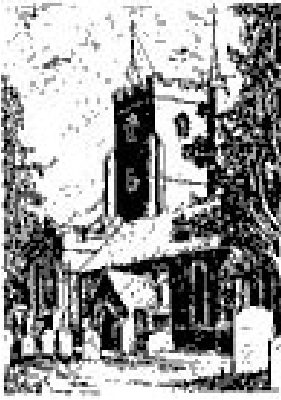


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**Please contact Andrew Plested as above**

# CALENDAR

## Services and Events in January 2022

Sun	2	<b>THE EPIPHANY</b> 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST
Tues	4	8.30 a.m. St Eanswythe School – Collective Worship
Thurs	6	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Sun	9	<b>Baptism of Christ</b> 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST
Mon	10	3.30 p.m. Three Days in January Event
Thurs	13	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) <b>Second Sunday of Epiphany</b>
Sun	16	10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST
Tues	18	8.30 a.m. St Eanswythe School – Collective Worship
Thurs	20	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Sat	22	3.00 p.m. Concert – Dominic Degavino
Sun	23	<b>Third Sunday of Epiphany</b> 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST 12.30 Baptism of Caleb and Jonah Gough
Thurs	27	10.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
Sun	30	<b>Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</b> 10.30 THE EUCHARIST

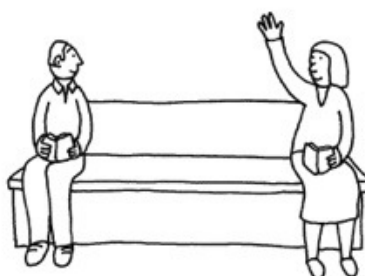


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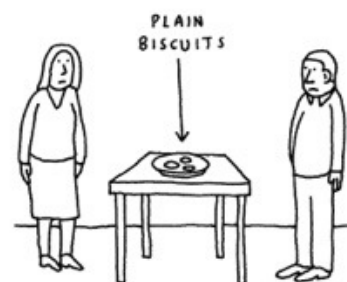
HOW THE CHURCH CAN HELP



EXERCISE



MEETING NEW PEOPLE



HEALTHY EATING



GETTING ORGANISED

AT THE PCC WE'LL DISCUSS THE APCM,  
CW VS THE BCP, THE LLM'S CRB,  
AND THE OLM'S BAP. OH, AND  
THERE ARE LETTERS FROM THE DAC,  
THE DDO, THE HOB AND THE ABC



LEARNING A NEW LANGUAGE



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES



## **Don't forget the Donation Station!**

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

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

- 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:

- 11.00-13.00 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

If you visit for prayer you **MUST**

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

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

Details from Tracy Arnold at St Eanswythe's School on 01303 255516 during school hours



## Priest's Letter

### From Father John

Dear friends

As I write this letter in the first half of December, the Omicron Covid strain is gradually taking over, cases are rising, masks are mandatory once again and everyone is worried. I wonder what will have happened in between me writing this and you reading it a month later?

One thing that will definitely have happened, though, is that Christmas will have come. It always does; this wonderful, ever-renewing gift to us of the very life of God through his son. We will have wondered with Mary, dreamed dreams with Joseph, marvelled with the shepherds, rejoiced with the angels and worshipped with the wise men.

This wonderful gift to us of God's son cannot be taken from us by any illness or privation or disaster or even by death. Here is the hope of the nations, the hope of the ages, and the hope of our own generation. It is here that our responses to those things that challenge and afflict us is formed. To learn to respond with steadfastness, compassion and hope is simple to embody the very character of the son of God.

So may we know that enduring steadfastness, compassion and hope as this new year unfolds. And as the warmth of that holy presence daily arises within us, may we truly experience a joyful new year, whatever it throws at us!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

*Fr John*

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## Royal Presents

The off'rings of the Eastern kings of old  
Unto our lord were incense, myrrh and gold;  
Incense because a God; gold as a king;  
And myrrh as to a dying man they bring.  
Instead of incense, Blessed Lord, if we  
Can send a sigh or fervent prayer to thee,  
Instead of myrrh if we can but provide  
Tears that from penitential eyes do slide,  
And though we have no gold; if for our part  
We can present thee with a broken heart  
Thou wilt accept: and say those Eastern kings  
Did not present thee with more precious things.



*Nathaniel Wanley 1634-1680*

# Support Folkestone Rainbow Centre and the Winter Shelter PLEASE!



We can all help by donating these URGENTLY  
NEEDED items.

**CUP-A-SOUP**  
**WRAPPED SNACKS**  
**TINNED CUSTARD**  
**TINNED RICE PUDDING**  
**TINNED MEAT**

Please make sure they are in date and leave them in the orange bin in church.  
THANK YOU!

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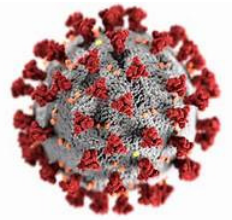
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If you have your magazine delivered we will be asking your distributor to collect your payment this month, otherwise you can pick up your copies each month in church.

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**If you pay by subscription but collect your own copy in church** you can pay in any of the ways outlined above – envelopes containing cash or cheques can be placed in the donations box in church.

## Covid Strategy



On 20<sup>th</sup> 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 and was updated on December 11th.

- 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.
- The congregation must 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 the current high and rising infection rates persist.
- 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 but donations can be made in the Donations Box or with a card at the Donation Station.
- 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 on the spread of Covid locally.

*Fr John Walker*

# January Sunday and Red Letter Eucharist Gospels

## **Sunday 2 January - The Epiphany: Matthew 2.1-12**

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

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

## **Sunday 9 January – The Baptism of Christ: Luke 3.15-17 & 21-22**

*The Holy Spirit descended on him in the form of a dove*

God's work in the world is usually silent and unseen, sometimes shown in a sudden, startling revelation. In daily work and in the moments of deep awe and devotion, the Holy Spirit guides the faithful.

## **Sunday 16 January – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany : John 2.1-11**

*You have kept the good wine until now*

God does not disappoint his people. The promise of his care and the proclaiming of his glory are fulfilled in greater measure than we could ever imagine in our own minds.

## **Sunday 23 January – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany: Luke 4.14-21**

*He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.*

The Bible is the word of God open to all who read or hear it. But we need the guidance of God himself in order to understand it fully and take it into our own lives. Bible study should be accompanied by prayer.

## **Sunday 30 January – The Presentation (Candlemas): Luke 2.22-40**

*Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation.*

When the promise of the Messiah was fulfilled, few could recognise him in a human child. The vision of one man was the beginning of the revelation to come.

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

### **Saturday 1 January – The Naming of Jesus: Luke 2.15-21**

*He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel*

Names have their significance and their power.

The name of Jesus is most sacred for Christians and a sign that he accepted every custom of human life.

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

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

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





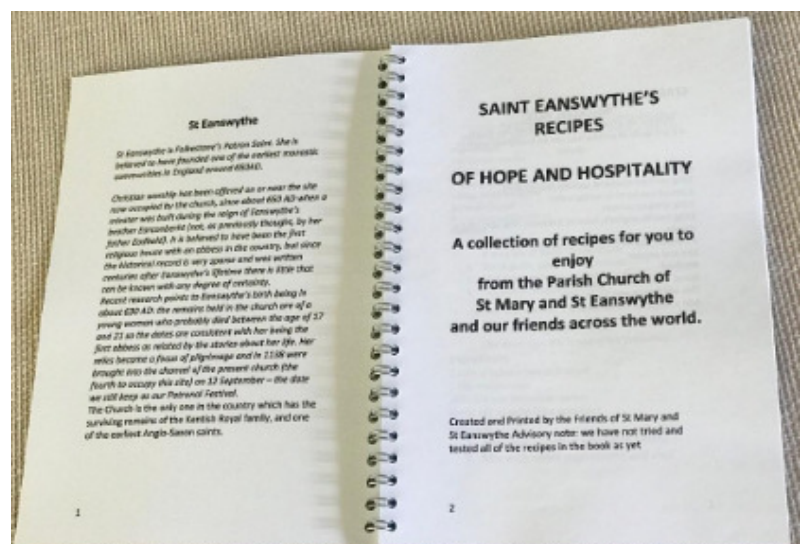
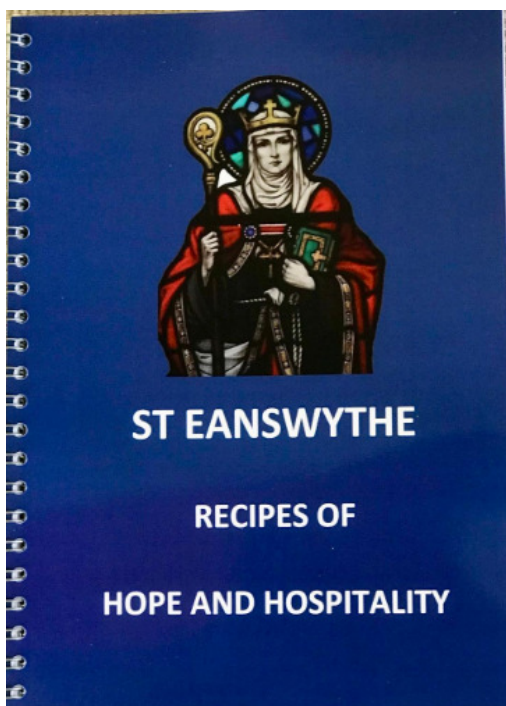
Staff and Residents at Highfield House. Designed and painted by Robin Lawrence, a faithful member of our congregation for many years.

## 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.

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## **ACROSS**

- 1 abbr. for the ninth book of the Old Testament 4 Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the \_\_\_\_ offering?" (Gen 22:7)
- 9 They proclaimed \_\_\_\_ and seated Naboth (1,4) (1 Kings 21:12)
- 14 to seek an \_\_\_\_: He will cast lots with arrows (Ezek 21:21)
- 16 In the last days, God says, I will \_\_\_\_ out my Spirit (Acts 2:17)
- 17 A \_\_\_\_ who oppresses the poor is like a driving rain that leaves no (Prov 28:3)
- 18 Lift up your skirts, bare your legs, and \_\_\_\_ through the streams (Isa 47:2)
- 19 will awake: \_\_\_\_ to everlasting life, others to shame (Dan 12:2)
- 20 we spend our years as \_\_\_\_ that is told (1,4) (Ps 90:9) KJV
- 21 Pharaoh Neco made \_\_\_\_ son of Josiah king in place of his (2 Kings 23:34)
- 23 Who would approach him with \_\_\_\_? (1,6) (Job 41:13)
- 25 Brought up or raised (Lam 2:22)
- 26 made the tomb secure by putting \_\_\_\_ on the stone (1,4) (Matt 27:66)
- 27 The \_\_\_\_ cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" (1 Cor 12:21)
- 28 mumbled, murmured (Luke 15:1-2)
- 32 he who \_\_\_\_ righteousness reaps a sure reward (Prov 11:18)
- 35 in nakedness and \_\_\_\_ poverty, you will serve the enemies (Deut 28:48)
- 36 they would have repented long \_\_\_\_ in sackcloth and ashes (Matt 11:21)
- 37 do not \_\_\_\_ what is evil but what is good (3 John 11)
- 39 Oh, that you would bless me and \_\_\_\_ my territory (1 Chron 4:10)
- 41 But you would be \_\_\_\_ with the finest of wheat (Ps 81:16)
- 42 Bring my sons from \_\_\_\_ and my daughters (Isa 43:6)
- 44 A state of confusion
- 45 he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and \_\_\_\_ at my word (Isa 66:2)
- 48 the Israelites went through the \_\_\_\_ on dry ground (Exod 14:22)
- 50 Forts and towers in the wooded \_\_\_\_ (2 Chron 27:4)
- 51 every tenth animal that \_\_\_\_ under the shepherd's rod (Lev 27:32)
- 55 Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be \_\_\_\_, and repent (Rev 3:19)
- 58 Daniel prospered during the reign of Cyrus the \_\_\_\_ (Dan 6:28)
- 59 the turtle and the \_\_\_\_ and the swallow (Jer 8:7) KJV
- 60 We hear that some among you are \_\_\_\_ . They are not busy (2 Thess 3:11)
- 62 They begged him to let them touch even the \_\_\_\_ of his cloak (Mark 6:56)
- 63 You have loved righteousness and \_\_\_\_ wickedness (Heb 1:9)
- 64 I have \_\_\_\_ to be baptised of thee, and comest thou to me? (Matt 3:14) KJV
- 65 From the \_\_\_\_ of your foot to the top of your head (Isa 1:6)
- 66 twice as much, two \_\_\_\_ for each person (Ex 16:22)
- 67 The wicked plot against the righteous and \_\_\_\_ their teeth at them (Ps 37:12)
- 68 Abner son of \_\_\_\_, the commander of Saul's army (2 Sam 2:8)

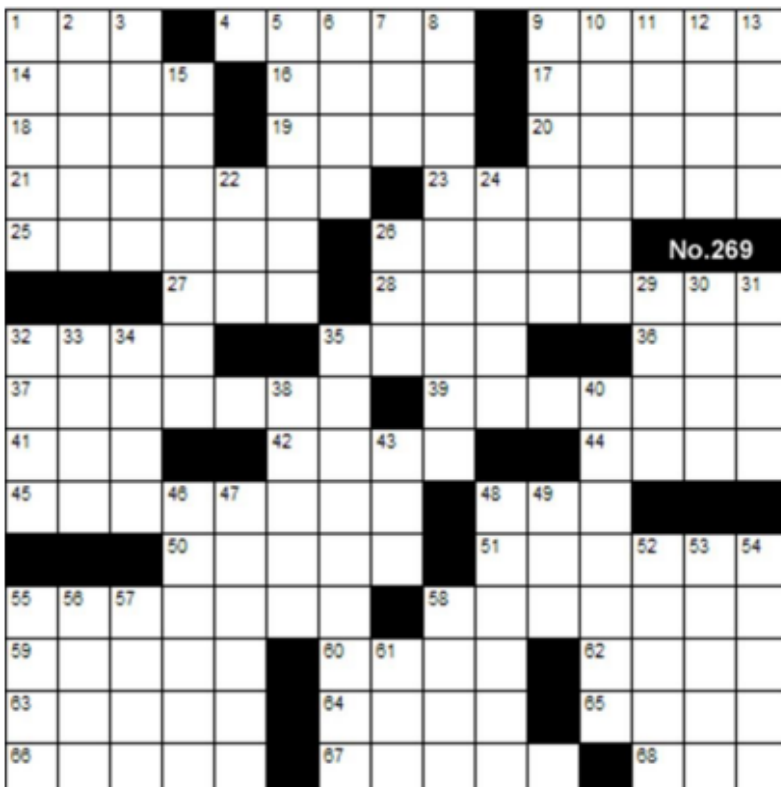
## **DOWN**

- 1 so that the \_\_\_\_ and the reaper may be glad together (John 4:36)
- 2 every kind of clean animal, \_\_\_\_ and its mate (1,4) (Gen 7:2)
- 3 The ram that you saw represents the kings of \_\_\_\_ and Persia (Dan 8:20)
- 5 as one wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it \_\_\_\_ down (2 Kings 21:13)
- 6 in a manger, because there was no \_\_\_\_ for them in the inn (Luke 2:7)
- 7 abbr. for the fourth book of the Old Testament
- 8 Cyrus king of Persia had them brought by Mithredath the \_\_\_\_ (Ezra 1:8)

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



- 9 The ark came to rest on the mountains of \_\_\_\_ (Gen 8:5)  
 10 if Christ has not been raised, your faith is \_\_\_\_; you are still in (1 Cor 15:17)  
 11 I will send \_\_\_\_, saying, Go, find out (1,3) (1 Sam 20:21) (KJV)  
 12 Go, \_\_\_\_ everything you have and give to the poor (Mark 10:21)  
 13 Adam and Eve both ate from the \_\_\_\_ of good and evil (Gen 3:12-13)  
 15 the row on the side \_\_\_\_ the sanctuary was a hundred cubits. (Ezek 42:9)  
 22 the fear of the LORD is the \_\_\_\_ to this treasure (Isa 33:6)  
 24 Each frame is to \_\_\_\_ cubits long and a cubit and a half (2,3) (Ex 26:16)  
 26 Who \_\_\_\_, O Sovereign LORD, and what is my family (2,1) (2 Sam 7:18)  
 29 it is a \_\_\_\_ thing that the king requireth (Dan 2:11) KJV  
 30 They hatch the \_\_\_\_ of vipers and spin a spider's web (Isa 59:5)  
 31 Man \_\_\_\_ not live on bread alone (Matt 4:4)  
 32 Take them down to the water, and I will \_\_\_\_ them for you (Judg 7:4)  
 33 Take a pot, and put an \_\_\_\_ full of manna therein (Exodus 16:33) KJV  
 34 for \_\_\_\_ is the gate, and broad is the way (Matt 7:13)  
 35 David returned from \_\_\_\_ the Amalekites (2 Sam 1:1)  
 38 Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' \_\_\_\_ (1 Tim 4:7)  
 40 increases his wealth by exorbitant interest \_\_\_\_ it for another (Prov 28:8)  
 43 transportation beast (Matt 21:2) KJV  
 46 fish, and all \_\_\_\_ of ware, and sold on the Sabbath (Neh 13:16) KJV  
 47 Pride only \_\_\_\_ quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who (Prov 13:10)  
 48 one who in judging seeks justice and \_\_\_\_ the cause of righteousness (Isa 16:5)  
 49 O Lord, let your \_\_\_\_ be attentive to the prayer of this your servant (Neh 1:11)  
 52 Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and \_\_\_\_ (Matt 15:21)  
 53 The first was like a lion, and it had the wings of an \_\_\_\_ (Dan 7:4)  
 54 look of contempt or scorn (Isa.57:4)  
 55 the wall will cry out, and the beams of the woodwork will \_\_\_\_ it (Hab 2:11)  
 56 Bring me a heifer, a goat and \_\_\_\_ (1,3) (Gen 15:9)  
 57 price for his release is to be based on the \_\_\_\_ paid to a hired man (Lev 25:50)  
 58 give attention to your servant's prayer and his \_\_\_\_ for mercy (1 King 8:28)  
 61 shall be cast into the \_\_\_\_ of lions (Daniel 6:12)



*Last month's solution*

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# St Mary and St Eanswythe Children's Church

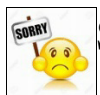
What's coming up?



Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January - **Follow that Star!**



Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February - **Christingle at Candlemas**



Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March – **Saying Sorry**



Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – **When I think about the Cross**

Children's Church begins in church at 10.30 a.m.

We do hope you can join us for ....

singing,  
making things,  
learning about Jesus and  
much much more!

All children are welcome, pre-school with an adult please.

To find out about it, ring Clare Tomlinson 07751 423 796





# Children's Church

## Jesus' Birthday Cake

On the first Sunday in December there was a buzz of excitement and expectancy as we gathered for our first Children's Church; the congregation and Fr John sent us off with a prayer to help us as we stirred up our Birthday Cakes for Jesus. Making Birthday Cakes for Jesus has its own traditions of course, and so we warmed up with the BC4J song (based loosely on the Hokey cokey) and a prayer. Thus prepared, we rolled up our sleeves and swarmed around the tables ready for the big stir up....

This was definitely not "Bake Off" but the two groups of children and adults showed terrific style as they added ingredients, cracked the eggs (not always quite where they were required!) and stirred, stirred, stirred!

As we added each ingredient we focussed on something important that we can learn about following Jesus – here is our recipe -

- ☺ margarine (a kind word)
- ☺ brown sugar (some sweetness)
- ☺ eggs (new life which Jesus gives us)
- ☺ flour (Jesus is a firm foundation for our lives)
- ☺ mixed spice (Jesus is the spice of life)
- ☺ dried fruit (the fruits of the Holy Spirit)
- ☺ black treacle (the strength that God gives us)
- ☺ salt (Christians are the salt of the earth)
- ☺ vanilla essence (the meaning of life)
- ☺ a dash of brandy (the Spirit)



When all was stirred to perfection, everyone was invited to come and stir as they said their own prayer.

Children's Church finished in church with our families.....but what about the cakes?

The mixture was taken away and baked into sixteen small but delicious cakes. Later each cake was decorated with a star and a birthday cake candle and then brought back to church on Christmas Eve for collection by the children.

All over Folkestone, on Christmas Day, in every home where there was a birthday cake for Jesus, the candle was lit and everyone joined in with singing "Happy Birthday to Jesus" before enjoying the cake together!

*Clare Tomlinson*

Next Children's Church (during the first part of the service) is 9<sup>th</sup> January – Follow that Star!

All children are welcome – pre-school with an adult please

# The Friends of St Mary & St Eanswythe

The Friends of St Mary and St Eanswythe were formed in 2014. The Friends are dedicated to the preservation of St Mary and St Eanswythe's church as a place of Christian worship and a focal point of historical interest for residents and visitors to Folkestone. All funds raised are devoted to the upkeep of the building and to the furtherance of public understanding of its history, architecture, and significance.

To find out more please visit <http://friendsofstmaryandsteanswythe.org.uk>

Single Membership £10 per annum. Joint or Family membership £15 per annum  
Reduced income £5 per annum.

Cash or cheques made payable to The Friends of St Mary and St Eanswythe can be sent to Pam Keeling, 13 Wellfield Road, Folkestone, CT20 2PJ.

Electronically: Barclays Bank sort code 20-02-62: Account number 93016250

Please use your surname as the reference.

Email: [info@friendsofstmaryandsteanswythe.org.uk](mailto:info@friendsofstmaryandsteanswythe.org.uk)

For existing Friends annual subscriptions are due now and if you were uncertain how to pay please see the above details.

## New Membership Form

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner's name \_\_\_\_\_

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## BOOKWORM

### **The Benefits of Passion – Catherine Fox (1997)**

Well, you know how much I enjoy reading Catherine Fox's books about life in the Church of England, and this is one of her best as far as I'm concerned. It's one of her earlier works and there was the unexpected bonus that it featured some of the characters from *Angels and Men*.

The main character is Annie, an ordinand, who is writing a raunchy novel about (you guessed it) an ordinand. So this gives us two parallel plots: Barney and Isabella in Annie's novel, and Annie and her fellow ordinands. But the course of true love never runs smoothly. Neither for Annie nor Barney and Isabella. Being an ordinand is not easy either and Annie is struggling with her faith, her conscience, her mother, and life in general. Not to mention the men in her life. All of which makes for a very good read, full of humour and tears.

In fact I found the second half of the book almost unputdownable. There are several plot twists that you won't see coming, but I always think that's the best way. Read and enjoy. And it turns out that that this is the middle of a trilogy, so I've still got another one to read.

### **Not a Happy Family – Shari Lapena (2021)**

I can't believe that we went out for a meal with only 5 minutes of this book left to read! I was on tenterhooks all evening wanting to get to the end.

This is a book full of twists and turns and I really had no idea who the murderer was because at some stage I'd suspected everyone in this very dysfunctional family.

It's a good read, even though it's not as fast paced as some of Shari Lapena's earlier works. The basic plot is about a very rich family. The father is a nasty bit of work and the mother a bit weak. Following a major row over an Easter meal the parents are brutally murdered, but the question is, who did it? There are so many people who have a motive, and everyone is lying to the police.

If you guess the identity of the murderer, I shall be very impressed.

### **'Twas The Nightshift Before Christmas – Adam Kay (2019)**

I read this whole book in a day, though before you get too impressed, it's only 142 pages.

Obviously it's aimed at the Christmas market, but that really made no difference at all. It's a very readable, very funny, but also tragic account of the six Christmases that junior doctor Adam Kay spent working in the NHS. He always seemed to draw the short straw and be on the rota for duty over Christmas and new year. Was this because he had no children? Or because he is Jewish? Who knows. But working in obstetrics, things carry on much as normal whether or not it's the festive season.

If you've read his first book, *This Is Going To Hurt*, you'll know that an ultimately tragic event led him to leave medicine and he is now an award winning comedian and author. So although his work is laugh-out-loud-funny there is also a far more serious message not very far below the surface.

It's a great book though.

*Catriona Hunter*

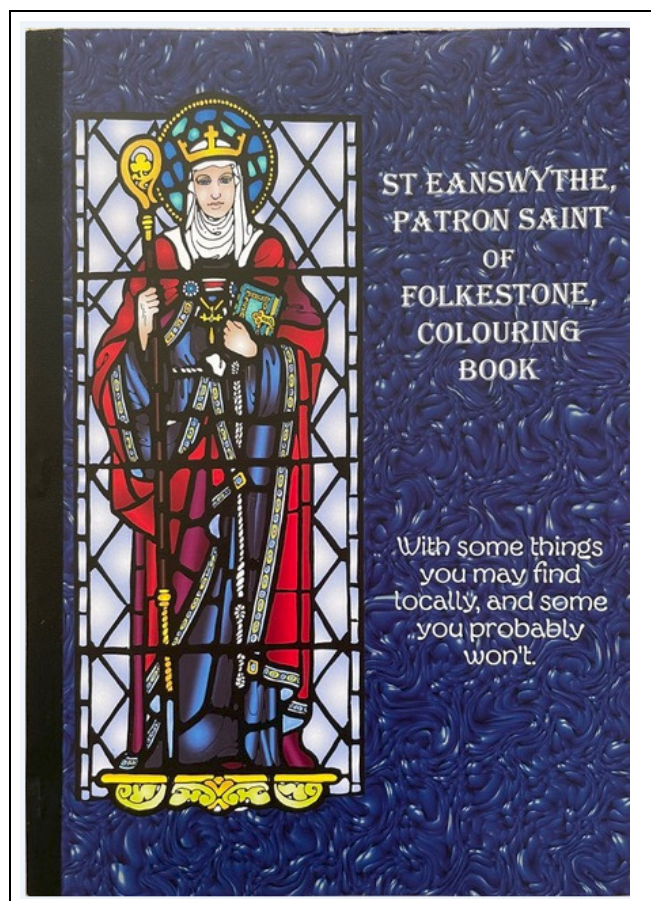


# St Eanswythe, Patron Saint of Folkestone, Colouring Book

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.

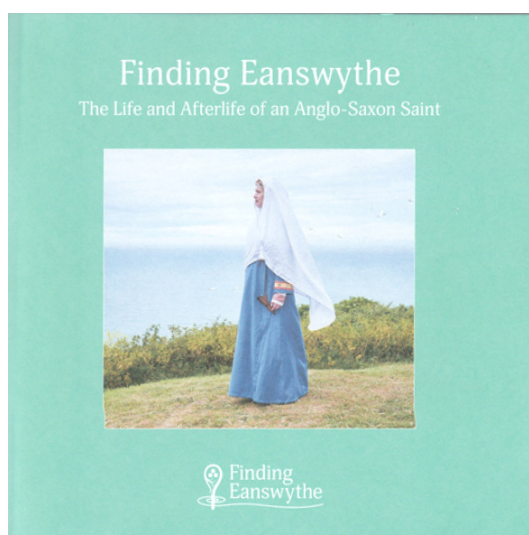
We have worked with local artist, Dandi Palmer, to create a beautiful colouring book with 40 varied pictures and something for all ages. We hope that it will give a true feeling of what you may be able to see in and around the church. You'll find pictures of St Eanswythe, the Reverend David Railton MC, 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.



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## 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.



## Pages From An Unwritten Diary

The choir at our church became affiliated to the School of English Church Music in 1929. The SECM was founded in 1927 by Sir Sydney Nicholson to encourage the best possible standards in music in worship. It says a great deal about the standard of music in worship in St Mary & St Eanswythe's at that time, as I believe choirs were assessed before being enrolled.

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*SECM Accession Register: no. 740 - our choir's admission  
9 September 1929*

I can remember singing joint Evensongs at Lyminge, Hythe, Holy Trinity and each year in Canterbury Cathedral. On one memorable occasion, the whole choir went by coach to the RSCM's headquarters at Addington Palace having been invited to sing Evensong in the chapel there - the palace had once been the residence of Archbishops of Canterbury. The chapel was fairly small but was beautifully decorated in what I now know is the Palladian style with the most impressive wood carvings.

Having sung the service we disrobed and piled back onto the coach, which, after about 30 minutes, pulled into a large car park where we boys were set free to play whatever games we could think of and generally let off steam, whilst the gentlemen mysteriously disappeared into what we soon realised was a public house!

One occasion I particularly remember was being chosen with two other boys from our choir to join with trebles from across the country to sing at a special Evensong in St Paul's Cathedral, London conducted by Gerald Knight, RSCM director from 1954 - to 1972. We were allowed off school to attend rehearsal in London and on the day itself a large choir of boys processed into that huge cathedral where we sung our hearts out - what a privilege!

## Know your Church

### The Chancel Sanctuary

The twelfth mosaic is of St Matthew. St Matthew, called Levi in St Mark and St Luke's Gospels was a tax collector. His fellow Jews would have regarded him as a traitor, gathering their money for the occupying Romans. He had probably made himself wealthy as well. St Luke's Gospel tells us that he held a banquet for Jesus. He was called to be a disciple when Jesus passed him in his tax booth near Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee.

After the Gospel accounts, it is thought that he preached and was then martyred. The manner of his martyrdom is also unclear - some accounts say it was a spear, other by a sword. But he is depicted in our mosaic with a spear. Some traditions say that Matthew was martyred in Ethiopia to the south of the Caspian Sea (not Ethiopia in



Africa), others say that he was martyred in Hierapolis of Parthia. According to Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus, Matthew was martyred in Hierapolis, and the Matthias who replaced Judas Iscariot among the Twelve is the one who died in Ethiopia.

His relics were carried to Campania, in the Diocese of Capaccio. Retrieved by Lombards, they were moved to Salerno, where they are currently kept in the Cathedral's crypt

Matthew is recognised as a saint in both the Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches. The Eastern Orthodox celebrate his feast day on November 16, whereas September 21 is observed in Catholic churches.

The mosaic was given by The Misses Lowder in memory of Charles F Lowder.





The central mosaic in the Chancel Reredos, the final mosaic in our series, is of Angels Censing. Like the mosaics of the Apostles, this is the work of Capello. The mosaic suffered some damage at its edges when the whole of the central section of the Reredos was raised early in the last century when the third, brown, step was installed. This was donated in memory of Frederick Augustus Howe Fitzgerald, replacing the 1870s mosaic shown left.





# Holy Socks

When Catriona asked me if I'd like to write an article for her church magazine, my mind immediately went back to a weekend on Iona a few years ago. We were there to scatter the ashes of relatives of Catriona, who had also been dear friends of my husband's family. I also took the opportunity to deliver an order of Holy Socks to the Iona Community's Shop where our designs have been sold for about 18 of our 21 years existence.

My next thoughts were what do I put in this article and what do I leave out?

I'd better start by telling you what Holy Socks are and how they originated.

They are socks with Biblical designs - Jonah in the Whale, The Ark and Rainbow, Sheep and Goats, The Dove and The Found Sheep. (Not the lost sheep. This sheep is definitely found.) We started with two sizes (4-7 and 12 1/2 - 3 1/2) and about half a dozen designs. Now we have from sizes 0 - 2 1/2 up to 12 - 16 for adults with very large feet. We also have more than 30 designs. Many of our designs aren't a pair at all. Pharaoh's Cows have seven ill-favoured cows and seven well favoured cows - on different feet. The latest is our cycle sock with "The Whirling Wheels" on one sock and "Endure to the End" on the other.

They were born in Skelmorlie, a little village on the Clyde coast. I was doing a course with the Scottish Churches Open College, thinking that somehow I was going to land in ordained ministry. A group of us were discussing how we could best, for want of a better way of putting it, pass on our faith or introduce people to God. None of us were keen on what we called "The Jesus loves you t-shirt" method and on seeing someone wearing Wallace and Gromit socks, we decided that Biblical socks would be a much better idea. "Yes, I said, and they'll be called Holy Socks." If no one was doing them, someone should be. I didn't find "Holy Socks" on the web, but I did find more than 600 references to feet and walking in the Bible. It was on reading just a few of these that I realised there was more than a laugh in the idea and Holy Socks, Faith on your Feet were born. The rest as they say is history.

They combine being a symbol of ancient pilgrimage with modern novelty socks. It was on our first sales outing with Holy Socks, at Keswick during convention fortnight that I realised they needed a leaflet. The Holy Socks story was born. Want to hear it from the Whales' point of view? Why couldn't the lions eat Daniel? And what was it like for the "Found Sheep" to be found by the Shepherd? It's all in the Holy Socks stories.

We try to have a range of bright and dark colours; funny, serious and in the middle designs; some which are obviously Christian and some, like The Vine and the Hills which anyone could wear.





Who does wear them? Often I don't know. They're sometimes bought for gifts, and I rarely know whose feet they will end up on, but at the recent Christian Resources Exhibition at Sandown Park in Surrey, we had quite a number of visitors to the stand who pulled up their trouser legs to reveal a pair of Holy Socks they'd bought at a previous show. It is one of the great joys of exhibiting and chatting to customers on the phone, hearing to whom and why, a particular design was going to be given. Often for a reason that you can't share on the website or Facebook.

I know Holy Socks have been taken to India, sent to Brazil, walked on the Great Wall of China, and been worn by Jesuit priests in the Australian outback. They've also cycled in Africa and been seen in Red Square in Moscow. A pair went out to Mongolia with a missionary. Often they'll be on the feet of those going to the office, school or down the high street. Some get worn to football matches and we sponsor a rally crew with socks, which they wear on each round of the Scottish Rally Championship.

Another memory which Catriona's suggestion brought to mind was the Lambeth Conference of 2008. We were asked to be part of the Market Place at the event and what an experience that was. I don't care who comes to the stand, I welcome them all and love to hear their stories, but it is particularly special when one minute you're talking to the Bishop of the Arctic, who's based in Yellowknife in northern Canada (where the Ice Road Truckers leave from) and the next the wife of the Bishop of Tasmania - oh and geographically in between, the wife of the Bishop of Vanuatu. And you also get a visit from the then Archbishop of Canterbury. Rowan Williams, who had visited our Stand at the Christian Resources Exhibition the previous year. At this year's CRE, we had the honour of looking after Rowan Bear who belongs to the director of CRE, Steve Goddard. I had to put a pair of socks on the bear's bare feet.

It's possible we'll return next year to the conference. We'll see..... The last 21 years have been full of surprises. I'm sure there are more to come - thanks to Holy Socks.

I am so grateful that God led me down the Holy Socks road and not to ordained ministry. God is so wise!!! Suits me down the ground.

[www.holysocks.co.uk](http://www.holysocks.co.uk) 01671 404043

*Margaret Wyllie*



# Commemoration of the Month

## George Fox, Founder of the Society of Friends (Quakers)

### 13 January

George Fox was born at Fenny Drayton in Leicestershire in 1624, the son of a weaver, and was himself apprenticed to a shoe-maker. He became something of a wayfarer from 1643 for about three years, loosening all ties with his family and friends. The 'Inner Light of the Living Christ' became his watchword in 1646 and he began to preach that the truth could only be found through the Inner Voice speaking directly to each soul. His society of 'The Friends of Truth' was formed at about this time, clearly a protest against the authoritarianism of the Presbyterian system, and many believers joined. Because of welcoming God into the soul often whilst in a state of trance, which caused much body movement, Gervase Bennet nicknamed them the Quakers in 1650; although meant as a term of abuse, it quickly became a name they themselves adopted. Fox spent several spells in gaol because of his determination to preach where he would and what he willed; he also made many missionary journeys around England, on the continent and to North America and the West Indies. He had a charismatic personality combined with excellent organisational abilities, which proved a solid foundation for ensuring the continuance of his beliefs and practices. He died on this day in 1691.



### Collect

Almighty God,  
by whose grace *N.*, kindled with the fire of your love,  
became a burning and a shining light in the Church:  
in flame us with the same spirit of discipline and love,  
that we may ever walk before you as children of light;  
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- Proverbs 10. 27–32: NT-Philippians 3. 7–14: Gospel-Matthew 19. 23–30



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Please give this some thought

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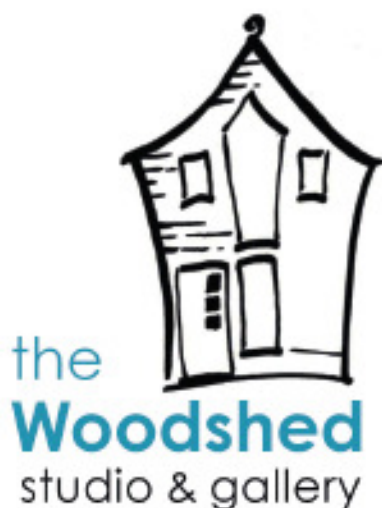
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Born in Chesterfield, he studied at Chetham's School and the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester and recently graduated from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, where he studied with Charles Owen and Noriko Ogawa.

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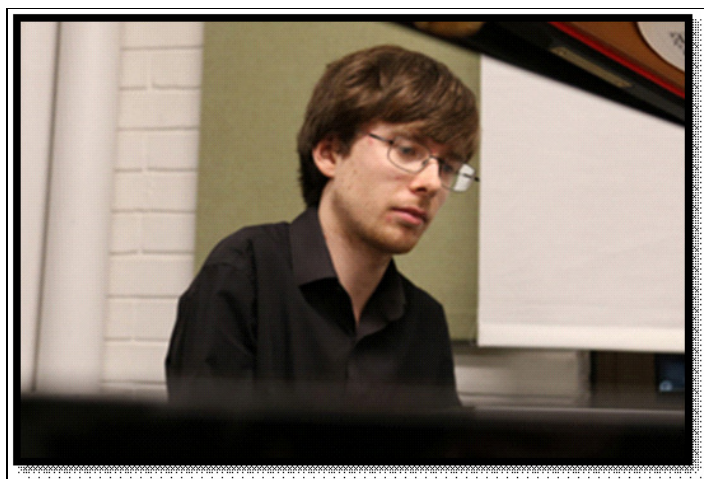
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## Pause for Thought

I used to pray that God would feed the hungry or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things.

*Mother Teresa*

## Help Us Enter the New Year

God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly,  
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,  
mindful that our steps make an impact  
and our words carry power.

May we walk gently.

May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life,  
help us enter the New Year reverently,  
aware that you have endowed  
every creature and plant, every person and habitat  
with beauty and purpose.

May we regard the world with tenderness.

May we honour rather than destroy.

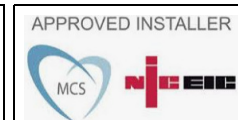
Lover of all souls,  
help us enter the New Year joyfully,  
willing to laugh and dance and dream,  
remembering our many gifts with thanks  
and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your lavish love.  
In this new year,  
may the grace and peace of Christ  
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