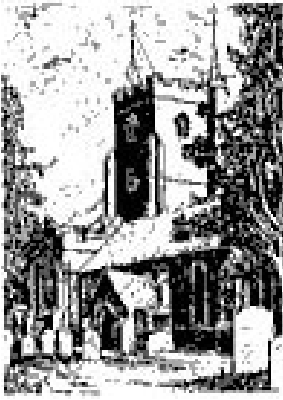


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Front Cover: Happy Holidays!

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Please contact Andrew Plested as above

CALENDAR

Services and Events in August 2022

Sun	7	Eighth Sunday after Trinity 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST 12.30 p.m. Baptism – Marco Caine Hart
Thurs	11	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Sat	13	1.00 p.m. Wedding – Michael Mclatchie and Elizabeth Adlington
Sun	14	Ninth Sunday after Trinity 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST and Children's Church
Thurs	18	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Sun	21	Tenth Sunday after Trinity 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST
Thurs	25	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Sun	28	Eleventh Sunday after Trinity 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST 12.30 p.m. Baptism – Rupert and Ralph Sirota
Mon	29	9.30 a.m. Companions of Eanswythe
Thurs	1 Sept	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) 6.00 p.m. Finding Eanswythe Research Group
Sat	3	4.00 p.m. Wedding – Eric Hyham and Nicola Roberts 6.00 p.m. Memorial Service – Peter Heaton
Sun	4	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity 10.30 THE EUCHARIST

From the Parish Registers

**Marriage
June**

Those whom God has joined together
Richard Ford and Sarah Jane Hogan



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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

I hope you are enjoying the summer! I'm away for most of August visiting my far-flung grandchildren, and then tending to the house and garden at my Welsh house.

But I'm very much looking forward to returning to enjoy our Patronal Festivals at the beginning of September. They should be called Matronal Festivals, really, because we will once again be inspired in our worship and spiritual journeys by the extraordinary examples of Our Lady and of St Eanswythe.

We will celebrate the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday 4 September with a special Eucharist and incense, and with a liturgy, hymns, readings and prayers that unfold the wonderful gift by Our Lady of herself in the service of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For this, the Lady Chapel will be adorned with artwork from St Mary's School, painted especially for our festival. There will be cake and wine as well as tea, coffee, juice and biscuits after the service.

On Saturday 10 September we have our Eanswythe Festival. Unfortunately, Folkestone Museum have not been able to help us with this year's festival and so it will be what we can make it. I'd like to pay tribute especially to Jenny who is organising the whole thing. There will be craft stalls and wonderful cakes and art exhibitions and children's workshops and a children's choir and a saxophone quartet and history workshops and raffles and spirituality workshops and a Top-notch Unwanted Gifts stall and an introduction to reading the Bible. The church garden will be open to enjoy, we'll be welcoming the intrepid Ride & Stride folk and we're hoping to have a Folk Band to round the day off.

As I write this, we don't have the timings finalised yet, but we'll open at 10 a.m., and close after the 6 p.m. evening concert. Look out for the programme in the church, on our website and on our Facebook page. All the proceeds from the day will go to our Eanswythe Fund for developing our church as a centre for pilgrimage.

Then, on Sunday 11 September, we will have our second Matronal Eucharist in thanksgiving for St Eanswythe. Once again, it will be marked by incense and a special liturgy, and by hymns, readings and prayers that unfold Eanswythe's inspiring story, and the way in which we ourselves are still writing the latest chapter in it. The children of St Eanswythe School will have artwork reflecting her story displayed in the Eanswythe Chapel.

Please do join us for these special celebrations if you can, and please spread the word to family, friends and neighbours.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Fr John



Bookworm – What I've Been Reading

The Ripley Series – Patricia Highsmith

This is a slightly longer (well double the length, if I'm honest) episode (is that the right word?) of Bookworm as I want to tell you about the five books in the Ripley series. Patricia Highsmith certainly knew how to write a good story, and this is a terrific series. I read them one after another, became totally absorbed in Ripley's world, and was really lost when I got to the end of them all. It's official. I am addicted to Tom Ripley. I absolutely adored these books and want to share these modern classics with you. A word of advice though: you must read these in order because they do follow on from each other.

The Talented Mr Ripley (1955)

Tom Ripley is indeed talented, especially at impersonation. And murder. Anyone who gets in his way gets bumped off, and somehow he gets away with it. Of course it wouldn't work now, what with DNA and so on. But this book was published 67 years ago, when things were different. Not to mention that the Italian police don't seem to be terribly efficient. And no one seems to notice the resemblance between Ripley and Dickie Greenleaf.

I would class this in the genre of cosy murder stories, where the violence doesn't come across as gruesome in the same way that many modern day thrillers do. Which is interesting, as Ripley's victims meet horrible ends.

It was a very good read, although after reading the rest of series I don't think it was the best, and I certainly grew to like Ripley more as I read the other books.

Ripley Under Ground (1970)

Number two was another very good read. It follows on loosely from The Talented Mr Ripley and the police are starting to notice that people who have been in Ripley's company have a habit of disappearing. But as neither CCTV or DNA testing have been invented yet, never mind mobile phones no one is putting two and two together. Yet.

This story is about art fraud and provides more opportunities for Ripley to perform the impersonations at which he is so good. It's very exciting, but I'm not going to tell you any more than that. Instead I suggest that you read these books for yourself. They've got lovely covers too.

Ripley's Game (1974)

These Ripley books just get better and better. But this was the saddest and most tragic one so far. It is very dark and shows the lengths that someone will go to when they have nothing to lose. But also, once you get involved with the underworld there is no easy way to get out again.

It was a very good read, and I almost made myself late for church trying to finish it before I left the house. But it was not a comfortable storyline. I can't really say more than that, without giving you too many plot spoilers.

The Boy Who Followed Ripley (1980)

This book, number four in the Ripley series, is quite different from the others. Set in France, Germany and the USA we see a genuinely kind and caring side to Ripley who is sought out by a runaway teenager with a crush on him. For the first half of the book I was wondering quite where it was going, but then the action and excitement was well and truly ramped up. Overall it is a tragic story that certainly made me consider Ripley in a different light.

My edition also had a short introduction, which I found fascinating in that it gave further insights to Ripley's character and the entire series.

It's quite a bit longer than the others in the series, but fortunately when I was getting towards the end I had the advantage of spending the whole day travelling and thus had lots of reading time.

Ripley Underwater (1991)

This is the fifth and final book in the Ripley series and Ripley's past seems to be catching up on him. A strange American couple have moved into his village and are stalking him; he's receiving phone calls from a dead man. How is he going to get out of this? Is it the end for him? Well, you'll have to read it to find out. What I will say is that it's another jolly good story.

I was totally immersed in the series for two or three weeks and really missed them when I got to the end. It's strange that even though Ripley is evil you want him to get away with it every time. Well, I did anyway.

The only thing left for me once I'd completed the series was to watch the **film** of **The Talented Mr Ripley**, released in 1999 and starring rather young versions of Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law and Cate Blanchett. Our version had Spanish subtitles, which I was unable to turn off, though I think the last time I saw this film 20 years ago it was dubbed into Spanish. It was a good film and we thoroughly enjoyed it. But as always, the books are far better.

Catriona Hunter

August Sunday and Red Letter Eucharist Gospels

Sunday 7 August – 8th after Trinity – Luke 12.32-40

‘Where your treasure is there your heart will be also’.

The call of God may seem to draw us away from what is valued and desired. His purpose is better than we can understand and his promises are faithful.

Sunday 14 August - 9th after Trinity – Luke 12. 49-56

‘Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division’.

From the OT prophets to the present day those who seek to serve God faithfully often found themselves at odds with the majority. Faith may lead to unpopularity and even persecution.

Sunday 21 August – 10th after Trinity – Luke 13.10-17

‘Ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?’

Formalism is always a danger in organized religion. The worship of God is never to be treated casually, but our love of him is best shown in being always open to the immediate needs of his children.

Sunday 28 August – 11th after Trinity – Luke 14.1, 7-14

‘All who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

If we are self-centred and make our own valuation of ourselves, forgetting the duty we owe to God and to his people, we are not following his will. He does not judge what is important by the standards of human judgement.

RED LETTER DAYS – Days for special observance

Saturday 6 August – the Transfiguration of our Lord – Luke 9. 28b-36

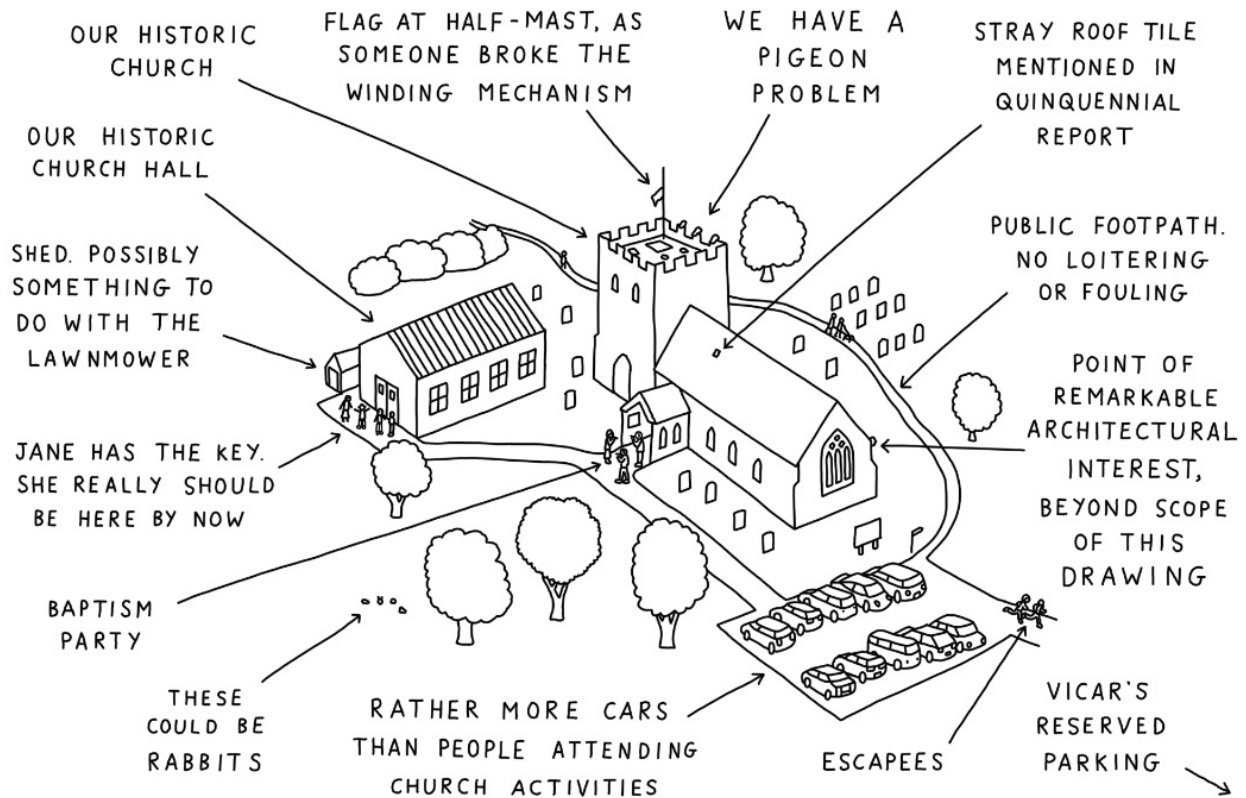
Monday 15 August – The Blessed Virgin – Luke 1.46-55

Mary said ‘My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.’

God redeemed the world by making the divine incarnate in the human as a perfect sacrifice. He chose the Virgin Mary to be the mother through whom the purpose would be fulfilled.

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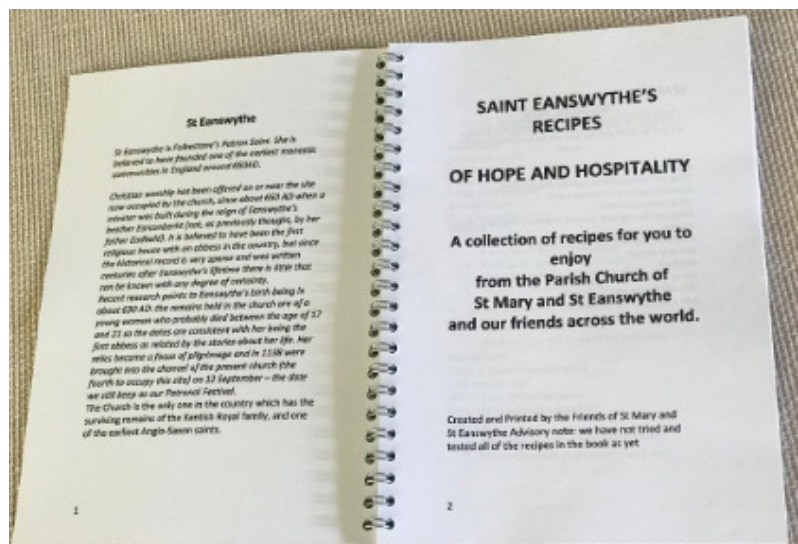
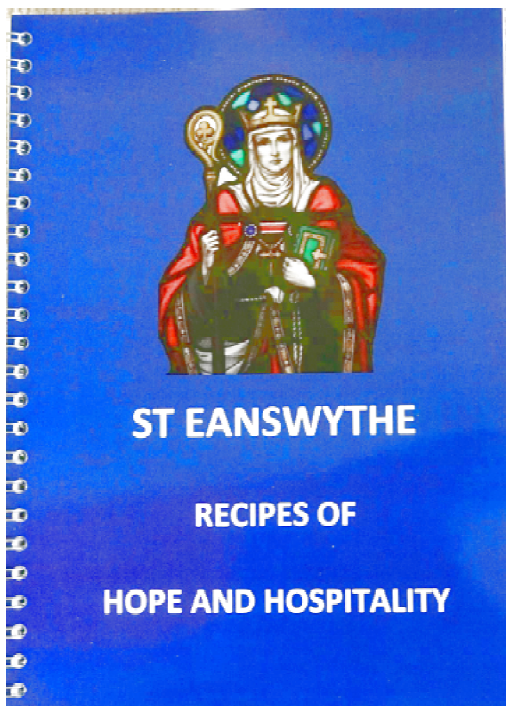
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Recipes of Hope and Hospitality and Notelets

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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ACROSS

- 1 a man of understanding ____ his tongue (Prov 11:12)
6 shall have in the skin of his flesh a rising, a ____, or bright spot (Lev 13:2) KJV
10 sold your people for a pittance, gaining nothing from their ____ (Ps 44:12)
14 prevent (Jer 11:15)
15 Forgive us our debts, as we ____ have forgiven our debtors (Matt 6:12)
16 the father of all who ____ the harp and flute (Gen 4:21)
17 I ____ to those whose sin does not lead to death (1 John 5:16)
18 My people have been ____ sheep; their shepherds have (Jer 50:6)
19 Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' ____ (Num 11:28)
20 it ____ its roots around a pile of rocks (Job 8:17)
22 make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine ____ linen (Ex 26:1) KJV
24 Let them praise the ____ of the LORD (Ps 148:5)
25 So Joseph bought some ____ cloth, took down the body (Mark 15:46)
26 they began to throw the ____ overboard (Acts 27:18)
29 The creatures ____ back and forth like flashes of lightning (Ezek 1:14)
32 "Don't call me Naomi," she told them. "Call me ____ (Ruth 1:20)
33 your hands ____ out violence on the earth (Ps 58:2)
35 behold, the Lion of the ____ of Juda, the Root of David (Rev 5:5) KJV
39 the place of the Skull (which in ____ is called Golgotha) (John 19:17)
41 The law is only ____ of the good things that are (1,6) (Heb 10:1)
43 God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he ____ anyone (James 1:13)
44 But if you can do anything, take pity on us and ____ us (Mark 9:22)
46 Ailments (Ps 73:5)
47 Holy Ghost fell on them, ____ us at the beginning (2,2) (Acts 11:15) KJV
49 one loaf of bread, and one cake of ____ bread (Ex 29:23) KJV
51 wheat and barley, beans and lentils, millet and ____ (Ezek 4:9)
54 to give up, cease (1 Cor 16:13) KJV
57 Let not the buyer rejoice nor the ____ grieve (Ezek 7:12)
58 the man went to the house, and the camels were ____ (Gen 24:32)
62 Nevertheless ____ saw them, and told Absalom (1,3) (2 Sam 17:18) KJV
63 away from the truth and turn ____ to myths (2 Tim 4:4)
65 you rely on the law and ____ about your relationship to God (Rom 2:18)
66 the inscription that was written: ____, MENE, TEKEL, (Dan 5:25)
67 Her Nazarites were ____ than snow, they were whiter than (Lam 4:7) KJV
68 Its posts he made of silver, its ____ of gold (Song 3:10)
69 Edom southward were Kabzeel, and ____, and Jagur (Jos 15:21)
70 The ____ will be ashamed and the diviners disgraced (Mic 3:7)
71 he has appeared once for all at the end of the ____ (Heb 9:26)

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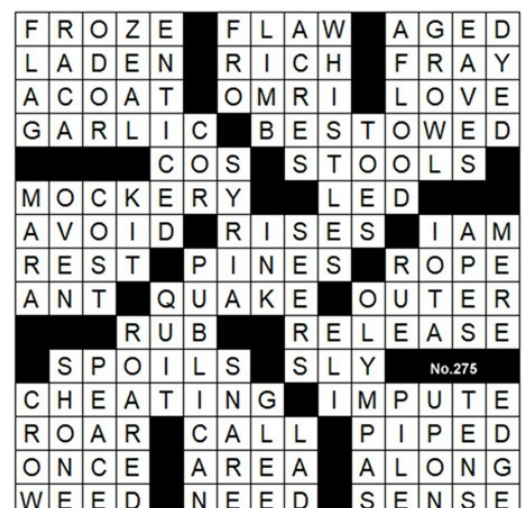
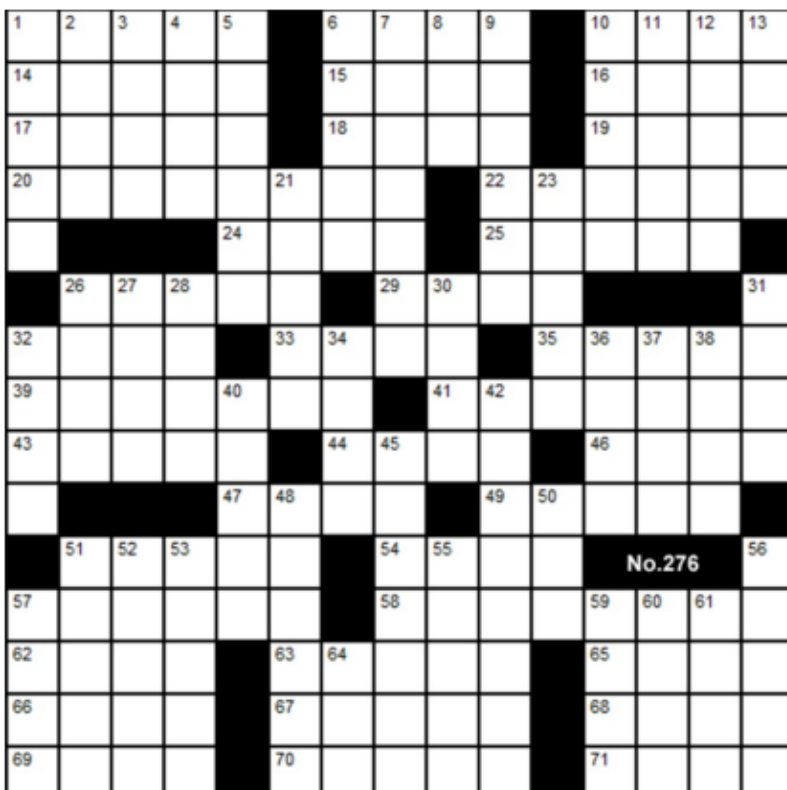
- 1 king's palace and entrusted to Hegai, who had charge of the ____ (Est 2:8)
2 ten women shall bake your bread in one ____ (Lev 26:26)
3 do not let your ____ hand know what your right hand is doing (Matt 6:3)
4 reached for his sword, ____ it out and struck the servant (Matt 26:51)
5 he will bend and ____ his bow (Ps 7:12)
6 Melchizedek king of ____ brought forth bread and wine (Gen 14:18)
7 You have taken from me my ____ friends and have made (Ps 88:8)
8 he was riding upon his ____, and his two servants were with him (Num 22:22)
9 she went, and filled the ____ with water, and gave (Gen 21:19) KJV

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

- 10 I plan to do so when I go to ____ (Rom 15:24)
 11 The carpenter measures with ____ ____ (1,4) (Isa 44:13)
 12 He brought out Israel, ____ with silver and gold (Ps 105:37)
 13 Leah was tender ____; but Rachel was beautiful (Gen 29:17) KJV
 21 So ____ returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth (Ruth 1:22)
 23 its total length will be 25,000 cubits and its ____ 10,000 cubits (Ezek 48:13)
 26 and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take ____ of it (Gen 2:15)
 27 Also a bullock and ____ ____ for peace offerings (1,3) (Lev 9:4)
 28 They built a siege ____ up to the city (2 Sam 20:15)
 30 the roar of rushing waters and like a loud ____ of thunder (Rev 14:2)
 31 No one ____ a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment (Matt 9:16)
 32 no one of these shall fail, none shall want her ____ (Isa 34:16)
 34 Their calls will ____ through the windows (Zeph 2:14)
 36 those who ____ against me use my name as a curse (Ps 102:8)
 37 keep away from every brother who is ____ (2 Thess 3:6)
 38 Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very ____ (2 Cor 3:12)
 40 we spend our years as ____ ____ that is told (1,4) (Ps 90:9) KJV
 42 The ____ are come upon all high places (Jer 12:12) KJV
 45 ask about, look into a matter
 48 Make a yoke out of ____ and crossbars and put it on (Jer 27:2)
 50 What have ____ ____ do any more with idols? (1,2) (Hosea 14:8)
 51 The sons of Nadab: ____ and Appaim (1 Chron 2:30)
 52 branches from poplar, almond and ____ trees and made (Gen 30:37)
 53 An ____ must be blameless, the husband of but one wife (Titus 1:6)
 55 the holy city shall they tread ____ foot forty and two months. (Rev 11:2)
 56 Priests must not shave their heads or shave off the ____ of their beards (Lev 21:5)
 57 to another faith by the ____ Spirit, to another gifts of healing (1 Cor 12:9)
 59 received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, ____, Father. (Rom 8:15) KJV
 60 catch them in their net, and gather them in their ____ (Hab 1:15)
 61 Men at ____ have contempt for misfortune (Job 12:5)

64 if someone wants to ____ you and take your tunic (Matt 5:40)

Last month's solution



News from St Eanswythe's School



We say a sad goodbye to our year 6 children as they leave us for their secondary schools.

They have been a super group and we all have very fond memories of them. We send them on their way with our love and best wishes and a very special blessing as they embark on this new part of their life's journey. Good luck year 6, learn lots, make friends and have fun.

Mrs A xx

St Mary and St Eanswythe Children's Church

What's coming up?



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

Old Folkestone



BOUVERIE SQUARE, BEFORE THE BUS STATION, FOLKESTONE

Did you ever wonder what Bouverie Square was like before the 1950s bus station was built?

In fact, this shows the Square before the Post Office and telephone exchange buildings took over the foreground.



DO YOU LIKE SINGING?

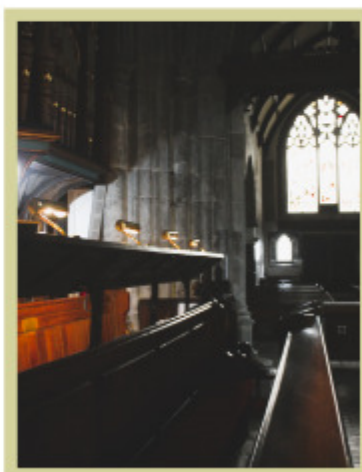
THE CHOIR OF ST MARY & ST EANSWYTHE IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

We are a small, friendly choir with a wide repertoire. We are keen to hear from singers from all voice parts.

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

For more details visit the church website or email Malcolm, our Director of Music

stmaryandsteanswythe.org
sainteanswythemusic@gmail.com





Tuesday October 4th 2022

RAINBOW CENTRE'S

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For more details contact us on:

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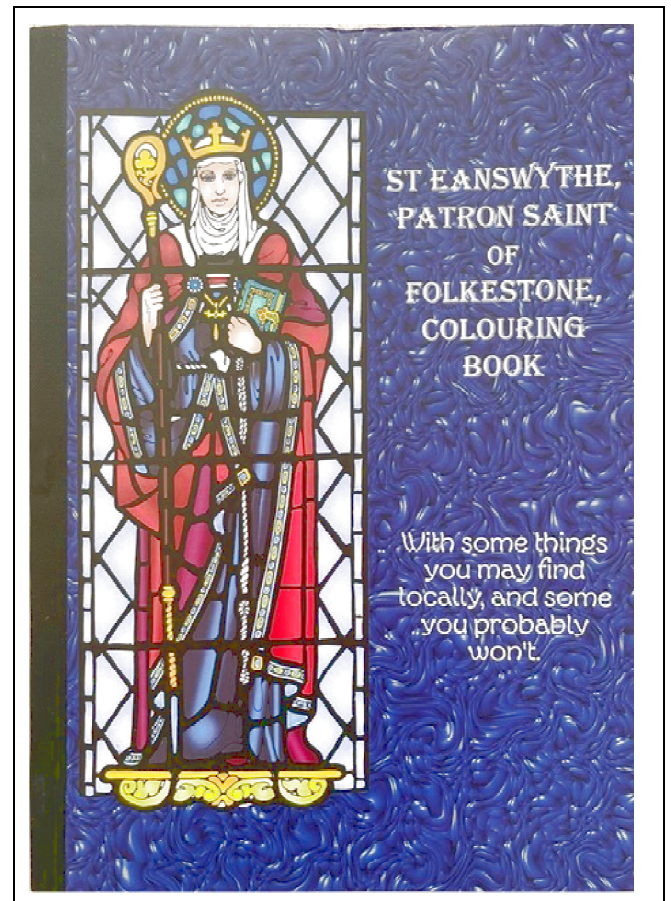


St Eanswythe, Patron Saint of Folkestone, Colouring Book

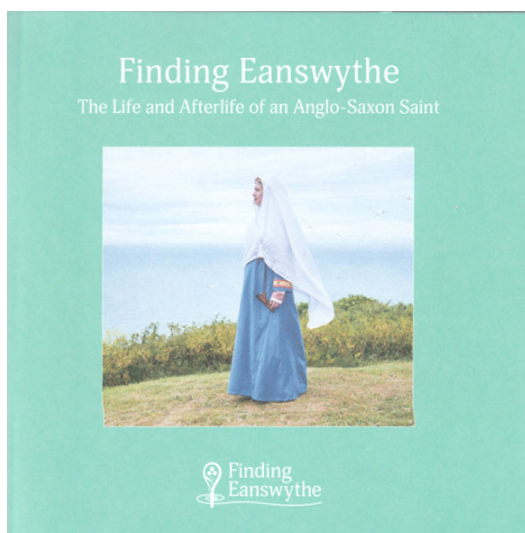
Once upon a time, not so long ago, when Marilyn and Catriona were on church welcoming duty, a father and his two young daughters came into the church. The girls wanted to do some colouring, but although there were plenty of crayons in the children's corner, there was nothing for them to colour in. This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

We have worked with local artist, Dandi Palmer, to create a beautiful colouring book with 40 varied pictures and something for all ages. We hope that it will give a true feeling of what you may be able to see in and around the church. You'll find pictures of St Eanswythe, the Reverend David Railton MC, the church organ, various plants and animals that you might find inside the church or in the churchyard, even the church mouse and one of the spiders. Though please forgive us our artistic licence over the likes of the kingfisher.

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



Finding Eanswythe



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

This 54 page book is available from our sales table priced at £5.

Our church – a magnet to visitors for so many reasons

Our devoted band of Church Welcomers meet and greet our visitors day by day. Each comes for their own reason: to seek some moments of quiet in one of the chapels; to remember loved ones who might have been baptised or married here, some of whose names are recorded in the Book of Remembrance; to marvel at the undoubted beauty of the stained glass or wall paintings; to find the resting place of St Eanswythe's relics or just to drink in the peace and quiet that for over 800 years has grown out of the prayers and worship of countless generations.

As well as an increase in the number of visitors this year, we welcomed two previous curates Tony Shepherd (1974-79) and Neville Gallagher (1971-74). As well as writing the biography of Canon Matthew Woodward, Tony's ministry took him north in 1979 to become Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Ripon and Diocesan Communications Officer. He was appointed Vicar of St Peter, High Harrogate in 1987 and became a Chaplain to The Queen in 2009. He retired in 2015. Neville's ministry took him to various posts in the Canterbury Diocese as well as Team Vicar of Telford Central in Lichfield Diocese. He retired from active ministry in 2011 as Area Dean of Romney and Priest in Charge of Wittersham with Stone-in-Oxney and Ebony.

So, our welcomers never quite know who will step across our threshold. Being a Welcomer is a fascinating and important part of our church's ministry. Currently the church is open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday to Saturday. We would dearly love to remain open for longer, especially in the summer months. If you feel able to volunteer, or would like to know more about being a Welcomer, please contact Judy Doherty by email at judy.doherty59@gmail.com Judy can also be found in church most Fridays.

Thank you!

Rosaries Old and New

Many years ago, when I was struggling with continual temptation, I greatly benefited from praying the Rosary. I used to regard it as my daily spiritual multivitamin that boosted my immunity against sin, for virtues, once assimilated into the soul, increase our spiritual health, just as vitamins, once assimilated into the body, increase our physical health. I performed the prayer in the manner prescribed by the Roman Catholic Church, meditating on the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries, and praying that the lessons to be learned from these mysteries would enter my heart. Despite the difficulties I encountered (I was raised a Protestant, so it felt strange to me to be addressing Jesus' mother), it not only helped me conquer the temptations that were wracking my soul at the time but also deepened my spiritual life in a way that nothing in my life had up to that point. Hence, today my Rosary beads are one of my most treasured possessions.

Just recently, while I was struggling to find the right words to pray to God about our church, the idea came to me to create a new rosary as a prayer aid for this purpose. Since my own mind was rather disorganised, I borrowed the structure from the first sermon Fr John delivered at St Mary and St Eanswythe, way back in February 2020, before the first lockdown, in which he outlined what he considered to be his new role. (This sermon is still available to listen to on the church website under Sermons and Services should you wish to revisit it.) Inspiring Worship, Welcome, Belonging, Spiritual Journey, History & Heritage, Partnerships with the Town, and with Schools, and Art & Culture were the subheadings he used, to which I added Eucharist & Sacrifice and Protection of Priests & Ministers to complete the second round. If anyone is interested to try out this rosary, **I have left a copy of it on one of the desks in the St Eanswythe Chapel.**

One trap to avoid when using any kind of rosary or chaplet is forming the habit of empty repetition. Jesus, Himself, said, "When you are praying, do not babble on and on as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words." So, there is a bit of a knack to praying a rosary well. As a rule, I find it is appreciative repetition, of the kind we do subconsciously when we have heard a beautiful line of poetry, or a wise saying, or a funny joke, and want to savour it again, that turns a rosary into a meaningful prayer and not a mindless chore. The Bible is very rich in beauty and wisdom, so it lends itself to this kind of contemplation. All the same, it is likely that the full rosary (containing ten decades i.e. two rounds) will be too long to hold your interest if done all in one go, so it is a good idea to cut it in half and split it over two days. Or, alternatively, you can just pick and mix five decades to make a single round. For example, for a school leavers' ceremony such as we held in July, you could pick:

1. School Partnerships
2. Spiritual Journey
3. Welcome
4. Inspiring Worship
5. Eucharist & Sacrifice.

To close, I would just like to add, as a newcomer to the church, that whilst it is a pity that Fr John's vision was more or less choked at its inception by the lockdowns and restrictions that came into place soon after his installation, the video services that you created as a church and made available online during those difficult times have been a great help to me, personally, so thank you to everyone who was involved in those.

User Tips for praying the Rosary

- I personally find ten small beads too many. If this is the same for you, move along in pairs of beads. It is better to offer five fresh roses than ten tired ones.
- If you find your mind wandering onto other subjects, it is fine to go back and repeat a few beads when your attention is back, just as, if you were embroidering roses and saw that the last few did not turn out well, you could unpick and redo them.
- Don't overdo it. We will get sick even of our favourite food if we eat too much of it. Once a week or once a month is plenty.

Ride and Stride 2022

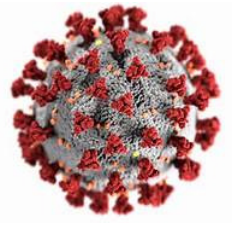
It's that time of year again! This year, Patricia Skelsted, with Frank, will be cycling for us on Saturday 10 September. She hopes to visit all Folkestone churches and maybe Sandgate too.

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

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

More details next month.

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

How Well Do You Know Canterbury Cathedral?

1. Who gave his palace and land as a site for the first cathedral?
2. Which English monarch and his Queen are buried in the cathedral?
3. Who died visiting the cathedral in 1571 and still remains in a temporary tomb?
4. Archbishop Chichele's tomb is very ornate. Who supposedly is responsible for its maintenance?
5. What are the names of the two large Bossani windows?
6. Where will you find a 12th century wall painting depicting a story about Zacharias?
7. The windows in the Chapter House are Victorian. Which firm created them? It could be said there is a connection with St Mary and St Eanswythe, why?
8. Which composer died in the cathedral in 1625 and has a memorial tablet in the Nave?
9. Where might you find a figure of a mermaid?
10. Lastly the favourite question asked by visitors! - Where is Thomas Becket buried?

Answers on page 27

Commemoration of the Month

Mary Sumner (1828—1921) Founder of the Mothers' Union

9 August

Mary Elizabeth Sumner (née Heywood) was born in 1828 at Swinton. Educated at home, young Mary learned to speak three foreign languages and sing well. To complete her musical education, she travelled with her mother and elder sister to Rome. Whilst there she met her future husband, George Henry Sumner, the son of Charles Richard Sumner, the Bishop of Winchester and a relative of William Wilberforce. They married in 1848. A mother of three children, Mary called a meeting in 1876 at which the Mothers' Union was founded, providing a forum in which to unite mothers of all classes in the aim of bringing up children in the Christian faith.



Baptism and parental example were its two basic principles. At first parochial, the organisation spread rapidly to the dioceses of Ely, Exeter, Hereford, Lichfield and Newcastle and then throughout the United Kingdom. It grew steadily into an international concern, encouraging the ideal of a Christian home. The Mothers' Union set up branches throughout the British Empire, beginning in New Zealand, then Canada and India. Sumner lived to lead the Mothers' Union to act in rebuilding the heart of Britain after the First World War and saw the first Mothers' Union Conference of Overseas Workers in 1920. Mary died on this day in 1921.

Collect

Faithful and loving God,
who called Mary Sumner to strive for the renewal of family life:
give us the gift of your Holy Spirit,
that through word, prayer and deed
your family may be strengthened and your people served;
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 24.3-5, 12-14; NT Hebrews 13.1-5; GOSPEL Luke 11.9-13

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

Anne Richardson

It is with much sadness we note the death of Ann Richardson on 12 July 2022, in her 98th year.



Ann was a regular worshipper at our 8 am Holy Communion on Sundays and a loyal supporter of our Bayle Music concerts. She was a witty and engaging conversationalist with a wide knowledge of the world and the church, gained over her long life. She was a loyal friend to many and rejoiced in her large family of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. That she will be missed is an understatement. I last saw her in her nursing home in May when we spoke about our memories of Folkestone. She was kind and generous to a fault and could always be relied upon to speak her mind. We send our condolences to her family and friends and treasure our memories of a remarkable and feisty lady.

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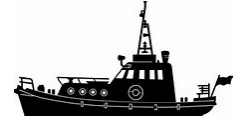
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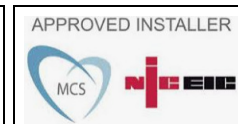


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Mark is an American concert pianist who began studying organ at the Evanston Conservatory of Music at the age of four. He performed his first piano concert at seven.

His programme here consists of George Gershwin's Three Preludes and 'An American in Paris' and Aaron Copland's 'Appalachian Spring' and 'El Salon Mexico'.

Gershwin and Copland were two of the leading US 20th century composers and helped to establish an authentic American voice in music – one from the jazz-influenced tradition and the other developing a fusion of native US folk-style music.

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 2. King Henry 4 and Joan of Navarre.
 3. Odet de Coligny..No one has ever come forward to return him to his native France!
 4. All Souls' College Oxford. The Archbishop founded the College.
 5. Peace and Salvation
 6. St Gabriel's Chapel in the Crypt
 7. Messrs. Hemmings Our Church's Confirmation and Baptism windows are also be Hemmings.
 8. Orlando Gibbons
 9. On a ceiling boss in the Cloisters.
 - 10.No one knows! The shrine containing his mortal remains was destroyed on the orders of King Henry VIII.

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