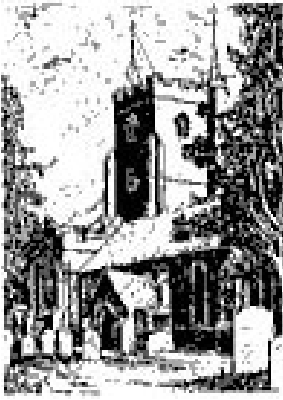


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The Magazine of the Folkestone Town Benefice of
St Mary and St Eanswythe
with
St Saviour

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*Front Cover: St Simon and St Jude window - St Simon is holding the saw as he was martyred by being sawn in half,
St Jude is holding a scroll to represent his Epistle*

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

October 2021

Sat	2	11.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. Bayle Fete 4.00 p.m. Trennial Event – Breath and Water, Blood and Bones	
Sun	3	The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity Dedication Festival 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST	
Thurs	7	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	
Sat	9	2.00 p.m. Renewal of Wedding Vows	Malcolm and Susan Pilcher
Sun	10	The Harvest Festival The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST 12.30 a.m. Baptism of Poppy Thornily	
Thurs	14	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) 2.00 p.m. St Eanswythe School Harvest Festival	
Sun	17	The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST 12.30 a.m. Baptism of Cleo Louise Queen	
Mon	18	Luke the Evangelist	
Tues	19	10.00 a.m. Standing Committee	
Thurs	21	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	
Sat	23	7.00 p.m. Concert – Sacconi Quintets	
Sun	24	The last Sunday after Trinity 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST	
Thurs	28	Simon and Jude, Apostles 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	
Sun	31	The Fourth Sunday before Advent ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST	

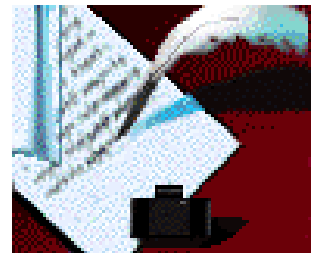
From the Parish Registers

Baptism August

We welcome into the Lord's family
Ronny Dereck Reginald Philpott

Faithful Departed August

May they rest in peace and rise in glory
Anne Jarrett
Anthea Barnes



Don't forget the Donation Station!

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- 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

It was a good September at St Mary & St Eanswythe. Our first wedding was wonderful! Our celebrations of Our Lady and St Eanswythe were glorious. Our Eanswythe Weekend was better than I could have imagined, given the short time we had to organise it: scrubbed and cleaned, and made beautiful with flowers, the church looked splendid! Many people visited for the craft fair, art exhibition, meditation seminar, Ride and Stride or, as so often, simply for the beauty, history and peace of our remarkable church building. We welcomed them with cake, coffee and wonder, and invited them to also enjoy the peace of our brand new Quiet Garden. In the evening, the Lunatraktors Folk Duo sparked our imagination with the cadences of early English music, and with their tribute to St Eanswythe. The *Companions of Eanswythe* was launched. I am so grateful to all those who gave time, energy, talents and money to make it possible. And we made a much-needed £600 for church funds.

But now the leaves are turning, the berries are out and fields are harvested. The other day it was 6 degrees when I woke up 22 degrees by mid-morning. These days of Indian Summer will soon break into Autumn with its array of colours and weathers. And so we look forward to celebrate our Harvest Festival on Sunday 10 October. This year we will once again be supporting the Rainbow Centre's Harvest appeal. The goods they're asking for are:

Tins of Corned Beef, Spam, Ham, Vegetables, Potatoes, Custard & Rice Pudding. Long-Life Steamed Puddings, Jam and spreads, Chocolate Bars, Ketchup, Cereal Bars, Multipacks of Crisps, Squash, Long Life Juice, Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Shower gel, Washing up liquid, Deodorant, Washing detergent (tablets/capsules).

We will receive these at the altar in our Harvest service but we will also be glad to receive donations of money. Please put cash or cheques in an envelope marked *Harvest Appeal* in the donations box. Cheques should be made payable to *Folkestone Rainbow Centre*.

To be thankful for what we have, and to share it, is perhaps the most fundamental mark of the Holy Spirit within us. It applies to the love God has given us; to the Gospel of Christ; to the skills we've been blessed with, and to our money and possessions. In this season when the land is so fruitful, may we also know fruitfulness in and through the Church. And so, I would like to share with you once more my favourite Harvest poem:

A Harvest of Thanksgiving

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

October Sunday Eucharist Gospels

Sunday 3 October – Dedication Festival: John 10.22-29

**Sunday 10 October – Harvest Festival
Special Readings**

Sunday 17 October – 20th after Trinity: Mark 10.35-45

The Son of man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

The Suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah is often taken as a foretelling of the sufferings of Christ. It certainly reminds his followers of the great price he paid for our salvation.

Sunday 24 October – Last after Trinity: Mark 10.46-52

Jesus said to him, 'Go, your faith has made you well'. Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The rejoicing that the Messiah was to bring would be for both physical and spiritual healing. In his earthly ministry, Jesus fulfilled the promise in every respect.

Sunday 31 October – All Saints and All Souls- John 11.32-44

Jesus said to her 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?'

In the blessed company of the saints in heaven, we find the perpetual praise of God's glory and the pledge of our eternal life.



Red Letter Day

Monday 18 October – Luke the Evangelist: Luke 10.1-9

The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send our labourers into his harvest

Food for thought

I came across this on a church website.
It is a thought-provoking attempt to
create a creed for today's world.

We are not alone, we live in God's
world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made
flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the
Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.



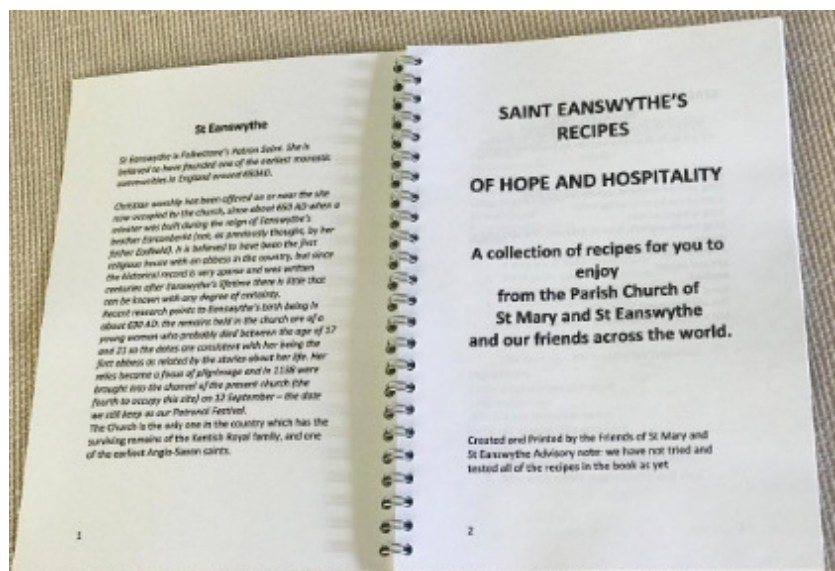
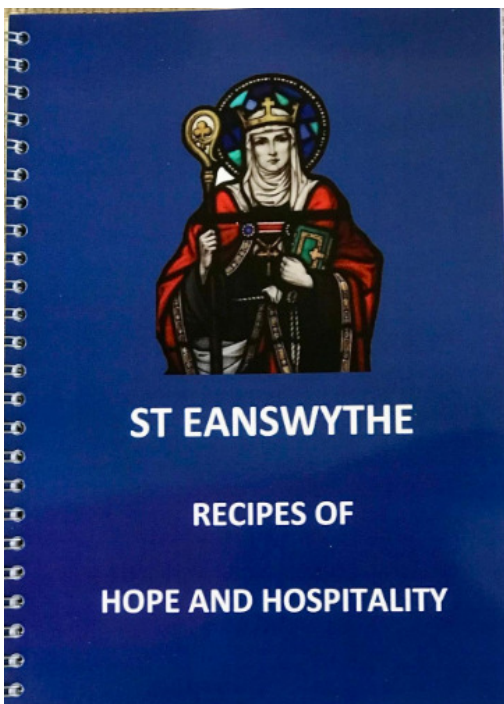
Recipes of Hope and Hospitality

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 as a piece of string ____ when it comes close to a flame (Judg 16:9)
6 we launched, meaning to sail by the coasts of ____ (Acts 27:2)
10 the fifth book of the New Testament
14 ____ king of Tyre sent messengers to David, along with cedar (1 Chron 14:1)
15 Abner thrust the ____ of his spear into Asahel's stomach (2 Sam 2:23)
16 Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was ____ (Gen 29:16-17)
17 She crieth at the gates, at the ____ of the city (Prov 8:3) KJV
18 They cooked it in ____ ____ or made it into cakes (1,3) (Num 11:8)
19 the wind will pick them up, and a ____ will blow them away (Isa 41:16)
20 he will make her ____ like Eden, her wastelands like the garden (Isa 51:3)
22 mistreated (Judg 19:25)
24 The LORD will fight for you; you ____ only to be still (Ex 14:14)
26 My help ____ from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth (Ps 121:2)
27 Elijah took his ____, rolled it up and struck the water with it (2 Kings 2:8)
30 upon the hills, under ____ and poplars and elms (Hosea 4:13)
33 disaster is near and their ____ rushes upon them (Deut 32:35)
34 female sheep (Gen 33:13)
36 Defend the cause ____ ____ weak and fatherless (2,3) (Ps 82:3)
40 a large crown of gold and ____ ____ robe of fine linen (1,6) (Est 8:15)
42 Nicodemus, the man who ____ had visited Jesus at night (John 19:39)
44 a woman named ____, a dealer in purple cloth (Acts 16:14)
45 How you have fallen from heaven, O morning ____ (Isa 14:12)
47 It is God who ____ me with strength (2 Sam 22:33)
48 transforming themselves ____ the apostles of Christ (2 Cor 11:13)
50 will not remain united, any more than iron ____ with clay (Dan 2:43)
52 Like men condemned to die in the ____ (1 Cor 4:9)
55 Of the oaks of Bashan have they made thine ____ (Ezek 27:6) (KJV)
58 And I saw ____ ____ coming out of the sea (1,5) (Rev 13:1)
59 after the abominations of the ____, whom the LORD cast out (2 King 21:2)
63 Like a roaring lion or a charging ____ (Prov 28:15)
64 Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world ____ you (1 John 3:13-14)
67 Can anyone ____ in secret places so that I cannot see him (Jer 23:24)
68 He will roll you up tightly like a ____ and throw you (Isa 22:18)
69 Bring me a heifer, ____ ____ and a ram (1,4) (Gen 15:9)
70 the Pharisees began to ____ him vehemently (Luke 11:53)
71 Absalom had appointed Amasa over the ____ in place of Joab (2 Sam 17:25)
72 Each one is to gather as much as he ____ (Exodus 16:16)
73 "I am the ____," Samuel replied (1 Sam 9:19)

DOWN

- 1 Whoever ____ the blood of man, by man shall his (Gen 9:6)
2 are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only ____ in the morning (Acts 2:15)
3 of them also which used curious ____ brought their books (Acts 19:19)
4 she shall shave her head, and ____ her nails (Deut 21:12) (KJV)
5 send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, ____, Pergamum (Rev 1:11)
6 exalt him that is low, and ____ him that is high (Ezek 21:26) (KJV)
7 Make ready wherewith I may ____, and gird thyself (Luke 17:8) KJV
8 who was ____ ____ think that I could oppose God? (1,2) (Acts 11:17)

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

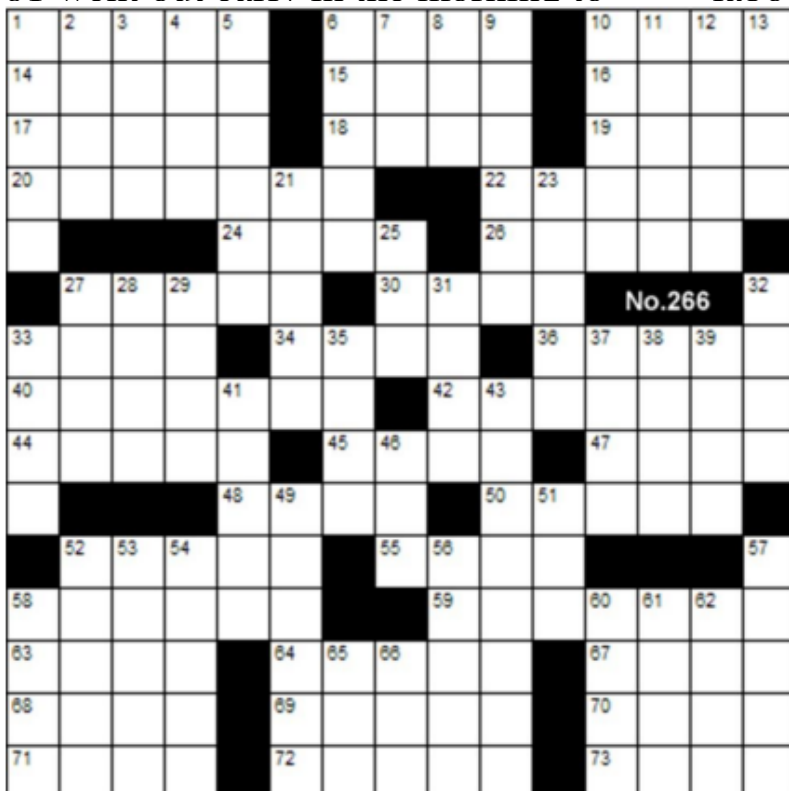
- 9 Pursue your enemies, ____ them from the rear (Josh 10:19)
 10 Send me also cedar, pine and ____ logs from Lebanon (2 Chron 2:8)
 11 stop, end (Ps 46:9) 12 Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' ____
 (1 Tim 4:7)
 13 Light is ____ upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart (Ps 97:11)
 21 inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, ____, PARSIN (Dan 5:25)
 23 gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of ____ (2 Peter 2:15) KJV
 25 Naphtali is a ____ set free that bears beautiful fawns (Gen 49:21)
 27 a man-made sanctuary that was only a ____ of the true one (Heb 9:24)
 28 Jesus cried out in a ____ voice, "Eloi, Eloi, (Mark 15:34)
 29 Ahab son of ____ became king of Israel (1 Kings 16:29)
 31 was what looked like ____ ____ of glass, clear as crystal (1,3) (Rev 4:6)
 32 the woman, and between your offspring and ____ (Gen 3:15)
 33 reared up for himself a pillar, which is in the king's ____ (2 Sam 18:18) (KJV)
 35 you see a cloud rising in the ____, immediately you say (Luke 12:54)
 37 She selects wool and ____ and works with eager hands (Prov 31:13)
 38 And as for you, brothers, never ____ of doing what is right (2 Thess 3:13)
 39 they made upon the ____ of the robe pomegranates of blue (Ex 39:24) KJV
 41 and cursed the God of heaven because of their ____ and their sores (Rev 16:11)
 43 On both sides of the seat were ____ (1 Kings 10:19)
 46 For them I sanctify myself, that they ____ may be truly sanctified (John 17:19)
 49 David said to ____ the prophet, Lo, I dwell in an house of cedars (1 Chr 17:1)
 51 For the LORD your God ____ ____ consuming fire (2.1) (Deut 4:24)
 52 had feet like those of ____ ____ and a mouth like (1,4) (Rev 13:2)
 53 the king's edict is proclaimed throughout all his vast ____ (Esth 1:20)
 54 And very ____ in the morning the first day of the week (Mark 16:2)
 56 because he was looking ____ to his reward (Heb 11:26)
 57 look of contempt or scorn (Isa.57:4)
 58 he said, ____, Father, all things are possible unto thee (Mark 14:36) KJV
 60 ____ you nullify the word of God by your tradition (Mark 7:13)
 61 went out early in the morning to ____ labourers into his vineyard (Matt

20:1)KJV

62 they shall fall by the ____ of the sword (Luke 21:24)

65 I was advancing in Judaism beyond many Jews of my own ____ (Gal 1:14)

66 part of the foot (Lev 14:25)



*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, apart from the lower areas that are/were obscured by scaffolding and most of the scaffolding is down, just leaving the North Transept scaffolding, with a small part of the Nave scaffolding to support it, so that the stonework repairs to the parapet can be completed. There is a delay in getting a supply of Kent Ragstone for the 10 stones that need replacing.

Scaffolding has been erected around the weather vane, which needs a lot of work and we are awaiting quotes for its restoration.

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

This year, Patricia Skelsted, ably assisted by Frank cycled for us. She visited 11 Folkestone churches, ending up at St Mary and St Eanswythe's.



Please see Marilyn (01303 223049) or Patricia (contact Andrew on 01303 241124) if you haven't sponsored yet or need more information.

Half of the money raised goes 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.

An English woman finds out her husband is cheating on her

She is distraught, fuelled by anger - so much so that she decides the only course of action is to have him killed. In her grief, she contacts an old friend who works amongst the criminal underbelly of London. He recommends she seek out a specific hitman, known in the business as Big Artie. He is efficient, remorseless, and most importantly, cheap. In fact, he will kill anyone a person desires for only £1.

And so she contacts Big Artie and creates a plan. She tells him that her husband doesn't follow any kind of schedule, except that without fail he will go to the supermarket every Monday at 6 p.m. for the weekly groceries. This is where Big Artie plans to strike.

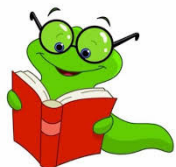
And so the next Monday, Big Artie heads to the local Tesco and waits. Right on time the husband arrives, and Big Artie doesn't hesitate. He steps up behind the cheating husband, puts both hands around his neck, and promptly chokes the life out of him.

Chaos ensues, people run in terror, and the store manager runs towards Big Artie with dreams of being a hero. Big Artie grabs him too, picks him up easily, and wrings his neck.

Finally the store security guard makes his way to the scene of the crime. He has a taser at the ready, but Big Artie is too quick, and once more he grabs the man by the neck and squeezes, ending his life.

The police arrive on the scene. Big Artie is caught red handed, arrested, and charged with three counts of murder.

The next day, the incident is all over the local newspapers, with the simple headline - "Big Artie Chokes Three For A Pound In Tesco"



BOOKWORM

A Wedding in the Country – Katie Fforde (2021)

I found the title of this book a bit off-putting as it sounded like a trashy romance. However, having read and enjoyed all of Katie Fforde's previous books, I decided to go ahead and read it. It was a great story. Yes, it's a romance but it has depth and I enjoyed it very much indeed.

The year is 1963. A time when sex-before-marriage had Consequences and being gay was illegal. A time when every girl's mother (well Lizzie's anyway) was planning their daughter's wedding to a Suitable Man from the minute they were born. In this case the clue is in the title, a wedding in the country.

Lizzie is sent to London to learn cookery and other domestic skills in order to be able to look after her future husband. That's what Nice Girls with ambitious parents did in 1963 apparently. There she meets Alexandra and Meg and the three quickly become firm friends.

And that's all I'm going to tell you, because otherwise I risk too many plot spoilers. What I will add though is that it's very well researched and gives a real feel for the pre-Swinging Sixties. Read and enjoy. I did.

Starter For Ten – David Nicholls (2003)

Oh the agony of being a teenager. In this case an acne-ridden, socially awkward boy who meets and falls in love with a beautiful, posh girl. That the relationship is doomed from the start is obvious to the reader.

This is a very readable story about the University Challenge team, of which Brian has always wanted to be a part, ever since he was a young boy. But it's not easy. The team leader is obsessed with winning, and Brian seems to be permanently drunk, and getting insufficient sleep while he chases Alice, the girl of his dreams. This was made into a superb TV production a few years ago, but as always the book is better. David Nicholls captures so much of what it's like to be in the first year at university, making new friends while trying to hang onto friends and family at home.

It's a very good read indeed. Not always comfortable, but often funny, and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Close To Where The Heart Gives Out: A Year In The Life Of An Orkney Doctor – Malcolm Alexander (2019)

I enjoyed this book very much indeed as I like reading about remote places such as Orkney and this is set 30 years ago. It tells the true story of a young doctor and his family who moved from the fast-paced, stressful life of Glasgow to work as a GP on Eday, one of Orkney's smaller islands.

The weather is often ferocious and the facilities quite basic. There is just one shop for the whole island, and everyone has several jobs. In this case, the author finds himself delivering the church services on Sundays as well as becoming an unofficial vet. Though he does draw the line at performing a caesarean on a cow. There is the excitement of the acquisition of ECG equipment and a defibrillator, but when his wife has complications with her pregnancy she has to fly to Aberdeen.

It sounds like an idyllic place for his five children to grow up, but the reader is given no indication of how long they stayed on the island.

If you want a nice, gentle read with some humour then this might be just the book for you. It's got a beautiful cover too.

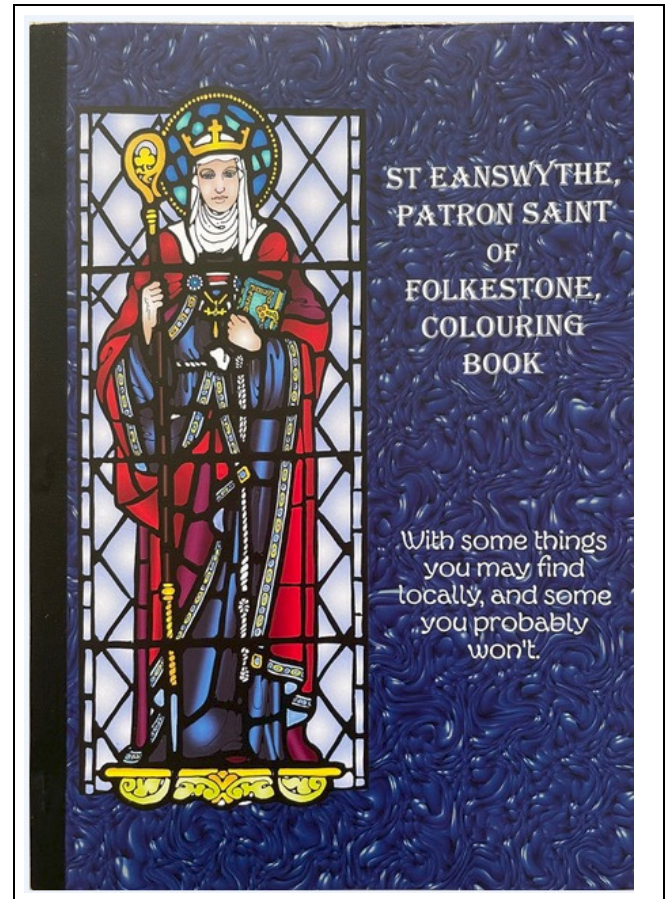
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St Eanswythe, Patron Saint of Folkestone, Colouring Book

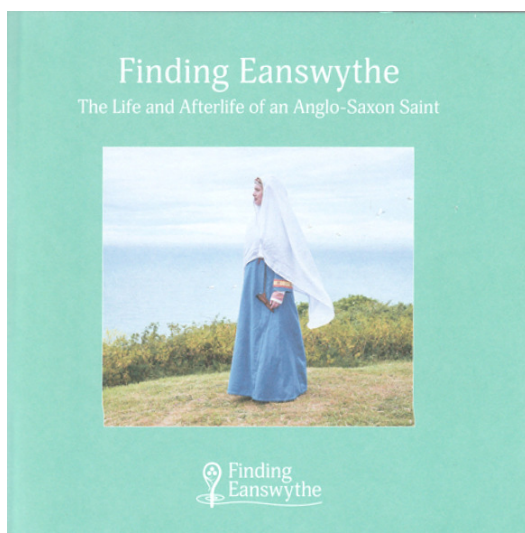
Once upon a time, not so long ago, when Marilyn and Catriona were on church welcoming duty, a father and his two young daughters came into the church. The girls wanted to do some colouring, but although there were plenty of crayons in the children's corner, there was nothing for them to colour in. This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

The Quiet Garden

The Vicarage Garden has been re-christened!

We were able to start work on this following the gift of two very kind donations from members of the congregation.



First of all, Peter the Gardener came several times to spray weedkiller – firstly on the Caesar's grass and then the bindweed which sprang up again after our magical bonfire on 14 June.

The weather certainly didn't help us – if it had been sunny and hot for a while it would have been much easier!

Jan's neighbour very kindly cleared the larger area of dead weeds and added the wooden frame and Jan cleared the rest of the garden of weeds (not gravelled yet) one afternoon.



After research by Jan and Jenny up at Park Farm and around Jan's neighbours! Jan made countless visits to the very helpful team at Young's (recommended) and sorted out how much gravel etc. we would need. 7 tons were delivered on Saturday 28 August and with the help of Peter, his twin grandsons Henry & George and Jan's husband Paul, we all shovelled and raked and tidied to complete the task.



Jan then spent hours working and filling the plant pots with cuttings from her garden so that it would look welcoming for our St Eanswythe weekend.

Huge thanks to our very kind donors, Jan for her tireless work in the garden and to Peter and his grandsons. And to Ray at Young's for his cheerful smile and hard work.

We now have a beautiful place to sit and think, have a picnic, eat our lunch etc. The garden will be open on Sundays but folk are welcome to access it from the gate in Priory Gardens at any time.

Jenny C



Know your Church

The Chancel Sanctuary

The sixth mosaic is of St James the Less, also known as St James the Just. He was the son of Alphaeus and Mary, the sister of the Blessed Virgin and seems to have been born some years before our Lord. He became Bishop of Jerusalem.

Hegesippus said of him: "He was always a virgin, and was consecrated to God. In consequence of which he was never shaved, never cut his hair, never drank any wine or other strong liquor; moreover, he never used any bath, or oil to anoint his limbs, and never ate of any living creature except when of precept, as the paschal lamb: he never wore sandals, never used any other clothes than one single linen garment. He prostrated so much in prayer, that the skin of his knees and forehead was hardened like to camels' hoofs."

St. James was accused of violating the laws. He was carried up to the battlements of the temple to make a public renunciation of his faith in Christ,. But St. James took

that opportunity to declare his belief in Jesus Christ, and cried out aloud from the battlements, in the hearing of a great multitude, which was at Jerusalem for the Passover, that Jesus, the Son of man, was seated at the right hand of the Sovereign Majesty, and would come in the clouds of heaven to judge the world. The Scribes and Pharisees, enraged at this testimony in behalf of Jesus, threw him headlong down to the ground, saying, "He must be stoned." The rabble below received him with showers of stones, and finally someone gave him a blow on the head with his club, which killed him. Hence he is usually depicted holding a club.

The mosaic was given as a thank offering by E.W. James.



The seventh mosaic is of St Jude, also known as Thaddeus, was a brother of St James the Less. His mother was a cousin of Our Lady. Ancient writers tell us that he preached the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Idumaea, Syria, Mesopotamia, and Lybia. According to Eusebius, he returned to Jerusalem in the year 62, and assisted at the election of his brother, St. Simeon, as Bishop of Jerusalem.

He is an author of an epistle to the Churches of the East, particularly the Jewish converts, directed against the heresies of the Simonians, Nicolaites, and Gnostics. This Apostle is said to have suffered martyrdom in Armenia, which was then ruled by Persia. The final conversion of the Armenian nation to Christianity did not take place until the third century A.D. Both St Jude and St Bartholomew are the patron saints of Armenia. Among some Roman Catholics, Saint Jude is venerated as the "patron saint of lost causes"



The mosaic was given by Miss Peel in memory of W.J. Peel.

During the sixties, the central part of this mosaic fell from its place and was covered over by plywood. I had visions of a pile of tesserae being presented to the restorer, who then had had to try to recreate the original. What actually happened was that the abdominal area fell away. The restorer could not have been good at puzzles as the resultant 'repair' consisted of a jumble of tesserae bedded in glue.

Whilst all of the mosaics were being repaired and cleaned some twenty years ago, this jumble was removed and the area re-created using enlarged Victorian pictures as a guide. The result was that the clothing folds now continue across the lost area.

A sermon preached by Fr Barry Preece at St Mary and St Eanswythe's Patronal Festival – the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 5 September 2021

The cult of Mary is interesting and has much to do, I suspect, with the fact that many of the earliest churches, thanks to St Paul were planted in Greece where there was a culture and mythology, which embraced female gods, not least, those with virgin status. Whist we assume that Mary's virgin status was prophesied by Isaiah ('A virgin shall conceive and bear a son') the relevant Hebrew word most usually refers simply to a young woman and Mary was certainly that when she gave birth to Jesus.

For me, however, Mary represents all those, especially mothers, who suffer for love's sake. Eanswythe, too, was a very young woman, probably only sixteen when she gave up all wealth and status to become a religious sister. Unlike Mary, Eanswythe was a pioneer and this pioneering spirit led her to form the very first female religious community in Britain at an age when young women today haven't even left university.

I think you should feel extremely honoured to belong to a church dedicated to two women who together embrace the virtues and characteristics that represent the very best of the female half of humanity.

Jesus may have been male but in the incarnate Christ he represented the whole of humanity and long before the Church of England ordained women I argued that the priesthood would always be incomplete until it embraced men and women working together. In more recent times, I particularly rejoiced when on no less than three occasions I had the privilege of exercising my priestly ministry alongside a female colleague. Invariably we brought complimentary gifts to that ministry that were not the same as two men working together.

Do you remember that line from Pygmalion, which was put to music in 'My Fair Lady': 'Why can't a woman be like a man?' Men have always assumed that they were superior. It goes back through history and is pretty much a global phenomenon. Sexual equality, especially in the workforce, has been hard won here in the west and even now, certainly cannot be taken for granted. Men too often feel threatened by it. Why? Because invariably women are as good as men and in very many instances better. If you add to that we can't multi-task or give birth to children, we men start to question what our purpose is! My advice to any man is simply not to go there!

Joking apart, however, I am utterly appalled how religion has been used and still is, to keep women in a subservient position. Fundamentalist Christians are insistent that women should never be in positions of authority, citing in their defence the writings of St Paul. Yes, that was indeed St Paul's view but he was a man if his time and came from a religious culture which took such a stance for granted. Orthodox Jews today are the same because they, too, are stuck in the time warp of their Scriptures. Little wonder, then, that Muslims follow suit for they have come out of the same stable. Sharia Law is pretty much how Judaism worked from around 800 BC. Don't forget that women caught in adultery were stoned to death even in Jesus's day.

On a day such as this I cannot help but think if the women and girls in Afghanistan and what their future is likely to be under the rule of the Taliban. We were supposed to have saved them from that fate, not dumped them backer into it.

If you have not already done so, I urge you to read 'A Thousand Splendid Suns' by Khaled Hosseini, author of 'The Kite Runner'. It is I think, the best novel I have ever read. It opens your eyes to the reality if things you don't want to see about the plight of women in Afghanistan, especially under the Taliban.

Even today in 21st-century Britain, I am often ashamed of being a man. When you add to that being a representative of religion, I am inclined to despair. I am not suggesting the Scriptures are unimportant, but that when they are used in the way I have described, they are nothing short of a curse.

I probably sound angry. Well, yes, I am angry. We need to grow up. We need to take responsibility. Faith in God should set us free, not allow us to be controlled by those who tell us that scripture and tradition demand that nothing should ever change and that a liberal approach to life is a slippery slope to perdition.

We do not venerate Mary because she did what she was told but because she gave a positive YES to the opportunities and challenges with which she was presented. It certainly meant she suffered, but not because she was a victim. Eanswythe was not a victim either. She had a sense of vocation and grasped it with both hands. Forming a religious community must have been a scary prospect but she went ahead undaunted.

Do you remember that line in the hymn 'Virgin born we bow before thee'? 'Blessed mother, meek and mild.' I'm sorry but I don't but the meek and mild bit. It's too colourless; too much like we would like you women to be. Mary wasn't colourless and which of us men here in church this morning is married to a weak and mild wife?

The problem of saints is that we create them in the image of our idealised fantasies and dreams. I suggest we let them be real and honour them for that. And never forget, we Christians are called to serve the world not to slow its progress and drag it backwards.

Church welcoming: could you join our team?

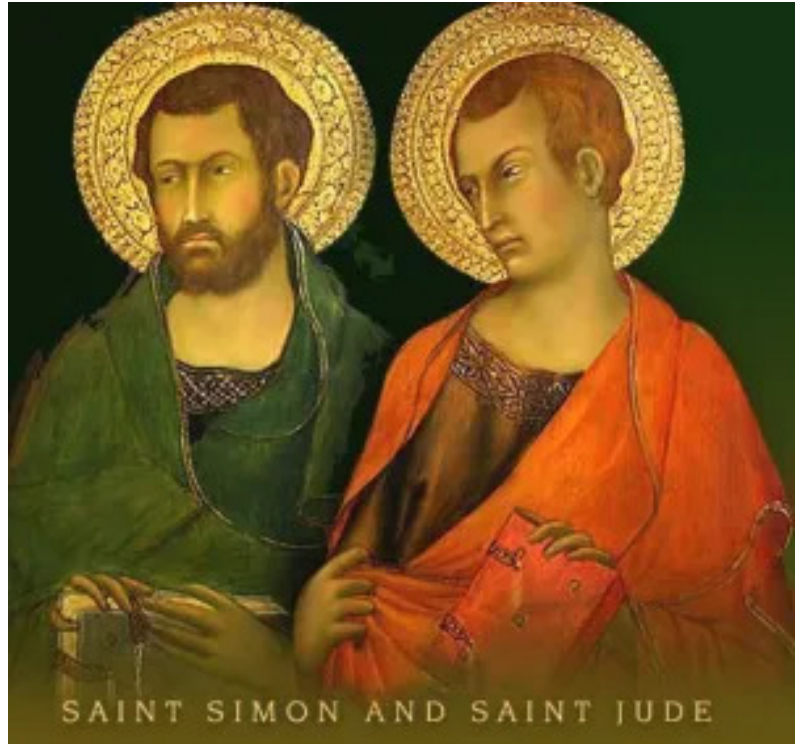
Most visitors to our church remark first on the beauty of the interior. And, if this isn't quite what they expected, they are often even more delighted by the rich heritage and the special atmosphere generated by centuries of spiritual endeavour. Particularly during and after the difficulties of the last eighteen months, local people and visitors alike have responded gratefully to the tranquil atmosphere and the opportunity for contemplation offered by our open door and warm welcome.

Keeping our church open depends on our team of volunteer welcomers. We would like to build a larger team which would enable us to continue to open our doors on weekdays and Saturdays and possibly consider opening for longer periods. You do not need to have any specialist knowledge to undertake the role and all volunteers work in teams of two or three. If you are interested and able to offer some time, either on a weekly basis or the occasional Saturday, then do please email Judy Doherty on judy.doherty59@gmail.com

Commemoration of the Month

St Simon and St Jude, Apostles 28 October

Simon and Jude were named among the twelve apostles in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Simon is called 'the Zealot', probably because he belonged to a nationalist resistance movement opposing the Roman occupation forces. There is no indication in the gospels whether Simon moved from the Zealot party to be a follower of Christ or, on the other hand, if after the resurrection he became a supporter of that group, seeing it as a response to God's call to proclaim the kingdom.



Luke describes Jude as the son of James, while the Letter of Jude has him as the brother of James, neither of which negates the other. It seems he is the same person as Thaddæus, which may have been a

last name. Owing to the similarity of his name to that of Judas Iscariot, Jude was rarely invoked in prayer and it seems likely that because of this, interceding through him was seen as a final resort when all else failed. He became known, therefore, as the patron saint of lost causes.

The two apostles are joined together on this day because a church, which had recently acquired their relics, was dedicated to their memory in Rome in the seventh century.

Collect

Almighty God,
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that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you;
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-Isaiah 28.14-16 NT-Ephesians 2.19-22 Gospel- John 15.17-27

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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Please give this some thought

How to tackle poverty in an age of austerity

THERE are more than 15 million people living in poverty in the UK. New findings from the three-year research project *Life on the Breadline* show that the Church needs to use its cultural capital to foster a culture in which poverty is seen as morally unacceptable.

Furthermore, it demonstrates that, while the Church has been on the front line in caring for people living in poverty during the “age of austerity”, it has been less effective at speaking truth to power and “transforming structural injustice” — even though these commitments lie at the heart of the Five Marks of Mission.

Having begun in 2018, *Life on the Breadline* is the first in-depth, UK-wide, evidence-based research project in which academic theologians have analysed the nature, reach, and impact of Christian responses to austerity-age poverty.

The research showed that Christian responses to poverty are varied: they reflect caring, campaigning, advocacy, social-enterprise, education, and resourcing approaches, as well as different understandings of mission and discipleship. These approaches are not distinct: they often overlap and reflect plural theologies of poverty. Christian social action, therefore, often engages with the way in which aspects of poverty intersect. This is important, because poverty is complex and multidimensional. Consequently, when we subdivide it into neat, disconnected categories — such as food poverty, housing poverty, or fuel poverty — we lose sight of the interconnectedness of these forms of social exclusion. If it is to address poverty effectively, Christian social action needs consistently to recognise and address this. [From the Church Times 10 September] More details here:

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Music Notes

Saturday 23 October sees a day of music-making workshops with some of Folkestone's young string players who will have the opportunity to play in a concert of their own AND with members of the Sacconi Quartet – Folkestone's Quartet in Residence.

11 a.m. Young Strings Ensemble in concerts

7 p.m. the Pro-Am Competition Winners' Concert.

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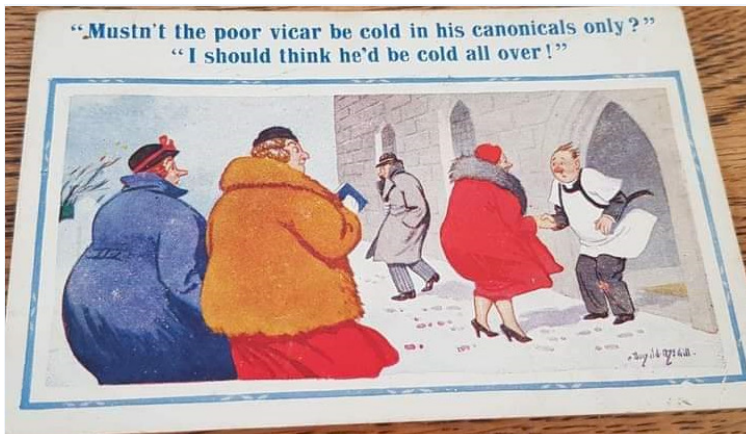
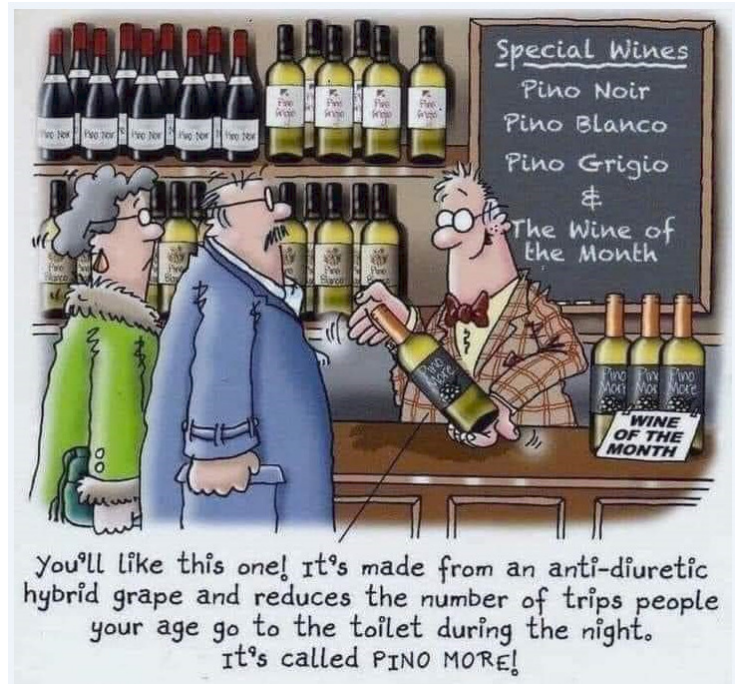
Chairman: Ian Gordon Concert Secretary: Grenville Hancox

News from St Eanswythe's School

We are so pleased to be back at school after the summer

It has been so lovely seeing the children being able to mix with one another, especially year 1 who were very isolated when they started last September. The children were a little unsure on the first morning all gathered in the playground - the first time in over a year, this didn't last long however! On Thursday 16th September we finally had our welcome service for last year's Duckling. This was well attended by parents, and it was so good to see how well they had strengthened the bond with their year 6 buddies. Our new Ducklings are coming in 15 last week and the last 16 this week. They also love being with their year 5 buddies. 2 Worship groups are up and running and the children wanted to be confirmed by Bishop Rose on 8th December start their classes in 2 weeks time. A very busy start to the new term.

Kim Adlington



With all the commotion at the petrol pumps lately, if we circulate around that the supply of communion wafers is restricted, will we see crowds coming to church?



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St Eanswythe's Day weekend

Saturday 11th September dawned grey and dull and we were slightly apprehensive but by 11.00 the sun was out, the church was filling up with people and the day was off to a flying start. Our Mayor Councillor Michelle Keutenius and Father John welcomed everyone to our beautiful church which had been cleaned and polished and tidied ready for visitors.

As part of the joint project at the Museum there were lots of activities for children, and a talk about the St Eanswythe project given by Professor Andrew Richardson.

We had 8 stalls demonstrating what clever and imaginative craft workers we have in our town – beautiful felt and knitted animals, sparkling jewellery, tiny baby clothes, handmade toiletries and cards and lots of warm and tempting hats and gloves for winter. There was an endless supply of home-made cakes (lots of recipes from our church recipe book) and tea and coffee.

The first prize in the raffle was Catriona Hunter's fabulous fruit cake, there was wine and other gifts. We sold home-made jams and chutneys, lots of books. We had a very special art exhibition featuring the Royal Saxon Way pilgrimage route from our church to Minster in Thanet which will be in the church for a few weeks.

"Ride & Stride" the sponsored bike ride around local churches was also taking place and the cyclists were welcomed in the porch before they moved on to their next destination.

Lots of visitors came to have a look at the church and so for the first time for a very long time, the whole place was full of people chatting and laughing and enjoying themselves and being able to access our new Quiet Garden for picnics and a peaceful moment if they needed one.

The day ended with a concert given by the Lunatraktors and the church was filled with beautiful voices and sounds. A very fitting finale to a wonderful day.

But it didn't end there. On Sunday a special service was held for Saint Eanswythe, attend by Archdeacon Darren. A very happy occasion again – finished with? Coffee and cake of course!

We took £600 over the weekend which will go into our special St Eanswythe fund.

A huge thank you to everyone who made it all such a success – the cleaners and polishers, furniture movers, flower arrangers, the gift givers, cake makers, craft workers and all the helpers. And to everyone who came and had a happy time.

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