salviati I can find no reference to Cappello but. Antonio Salviati lived from 1816-1890, and was a lawyer whose interest in mosaic glass led him to set up in business in Venice. He restored the mosaic work in St Mark's there, and later his firm made the mosaic glass for Westminster Abbey's high altar screen. This led to much work with glass, and the creating of a fashion among the Victorians for ornate, brightly-coloured glass and a renaissance in Italian glass-making. Aachen Cathedral's central dome is also lined by mosaic by Salviati.



The first mosaic on the left is of St Peter. Simon was born in Bethsaida, a town on Lake Genesareth. The Apostle Andrew was his brother, and the Apostle Philip came from the same town.

Simon settled in Capharnaum, where he was living with his mother-in-law in his own house at the beginning of Christ's public ministry (about A.D. 26-28). Simon was thus married, and, according to Clement of Alexandria , had children.

He was renamed as Peter "the rock" by Jesus and the scriptures outline his part in Jesus' ministry.

Afterwards, he travelled throughout Asia Minor before working in Rome, where he was martyred in his late 60s, hence the red halo and the grey hair. He is depicted carrying the key to the gates of Heaven.

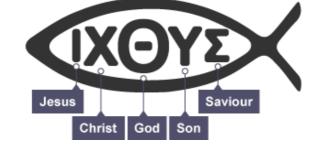
All of the mosaics were donated, in this case the donors were Miss E.Wilson, E.M.Wilson and others

Signs and Symbols



The *ichthys* or *ichthus* was adopted by early Christians as a secret symbol. In the early Church, the *ichthys* symbol held "the most sacred significance", and Christians used it to recognize churches and other believers through this symbol because they were persecuted by the Roman Empire. The *ichthys* symbol is also a reference to "the Holy Eucharist, with which the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes had such intimate connection both in point of time and significance." The symbol concerns the belief in the Most Holy Trinity since the early Christian communities.

The symbol in Greek letters spells out 'Jesus Christ, God's Son, Saviour'.



From our Daily Reflections

From Dorothy Douse

I have come across a prayer by George Appleton which, in Quaker terms, 'speaks to my condition':

O God of many names, Lover of all people, Give peace in our hearts, In our lives, in our homes, in our community. Between our religions, in the world, in the universe. The peace of our need, The peace of your will.



Flawed – and useless? The Parable of the Cracked Pot

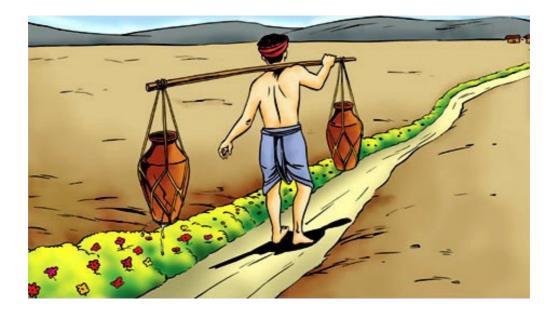
A water bearer had two large pots on each end of a pole, which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, and while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water, the cracked pot arrived at the master's home only half full.

This went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water in his master's house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect to the end for which it was made. However, the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it saw as a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you". The bearer asked, "Why? What are you ashamed of?" The Pot replied, "For these past two years I could only deliver half of my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak. Because of my flaws, you don't get full value for your efforts".

The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot, and in his compassion, he said, "As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path." As they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it somewhat. Nevertheless, at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load, and so again it apologized to the bearer for its failure.

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of your path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from the stream, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his house."



Commemoration of the Month Mary Magdalene 22 July

All four gospels give Mary Magdalene a unique place among Jesus' followers. Probably from Magdala by the Sea of Galilee, she is described as having been healed by Jesus before accompanying him during his ministry. Along with other faithful women, she stayed beside the cross during the crucifixion and was the first disciple to discover the empty tomb on Easter morning. She was privileged with the first appearance of the risen Lord, who sent her to take the good news of the resurrection to the other disciples. This commission earned her the title 'Apostle to the Apostles' in the early Church.



Collect

Almighty God, whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body and called her to be a witness to his resurrection: forgive our sins and heal us by your grace, that we may serve you in the power of his risen life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings OT Song of Songs 3.1-4 NT 2 Cor. 5.14-17

Gospel John 20.1-2, 11-18

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples 'I have seen the Lord'. Great love may bring sorrow as well as happiness. In the power of the Resurrection, we know that Christ lives for ever and that in him all is made joyful

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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

The Act of Dedication from this year's Town Sunday service

well worth more than a few minute's contemplation

Yours, Lord is the kingdom. Yours the kingly rule of grace and truth which changes life and makes all things new.

May your sovereignty be acknowledged here in Folkestone and in all the World that the reign of sin may be broken and your righteousness prevail on earth that the nations may live together in freedom and in peace.

Help us, O God, at all times to do the things that are right. To that end give us clear vision that we may know what we ought to do; courage, to embark upon it; skill, to further it; wisdom, to reflect upon it, strength, to resist the temptation to turn aside

and perseverance to bring it to fulfilment.

We make our act of commitment. Help us begin, continue and end all things in you.

Grant this prayer, O God, for young and old alike and for your Son's sake. Amen

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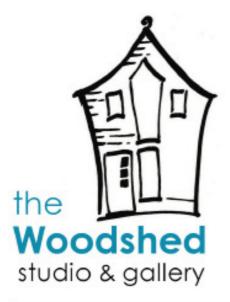


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Have you noticed an extra artefact in St Saviour's corner?

It is a Choir Processional Cross from St Saviour's Church. Many years ago we had a large choir of men and boys under the organist Roger Smith. Both of my sons were trebles in that choir - my younger son now sings bass in the Christchurch Minster choir in Dorset. The choirboys took it in turn to carry the cross very proudly at the head of the choir as they processed into church each Sunday.

The choir was good enough to sing at Canterbury and once on a Choir Holiday took over for a week at Portsmouth Cathedral while the cathedral choir was on their summer holiday.



St Saviour's Choir in its heyday

When Roger Smith left to train as a priest, the choir fell apart until Mary Iggulden, an organist, started a choir of ladies and men. Pauline Musson and I joined and stayed for many years.

When we were told St Saviours was closing, we were allowed to write down any church artefacts that were particularly dear to our hearts. My son Matthew asked me to put down the Choir Cross and eventually I was allowed to take it.

The cross was made by the men of the Sharman family carpenters. There were eight sons, which is why there are eight points to the cross with eight nails all mounted on an octagonal staff. Matthew said to give it to St Mary & St Eanswythe's where it now stands by the altar in the St Saviour's corner. I miss it standing in my hall way but I think it is now in its proper home. I say a silent 'hello' to it each time I come into the church.

Janet Constable

Back in the days . . .

Back in the days of tanners and bobs, When Mothers had patience and Fathers had jobs. When football team families wore hand me down shoes. And TV gave only two channels to chose. Back in the days of three penny bits, when schools employed nurses to search for your nits. When snowballs were harmless; ice slides were permitted and all of your jumpers were warm and hand knitted. Back in the days of hot ginger beers, when children remained so for more than six years. When children respected what older folks said, and pot was a thing you kept under your bed. Back in the days of Listen with Mother, when neighbours were friendly and talked to each other. When cars were so rare you could play in the street. When Doctors made house calls; Police walked the beat. Back in the days of Milligan's Goons, when butter was butter and songs all had tunes. It was dumplings for dinner and trifle for tea, and your annual break was a day by the sea. Back in the days of Dixon's Dock Green, Crackerjack pens and Lyons ice cream. When children could freely wear National Health glasses, and teachers all stood at the FRONT of their classes Back in the days of rocking and reeling, when mobiles were things that you hung from the ceiling. When woodwork and pottery got taught in schools, and everyone dreamed of a win on the pools. Back in the days when I was a lad, I can't help but smile for the fun that I had. Hopscotch and roller skates; snowballs to lob. Back in the days of tanners and bobs.





Anon

Help St Eanswythe's Kids Buy Community Space to Flourish

At the bottom of our school drive is an empty dance hall that used to serve our community. It provided space for courses, get-togethers, dances, comedies, yoga, tai chi and much more BUT for the last few years it has laid empty and derelict! The area that the hall is in is called the Bayle and this community has lost their heart because they have no where to share.

It has just come up on the market and we have a group of parents prepared to do all the work to make it a fabulous community hub again if we can just buy it.

What would gaining this Hall mean for us? We would be able to run breakfast and after school clubs from it. Children would benefit from Dance, Drama, Art and Music all able to happen in this hub. Special Needs pupils would have the space to flourish and develop according to their interests. Past pupils would have a Transition club that would make them feel more grounded and improve their wellbeing and help them develop and stay in Secondary school.

The community would also benefit. Not only will the children be able to host concerts for them, they would have a place to read with the elderly and provide much needed company. We would have a space to educate adults who themselves have gaps in their learning. For example rather than just running our food bank we would be able to give cookery lessons too.

In the evenings, weekends and during the holidays the Hall would be there for the community to use. They can reinstate those Dances, Clubs and talks that they miss so much.

All of the money raised will go to fund the purchase of the building. All the other costs will be met by our huge team of willing volunteers.

Words could not express how much this will be appreciated by the children and the whole community. The money that you give will benefit this community for many years to come.



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