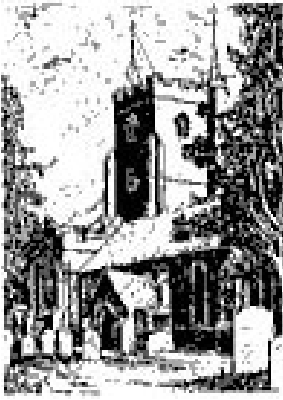


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Front Cover: Mary Magdalene washes Jesus' feet

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Please contact Andrew Plested as above

CALENDAR

Services and Events in July 2022

Sat	2	3.00 p.m. Organ Recital
Sun	3	Thomas the Apostle 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST 12.30 p.m. Baptism – Jacob Mikolajczyk
Mon	4	9.30 a.m. Companions of Eanswythe
Tues	5	8.30 a.m. St. Eanswythe School – Collective Worship
Thurs	7	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Sat	9	3.00 p.m. Wedding – Omar Robert Walker & Rebecca Yates
Sun	10	Fourth Sunday after Trinity 10.30 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST 4.00 p.m. Sea Sunday Evensong
Mon	11	9.30 a.m. Companions of Eanswythe
Tues	12	8.30 a.m. St Eanswythe School – Collective Worship
Thurs	14	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) 1.30 p.m. St Mary's Year 6 Leavers Service 6.00 p.m. Finding Eanswythe Research Group
Sun	17	Fifth Sunday after Trinity 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST 12.30 Baptism – Parker-George Steve Cullen
Mon	18	9.30 a.m. Companions of Eanswythe
Thurs	21	10.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
Sat	23	1.00 p.m. Wedding – Benjamin Joseph Purdie & Lauren Margaret Beckwith
Sun	24	Sixth Sunday after Trinity 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST 12.30 p.m. Baptism – Sidney Stainer
Mon	25	James the Apostle 9.30 a.m. Companions of Eanswythe
Thurs	28	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Fri	29	7.30 p.m. Concert – The Telling
Sun	31	Seventh Sunday after Trinity 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST 12.30 P.M. Baptism – Arabella Patricia Lysaught
Wed	3 Aug	7.00 p.m. Concert – Mark Damisch
Thurs	4	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

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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

Every morning I try to find three different things that I'm thankful for. Even when I'm feeling really low and would prefer to moan – it's even more important then.

So let me share three things that I'm thankful for in the last month.

I'm thankful for the extraordinary Passion Play held every ten years at Oberammergau in Germany. It was first performed in 1634. A man travelling back to the town for Christmas brought the bubonic plague with him by accident. He died and the plague began spreading throughout Oberammergau. The villagers made a vow that if God spared them they would perform a passion play every ten years. After the vow was made not another inhabitant of the town died from the plague. All of the town members that were still suffering from the plague are said to have recovered. It is ironic, then, that the 2020 performance had to be postponed for two years because of our own contemporary plague. The play tells the story of events from the Gospels that tie in with his passion. It involves over 2000 actors, singers, musicians and technicians, who have to have been born in, or lived for 20 years in the village.

The Passion Play, which lasts about 5 hours, was overwhelmingly moving. In two parts, each Act was divided by a short Oratorio and a Tableau depicting a related Old Testament story. Although performed and sung in German, we had booklets of the text in English, so could follow the dialogue. Somehow the German lent an intensity to the performance beyond the drama itself. And the music draws you in and makes it personal. The story is no longer back then and over there. It is here. It is now. I am so thankful for the privilege of being able to attend.

I am thankful that my Ukrainian family finally arrived. Natalia, Maria, Maria and Daryna are now settling in to the Vicarage. Their relative Victoria was not permitted to travel with them because her birth mother was not travelling with them, so she has had to stay in a hostel in Warsaw with her maternal grandmother for now. It was wrangling with the Home Office about Victoria that delayed their arrival for so long. But they are here, and they are safe. Young Daryna is now attending St Eanswythe school from which she came home the first day having made two friends. She seems very happy there. And I am enjoying company in my vast Vicarage. I am so thankful that I have something to offer to help in the face of such appalling atrocities in the Ukraine. You may have the room to do that. But we can all pray, and offer assistance as we can. I'm thankful for that, too.

I am thankful for my beautiful garden. This time last year the weeds had been cleared and we had a bonfire of the considerable debris, and a garden party to celebrate. But it was still a wasteland. However, due to some extremely generous donations and immense hard work by a team under Jan's able supervision, the wasteland was transformed into a beautiful and restful garden. Jan and Paul worked hard to fill it with pot plants, then took them to their own home to make sure they'd survive the winter, knowing that I'd have neglected and killed them. Then they

they weeded and restored them, and the garden was looking magnificent once more for Children's Church picnic on 12 June. I'm so very, very thankful for them, and the beautiful, peaceful space they have created, and that our Ukrainian family are also now able to enjoy. We'll next be using it for a church function at the time of our Eanswythe Festival.

There are so many things to be thankful for. Join me in naming just three each morning.

Fr John

The History of the Oberammergau Passion Play



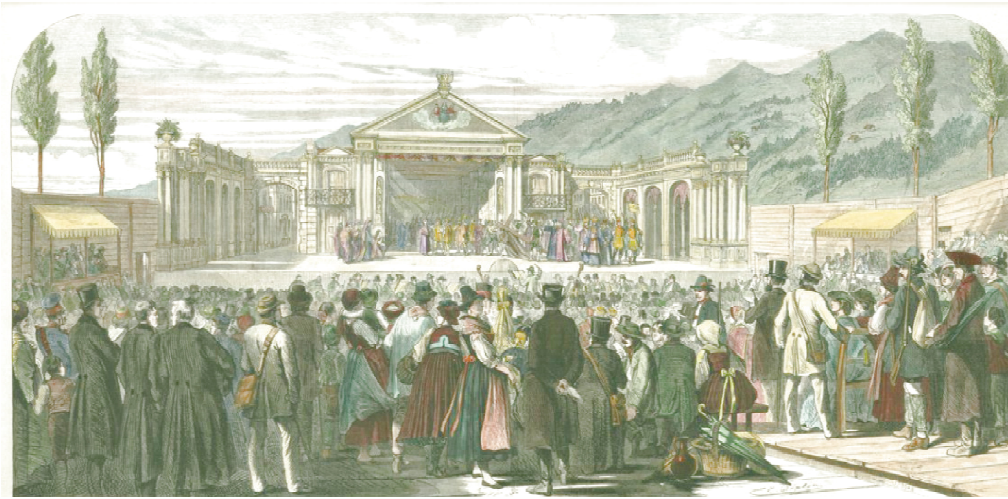
Oberammergau is a municipality in the district of Garmisch-Partenkirchen, in Bavaria, southern Germany. The small town on the Ammer River is known for its woodcarvers and woodcarvings, for its NATO School, and around the world for its 388-year tradition of mounting Passion Plays.



The Oberammergau Passion Play was first performed in 1634. According to local legend, the play is performed every ten years because of a vow made by the inhabitants of the village that if God spared them from the effects of the bubonic plague then sweeping the region, they would perform a passion play every ten years. A man travelling back to the town for Christmas allegedly brought the plague with him by accident. The man purportedly died from the plague and it began spreading throughout Oberammergau. After the vow was made, according to tradition, not another inhabitant of the town died from the plague. All of the town members that were still suffering from the plague are said to have recovered.

The play is now performed in years ending with a zero, as well as in 1934 which was the 300th anniversary and 1984 which was the 350th anniversary (though the 1920 performance was postponed to 1922 due to post war economic conditions, and the 1940 performance was cancelled due to the onset of the Second World War in 1939). The 2020 play was postponed to 2022 due to the outbreak of COVID-19. It involves over 2000 actors, singers, instrumentalists and technicians, all residents of the village.

Originally the play was performed in the churchyard but, as the word spread and the number of visitors grew a separate site was chosen for a purpose-built stage but both the stage and the audience were open to the elements. Originally there were 4 performances for around 10,000 people but the number of performances gradually increased, today the theatre holds some 4,700 people and there are five 5-hour performances for six months giving a potential audience of 611,000.



This shows the stage and audience for the 1880 performances but still the audience had no protection from the weather.

For 1900 they built an open-fronted auditorium to seat 4,200. This has a metal frame which supports the wooden building. This has been updated over the years and now seats 4,700. The stage is in the open giving views of the Ammergau Alps as a background but there is now a movable cover in case of bad weather. The theatre was originally only used during Passion



Play years but nowadays there are other performances during intervening years.

The actors and musicians must be either born in Oberammergau or have lived there for over 20 years. If a local actor or musician becomes a professional then they can still take part but this year all participants were amateurs. The male actors who play non-Roman characters stop shaving on Ash Wednesday of the year before the play - as you go around the shops and restaurants you see all the bushy beards.

The next Passion Play will be in 2030 to get back to the zeroes but there will be an additional season in 2034, the 400th anniversary of the first performance.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kA1asVO4eIU> gives further information

July Sunday and Red Letter Eucharist Gospels

Sunday 3 July – 3rd Sunday after Trinity – Luke 10.1-11

‘I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves’.

It is not easy to keep innocence and integrity in a busy and sometimes hard world. Only complete reliance on Christ as saviour and guide can keep us whole and bring us through all dangers.

Sunday 10 July 4th Sunday after Trinity – Luke 10.25-37

‘When he saw him, he was moved with pity’.

The commandments of God may sometimes seem intimidating and calling for heroic efforts. The opportunity for obedience often lies nearer than we think.

Sunday 17 July – 5th Sunday after Trinity – Luke 10. 38-42

‘You are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing.’

Knowledge of Christ as the only source of hope saves us from getting lost in the distractions of the world. The active life of good works is sustained by having time to go apart and listen to God.

Sunday 24 July – 6th Sunday after Trinity – Luke 11.1-13

‘Forgive us our sins, for we forgive everyone indebted to us.’

God, who is perfect love, desires to forgive the sins of his people. His mercy was fulfilled and confirmed in Christ, who paid the price of sin. We have no price to pay but that of sincere repentance. Professing sorrow for sin is only a form of words unless it is proved by love for those who offend us.

Sunday 31 July – 7th Sunday after Trinity – Luke 12.13-21

‘One’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’

There are so many pleasant things in this world which we may, and should, enjoy as part of God’s love for us, but they are not permanent and if we value them too much and begin to trust in them, in the end we shall have nothing.

Red Letter Days

Sunday 3 July - St Thomas - John 20.24-19

Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God’.

The call of God does not always come when it is most expected but his timing is perfect.

Friday 22 July – Mary Magdalene – John 20.1-2, 11-18

‘Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,

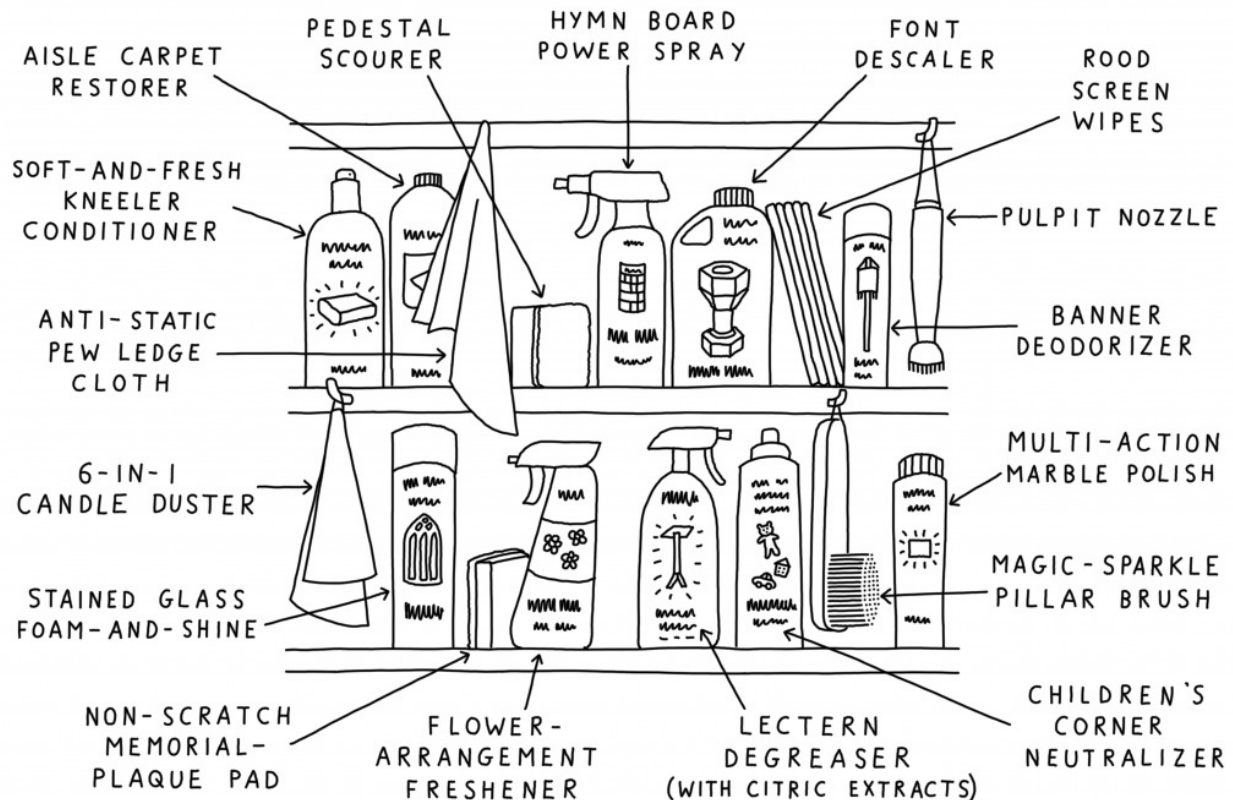
‘I have seen the Lord.’

Monday 25 July – James the Apostle – Matthew 20.20-28

‘He said to them ‘You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.’

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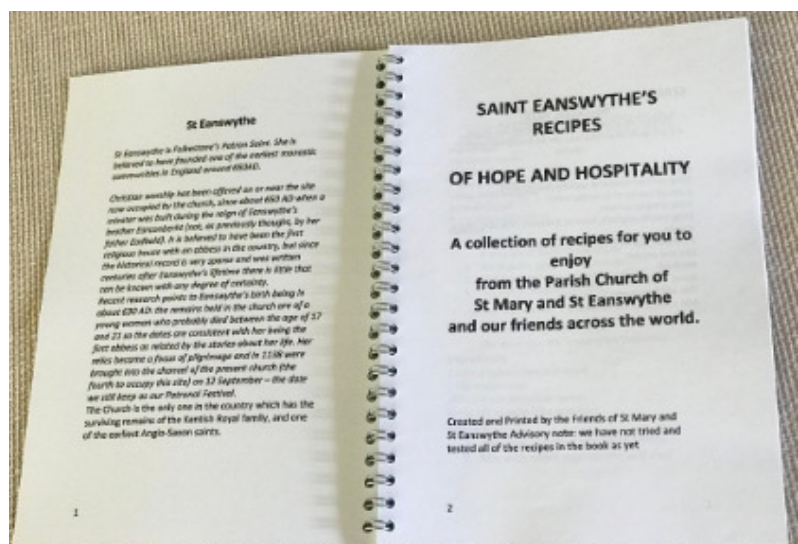
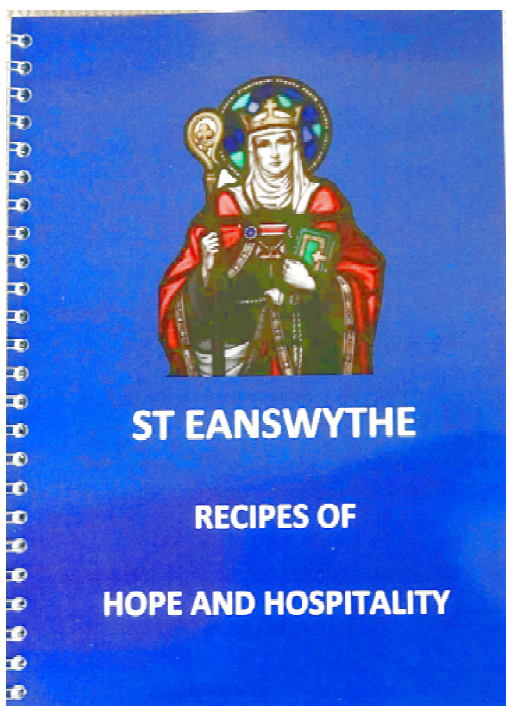
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Recipes of Hope and Hospitality and Notelets

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.

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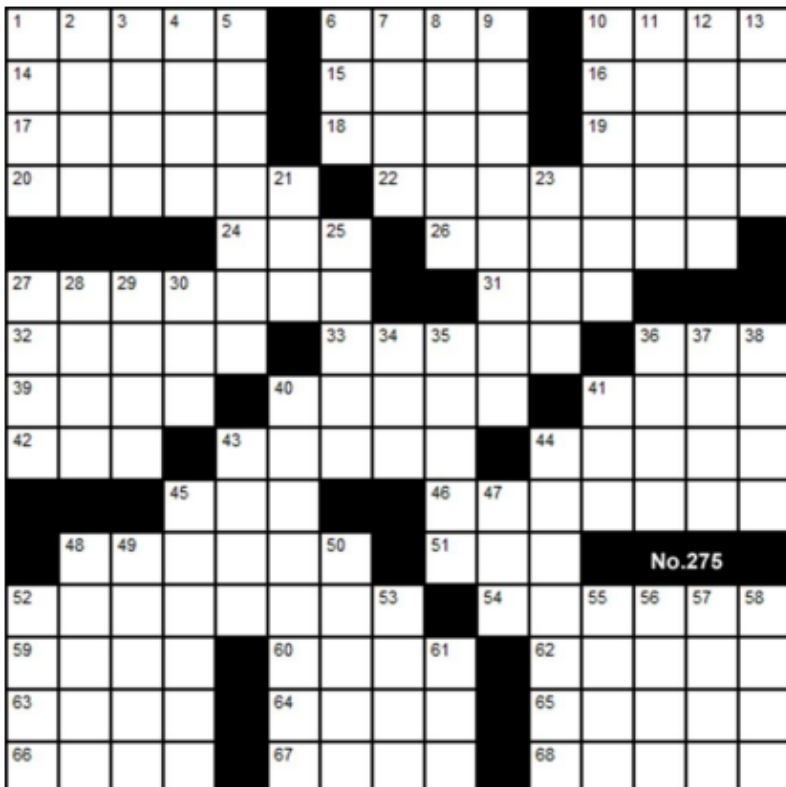
- 1 till his hand grew tired and ____ to the sword (2 Sam 23:10)
6 All beautiful you are, my darling; there is no ____ in you (Song 4:7)
10 The grey-haired and the ____ are on our side (Job 15:10)
14 He brought out Israel, ____ with silver and gold (Ps 105:37)
15 You will be made ____ in every way so that you can be generous (2 Cor 9:11)
16 He paws fiercely, and charges into the ____ (Job 39:21)
17 He put ____ of armour on him and a bronze helmet (1,4) (1 Sam 17:38)
18 Ahab son of ____ became king of Israel (1 Kings 16:29)
19 Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and ____ (Ps 25:6)
20 cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and ____ (Num 11:5)
22 exalted Solomon and ____ on him royal splendour (1 Chron 29:25)
24 we put out to sea and sailed straight to ____ (Acts 21:1)
26 seats, usually without back or arms (Ex 1:16) KJV
27 They are worthless, the objects of ____ (Jer 51:18)
31 I have ____ thee in right paths (Prov 4:11) KJV
32 But ____ foolish controversies and genealogies (Titus 3:9)
33 The sun ____ and the sun sets (Eccl 1:5)
36 God said to Noah, " ____ going to put an end to all people (1,2) (Gen 6:13)
39 ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you ____ (Matt 11:28) KJV
40 I have cut down its tallest cedars, the choicest of its ____ (Isa 37:24)
41 she let them down by a ____ through the window (Josh 2:15)
42 Go to the ____, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise (Prov 6:6)
43 The mountains ____ before him and the hills melt away (Nah 1:5)
44 they go out into the ____ court where the people are (Ezek 44:19)
45 pick some heads of grain, ____ them in their hands and eat (Luke 6:1)
46 The price for his ____ is to be based on the (Lev 25:50)
48 Do not work for food that ____, but for food that endures (John 6:27)
51 were looking for some ____ way to arrest Jesus (Mark 14:1)
52 boosting the price and ____ with dishonest scales (Amos 8:5)
54 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not ____ sin (Rom 4:8) KJV
59 The young lions ____ after their prey (Ps 104:21)
60 For I have not come to ____ the righteous, but sinners (Matt 9:13)
62 the people ____ with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy (1 Kings 1:40) KJV
63 appointed unto men ____ to die, but after this the judgement (Heb 9:27)
64 a Levite who lived in a remote ____ in the hill country of Ephraim (Judg 19:1)
65 her maidens walked ____ by the river's side (Exodus 2:5)
66 they will ____ out of his kingdom everything that causes sin (Matt 13:41)
67 The LORD will fight for you; you ____ only to be still (Ex 14:14)
68 endow her with wisdom or give her a share of good ____ (Job 39:17)

DOWN

- 1 can the ____ grow without water? (Job 8:11) KJV
2 anyone who says to his brother, ____, is answerable to the (Matt 5:22)
3 by this time there is a bad ____ (John 11:39)
4 The ____ of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this (Isa 9:7)
5 Be careful, or you will be ____ to turn away (Deut 11:16)
6 they shall run to and ____ to seek the word of the LORD (Amos 8:12)
7 Part of the body (Judg 19:29)
8 ten ____ of vineyard shall yield one bath (Isa 5:10) KJV

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

- 9 he ____ for those at the ends of the earth (Isa 5:26)
 10 Never again will the waters become ____ to destroy (1,5) (Gen 9:15)
 11 We all ____ like bears; we moan mournfully like doves (Isa 59:11)
 12 from foundation to ____, were made of blocks (1 Kings 7:9)
 13 for the tent a covering of ram skins ____ red (Ex 36:19)
 21 a liquid and dry measure, same as the homer (Ezek 45:14)
 23 you saw that the feet and ____ were partly of baked clay (Dan 2:41)
 25 sailed into ____, and landed at Tyre (Acts 21:3)
 27 "Don't call me Naomi," she told them. "Call me ____ (Ruth 1:20)
 28 ten women shall bake your bread in one ____ (Lev 26:26)
 29 I will give to drink without ____ from the spring of the water of life (Rev 21:6)
 30 a man clothed in linen who had a writing ____ at his side (Ezek 9:2)
 34 much to write to you, but I do not want to use paper and ____ (II Jn 1:12)
 35 The ____ will be ashamed and the diviners disgraced (Mic 3:7)
 36 ninth letter of Greek alphabet 37 carrying gold, silver and ivory, and ____ and baboons
 (1 Kings 10:22)
 38 Man is a ____ phantom as he goes to and fro (Ps 39:6)
 40 Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the ____ (Matt 10:3) KJV
 41 give God a tenth of your mint, ____ and all other (Luke 11:42)
 43 to give up, cease (1 Cor 16:13) KJV
 44 Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and ____ (Rom 16:15)
 45 Lions have ____; they have growled at him (Jer 2:15)
 47 saying, ____, Eli, lama sabachthani (Matt 27:46)
 48 His face ____ like the sun, and his clothes became as white (Matt 17:2)
 49 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth ____ (Luke 2:14)
 50 or birds are taken in a ____ (Eccl 9:12)
 52 Peter denied it, at that moment a rooster began to ____ (John 18:27)
 53 But when I stumbled, they gathered in ____ (Ps 35:15)
 55 Paul gathered a ____ of brushwood (Acts 28:2)
 56 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come ____ you (Luke 1:35)
 57 commanders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of ____ (Deut 1:15)



58 they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the ____ of the sword (Gen 34:26)

61 There is a ____ here, which hath five barley loaves (John 6:9) KJV

Last month's solution

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News from St Eanswythe's School



Bishop Rose was with the school on Monday 20th June to Baptise and Confirm 8 members of our school family.

The children had been preparing for this for a long time. The whole school plus parents and visitors were present to support the candidates.

A good time was had by all, and as you can see from the photo there were some very happy faces, including Bishop Rose, who reminded us that her very first confirmation as a Bishop was done at our school, so she has some very fond memories of her visit to us.

Kim

St Mary and St Eanswythe Children's Church

Our Even Bigger Family and our picnic!

Following our theme of our families, in June we thought about **our even bigger family** – that of St Mary and St Eanswythe Church.

Thank you to everyone who wrote their names on the slips of paper which became living stones on our model of the church. We know how important it is to be part of this family, praying and caring for one another.

We hope you've seen the model and checked that your name is on it! If you missed out, there are some spare 'stones', you have only to ask!



Once the service was over, we regrouped in the sunshine in the Vicarage garden for a picnic. It was a great opportunity to meet and chat – and of course, to play games! Great fun was had by all, making masks, throwing balls, collecting treasure, jumping around.... and to finish, an ice lolly!

What's coming up?



Next time, 10th July – we will be in church for a very special service for **EVERYONE**, why don't you **COME AND SEE** what it's all about? Then -



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

DO YOU LIKE SINGING?

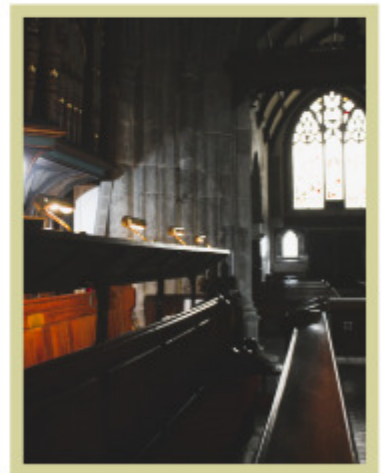
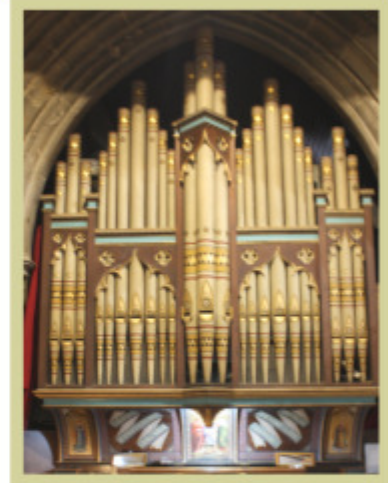
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Experience can be an advantage but lots of support will be available.

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From the Parish Registers

**Faithful Departed
May**

May they rest in peace and rise in glory
Sheila Butcher,
Olive Chomutow





Bookworm – What I've Been Reading

One Day – David Nicholls (2009)

The Times described this as "A wonderful, wonderful book" and I wholeheartedly agree. Indeed, it exceeded that by far. It's one of those books that totally absorbs you; I couldn't put it down, but at the same time I wanted it to go on for ever.

Emma and Dexter finally 'get together' on the night of their graduation, 15 July 1988. The next day they will be going their separate ways. However the book then follows them through the ups and downs of their lives for the next 20 years. It gives a fascinating insight into daily life of the time, their careers, fame and fortune.

However, the course of true love never did run smoothly. There are hiccups along the way, as well as a huge bombshell, which I did not see coming.

This book was made into a film, which I thought I'd seen. But I hadn't – a situation I have now remedied.

I loved this book, as I have loved all of David Nicholls novels. Sadly I have only one left unread on my shelves, so I may have to start rereading them all again. In the meantime, I can't recommend this one enough.

Hostage – Clare Mackintosh (2021)

I finally summoned up the courage to read this book about an airline hijacking. Fortunately it wasn't quite as scary as I'd anticipated, but I still would NOT recommend reading this on a flight, even though it was reassuring to read at the end that you're far more likely to be struck by lightning than be hijacked.

After a slightly slow start, when all the necessary background was being presented to the reader (who of course is fully aware that the first ever non-stop London to Sydney flight is going to be hijacked) it finally happened about a third of the way through the book. After which it all became a lot more exciting and fast paced.

Unputdownable, in fact.

The story is told from several points of view, including: Mina, who is cabin crew; Adam, her husband, a police officer with problems of his own; Becca, the babysitter; and several of the passengers. Actually, there were so many characters in this book that I sometimes got a bit confused about who was who, and later on who was a goody and who a baddy. You'll see what I mean if you read it, which I most certainly recommend that you do.

Of course, in true Clare Mackintosh style there are lots of twists, especially at the end when I almost gasped with shock.

The Lemon Tree Hotel – Rosanna Ley (2019)

This was the perfect holiday read and what's more, it had a happy ending.

Sometimes that's just what you need.

It's difficult to tell you too much about it without giving away the plot, but it is a family saga and has romance (first love), mystery and adventure. Most of the action takes place in Italy and events from the past are linked to the present day. I

discovered in the afterword that some of the disastrous events in the book really happened, which gave it a more powerful edge.

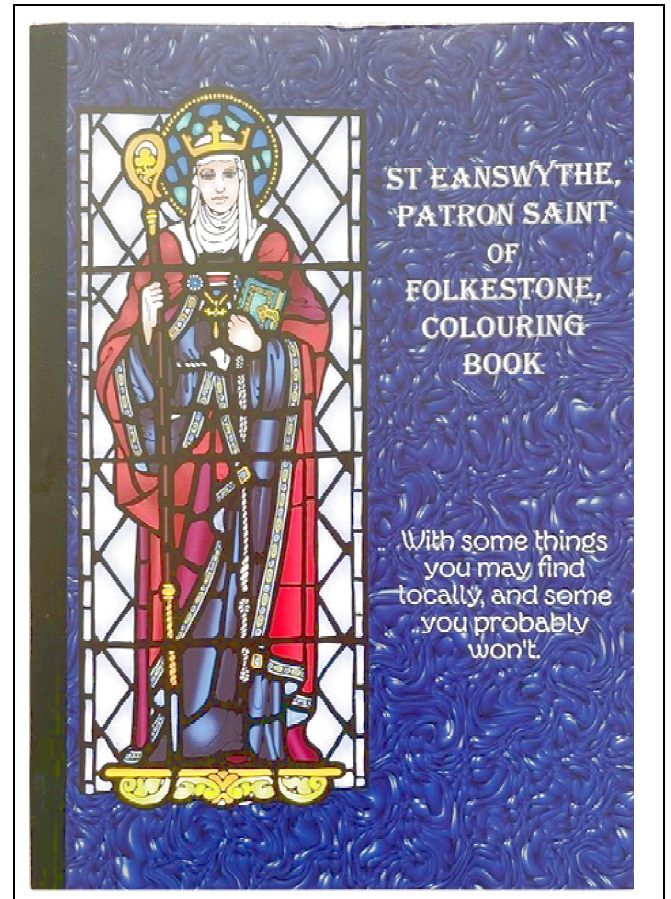
All in all it was a jolly good read.

Catriona Hunter

St Eanswythe, Patron Saint of Folkestone, Colouring Book

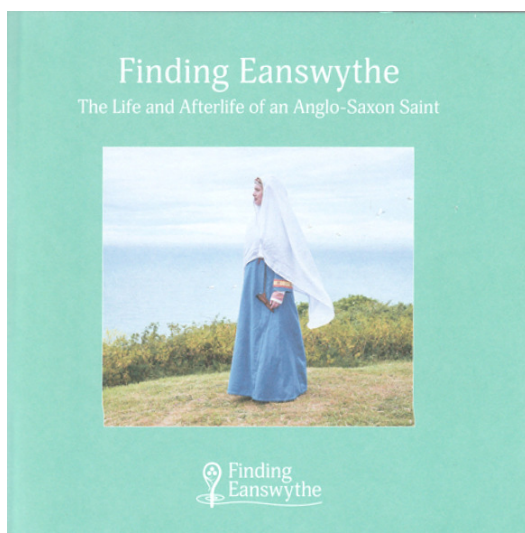
Once upon a time, not so long ago, when Marilyn and Catriona were on church welcoming duty, a father and his two young daughters came into the church. The girls wanted to do some colouring, but although there were plenty of crayons in the children's corner, there was nothing for them to colour in. This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

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Ethical Consumer Magazine

In May, Fr John preached to us about the dangers of tribal thinking and encouraged us to listen to people we do not agree with. This made me think of a change I had lately undergone in my perception of veganism. Until fairly recently, I must confess to having had a slight prejudice against vegans. On self-examination, I think this prejudice stemmed from a subconscious suspicion that they were not so much motivated by conscience as a vain inclination to be different and superior, even at the expense of everyone else's convenience. This perception was unjust, and on behalf of my subconscious self, I offer my apologies to the vegan community.

Although I am still not vegan, not even vegetarian, I have begun to recognise that there is some common ground between the vegan movement and the Church, which can be summed up in one phrase: concern for the welfare of other conscious living beings. Perhaps it is not surprising then that a publication that has caught my attention, as a Christian, turns out to hold vegan values. It is a magazine called Ethical Consumer. The idea of this magazine is to publish up-to-date information on the ethicality of companies and their products in order to help right-minded members of the public choose where to spend their money – an excellent contribution to society, in my opinion.

To return to Fr John's point about learning from people with other viewpoints, if I dismissed this magazine because it gives one company I support, Abel and Cole, (who only stock products from well-cared for animals), a black mark for animal rights on the grounds that they stock meat and dairy at all, I would miss out on so much that it has to offer. For its compilers are concerned with all aspects of ethicality, not just veganism, and present their findings under four headings: environment, animals, people and politics. (True, I would probably be inclined to put people before animals but again I can bear with differences of perspective.) All in all, I have found Ethical Consumer to be an invaluable resource, which has saved me hours trawling the internet for information on what to buy and what not to buy. I would strongly recommend it to anyone who is concerned about the way business is conducted in this country and globally.

If you are someone who doesn't have much time or inclination for reading, I would still recommend this magazine to you as a quick reference guide to shopping ethically, as each issue contains multiple tables that show at a glance which are the best companies to support and which ought to be avoided where possible. Below is a (much compressed) example of such a table. (The original contains many more brands of coffee and a few more subcategories.)

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		Climate Change	Pollution & Toxics	Habitats & Resources	Animal Testing	Factory Farming	Animal Rights	Human Rights	Workers' Rights	Irresponsible Marketing	Boycott Call	Anti-Social Finance	Tax Conduct
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Grumpy Mule	7	●				●	●		○				
L'Or	3.5	●	○	●	○	○	○	●	●			●	●
Nescafé	0	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	●

Key
green = high score
amber = middling score
red = low score
○ = things found amiss
● = things found very amiss

If you would like to take a look at some samples of this magazine, the following issues are now available to browse in the book section by the entrance at St Mary and St Eanswythe:

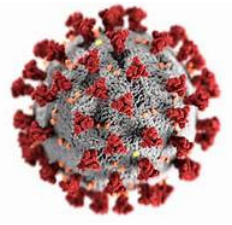
- Jan/Feb 2021: chocolate, fruit juice, soft drinks, perfume & aftershave
- Jul/Aug 2021: laundry detergent, washing-up liquid, dishwasher detergent, washing machines, dishwashers
- Nov/Dec 2021: booksellers, delivery companies, ethical online retailers
- Jan/Feb 2022: supermarkets, butter & spreads, eggs & egg replacements, biscuits
- May/Jun 2022: coffee, tea, coffee machines, coffee shops

Any readers who are interested to look up information for Miniml, the company who supplies RE:STOCK (see June issue of Rendezvous), you will find this in the Jul/Aug 2021 issue. Their overall ethiscore is 13 out of 14.

User's tip:

Sometimes the products in the green section of the tables are not affordable or easily accessible, so don't dismiss the amber section. The main thing is to avoid the red section where possible. (I personally just start at the top and work my way down until I find a company that works for me.)

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

Volunteers needed

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. Local people and visitors alike are grateful for 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

What do you think?

'The Bible isn't a book about how to get into heaven, it's a library of poems and letters and stories about bringing heaven to earth now; about this world becoming more and more the place it should be. There is very, very little in the Bible about what happens when you die. That's not what the writers were focussed on. Their interest, again and again is on how this world is arranged.'

Rob Bell US author and pastor.

A prayer for music as part of the church's ministry

Lord God,
through your Spirit you inspire us to praise you
and through your gifts you give us the ability to sing your praise.
Strengthen and renew the work of our churches,
that in the harmony of music,
the beauty of worship
the generosity of welcome
and the service of those in need
we would do your will and bring others to know your truth
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

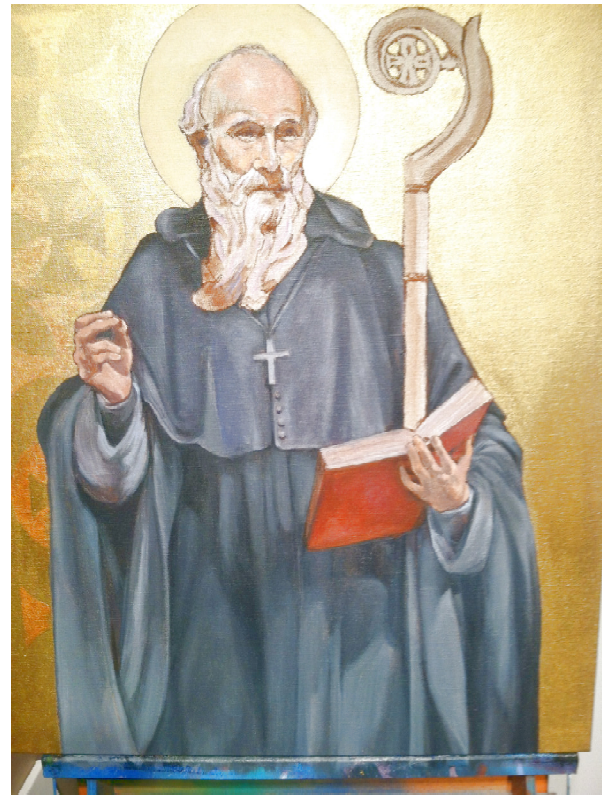


*From the Canterbury Book of New Parish Prayers by Fr Max Kramer,
Precentor at Canterbury Cathedral, whose appointment as Chaplain at Keble
College, Oxford was announced last week. .*

Commemoration of the Month

Benedict of Nursia - 11 July

Benedict was born in Nursia, in central Italy, around the year 480. As a young man he was sent to study in Rome but, appalled by the corruption in society, he withdrew to live as a hermit at Subiaco. He quickly attracted disciples and began to establish small monasteries in the neighbourhood. Around the year 525, a disaffected faction tried to poison him so Benedict moved south to Monte Cassino with a band of monks loyal to him. Later in life, Benedict wrote his 'Rule for Monks', based in his own experience of fallible people striving to live out the gospel. He never intended to found an 'Order' as such, but his Rule proved to be so good and well-balanced that it was disseminated widely becoming in time the model for all Western monasticism. Benedict died at Monte Cassino about the year 550.



*He who labours as he prays lifts
his heart to God with his hands.*

Collect

Eternal God,
who made Benedict a wise master
in the school of your service
and a guide to many called into community
to follow the rule of Christ:
grant that we may put your love before all else
and seek with joy the way of your commandments;
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 2.1-6: NT 1 Corinthians 3.10-11: Gospel Luke 18.18-22

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

Think BEFORE you speak!

In Ancient Greece, Socrates had a great reputation for wisdom. One day, someone came to find the great philosopher and said to him:

'Do you know what I just heard about your friend?'

'A moment', replied Socrates. 'Before you tell me, I would like to test you by the three sieves.'

'The three sieves?'

'Yes', continued Socrates. 'Before telling anything about others, it's good to take the time to filter what you mean. I call it the test of the three sieves. The first sieve is the TRUTH. Have you checked if what you're going to tell me is true?'

'No, I just heard it.'

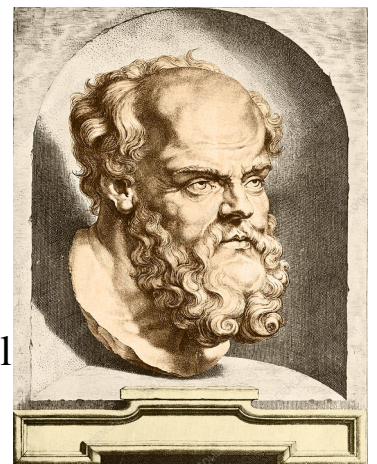
'Very good! So, you don't know if it's true. We continue with the second sieve, that of KINDNESS. What you want to tell me about my friend, is it good?'

'Oh, no! On the contrary.'

'So', questioned Socrates, 'you want to tell me bad things about him and you're not even sure they're true? Maybe you can still pass the test of the third sieve, that of UTILITY. Is it useful that I know what you're going to tell me about this friend?'

'Not really.'

'So', concluded Socrates, 'what you were going to tell me is neither true, nor good, nor useful. Why, then, did you want to tell me this?'



"Gossip is a bad thing. In the beginning it may seem enjoyable and fun, but in the end, it fills our hearts with bitterness and poisons us, too!"

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Those of us who have no religion

Those of us who have no religion are sometimes challenged by believers who feel we may be lacking direction in matters of right and wrong. Someone even said that if I had children, how would I explain the difference and give them standards or principles by which to live. I hasten to emphasise that I have never encountered that attitude among the friends I have made at St Mary and St Eanswythe's. My reply is usually to the effect that I try, however feebly at times, to help where needed or at least do no harm. Others have expressed this approach more lucidly and I could quote several here, but two in particular are both meaningful and succinct.

One was in a film, *The Reading Room*, about a widower who chose to honour the memory of his wife by realising her ambition to provide a reading room, without charge, for youngsters in a deprived area. There they could read, study and be helped by mentors to gain educational qualifications to get them off the streets. On the wall was a quotation which read "The more love there is in the world, the less room there is for hate".

The other quote I found in a newsletter issued by the Quakers, or Society of Friends. It read "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty – and in all things, charity". The last usually taken to mean love.

I rest my case.

Dora Alker

Spider's View

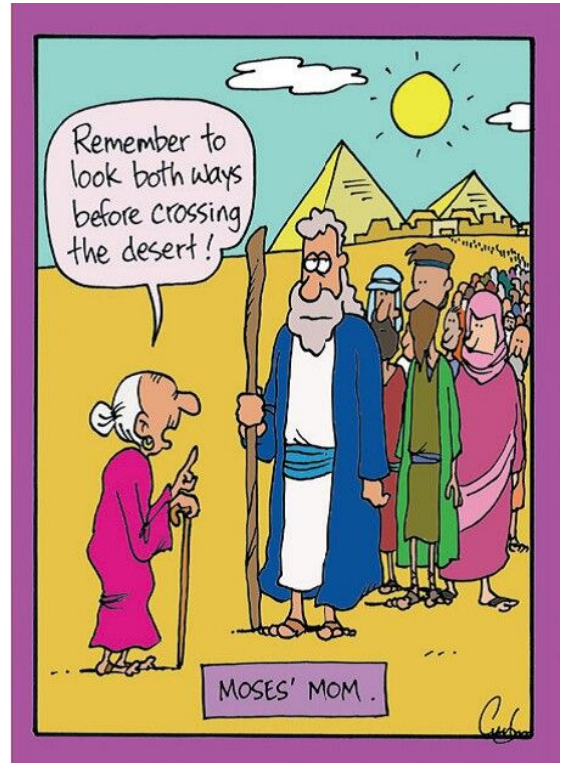
Ours is a nice house ours is, awash with cobwebs and dust;
we live in a virtual hovel, in a state of mutual trust.
She trusts me never to stray too far and creep on her friends,
or let my nephew emerge at night from their home in the bath U-bend.
I trust her to leave me in peace; well, she scarcely bothers to look,
for her thoughts seem to be on other things and her nose in a book.
Some of these humans are paranoid and arachnophobic too.
Do they really think we are after their blood? We have better things to do.
I'm better off than my Uncle Bert (who lived in an old beach hut).
They evicted him in the dreaded spring-clean.
I live with a qualified slut.

Dora Alker

A bus full of ugly people had a head on collision with a truck. When they died, God granted all of them one wish. The first person said, "I want to be gorgeous." God snapped his fingers and it happened. The second person said the same thing and God did the same thing. This went on and on throughout the group. God noticed the last man in line was laughing hysterically. By the time God got to the last ten people, the last man was laughing and rolling on the ground. When the man's turn came, he laughed and said, "I wish they were all ugly again."

You have to smile

So technically Moses was the first man to download files from the cloud using a tablet.



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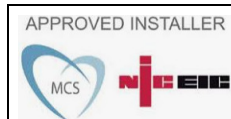


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