

RENDEZVOUS



The Magazine of the Folkestone Town Benefice of
St Mary and St Eanswythe
with
St Saviour

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Please contact Andrew Plested as above

CALENDAR

September 2021

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| Thurs | 2 | 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Sat | 4 | 3.00 p.m. Marriage of Jacob Andrew Goldfinch and Jodie Grace Nash |
| Sun | 5 | The Blessed Virgin Mary 10.30 a.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST for Patronal Festival |
| Thurs | 9 | 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Sat | 11 | 10.00 a.m. - 4 p.m. Ride & Stride 11.00 a.m. – 7.00 p.m. St Eanswythe Weekend Celebrations <i>See page 4</i> |
| Sun | 12 | St Eanswythe Day 10.30 a.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST for Patronal Festival |
| Tues | 14 | Holy Cross Day |
| Thurs | 16 | 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Sun | 19 | The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST |
| Tues | 21 | Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist 10.00 a.m. PCC Meeting 6.00 p.m. Friends of St Mary & St Eanswythe AGM |
| Thurs | 23 | 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Fri | 24 | 7.30 p.m. Concert - John Woolrich |
| Sun | 26 | The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST |
| Mon | 27 | 7.30 p.m. Concert – Freddy Kempf |
| Wed | 29 | Michael and all Angels 7.00 p.m. Concert – Mark Damisch |
| Thurs | 30 | 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Sat | 2 Oct | 4.00 p.m. Trennial Event – Breath and Water, Blood and Bones |
| Sun | 3 Oct | Dedication Festival 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST |

From the Parish Registers

Baptism July

We welcome into the Lord's family
Henry William Charles Roy Brown
Clara Agnes Treacher-Todd
Emily Rose Dinsdale

Faithful Departed July

May they rest in peace and rise in glory
Sandra Bierman



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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:

- by scanning the QR code on the weekly pew sheet or the back of Rendezvous;
- 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

I hope you had a good August, with time for refreshment and rest. As we look forward to late summer and autumn there'll be plenty to enjoy that we missed last year. We're very much enjoying singing in church again. We've starting offering refreshments after services, too, with all the correct hygiene protocols. We do need help serving them, so if you're willing to join the coffee rota, do please be in touch with Megan.

There's our very first wedding since the lockdowns began on 4 September, so do please pray for Jacob and Jodie as they begin their married life. Then there are our two Patronal festivals, with solemn masses and incense. We celebrate Our Lady on 5 September when Fr Barry will be our guest preacher, and St Eanswythe on 12 September when Fr Darren, our Archdeacon will preach. There will be cake and wine as well as coffee! Saturday 11 September will see a joint venture between our church and Folkestone museum to celebrate St Eanswythe, and you'll find details in this magazine on page 4. It's a modest beginning to something we hope will grow as the years go by.

24 September sees the beginning of a new cycle of concerts in our wonderfully acoustic church. Contemporary composer John Woolrich is designing a multimedia experience in which his work will be performed by a string quartet while surrounded by a kaleidoscope of visual images. Bayle Music's new programme kicks off on 27 September with renowned pianist Freddy Kempf, followed by the American concert pianist Mark Damisch on 29 September as part of his European tour – all proceeds will go to our church.

On 2 October we host a Folkestone Triennial event: *Breath and Water, Blood and Bones*, in which Conductor Grenville Hancox, historian Lesley Hardy and Dr Sarah Montgomery explore William Harvey, St Eanswythe and the circulation of breath, blood and myth in our ancient building.

Then come two more special services: our Dedication Festival on 3 October followed by our Harvest Festival on 10 October – another good excuse for cake and wine. The Sacconi Quartet will be performing on 23 October and including young and upcoming Folkestone violinists, which sounds very exciting! Then, on 31 October we celebrate All Saints and All Souls – always a very special and poignant celebration of those who have gone before us.

All to be savoured and enjoyed! But there are other developments in the life and ministry of our church to consider, support and pray for. Our Upper Room has been cleared and will be made available not only for meetings but for the establishment of a ministry to children on a Sunday morning. Please pray for Clare Tomlinson as she leads this initiative, and contact her if you'd like to help.

The Companions of Eanswythe is a response to the call to be a missionary church, but shaped by our unique character and history. It is an invitation to grow spiritually

in the tradition of Eanswythe herself, and to help develop her shrine as a place of pilgrimage. Please read the article on pages 10 and 11 this magazine, pray for me, and contact me if you're interested in participating.

Pam Keeling leads the team applying for funding to develop the North Transept as a place of hospitality and welcome. This will benefit our church community on Sundays, of course, but it will also help us to be a place of welcome and hospitality to our local community. Please pray for Pam, and offer support if you can.

Go well, my friends, and join with us as you can in our many celebrations this Autumn.

Fr John

St Eanswythe's Day Celebrations 11 & 12 September

A weekend exploring the life and times of St Eanswythe, Folkestone's very own 7th Century Anglo-Saxon Princess and Saint.

Featuring events at Folkestone Museum, St Mary & St Eanswythe Church, and the space between.

Saturday 11 September

All day from 11 a.m.

- At the Museum: Anglo-Saxon workshops
- At the Church: The Royal Saxon Way: an exhibition of art and poetry
- In between: Anglo-Saxon Re-enactment groups

Events

- 11.00 in the Church: Opening by Councillor Michelle Keutenius, The Town Mayor of Folkestone and Fr John Walker, Parish Priest, followed by Coffee and Cake
- 11.30 in the Church: Meditation workshop - how did St Eanswythe pray?
- 12.15 in the Church: Craft Fair
- 15.00 in the Museum: Talk by Dr Andrew Richardson
- 17.00 in the Church: Concert by the Lunatraktors (a folk group specialising in medieval music)

Sunday 12 September

- 10.30 in the Church: Solemn Eucharist for St Eanswythe Day followed by Coffee, Wine & Cake

Fr John

Covid Strategy from 19 July

On 20th July our PCC made the following decisions about our church worship. Despite the relaxing of legal restrictions, we remain extremely concerned about the current rapid rise of Covid infections, and our strategy reflects this.

- The common cup will not be reintroduced until Covid rates are low enough for Fr John T and I to feel safe to consume leftover wine.
- Presiding priests will continue to practice present hygiene protocols, with the use of masks, gel and gloves, and by keeping the ciborium covered during the Eucharistic Prayer.
- Presiding priests will not invite people to move to share the Peace physically with those not sitting near them.
- Priests will not shake hands with people as they leave, because the risk of passing infections from person to person is too great.
- We will invite those attending to continue to check in using the NHS app or our contact slips.
- We ask the congregation to continue to practice social distancing in family and friendship groups, and to use face coverings and hand gel.
- We will leave the seat cushions where they are to encourage social distancing.
- We will not reintroduce refreshments until we can make arrangements to do so hygienically.
- A crucifer will lead the procession and recession and Altar Servers may assist those Presiding priests who are happy for them to do so, but they must wear masks and gloves at all times.
- We will communicate our expectations clearly through signage, notice sheets and announcements.
- We will not reintroduce a collection using offering bags or plates, or an offertory procession at this stage.
- We will reintroduce congregational singing on the condition that those who sing practise social distancing and wear face coverings. Singing will not be permitted in the pews at the back of the church, which will be reserved for those who feel unsafe singing.

We hope this makes sense to everyone, and we will review these strategies as we track the impact of Stage 4 on the spread of Covid locally.

Fr John Walker

September Sunday Eucharist Gospels

Sunday 5 September – 14th after Trinity – Mark 7.24-37

*Looking up to heaven he sighed, and said to him ‘Ephphatha’ that is ‘Be opened’.
And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released and he spoke plainly.*

The will of God is for health and abundant life. Through Jesus Christ, the great words prophesied of the Messiah have been and are still, accomplished.

**Sunday 12 September Patronal Festival Sunday
The Feast of the Translation of St Eanswythe
Special readings & Gospel**

Sunday 19 September – 16th after Trinity – Mark 9.30-37

He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, ‘Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all’.

Christ fulfilled the prophecies of the suffering Messiah and left a pattern of humble self-giving for his disciples in all ages to follow.

Sunday 26th September – 17th after Trinity – Mark 9.38-50

‘No one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me’.

The word of God is not limited to those who seem to have received special appointment. There are many who do his work without official recognition, and no one should try to stop them.

Red Letter Days

**8th September - The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Luke 6.12-19**

**21st September - Matthew Apostle and Evangelist
Matthew 9.9-13**

**29th September Michael and All Angels
John 1.47-51**

Church Cleaning

We all love our church and its beauty and we want it to look as wonderful as possible as we are expecting lots of visitors. We are desperate for helpers with the cleaning - we have a very small and dedicated team but **WE NEED MORE PEOPLE!** Please get in touch with Jenny Coleman on 07947 324350 or email jsc46bythesea@gmail.com

There are an awful lot of us

There are an awful lot of us,
And some of us are strange,
Moreover, metamorphosis
Can cause a curious change.

A caterpillar's not a thing
Of beauty or delight,
But one day it's a butterfly,
In wondrous, fragile flight.

There are Lepidoptera,
To which the moth belongs,
Inspiring myriad metaphors
And certain sexy songs.

There are bees and wasps, like warriors,
In bands of black and gold,
Though workers find their destiny
Is never to grow old.

The dainty darting dragonfly,
The cheerful sounding cricket,
Though when he's "sounding off" at night
Some people cannot stick it.

Weevils were not welcome
When ships put out to sea,
And dogs and cats (and humans) hate
The irritating flea.

Cockroaches and termites,
Insects like a stick,
Springtails, beetles, bristletails,
Or lacewings, take your pick.

We've even starred in TV films
With leopards and with cheetahs,
But Attenborough is not our friend;
He lets the others eat us.

We have a purpose in the world,
There are useful things we do,
So don't just scream and tread on us
Or throw us down the loo!

Dora Alker

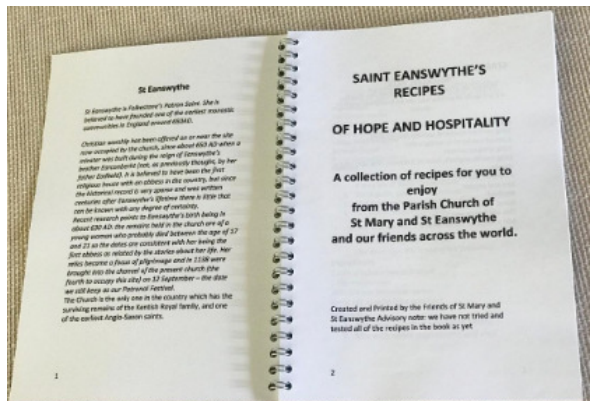
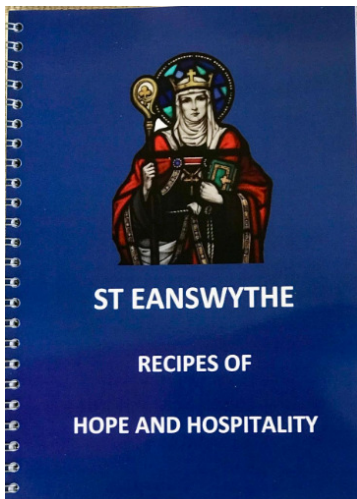
Recipes of Hope and Hospitality

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



ACROSS

- 1 Absalom had appointed ____ over the army in place of Joab (2 Sam 17:25)
6 some pistachio ____ and almonds (Gen 43:11-12)
10 he who ____ righteousness reaps a sure reward (Prov 11:18)
14 The people will not ____ eating until he comes (1 Sam 9:13)
15 son of Isaac (Gen 27:5)
16 Do not cut the hair at the sides of your head or ____ off the edges (Lev 19:27)
17 ____ that will not be moved; its stakes will never (1,4) (Isa 33:20)
18 But if you can do anything, take pity on us and ____ us (Mark 9:22)
19 As soon as the grain is ____, he puts the sickle to it (Mark 4:29)
20 A ____ betrays a confidence (Prov 11:13)
22 so also these men oppose the truth, men of ____ minds (2 Tim 3:8)
24 Can you make a ____ of him like a bird (Job 41:5)
26 the western foothills and the mountain ____ (Josh 10:40)
27 Satan might not outwit us. For we are not ____ of his schemes (2 Cor.2 :11)
31 They were all filled with ____ and praised God. (Luke 7:16)
33 their ____ were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire (Dan 3:27)
34 What strength he has in his ____, what power in the muscles (Job 40:16)
37 Stinging insect (Isa 7:18) KJV
39 The sun turned black like sackcloth made of ____ hair (Rev 6:12)
40 with trumpets and the ____ of the ram's horn (Ps 98:6)
41 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me ____ (Matt 25:35) KJV
42 from one ____ of the heavens to the other (Matt 24:31)
43 to perform the daily duties of their various ____ 2 Chron 31:16)
44 the ____ forest has been cut down (Zech 11:2)
45 was the golden ____ that had manna (Heb 9:4)
46 What he toiled for he must give back ____ (Job 20:18)
48 They are like plants in the field, like tender green ____ (2 Kings 19:26)
51 long period of time
52 they hid in caves and ____, among the rocks, and in pits (1 Sam 13:6)
54 A man who loves ____ brings joy to his father (Prov 29:3)
59 Can a man ____ on hot coals without his feet being scorched? (Prov 6:28)
60 my ears have heard the ____ of my wicked foes (Ps 92:11)
62 thy brother was dead, and is ____ again (Luke 15:32) KJV
63 We hear that some among you are ____ . They are not busy (2 Thess 3:11)
64 Salvation is found in no one ____, for there is no other name (Acts 4:12)
65 So Joseph bought some ____ cloth, took down the body (Mark 15:46)
66 Like a bird that strays from its ____ is a man who strays (Prov 27:8)
67 O Sovereign LORD, ____ well with me for your name's sake (Ps 109:21)
68 why ____ money on what is not bread (Isa 55:2)

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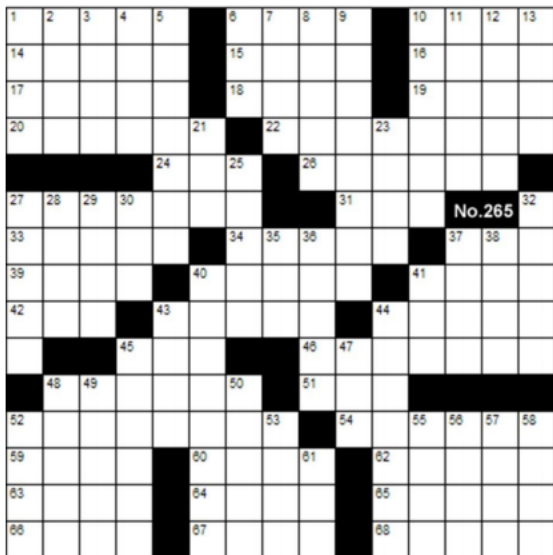
- 1 with dishonest scales, with ____ of false weights (1,3) (Mic 6:11)
2 "What do you want ____ do for you?" Jesus asked him. (2,2) (Mark 10:51)
3 mystery that has been kept hidden for ____ and generations (Col 1:26)
4 to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your ____ are forgiven." (Matt 9:2)
5 You did not renounce your faith in me, even in the days of ____ (Rev 2:13)
6 abbr. for the 16th book of the O.T
7 Show me the coin ____ for paying the tax (Matt 22:19)
8 Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' ____ (1 Tim 4:7)

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

- 9 trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly ____ (Jer 9:4) KJV
 10 I will ____ away her rubble and make her a bare rock (Ezek 26:4-5)
 11 I am like an ____ tree flourishing in the house of God (Ps 52:8)
 12 I will wipe out Jerusalem as one ____ a dish (2 Kings 21:13)
 13 The creatures ____ back and forth like flashes of lightning (Ezek 1:14)
 21 one beka ____ person, that is, half a shekel (Ex 38:26)
 23 with four ____ of cedar columns supporting trimmed cedar beams (1 Kings 7:2)
 25 gives honest testimony, but a false witness ____ lies (Prov 12:17)
 27 he ____ him to take it; but he refused (2 King 5:16)
 28 called on the name of Baal from morning even until ____ (1 King 18:26)
 29 Like ____ tooth or a lame foot (1,3) (Prov 25:19)
 30 they shall ____ thee with the dew of heaven (Dan 4:25) KJV
 32 Each frame is to ____ cubits long and a cubit and a half (2,3) (Ex 26:16)
 35 He cut down cedars, or perhaps took a cypress or ____ (Isa 44:14)
 36 married a wife, deceased, and, having no ____ (Matt 22:25)
 37 As she wept, she ____ over to look into the tomb (John 20:11-12)
 38 now therefore ____ thou somewhat the grievous servitude (2 Chr 10:4) KJV
 40 The city is left in ruins, its gate is ____ to pieces (Isa 24:12)
 41 Give ____ sign of your goodness, that my enemies may (2,1) (Ps 86:17)
 43 David ____ the spear and water jug near Saul's head (1 Sam 26:12)
 44 Peter made three ____ about knowing Christ (John 18:17,25,27)
 45 your enemies he will hurl away as from the ____ of a sling (1 Sam 25:29)
 47 those who believed ____ came and openly confessed (Acts 19:18-19)
 48 shelter from the storm and a ____ from the heat (Isa 25:4)
 49 wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the ____ (Amos 9:13)
 50 men ____ into the city that day as men steal in (2 Sam 19:3)
 52 ship with the figurehead of the ____ gods Castor and Pollux (Acts 28:11)
 53 Xerxes reigned from his royal throne in the citadel of ____ (Est 1:2)
 55 The law of his God is in his heart; his feet do not ____ (Ps 37:31)
 56 So the king and Haman went to ____ with Queen Esther (Est 7:1-2)
 57 They are all adulterers, as an ____ heated by the baker (Hosea 7:4)

- 58 a time to tear and a time to ____ (Eccl 3:7)
 61 exiles who lived at ____ Abib near the Kebar River (Ezek 3:15)

Last month's solution



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The Companions of Eanswythe

Monastic wisdom for spiritual growth

Would you be interested in becoming a Companion of Eanswythe?

Eanswythe is the Patron Saint of Folkestone, and her bones reside here in St Mary & St Eanswythe Church, the earliest single remains of an English saint. She was an Anglo-Saxon, Kentish royal saint, and granddaughter of Ethelbert, the first English king to convert to Christianity under St Augustine of Canterbury. Eanswythe founded one of the earliest monastic communities in England around AD 660 on The Bayle, the historic centre of Folkestone. Kent archaeological and history experts, working with Queen's University in Belfast, estimate that she died around this time aged 17-22 years. Find out more at the *Finding Eanswythe* website: <https://findingeanswythe.uk/>

Her relics represent a continuous expression of Christian spirituality in Folkestone for over a thousand years. Eanswythe's era was a time of international migration across the Christian World, and so her legacy has something to say about living in harmony across cultures. She lived before the Great Schism and, later, the Reformation tore the Christian Church apart, and so she is a Saint for all churches. The monastic spirituality embodied in her community still speaks today.

What are the aims of The Companions of Eanswythe?

- To use monastic wisdom for spiritual growth
- To develop the shrine of St Eanswythe as a centre of pilgrimage
- To promote Eanswythe's significance for culture, history, archaeology and science

Spiritual growth

As a Companion of Eanswythe you will be supported in

- Learning to practise the ancient monastic disciplines of
 - Lectio Divina (sacred reading)
 - Contemplatio (meditation)
- Developing your own rhythm of spiritual practises
- Joining an online group to receive and give support in doing this
- Making an annual Pilgrimage to the shrine of St Eanswythe
- Participating in lectures and workshops

Centre of pilgrimage

As a Companion of Eanswythe you will be invited to offer financial support for the development of shrine through an annual donation. Our current challenge is to raise money for a new reliquary that will be crafted to both preserve Eanswythe's bones with the correct humidity and also to express her spiritual and historic significance. Later, we aim to create installations that will tell her story. We'd also like to offer better hospitality to pilgrims than we're able to do now.

You will be the first to hear of lectures, workshops, exhibitions or pilgrimage events and offered online streaming links for them. You'll also be informed of concerts, although you may have to pay for these.

Local Companions will do their best to greet and welcome you should you make a pilgrimage to the shrine.

Eanswythe's significance

The Companions of Eanswythe will assist St Mary & St Eanswythe Church in developing partnerships with other bodies with an historical, archaeological, scientific or cultural interest in Eanswythe. We will support or help staff events, lectures, symposiums or conferences.

Would you like to become a Companion of Eanswythe, or do you have questions?

Email Fr John Walker at rev.dr.john.walker@gmail.com or phone on 07980 692813.

Just want to support the shrine without becoming a Companion?

Then become a Friend of St Mary & St Eanswythe, and donate, at <https://friendsofstmaryandsteanswythe.org.uk/>

What's Happening to the Church?

The re-pointing is now finished save for a little work on three porches where plants have taken root (no doubt thanks to the pigeons!). Similarly the work on the gutters and downpipes is complete and most of the scaffolding is coming down, just leaving the North Transept scaffolding so that the stonework repairs to the parapet can be completed.

Scaffolding has been erected around the weather vane, which needs a lot of work.

Bracing has been added to the Calvary to prevent further leaning whilst quotes are obtained and funds raised for its repair.



**FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES
RIDE AND STRIDE**

**Saturday 11 September 2021
10.00 am to 6.00 pm**

CYCLE OR WALK AROUND KENT CHURCHES

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All enquiries:

Lucy O'Flaherty

Tel: 01580 240802 email: Kentcountyorg@gmail.com

It's that time of year again! This year, Patricia Skelsted will be cycling for us. She hopes to visit all Folkestone churches and maybe Sandgate too.

Please see Marilyn (01303 223049) or Patricia (contact Andrew on 01303 241124) if you are willing to sponsor or need more information.

Half of the money raised will go to The Friends of Kent Churches, who gave us a grant last year that covered half of the cost of the roof repairs. The other half will go towards maintaining the building.



BOOKWORM

The Wild Silence - Raynor Winn (2020)

I found this book just as uplifting as *The Salt Path* and it was interesting to read more about Raynor and Moth's life both before and after their walk on the South West Coastal Path.

It's a book about deep love - of the 'for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, till death us do part' type, because Moth has a terminal neurodegenerative disease that, against all odds and doctors' advice, is eased by strenuous exercise. It's also about nature, resilience, and the guilt that Raynor feels about her mother's death and the terror she feels about Moth's forthcoming death. By the end of this book he is on 4 years borrowed time.

While Moth seems to have settled into life following the Salt Path walk and has completed his degree, despite the deterioration in his health, Raynor is finding it very difficult to adjust to 'normal' life again. She finds it excruciatingly difficult to talk to strangers, which makes it even more difficult for her to do the author talks linked to her success with *The Salt Path*.

I can't recommend this book enough. And what's more, it's got the most beautiful cover.

My Garden World – Monty Don (2020)

This was a lovely, gentle book that I have really enjoyed reading. Of course, I'm quite a fan of Monty Don and there is plenty of interesting and useful information in what is in effect a nature diary. There is a section for each season and for each month of the year, and within each month about 20 different topics are explored, each over a few pages. There are even a couple of pages on clothes moths. And rather a lot of beautiful colour photos too.

But to give you an example of the diversity covered, this is what there is for August: wild thyme, kingfisher, feverfew, wasps, meadowsweet, August night, grass snakes, swifts leaving, buzzards, ragwort, shrews, rosebay willowherb, dragonflies, hobby (the bird), bindweed, weasels, harebells, hornet, rabbits, and ticks. Interspersed among all this are tales from his childhood and of his life and family.

The book ends with a chapter about his beloved dog Nigel, so familiar to viewers of *Gardener's World*, who died suddenly and unexpectedly the day after he finished writing this book.

I don't think anyone could dislike this book, but I have to say that I liked it a lot.

The Trawlerman – William Shaw (2021)

I love William Shaw's books and I just couldn't resist it when it came up on offer for 99p on Kindle recently, even though I prefer reading 'real' books.

Alex Cupidi is on long term sick leave with PTSD after one too many utterly horrific cases she's had to deal with in her work as a Detective Sergeant. But, not surprisingly, she can't keep away from police work and starts privately investigating the brutal murder of a couple and the mysterious death at sea of a trawlerman that happened 7 years before.

There are all sorts of twists in the story, most of which I didn't see coming, and it was an exciting and compelling read. All made even better by being set locally in Folkestone, Dungeness and New Romney.

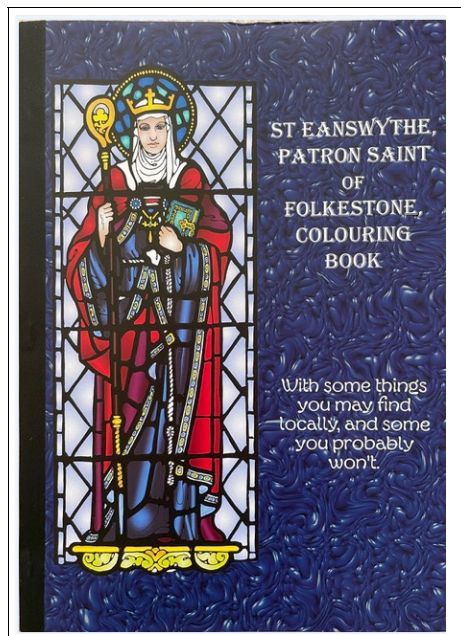
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St Eanswythe, Patron Saint of Folkestone, Colouring Book

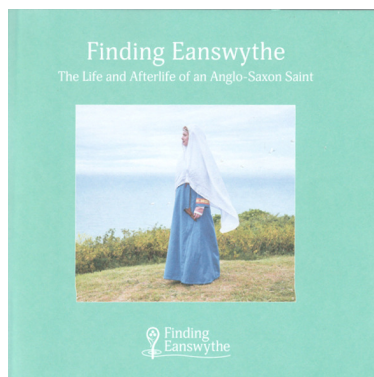
Once upon a time, not so long ago, when Marilyn and Catriona were on church welcoming duty, a father and his two young daughters came into the church. The girls wanted to do some colouring, but although there were plenty of crayons in the children's corner, there was nothing for them to colour in. This 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 **£5**.

Signs and Symbols

The Blessed Virgin Mary

The lily, a long-term symbol of purity has become closely associated with Our Lady. It can be seen in our church in the central panel of the Annunciation Triptych high up on the wall at the east end of the South Aisle where it is combined with a descending dove – a symbol of the Holy Spirit as we discovered last month.



The Fleur-de-Lis has also become a symbol for Our Lady as it has, over the ages, developed from the lily.



Both these symbols can be seen in church in paintings and on some of the glorious banners and other striking embroidery we are so lucky to possess.

Here are the first and last verses of a beautiful and inspiring hymn to Our Lady, which we sang here in days gone by, but which sadly no longer appears in the English Hymnal:

*Ave Maria! blessed Maid!
Lily of Eden's fragrant shade!
Who can express the love
That nurtured thee, so pure and sweet,
Making thy heart a shelter meet
For Jesus' holy Dove!*

*Ave Maria! thou whose name
All but adoring love may claim,
Yet may we reach thy shrine;
For he, thy Son and Saviour, vows
To crown all lowly lofty brows
With love and joy like thine.*

Words by John Keble

The Childrens' Society

I am now able to receive collection boxes for emptying. I intend to make this my final year as church co-ordinator so please contact me if you are willing to take over.

My telephone number is 01303 223049 and I shall be pleased to explain what is involved.

Marilyn Edey

Know your Church

The Chancel Sanctuary

The fourth mosaic is of St John. He is represented holding a chalice from which a dragon is emerging, as he is supposed to have been given poison, which was, however, innocuous. Also his symbol is an eagle which we see, together with the other three Evangelist symbols in the centre of the Reredos. He is the only apostle depicted without a beard.

St John was the son of Zebedee and Salome, his brother, probably considerably older, was Saint James. They lived on the shores of the sea of Galilee. John was with Jesus throughout his ministry and was, with James, and Peter, in the innermost circle of our Lord's friends. Peter, James, and John were with Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane. The mother of James and John, knowing our Lord's love for the brothers, made special request for them, that they might sit, one on his right hand, the other on his left, in his kingdom. St John was committed by our Lord the highest of privileges, the care of his mother. John and Peter were the first to receive the

news from Mary Magdalene of the Resurrection and they hastened at once to the sepulchre, and there when Peter was restrained by awe, John impetuously "reached the tomb first."

He remained in Jerusalem, probably until the death of Mary and then went to Ephesus. In the persecution of Domitian he was taken to Rome, and was placed in a cauldron of boiling oil, outside the Latin gate, without the boiling fluid doing him any injury. He was sent to labour at the mines in Patmos. At the accession of Nerva he was set free, and returned to Ephesus, and there it is thought that he wrote his gospel.

This mosaic was removed by Clivedon Conservation in the 90s and mounted on an aluminium plate (see opposite) before reinstalling as a test on how to conserve the others



The fifth mosaic is of St Philip whose feast day (with St James) is on May 3rd. Like the brothers, Peter and Andrew, Philip was a native of Bethsaida on Lake Genesareth. On the day after Peter's call, when about to set out for Galilee, Jesus met Philip and called him to the Apostolate with the words, "Follow me". Philip obeyed the call, and a little later brought Nathaniel as a new disciple.

The Fourth Gospel records three episodes concerning Philip:

- Before the feeding of the multitude, Christ turns towards Philip with the question: "Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" to which the Apostle answers: "Two hundred penny-worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one may take a little".
- When some heathens in Jerusalem came to Philip and expressed their desire to see Jesus, Philip reported the fact to Andrew and then both brought the news to the Saviour.

- When Philip, after Christ had spoken to His Apostles of knowing and seeing the Father, said to Him: "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us", he received the answer: "He that seeth me, seeth the Father also".

His body is said to be in the church of SS. Philip and James, in Rome, which was dedicated to God under their name, in 560.

The mosaic was by Henry Arthur Hunt as a thanksgiving.



Sandra Bierman – an appreciation

The death of Sandra Bierman, after a long and painful Covid-related illness, has robbed this church of one of its most devoted servants. In a huge number of unsung ways, she supported the life and ministry of St Mary & St Eanswythe's for over 33 years. She will also be grievously missed by her many friends in Folkestone where, as a member of organisations such as NADFAS, her selfless work as a committee member and Chairman gave all the organisations with which she was associated a special attraction.

She started her working life as a nurse, but after five years changed track completely when she became assistant buyer at a famous London furniture store, which involved travelling to Scandinavia – excursions which she much enjoyed. However, hospitals lured her back to work as a midwife. Her final job saw her working as a matron at a home for single mothers, who had profound psychological and emotional problems – indeed many of them had been in prison. In connection with this work, she became a frequent visitor to prisons and courts. The home had its own chapel and was visited weekly by an Anglo-Catholic priest.

Sandra and her husband, Michael, moved to Folkestone in 1976 and initially attended St Peter's where her Anglo-Catholic roots found a home in that style of worship – she had, after all, been educated in a Roman Catholic convent school.

However, in her own words, she and Michael:

‘discovered that the music at St Mary and St Eanswythe's was so wonderful, being of an incredible standard. In those days the choir stalls were completely full! Thus it was that we started to attend both churches on alternate Sundays’.

In the early 1980s, Peter Cole, the then vicar, asked Sandra if she would take on the duties of Parish Treasurer temporarily, until a permanent appointment could be made. That temporary period lasted well over 30 years! As a member of the PCC, I never ceased to be impressed by Sandra's grasp of the church's finances – her reports were models of clarity and, when necessary, warnings.

In those years, she also took on the duties of Sacristan, which involved taking care of our rich heritage of vestments and silverware and preparing them for each service.

One of the activities for which I, and I am sure many others, will remember with great warmth and gratitude were the Parish Holidays – a feat of organisation at which we could only look with open-mouthed amazement. Organising a group of excited schoolchildren was nothing compared with shepherding a group of independently minded adults at a variety of places! Patience and understanding were two of Sandra's many gifts made obvious as we waited in the coach for the stragglers to return.

For ten years, these holidays were eagerly anticipated. Sandra and Michael prepared by visiting the university where we would stay to ensure that it would be suitable and checking the stately homes and places of interest we would visit each day.

In addition to these activities, Sandra was also a Governor at St Mary's School, a role that became more and more important as the education system changed and developed. She also volunteered to spend one day a week in a classroom hearing

reading and assisting in whatever she was asked including a memorable trip to the Millennium Dome supervising 20 enthusiastic youngsters.

Sandra had a natural talent for making people feel welcome and was thus closely involved in the social life of the parish organising lunches, teas and never-to-be forgotten Pimm's Parties! In addition, our Lent Lunches, which she prepared and served, regularly raised substantial amounts for a number of charities. When the Sacconi Festival was launched, she volunteered to organise interval refreshments – wine, cheese and 'nibbles' – for audiences of up to 150. She would be in church two hours before the performance setting out the tables and glasses, making sure all was in order and ready. Nothing was too much trouble.

She and Michael were perfect hosts, as anyone who was entertained at their home will testify. I fondly remember my brother and I being invited to dinner with other guests followed by a highly competitive session of 'Trivial Pursuit'! In later years, PCC Finance Committee meetings at Earls Avenue accompanied by wine seemed to go most successfully – the agenda being covered with speed and efficiency.

I am sure that I speak for many when I say that as a friend, Sandra was matchless, ever ready to listen, support and advise. She was one of the most generous-hearted and genuine people I have ever met. For her, no one was too unimportant. Utterly reliable, she served this church and its congregation in so many ways that I only have space to touch on a few.

She is sorely missed and as with so many people with her character, her contribution to the life of this parish and the care of this church and its treasures has only become apparent now that she is no longer with us.

I regard my friendship with Sandra as a privilege and something I will treasure for the rest of my life. She was always ready to listen and advise in the ups and downs of life. Her own problems and concerns came a long way down the list. I hope that I was able to support her in as generous a way as she supported me and so many of her friends.

May she rest in peace and rise to the life eternal in the presence of the God whose love she demonstrated so selflessly each and every day of her life.

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Sandra

Sandra was a close friend for over twenty years. She was quiet, cultured and contained, what one might call a private person.

What most of the congregation would not know was that after husband, Michael, died suddenly nearly twenty years ago, she would spend most of her time in church. When she had added up the Sunday collection, she would help whoever else was around – cleaning etc., doing what needed to be done. She did not proclaim what she had been doing. She did not crave admiration nor affirmation from others. We all owe a great deal to Sandra for her faithful service to our church over the years and we thank her.

We miss her, but are comforted by the thought that she is now in heaven.

RMS

also see page 26

Commemoration of the Month

Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, Tractarian - 16 September

Pusey was born in 1800 at Pusey House in the village of Pusey in Berkshire now in Oxfordshire. His father, Philip Bouverie-Pusey, born Philip Bouverie who died in 1828, was a younger son of Jacob des Bouverie, 1st Viscount Folkestone. Edward was educated at Eton and Christ Church Oxford where he became a Fellow of Oriel College in 1823. He became an expert in biblical languages and criticism and in 1828 was appointed Regius Professor of Hebrew, the same year in which he was ordained. His studies of the Church Fathers and firm adherence to a Catholic interpretation of doctrine made him one of the leaders of the Oxford Movement. He was also a great supporter in encouraging the revival of Religious Life within the Church of England and a noted preacher. His austere way of life made him much revered by his contemporaries and they founded Pusey House and Library in Oxford in his memory, following his death on this day in 1882.



Edward Bouverie Pusey 1800-1882

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Readings

OT - Isaiah 6.1-8 NT - 1 Peter 5.1-4 Gospel - John 10.11-16

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.

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Sandra

My experiences of life so far have taught me that certain people, naturally imbued with goodness, are often overlooked and unseen. Sandra, was someone who possessed goodness, generosity of spirit and a quiet 'Holiness', but she shied away from the limelight and flourished behind the scenes. I recognise some of these qualities in others and indeed some in myself.

Sandra and I often discussed the Parish, its past, its present and its future.

So for now, I send you my love, and Let us be joyful and grateful for our shared friendship with Sandra. What a wonderful smile and glint in her eye she had – I miss her terribly.

Mark Punton

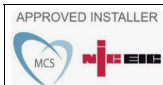


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It has just come up on the market and we have a group of parents prepared to do all the work to make it a fabulous community hub again if we can just buy it.

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.

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