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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 Services and Events in May 2022

Services and Events in May

Sun	1	Third Sunday of Easter
		10.30 a.m. EUCHARIST
Mon	2	Philip and James, Apostles
		9.30 a.m. Companions of Eanswythe
Thurs	5	9.15 a.m. Year 4 St Mary's School Visit
		10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Fri	6	7.00 p.m. Concert – Mazzolini Trio
Sun	8	Fourth Sunday of Easter
		10.30 a.m. EUČHARIST
Wed	11	7.00 p.m. Companions of Eanswythe
Thurs	12	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Sat	14	Matthias the Apostle
Sun	15	Fifth Sunday of Easter
		10.30 a.m. EUCHARIST
Mon	16	9.30 a.m. Companions of Eanswythe
Tues	17	8.30 a.m. St. Eanswythe School – Collective Worship
Thurs	19	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Fri	20	7.00 p.m. Concert - Sacconi Festival
Sat	21	7.00 p.m. Concert – Sacconi Festival
Sun	22	Sixth Sunday of Easter
		10.30 a.m. Sacconi Mass
		7.00 p.m. Concert – Sacconi Festival
Wed	25	7.00 p.m. Companions of Eanswythe
Thurs	26	Ascension Day
		10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
		7.30 p.m. Ascension Day Eucharist
Sun	29	Seventh Sunday of Easter
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Mon	30	9.30 a.m. Companions of Eanswythe

From the Parish Registers

Baptism March

We welcome into the Lord's family Jasmine Peggy Liddle



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 Headteacher of St Eanswythe's School for allowing us to use the school playground as a car park on Sundays and on other occasions.

The school playground is not available at present for car parking due to extensive building renovations. When this changes we will let you know

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 many of you will be aware, Fr John has had an 18-day battle with covid. It was good to see him back in church on Sunday 1st May and we wish him well for his continued recovery. Due to the severity of his infection he has been unable to write his usual piece for Rendezvous.

And....

An apology for the week's delay to this edition of Rendezvous, partly through lack of articles and partly through a sudden alteration to my diary meaning that I had more time away from home and computer.

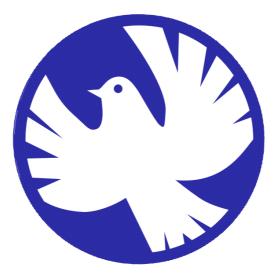
Andrew

A Prayer for peace among the nations

King of peace, who longs for us to live in fellowship and unity send your Spirit of peace throughout our world.

Take from our hearts all prejudice and envy, take from our hands the weapons of violence and take from our lips all words of cruelty, that we may live as brothers and sisters, one family in the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rev M. J. Kramer, Precentor, Canterbury Cathedral



Your starter for ten

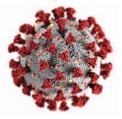
Since The Friends' Quiz planned for late April has been postponed here are ten questions to keep your 'little grey cells' ticking over culled from the famous long-running TV quiz show. If you really want to be competitive allow yourself no longer than three-and –a half minutes. Answers next month,

- 1 Designed by Sir Nigel Gresley in 1923, which world famous A3 Class steam locomotive bore the BR number 60103 and before that the LNER no 4472?
- 2 Which city between Milan and Bologna gives its name to a delicate dry-cured ham and to a hard, dry cheese?
- 3 Which old measure, used for various liquids, but chiefly for ale was originally the equivalent of a quarter of a barrel or nine gallons?
- 4 According to the old English proverb, what is 'in the eye of the beholder'?
- 5 What name is given to the outermost layer of a planet's atmosphere?
- 6 The word 'lusophone' describes a speaker of the language of which country, which now occupies roughly the same area as the Roman province of Lusitania?
- 7 Bryan Ferry had three number one albums as lead vocalist in which British glam-rock group?
- 8 Which Caribbean Island has a name meaning 'ancient'?
- 9 Which solar system planet is principally made of iron but shares its name with that of a different metal?
- 10 How many litres are there in a cubic metre?

Are you a quiz fan? Would you like a monthly quiz in Rendezvous? Let Andrew Plested or Catriona Hunter know! Contact details inside the Rendezvous front cover.

Covid Strategy

Our PCC has 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 January 18th.



- 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. Priests will dip your wafer in the wine before you receive it. If you prefer an undipped wafer, please let them know.
- 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.
- The congregation must continue to practice social distancing in family and friendship groups, and are asked to use face coverings and hand gel.
- We will leave the seat cushions where they are to encourage social distancing.
- · Refreshments will be offered after our Sunday service.
- 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 have reintroduced congregational singing on the condition that those who sing practise social distancing and wear face coverings.

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

May Sunday and Red Letter Eucharist Gospels

Sunday 1 May Third Sunday of Easter Lent – John 21.1-19

When Simon Peter knew it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake.

The Lord makes his presence known in many ways. Those who recognise him respond at once in love and worship, to begin a new life according to his will.

Sunday 8 May Fourth Sunday of Easter – John 10.22-30

'My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me'. The shepherd is a familiar Bible image of God. It expresses what we know of his love, his protection, his continual guidance and his patience when we go astray and it is fully revealed in Jesus the Good Shepherd.

Sunday 15 May Fifth Sunday of Easter - John 13.31-35

'I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another'.

Those who seek to do the will of God must be prepared for unexpected changes and new attitudes. It is his purpose to bring all things to perfection and our part is to respond with unselfish love.

Sunday 22 May Sixth Sunday of Easter – John 14.23-29

'Peace I leave with you: my peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.'

In the stresses and turmoil of the world and in the quieter daily routine of living, the vision of glory may break through. There are times when the heart is opened and we are filled with the power of The Spirit.

Sunday 29 May Seventh Sunday of Easter – John 17.20-26

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.' The word of God has come to people in many different ways, sometime by revelation of his power in daily life, sometimes by a vision of his glory, often in quiet reading of listening. By whatever means, it draws them into the Church of Christ.

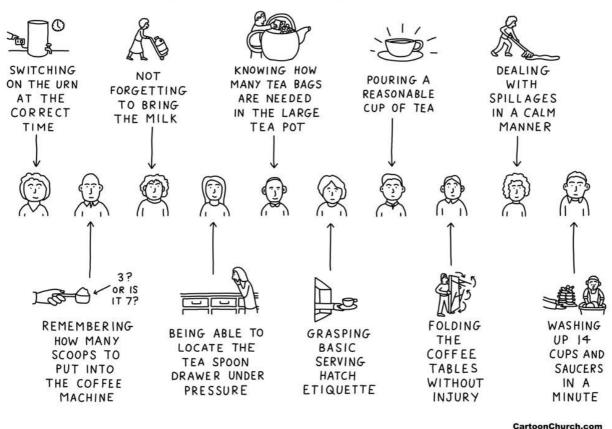
> **Red Letter Days – Days of Special Observance** Monday 2 May – Philip and James, Apostles Isaiah 30.15-21; Revelation 5.11-end: John 14.1-14

Saturday 14 May – Matthias, Apostle Isaiah 22.25-end; Acts 1.15-end: John 15.9-17

Thursday 26 May – Ascension Day Acts 1.1-11: Ephesians 1.15-end: Luke 24.44-53

Tuesday 31 May The Visitation (see Commemoration of the Month)

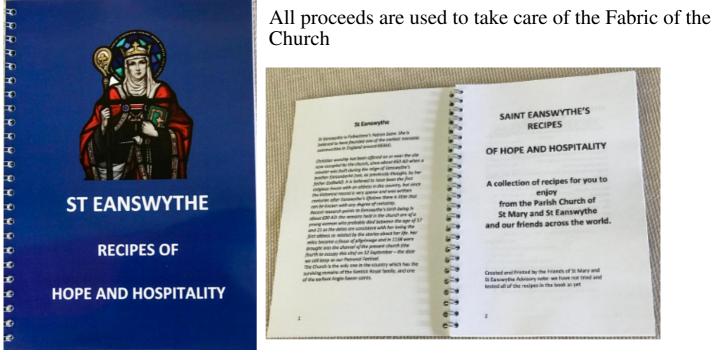




Recipes of Hope and Hospitality and Notelets

A collection of recipes from members of the congregation and many friends. The Recipe Book is available at £5 per copy from the sales table by 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.



ACROSS

1 he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the _____ that shrank (Gen 32:32) 6 Nor did Asher drive out those living in ____ or Sidon (Judg 1:31) 10 The fear of the LORD ____ length to life (Prov 10:27) 14 As an ____ pleasing to the LORD (Num 29:2) 15 As _____ as Jesus was baptised, he went up out of the water (Matt 3:16) 16 Do not because of evil men or be envious of the wicked (Prov 24:19) 17 In my Father's house are many ____ (John 14:2) 18 the tongue can no man ____; it is an unruly evil (James 3:8) 19 ninth letter of Greek alphabet 20 a prophetess, , the daughter of Phanue (Luke 2:36) 21 will not remain united, any more than iron ____ with clay (Dan 2:43) 22 But the word of the Lord endureth for _____ (1 Pet 1:25) KJV 23 Bring it to me, and I will eat of my son's venison (Gen 27:25) 25 not only do they become ____, but also gossips (1 Tim 5:13) 27 reject (Job 10:3) 29 He him Noah and said, "He will comfort us (Gen 5:29) 31 and _____ to be desired to make one wise (1,4) (Gen 3:6) 32 He had his journey from Babylon on the first day of (Ezra 7:9) 33 a spider's trap (Isa 59:5) 36 Do not ____ up the words of the prophecy of this book (Rev 22:10) 37 His legs are pillars of marble set on of pure gold (Song 5:15) 38 rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, ____, malice (Col 3:8) 39 David sent them to you to explore the city and _____ it out (2 Sam 10:3) 40 and the most important _____ in the synagogues (Matt 23:6) 41 a raised or projecting edge (Ezek 43:17) 42 He down his hail like pebbles (Ps 147:17) 43 and your houses turned into _____ of rubble (Dan 2:5) 44 Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her ____? (Jer 2:32) KJV 47 I cast my ____ against them (Acts 26:10) 49 very expensive perfume, made of pure (Mark 14:3) 50 However, I ____ that I worship the God of our fathers (Acts 24:14) 53 Am I _____, or a whale, that thou settest a watch (1,3) (Job 7:12) KJV 56 As ____ man who casteth firebrands (1,3) (Prov 26:18) KJV 57 They worship me in _____; their teachings are but rules taught (Matt 15:9) 58 the furnace heated seven times hotter than ____ (Dan 3:19) 59 Darius the ____ took over the kingdom (Dan 5:31) 60 Above all ____, guard your heart (Prov 4:23) 61 They are a nation without ____, there is no discernment (Deut 32:28) 62 a river went out of _____ to water the garden (Gen 2:10) 63 silver in two bags, with two ____ of clothing (2 Kings 5:23) 64 do not reap to the very ____ of your field (Lev 23:22) DOWN 1 no longer to call her ____; her name will be Sarah (Gen 17:15) 2 the brass, the , the tin, and the lead (Num 31:22) 3 called on the name of Baal from morning even until _____ (1 King 18:26) 4 they shall call his name _____, which means, "God with us" (Matt 1:23) KJV 5 spoken by the Lord, and _____, confirmed unto us (Heb 2:3) 6 See how your enemies are ____, how your foes rear their heads (Ps 83:2)

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Children's Church - thinking about the Cross

On Passion Sunday in Children's Church, we too, were thinking about the Cross, the suffering of Jesus and of the hope for eternal life.



We began with EGGS! You can see the shiny eggs in this photo – each egg held a clue to something that happened in Holy Week.



As we opened the eggs together and talked about their contents, the story was gradually revealed. A donkey, a sword, praying hands, a cross, a crown of thorns, three nails, a sponge, a white robe and a stone took us from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday. Then, we opened the last two eggs..... in one we found two tiny angels and in the other NOTHING! The last one was empty...... Alleluia!



To celebrate our new life in Jesus, every child is now growing a sunflower – mine has germinated and is about 5 cms tall, nearly time to plant it out in the garden.

Alleluia! The Lord is Risen!

On Easter Sunday we celebrated Christ's resurrection together in church, AND, we finished with EGGS! You can see these shiny eggs in this photo!

News from St Eanswythe's School

Greetings from St Eanswythe's School, and we wish you all a very Happy and Holy Easter.

We have all just returned from our holiday and are keen and eager for the new term.

We started as we mean to go on with Years R and one going on a school trip where everyone had a great time and behaved themselves so well.

Year 5 came back dressed as Victorian Children which has been part of their school learning, and looked fabulous. On Friday we are having our Holy Fun Run, which is to raise money for cancer, and is in memory of Penny and Miss Laws. As you can see we have already been very busy and look forward to keeping you informed of all our events.

The next item will be written by Year 1.

St Mary and St Eanswythe Children's Church

What's coming up?



Sunday 8th May **Our Family!**



Sunday 12th June - Our Even Bigger Family! followed by Bring and Share PICNIC!

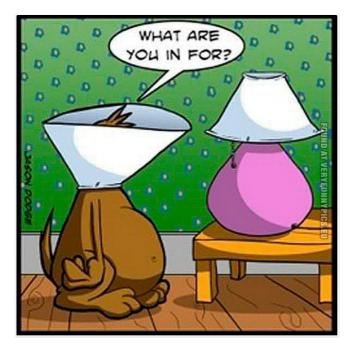


Sunday 10th July – **COME and SEE!**



Sunday 14th August – Looking for Signs of Jesus

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





Insects

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. 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

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





Bookworm – What I've Been Reading

The Two Faces of January – Patricia Highsmith (1964)

This was my first taste of Patricia Highsmith - if you ignore the film of The Talented Mr Ripley, which I have only seen in Spanish - and that was a long time ago!

This book is about Chester who leads a life of lies, is a white collar crook, has multiple identities, is on the run from the USA and accidentally becomes a murderer. Then there's his beautiful, Barbie doll of a wife Colette who goes everywhere in stiletto heels. And finally Rydal, who for some inexplicable reason offers to help Chester cover up the death of a Greek policeman.

None of the main characters are nice people and there is a terrible sense of doom throughout the book. Published in 1964 I found it very different from modern day thrillers, but it was a compelling read, and I was instantly hooked by the story. I now have three more books by this author in my 'to be read' pile and I look forward to reading them soon.

Before We Say Goodbye - Louise Candlish (2009)

I associate Louise Candlish with psychological thrillers, but this only fits that definition in the mildest way and certainly lacked the pace and tension of her other books that I've read. Actually I feel a bit swindled as it is a reissue of a book published in 2009, rather than a new book altogether.

It's about how we all interpret the past differently, history repeating itself, second chances, families, first love, forgiveness, and making peace with the past. Despite my little gripe, it kept my interest and I enjoyed reading it. So, now that I have managed your expectations (or perhaps lowered them) I would recommend it. It had a couple of good twists at the end too.

Someone We Know – Shari Lapena (2019)

Everyone has something to hide and in this respectable neighbourhood it seems that some have more secrets than others. It is a complex tale of ordinary people doing bad things. There are lots of stunning twists in the plot, including one at the very end to leave the reader guessing.

This is the sort of book that I could easily have read at one sitting. A very good book indeed.

The Last Refuge – Ben Coes (2012)

This was an exciting read, especially the second half, which was almost unputdownable.

Set in Israel, Iran and the USA, it's about rescuing someone from the most secure prison in Iran and at the same time stealing Iran's nuclear bomb. As you do. There are a lot of characters, and I kept getting confused who was a goody and who a baddy - I think some were on both sides, actually. It will also come as no surprise that the body count is high. Very high. It's also brutal.

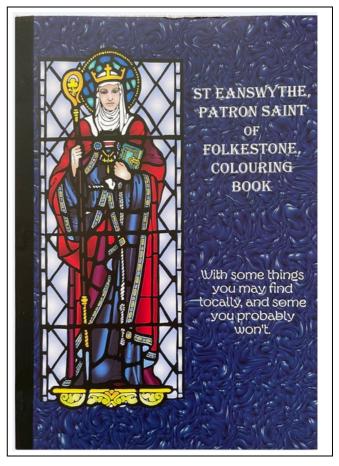
The friend at book group who lent it to me warned me it was a bit 'blokey', and he was right, but it was also a very good read.

Catriona Hunter

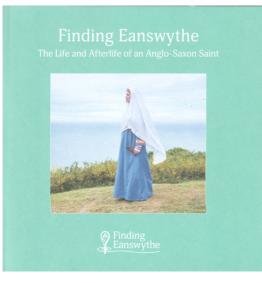
St Eanswythe, Patron Saint of Folkestone, Colouring Book

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.



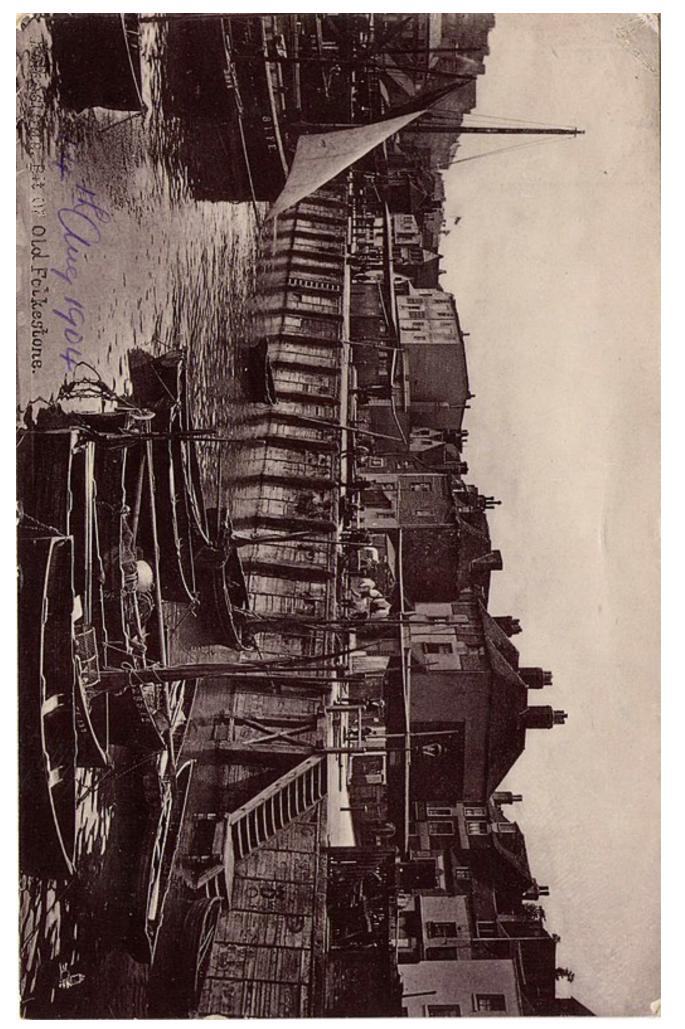
We are grateful to Rendezvous magazine for sponsoring the printing of the colouring book. You can buy the book at the sales table for £5, which we are sure you will agree is very good value indeed. Even if colouring isn't your 'thing', this is a book you will want for your coffee table.



Finding Eanswythe

Whilst the Finding Eanswythe Project has come to a conclusion, the working group will continue with their research. This book covers the findings over the six-year program with a series of essays covering such topics as The Legend of St Eanswythe, A Minster in the early Mediaeval Landscape, Minster to Priory, Folkestone and the English Reformation, St Eanswythe's Water, St Eanswythe's Chapel, Matthew Woodward and Eanswythe Found. All by various members of the Research Group.

This 54 page book is available from our sales table priced at $\pounds 5$.



A Pre-war View of The Stade showing the buildings that were all lost in the Second World War. The current buildings date from the late 40s/early 50s. Note the sailing fishing boat.



Tickets are on sale now from Dean at R&R Gallery, at the top of The Old High Street: every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Numbers are limited so get your tickets now. £5 - members of The Bayle Residents' Association, £7.50 non-members, children free.





Jubilee Street Party - June 5th 2022

Day Plan

- 1100 Take your Street Party Seats and enjoy the music from across the years
- 1130 Official Opening from the Town Crier & the Bayle Band
- 1150 Sharing of the Queen Cake & Coronation of our Bayle Queen for the Day
- 1200 Luncheon to vintage music from Dolly Doo Wop with party games & puzzles
- 1400 Swing Dance Demo & Jive Lessons
- 1500 Music from the Decades from Just Ash
- 1545 David & Friend Entertains
- 1615 Carys Sings
- 1645 Sax Jazz Quartet
- 1715 Closing Ceremony & Prize Giving
- 1900 Road Re-opens / clear up

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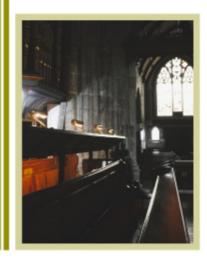
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'The Vision Thing'

If you have not had the chance to read the papers for our Annual Parochial Meeting I do urge you to find a copy of the report from The PCC Chair and read it carefully. What Fr John has written sets out what has been achieved so far and the way ahead under seven headings, which were detailed in the Parish Plan written for his appointment. They encapsulate our mission here among ourselves and in the wider community of East Folkestone.

The report makes exciting reading detailing what has been achieved across a wide spectrum and how we have grown as a community, working (in the words of the Parish Plan):

'within the Liberal Catholic and musical traditions of the parish to explore new ways of expressing our faith and engaging with the entire parish community to attract new Christians'.

This is a huge undertaking and the fact that we have made much progress – some of it significant – in working towards these aims is a tribute to Fr John's energy and commitment, for which we are eternally grateful. Please keep him in your prayers.

Support our church in whatever ways you can and rejoice that as we continue to move forward we are striving to make good our prime objective that:

'This church exists to make Jesus Christ known in Folkestone through worship, fellowship and mission.'

We can all play a part because we need to move forward together as a community, in 'common unity'. We pray that we may support Fr John in his role as our Parish Priest in whatever way our talents can best be given. He is with us for three more years before he retires. Let us resolve to make every day of each of those years count. May God give us the strength to do so together with courage, good humour and commitment.

The Sea

The sea, the sea, the sounding sea Lulling the senses to sleep. The sea, the sea, the savage sea With the fury of the deep. Becalmed on a silken sheet of blue Heedless of gathering clouds Then hurled by the storm on the rocks to lie

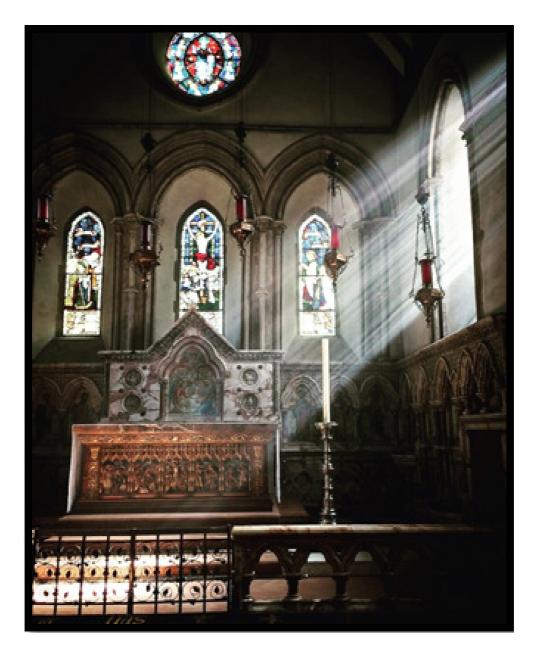
In a foam-encrusted shroud.

The sea, the sea, with its restless power And the ageless flow of the tides. A kingdom of mystery, lost in the depths Which the infinite fathoms hide. There will its creatures sway and glide Through the coral and feathery fronds And its beauty is veiled in the shimmering hues As a dream of a world beyond.

Dora Alker

A prayer from 'The Canterbury Book of New Parish Prayers' by the Rev Max Kramer, Precentor at Canterbury Cathedral:

Holy God, we pray for this church, that all who are drawn to this place may be strengthened in faith, hope and love.



Lord God,

We thank you for the gift of this holy place, set apart by the devotion of generations to be a house of prayer for all people. Be with all those who are with us at this time, that they may come to know more deeply the love you have for them, the call for which you fashioned them before their birth and your vision of a creation renewed by your infinite grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Commemoration of the Month The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth 31 May

After the angel Gabriel had announced to Mary that she was to become the mother of Our Lord, Mary went from Galilee to Judea to visit her kinswoman Elizabeth, soon to be the mother of John the Baptist. Elizabeth greeted Mary with the words, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Mary burst forth with the song of praise which we call the Magnificat, beginning, "My soul

proclaims the greatness of the Lord." We are told that even John the Baptist, still unborn, leaped for joy in his mother's womb. Just as Luke sees John the Baptist as the last of the prophets of the old covenant, he uses John's leaping in Elizabeth's womb as the first time John bears witness to Christ as the promised Messiah. Thereby he links the old covenant with the new. He seems to be saying that just as the old covenant clearly points to Jesus, so does its last prophet, yet to be born. Thus we are shown, side by side, the two women, one seemingly too old to have a child, but destined to bear the last prophet of the Old Covenant, of the age that was passing away; and the other woman, seemingly



not ready to have a child, but destined to bear the One Who was Himself the beginning of the New Covenant, the age that would not pass away.

Collect

Almighty God,

by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary and greeted her as the mother of the Lord: look with favour on your lowly servants that, with Mary, we may magnify your holy name and rejoice to acclaim her Son our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

OT-Zephaniah 3.14-18: NT-Romans 12.9-16: Gospel -Luke 1. 39-56

What would you like your legacy to be? Leaving money to the church in your will is a wonderful way to ensure that our church will be here for future generations. There are also some benefits for your inheritance tax bill, too. So, if you're thinking of adding a charitable bequest in your will, here's what you need to know.

Big or small, your donation could be of huge help in keeping our beautiful church cared for in the future.

As you may already know, like money you leave to your spouse, gifts to charities aren't taxed. And if you leave at least 10% of your estate to a charitable cause, your inheritance tax rate drops from 40% to 36%. This means that for every £100 you leave to charity; it only really costs your family £24.

Please give this some thought

Delicious Chocolate Chip Cookies

Makes about 20 cookies.

100g softened butter
75g caster sugar
50g light muscovado sugar
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
1 large beaten egg
150g self-raising flour
100g plain chocolate chips

- 1. Pre-heat the oven to 190C / Fan 170C / Gas 5.
- 2. Lightly grease 3 baking trays.
- 3. Place the butter and sugars in a medium-sized bowl and beat thoroughly until blended evenly.
- 4. Add the vanilla extract to the beaten egg, then add a little at a time to the butter and sugar mixture beat well with each addition.
- 5. Mix in the flour.
- 6. Stir in the chocolate chips.
- 7. Spoon large teaspoonfuls of the mixture onto the greased baking trays making sure that there is plenty of room for the cookies to spread. Which they will.
- 8. Bake on the top shelf of the pre-heated oven for 8-10 minutes or until the cookies are golden. *Do watch them closely as they can suddenly turn dark brown*.
- 9. Leave to cool on the trays for a few minutes and then lift off onto a cooling rack with a fish slice or palette knife.
- 10. Leave to cool completely (though obviously you will have to taste one to make sure they are OK and eat any that break or are very misshapen. Warning: they really do taste good while still warm).

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The box office at the Creative Folkestone Quarterhouse is now open where you can book tickets by calling 01303 760740 for each of the concerts

7 p.m. Friday 20 May - Haydn, Tippett & Schubert.

10.15 a.m. Saturday 21 May 'Young Strings Orchestra' at The Quarterhouse, Mill Bay. Free Event.

7 p.m. Saturday 21 May - Purcell, Vaughan Williams, Tchaikovsky & Kilar with the Royal College of Music Chamber Orchestra

9.30 p.m. Saturday 21 May at the Quarterhouse, Mill Bay The Hot Club of Jupiter with a unique brand of Gypsy Swing and Hot Jazz.

3 p.m. Sunday 22 May – Panufnik, Bridge, Clarke & Bax

7 p.m Sunday 22 May – Dove, Bliss & Brahms.

The Festival Eucharist will be at **10.30 am on Sunday 22 May** when our church choir will be joined by members of the Folkestone Choral Society to sing Schubert's Mass setting in G major.

All concerts are at St Mary & St Eanswythe's Parish Church apart from Saturday's Late Night at the Quarterhouse.



Grandma's Little Weakness

Grandma's little weakness Was an everlasting shame I endeavoured to disown her, To preserve the family name.

For years the dreaded skeleton In the cupboard was concealed, I still recall with horror The day it was revealed.

The neighbours (they were rather prim) And all my friends at school – The milkman and the postman Well, they took me for a fool

To think that such a failing Could remain a secret vice, For whichever way you looked at it, It wasn't very nice. And when you know her background Was so terribly genteel She never once considered How her relatives might feel.

The first time that it happened They thought they'd kept it dark, But SEVEN TIMES she did it In the middle of the park.

The last time was a Sunday, And, who knows the reason why, She surely chose her moment With the vicar passing by.

Oh! the sheer humiliation! Then she went and left us flat. So what was her little secret? Oh, I couldn't tell you that!

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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: <u>info@friendsofstmaryandsteanswythe.org.uk</u>

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

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