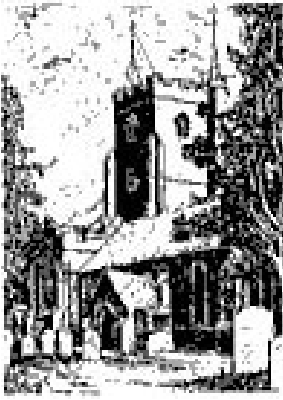


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St Mary and St Eanswythe
with
St Saviour

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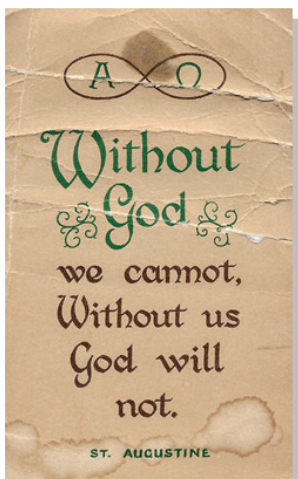
Deadline for the next Rendezvous Edition: 20th of the month, but December 10th for the January edition. Please submit articles in 16 point text - this shows you how much fits on a page once it is reduced for printing.

Please contact Andrew Plested as above

CALENDAR

Services and Events in September 2022

Thurs	1	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
Thurs	8	The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Sat	10	11.00 a.m. St. Eanswythe Day Celebrations
Sun	11	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity 10.30 a.m. Patronal Festival for St Eanswythe With Children's Church
Mon	12	9.30 a.m. Companions of Eanswythe
Thurs	15	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Sun	18	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST
Mon	19	9.30 a.m. Companions of Eanswythe
Thurs	22	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Sun	25	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST
Mon	26	9.30 a.m. Companions of Eanswythe
Thurs	29	Michael and All Angels 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Sat	1 Oct	1.00 p.m. Study Tour – Historic Churches Group
Sun	2	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity 10.30 a.m. DEDICATION FESTIVAL
Mon	3	9.30 a.m. Companions of Eanswythe
Thurs	6	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) 7.00 p.m. Concert – Folkestone song writing festival



Fear not, for I have redeemed you.
 I have called you by name; you are mine.
 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.
 When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned
 Fear not, for I have redeemed you.
 I have called you by name; you are mine. *Isaiah 43*

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.

The Donation Station is a very easy way to donate or pay by credit card. It has a touch screen, works just like the card machines in shops and takes contactless and chip-and-pin payments. You can even add Gift Aid to your donation. If you need a hand with it the first time, just ask for help.

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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

Ми приймаємо відвідувачів Фолькестона з України

We welcome the start of a brand-new joint initiative in the church starting on Saturday 20th August.

As many of you know there are many Ukrainian visitors to homes in Folkestone, including those staying at the Vicarage and indeed at the home of our organist.

We wondered; with our struggling financial resources how could we help?

First, we managed, with the aid of a translator, to ask what our visitors could envisage needing. The answer was quite clear, they would like somewhere to go to on a Saturday where they could meet with others and share experiences and of course news of their homeland whilst drinking a cup of coffee or tea.

On Saturday's we already have church welcomers from 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. and it was agreed that we should not be asking them to take on the added responsibility of catering for our guests. Nor did we ever want to stop showing visitors around our beautiful church.

At this point Folkestone Rotary told us that they would provide the funds for the refreshments and Rotarians to be on duty. Through our own Maureen Foreman, the Inner Wheel kindly agreed to provide the catering for our guests.

Obviously, if the church is open for weddings, concerts etc. we cannot provide the hospitality on those days, but Folkestone and Hythe District Council now have a Refugee Resettlement Co-ordinator called Paul Birken. He in turn sends out weekly calendars of things available and he will be including the information for the church. Hopefully, we will have regular visitors whom we can also warn if the following Saturday there will be nowhere to meet up.



So please wish us well in our endeavours and as it says in the heading. 'We welcome Folkestone's visitors from the Ukraine'.



The Rainbow Centre Needs You

As many of you know I've been working at Folkestone Rainbow Centre more or less continuously since November last year when I joined to work in an administration role to support the Winter Shelter. And I'm still there. (I'm not sure what happened to being retired, but never mind!) I love the work, which I believe is the most worthwhile job I've ever had because it makes such a difference to people's lives.

The Rainbow Centre is a Christian charity delivering services in the Folkestone and Hythe district; and we treat all clients with respect and compassion, doing our very best to provide support to those experiencing deprivation or hardship. We are non-judgemental, everyone is 100% committed, and we collaborate with other agencies as appropriate; for example local churches, Folkestone and Hythe District Council, Citizens' Advice, and organisations supporting homeless people to name but a few.

As part of the Homeless Support Service team my job entails greeting clients at reception, answering telephone enquiries, preparing the shower for clients, washing their clothes, searching through the wardrobe of second-hand clothes to find fresh socks, underwear etc. I have been trained to carry out triage interviews with new clients as the first stage of the process to assess how best to assist them, and some days I will spend time helping clients to make telephone calls to their GP or the Department for Work and Pensions. In reality I never know what the day will bring. The Rainbow Centre also provides a postal address for rough sleepers so that they can have access to important mail; they can charge their phones and other electronic devices; and emergency food parcels are supplied in conjunction with the Foodbank. There is a breakfast club every weekday morning providing warm drinks to accompany marmite, baked beans, or anything else on toast.

There are many other services provided by the Rainbow Centre in addition to the Homeless Support Service. These include the Folkestone Churches Winter Shelter, Shepway Foodbank, FoodStop van, Family Contact Centre, Money Matters (for budget and debt advice) and of course the Rainbow Shop in Cheriton, which generates valuable income.

Folkestone Rainbow Centre has a small staff supported by lots of wonderful, dedicated volunteers of all ages – the minimum age for volunteering for client-facing services is 18, but there is no maximum. Most volunteers come in for one day a week, but some do less, others more. There are opportunities for volunteers in all areas and if you'd like to find out more about volunteering you could come along to the **Rainbow Centre's Volunteer Day in the Rainbow Centre Contact Room on Tuesday 4 October, 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. or 2.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.** For more details about this and volunteering in general contact volunteering@rainbow-centre.org or 01303 210559.

If you'd like to know more about the work of the Rainbow Centre, take a look at the website www.rainbow-centre.org or follow Folkestone Rainbow Centre on Facebook, Instagram and twitter.

Catriona Hunter



Tuesday October 4th 2022

RAINBOW CENTRE'S

VOLUNTEER

DAY

For more details contact us on:

volunteering@rainbow-centre.org

01303 210559

Contact Room,
Rainbow Centre
69 Sandgate Road,
Folkestone
CT20 2AF

10.30am - 12.30pm

or

2.30pm - 4.00pm



September Sunday and Red Letter Eucharist Gospels

Sunday 4 September The Blessed Virgin – Matronal Festival
Special Readings

Sunday 11 September St Eanswythe – Matronal Festival
Special Readings

Sunday 18 September 14th after Trinity – Luke 16.1-13

‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much’.

What may seem to be minor faults are not excusable on the grounds that others are committing greater ones. There are duties and responsibilities for the simple as well as the powerful members of every human society.

Sunday 25 September 15th after Trinity – Luke 16.29-31

Remember that through your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things:

but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.

Our attitude to material things helps to shape our attitude to things of the spirit. There is nothing wrong in enjoying the permissible pleasures of life so long as they do not turn us away from concern for the needs of others.

Red Letter Days of Special Observation

Thursday 8 September – The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Luke 6.27-38

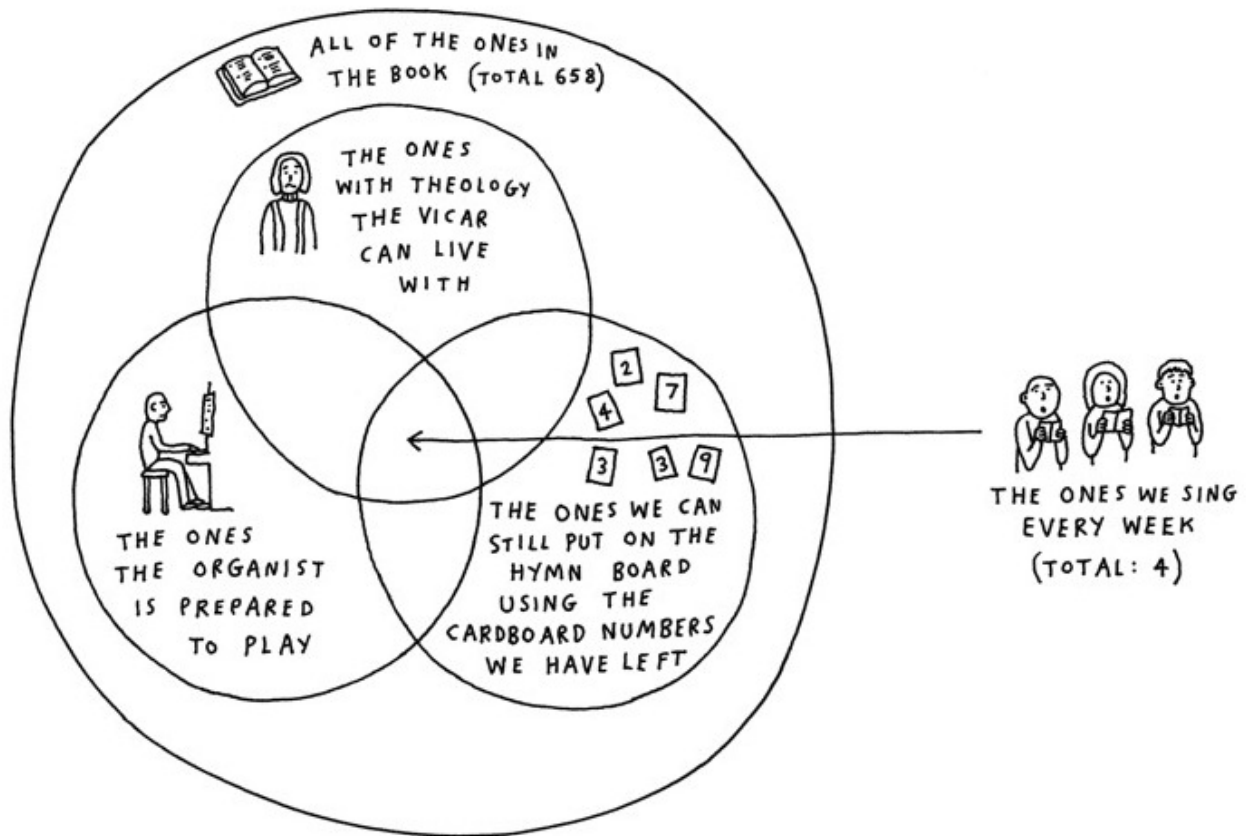
Monday 12 September – Our Blessed Patron Eanswythe
Matthew 25. 31–46

Wednesday 14 September – Holy Cross Day – John 3.13-17

Wednesday 21 September – Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Matthew 9.9-13

Thursday 29 September – Michael and All Angels
John 1.47-51

CHOOSING THE HYMNS



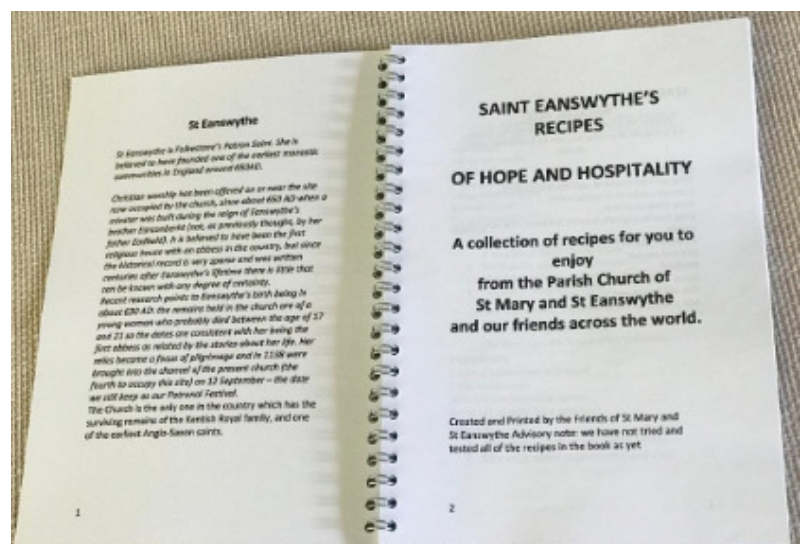
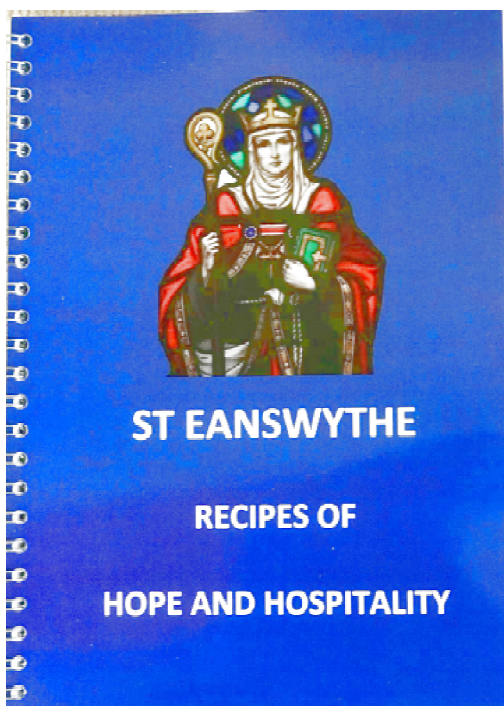
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Recipes of Hope and Hospitality and Notelets

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.

All proceeds are used to take care of the Fabric of the Church



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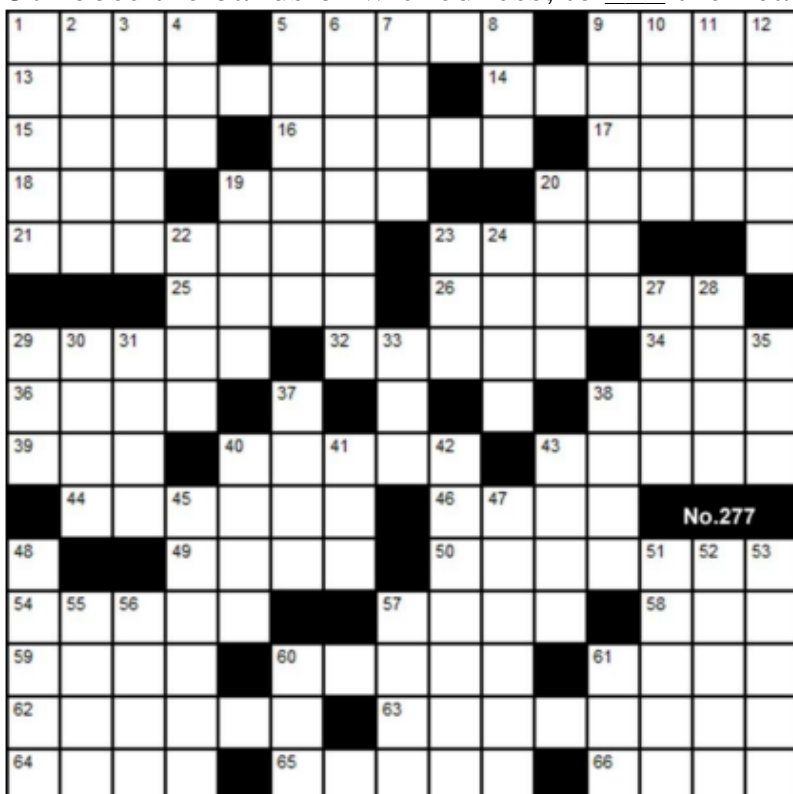
- 1 The ____ is not held secure, the sail is not spread (Isa 33:23)
5 he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of ____ (2 Sam 6:19)
9 Then God said, "Let the ____ produce vegetation (Gen 1:11)
13 whatsoever hath ____ ____, that shall ye not offer (1,7) (Lev 22:20) KJV
14 But if he be ____ than thy estimation, then he shall present (Lev 27:8) KJV
15 The twenty ninth book of the Old Testament.
16 The ____ trees cover him with their shadow (Job 40:22)
17 Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur and ____ the five kings of Midian (Num 31:8)
18 I came near unto ____ of them that stood by (Daniel 7:16)
19 ____ man can live and not see death? (Ps 89:48)
20 they which went up also from Telharesha, Cherub, ____ (Neh 7:61) KJV
21 They ____, "The Lord needs it." (Luke 19:34)
23 I hold ____ to your statutes, O LORD (Ps 119:31)
25 "You ____ were with Jesus of Galilee," she said (Matt 26:69)
26 know that you have no authority to ____ taxes (Ezra 7:24)
29 topaz, and the diamond, the ____, the onyx (Ezek 28:13)
32 their sailors came alongside to trade for your ____ (Ezek 27:9)
34 saying, ____, Eli, lama sabachthani (Matt 27:46)
36 you must cancel any debt your brother ____ you (Deut 15:3)
38 ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you ____ (Matt 11:28) KJV
39 the hour cometh, ____, is now come, (John 16:32) KJV
40 from the hand of the wicked, from the ____ of evil (Ps 71:4)
43 lies down, like a lioness who ____ to rouse him? (Gen 49:9)
44 a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth ____ (Ezek 17:6) KJV
46 Saul and Abner son of Ner had ____ down (1 Sam 26:5)
49 he entered the temple ____ and began driving out those who were (Luke 19:45)
50 We ____ whenever we are weak but you are strong (3,4) (2 Cor 13:9)
54 in ____, Zeboim and Neballat (Neh 11:34)
57 The body is a ____, though it is made up of many parts (1 Cor 12:12)
58 Sir, come down ____ my child die (John 4:49) KJV
59 30th book of the Old Testament
60 If anyone ____ to be first, he must be the very last (Mark 9:35)
61 will men take ____ ____ of it to hang any vessel thereon (1,3) (Ezek 15:3) KJV
62 rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, ____, slander (Col 3:8)
63 forthwith they sprung up, because they had no ____ of earth (Matt 13:5) KJV
64 You were in ____, the garden of God (Ezek 28:13)
65 the most upright worse than a ____ hedge (Mic 7:4)
66 Likewise every good ____ bears good fruit (Matt 7:17)

DOWN

- 1 You will overthrow every fortified city and every ____ town (2 Kings 3:19)
2 a gentle tongue can break ____ ____ (1,4) (Prov 25:15)
3 Multitudes who ____ in the dust of the earth will awake (Dan 12:2)
4 exiles who lived at ____ Abib near the Kebar River (Ezek 3:15)
5 make its plates and ____ of pure gold (Ex 25:29)
6 The law is only ____ ____ of the good things that are (1,6) (Heb 10:1)
7 let them also ____ love thy name be joyful in thee (Ps 5:11) KJV
8 David sent them to you to explore the city and ____ it out (2 Sam 10:3)
9 Teach me, O ____, ____ follow your decrees (4,2) (Ps 119:33)

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

- 10 there before me was a man riding ____ horse (1,3) (Zech 1:8)
 11 Bel bows down, ____ stoops low; their idols (Isa 46:1)
 12 by us who ate and ____ with him after he rose from the dead (Acts 10:41)
 19 Therefore disaster ____ overtake him in an instant (Prov 6:15)
 20 the poison of ____ is under their lips (Rom 3:13) KJV
 22 The good shepherd ____ down his life for the sheep (John 10:11)
 23 king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and ____ trees (1 King 9:11)
 24 To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. ____ (Phil 4:20)
 27 with the words of David, and of Asaph the ____ (2 Chr 29:30)
 28 he himself gives all men life and breath and everything ____ (Acts 17:25)
 29 "All these I have kept since I was a ____," he said (Luke 18:21)
 30 twenty he goats, two hundred ____, and twenty rams (Gen 32:14)
 31 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor ____ (Luke 12:24)
 33 he was riding upon his ____, and his two servants were with him (Num 22:22)
 35 seven of every kind of clean animal, a male and ____ mate (Gen 7:2)
 37 I particularly ____ you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon (Heb 13:19)
 38 "At midnight the cry ____ out: 'Here's the bridegroom! (Matt 25:6)
 40 ____ your sword upon your side, O mighty one (Ps 45:3)
 41 gather your children together, ____ hen gathers her chicks (2,1) (Luke 13:34)
 42 the reaper will be overtaken by the ploughman and the ____ (Amos 9:13)
 43 there was a continual ____ given him of the king (Jer 52:34) KJV
 45 here were plentiful supplies of flour, fig cakes, ____ cakes (1 Chron 12:40)
 47 wicked men have ____ among you (Deut 13:13)
 48 In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to ____ (Ps 71:1)
 51 Jesus was in Bethany in the home of a man known as Simon the ____ (Matt 26:6)
 52 angels hastened Lot, saying, ____, take thy wife (Gen 19:15) KJV
 53 the ____ forest has been cut down (Zech 11:2)
 55 As ____ man who casteth firebrands (1,3) (Prov 26:18) KJV
 56 they will ____ out the bread by weight (Lev 26:26)
 57 loose the bands of wickedness, to ____ the heavy burdens (Isa 58:6) KJV



- 60 she began to ____ his feet with her tears (Luke 7:38)
 61 picnic pest (Prov 6:6)

Last month's solution

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St Mary and St Eanswythe Children's Church

What's coming up?



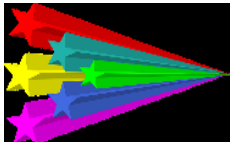
Sunday 11th September
Hurray for Eanswythe!
Let's celebrate our very own Saint!



Sunday 2nd October
Jesus is our Good Shepherd
Find out how God looks after us!



Sunday 6th November
Hurray for ALL God's Saints!
Let's celebrate all the saints!



Sunday 4th December
**Going back in time and
Looking Forward to JESUS**



Children's Church begins in church at 10.30 am.
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

PS look out for our puzzles and colouring sheets in the Family Corner – there's a new one EVERY WEEK!

Children's Church - looking for Jesus



Where is Jesus?

Where should we look?

Together in Children's Church we talked about these questions – and found some answers! We think that Jesus is everywhere, especially in people who love himand a good place to begin looking for Jesus is in church! We made rainbow mobiles with animals and plants dangling from them to remind ourselves of Jesus' love and our wonderful world.



In September we'll meet on Sunday 11th
and celebrate St Eanswythe!



The Blessed Virgin Mary

Few of us can keep our souls from crying when we listen to Schubert's Ave Maria. The same may also be said of Bach's Ave Maria, or when viewing Michelangelo's Pietà. What is it about the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary that inspires such powerful emotions in us that we are led to create unbearably beautiful music and artwork in relation to her? Is it perhaps her humility and poverty that touch our hearts? Mary could not even afford to bring a lamb for Jesus' presentation at the temple. The Son of the Most High was presented with birds. Or could it be overpowering awe that inspires us? For what degree of purity must Mary have possessed for the Almighty to deem her worthy to be overshadowed by the Holy Spirit and give birth to His Own Son? Or maybe it is that her relationship with the child Jesus leads us on to contemplate the life-transforming marvel that is parenthood, and this fills our hearts to the brim with tenderness. These are probably all elements in the sublime representations of the mother of Jesus. But for me, the crux of the matter lies in the untold agony Mary endured of watching a loved one suffer and die like no other through several long hours. "A sword will pierce your soul" were the words spoken to her by Simeon at the temple when Jesus was still a delicate babe in arms. Surely, it is this same sword penetrating our own souls when we contemplate the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary that makes the music and artwork we create for her so intensely painful, albeit incredibly beautiful.

DO YOU LIKE SINGING?

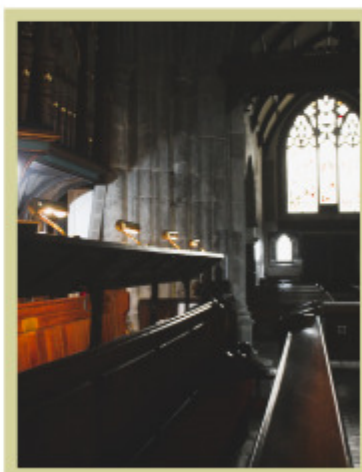
THE CHOIR OF ST MARY & ST EANSWYTHE IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

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





ST EANSWYTHE FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Sat 10 & Sun 11 September
St Mary & St Eanswythe Church

CRAFT STALLS | CONCERTS | HOMEMADE CAKES
COFFEE, TEA, JUICE | ART EXHIBITIONS | RAFFLES
WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES | TOURS

Bouncy Castle SPIRITUALITY SEMINARS | QUIET GARDEN

Bring a picnic and enjoy the Quiet Garden or Concerts

Programme

- Saturday 10th** 10.30: Opening & Concert by the Folkestone Gospel Choir
11.00: Mediaeval Storytelling Workshop for Children & Families
11.00: Meditate like Eanswythe – Spirituality Seminar
12.00: Concert by the Spinning Jennies Folk Band
13.30: Concert by the FESIC Children's Choir
14.00: Concert by The Fortunettes – popular music by a saxophone quartet
14.30: Mediaeval Storytelling Workshop for Children & Families
14.30: Unlocking the Wisdom of the Bible – Spirituality Seminar
- Sunday 11th** 10.30: Celebration Eucharist with dedication of a new Eanswythe icon
Followed by homemade cake and wine, coffee, tea or juice.



If you would like to come along and help at the Festival please let Jenny Coleman know. We need help with the coffee and cake stall, welcoming, raffle ticket sellers, washer-uppers, wine servers. On Thursday the 8th we need help with the cleaning and polishing. We will also have a stall for good quality unwanted gifts – books, jewellery, ornaments – which can be brought to the church on 8th and 9th September. And we will need help on this stall too.

And we need home-made cakes, biscuits and scones. We want to raise £1000 at least so please help. In any way you can.

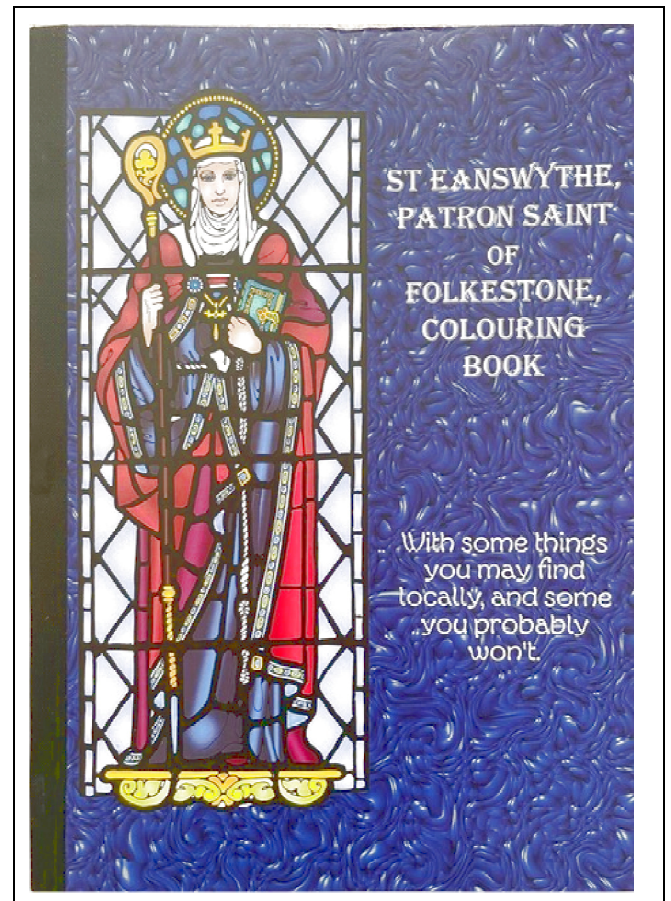
Thank you - Jenny

St Eanswythe, Patron Saint of Folkestone, Colouring Book

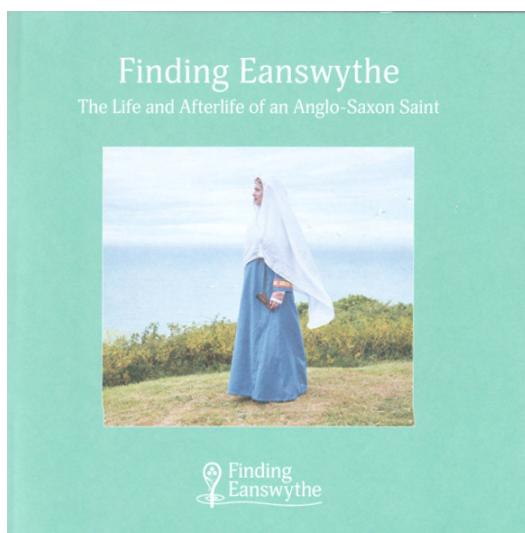
Once upon a time, not so long ago, when Marilyn and Catriona were on church welcoming duty, a father and his two young daughters came into the church. The girls wanted to do some colouring, but although there were plenty of crayons in the children's corner, there was nothing for them to colour in. This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

From the Parish Registers



Baptism July

We welcome into the Lord's family

Jacob Mikolajczyk
Parker-George Steve Cullen
Aiden Abhik Foreman
Aaron Aadit Foreman
Sidney Stainer
Arabella Patricia Lysaught

Marriage July

Those whom God has joined together

Omar Robert Walker & Rebecca Louise Yates
Benjamin Joseph Purdie & Lauren Margaret Beckwith

Faithful Departed July

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Ann Richardson
Beryl King

Burial of Ashes July

Reginald John Chapman
Sheila Mary Butcher

Thank You

Some time ago, I wrote about the beautiful and interesting things to be found in the church and thanked the Welcomers for being there. I suspect I may have been guilty of not giving due recognition to the very important contribution to that beauty, namely the wonderful flower arrangements created by two special ladies, namely Jenny and Jan. They faithfully come to church each week to enhance the appearance of the church with their artistry. The flowers are missing throughout Lent – and I understand the symbol of deprivation – but what a joy to see them afterwards!



I have an added reason to thank this partnership. After a traumatic experience last year, it was such a comfort when they made it possible for me to sit quietly and watch them at work. No pressure to talk even – just absorb the beauty of the flowers and be grateful for their quiet kindness. I can't thank them enough.

Dora Alker



Bookworm – What I've Been Reading

The Constant Gardener – John Le Carré (2001)

I was very glad that I'd already seen the excellent film of this because, as is the way with John Le Carré, there is a lot of detail in the book, and it was much easier to follow having some idea of the plot already.

It's about corruption in the African pharmaceutical industry, where new drugs are being tested out on the very poor - sometimes with fatal results. Tessa Quayle, diplomat's wife and social activist, starts looking into this issue, right under the nose of her husband Justin, whose only interest outside the British High Commission, is his garden. The book starts with the death of Tessa and then looks at the events leading up to her murder, and at Justin trying to find out exactly what happened to her.

Shockingly, while the author's note at the end of the book reassures the reader that the real British High Commission in Nairobi is nothing like his fictional one, he adds that having researched the corrupt activities among some pharmaceutical companies in Africa, the reality makes his novel look tame.

This was not a quick read, but it was a very good book, which I was glued to for about 10 days.

Where The Crawdads Sing – Delia Owens (2018)

Well, you won't often find me agreeing with the Daily Mail, so make the best of it. However, according to the cover, the Daily Mail described this book as unforgettable, and I think it truly is a book that will haunt me for a long time.

Indeed I just want to start reading it all over again.

Set in the North Carolina swamp lands in the 1950s and 60s it is a story about abandonment, nature, loneliness, the power of books, survival against all odds, love, and most of all, prejudice. There are two parallel storylines that finally merge: Kya's life from childhood and the murder investigation of Chase Andrews, whose body is found right at the beginning of the book.

Kya, known locally as the Marsh Girl is shunned by most of the townspeople because she is different. One by one her family desert her until by the age of 10 she is living on her own, miles from anyone else. Incredibly, she learns to cook, drive a boat, and look after herself. But she only ever attends one day at school because the other children bully her. She has very few friends, but she learns to read and educates herself. She is shy and desperately lonely, but more at one with nature than she is with other people, which is why she gets taken advantage of.

For some reason this book did not initially appeal to me, despite several friends recommending it. I only read it because it was our book group choice. Indeed, when a fellow passenger on the plane noticed that I was reading the same book as her I said I wasn't really getting on with it, but I was only on page 27. She assured me it would become riveting, and she was right. By page 30 I was hooked. And I now count it as one of the best books of all time. Why have *only* 10 million copies been sold? Everyone should read this book.

There's so much I'd like to say, but to do so would give away too much of the plot. So I'll leave it there and let you enjoy it for yourself.

Catriona Hunter



What is Ride & Stride?

The Kent Ride & Stride gives you a chance to visit many unique historic church buildings, see some beautiful countryside, take some exercise and have fun with your family and friends. Kent Ride & Stride is part of a national sponsored event in which people all over England walk or cycle between churches, exploring and enjoying towns, cities and the countryside. The money raised helps to save historic places of worship for future generations by providing funds for urgent repairs and the installation of modern facilities. Each year the event raises over £1 million nationally. The 2022 Ride & Stride takes place on Saturday 10th September.

Ride & Stride started in Suffolk in 1981 as a sponsored bike ride but quickly became a national event. Supported by the National Churches Trust and in partnership with county-based local churches trusts, Ride & Stride opens the doors to some of England's most rare and unusual places of worship.

Ride and Stride 2022

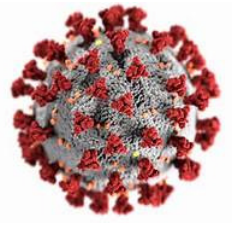
It's that time of year again! This year, Patricia Skelsted with Frank +1 and Sylvia, will be cycling for us on Saturday 10 September. They hope to visit all Folkestone churches and maybe Sandgate too.

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.



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

The Blessed Virgin Mary – 8 September



An Orthodox icon depicting Mary in the arms of her parents, Joachim and Anna

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who stooped to raise fallen humanity
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary:
grant that we, who have seen your glory
revealed in our human nature
and your love made perfect in our weakness,
may daily be renewed in your image
and conformed to the pattern of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



The earliest account that we have of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary is in the second-century Protoevangelium of James (5:2), where Mary's parents are named as Saint Anne and Saint Joachim.

Anglicanism came out of the Reformation having a denuded calendar, but, through the nineteenth century Catholic Renewal, some elements were restored. The English Proposed Book of Common Prayer of 1928 had, in its *Alternative Calendar*, on September 8, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which we celebrate here as part of our Patronal Festival.

Thy birth, O Virgin Mother of God,
heralded joy to all the world.
For from thou hast risen the Sun of Justice,
Christ our God.

Destroying the curse,
He gave blessing;
and damning death,
He bestowed on us life everlasting.

Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

For from thou hast risen the Sun of Justice,
Christ our God.

From the Divine Office for Matins

Commemoration of the Month

Gregory the Great

Teacher of the Faith - 3 September

Gregory was born in 540, the son of a Roman senator. As a young man he pursued a governmental career, and in 573 was made Prefect of the city of Rome. Following the death of his father, he resigned his office, sold his inheritance, and became a monk. In 579 he was sent by the Pope to Constantinople to be his representative to the Patriarch. He returned to Rome in 586, and was himself elected Pope on this day in 590. At a time of political turmoil, Gregory proved an astute administrator and diplomat, securing peace with the Lombards. He initiated the mission to England, sending Augustine and forty monks from his own monastery to re-found the English Church. His writings were pastorally oriented. His spirituality was animated by a dynamic of love and desire for God. Indeed, he is sometimes called the 'Doctor of desire'. For Gregory, desire was a metaphor for the journey into God. As Pope, he styled himself 'Servant of the servants of God' - a title which typified both his personality and ministry. He died in 604.



Collect

Merciful Father,
who chose your bishop Gregory
to be a servant of the servants of God:
grant that, like him, we may ever long to serve you
by proclaiming your gospel to the nations,
and may ever rejoice to sing your praises;
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-Ecclesiasticus 47. 8-11: NT-1 Thessalonians 2. 3-8: Gospel-Mark 10. 42-45

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

Eanswythe – Our Patron



On 12 September each year, we commemorate the translation of Eanswythe's relics to 'the new church' – our current chancel – on 12 September 1138 where they have remained ever since.

Collect for Eanswythe, Abbess of Folkestone

Almighty God,
by whose grace Eanswythe,
kindled with the fire of your love,
became a burning and a shining light in the Church:
inflammé us with the same spirit of discipline and love,
that we may ever walk before you as children of light;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Music Notes

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A native of Deal, Jamie studied piano with David Rees-Williams and John Irving, and organ with Paul Stubbings, graduating from Canterbury Christ Church University with a BMus (Hons) in 2013. In September 2017, he pursued further study in Organ performance at the Royal Academy of Music, London where he graduated in 2019 with a Master of Arts (Dip Ram). In 2022 Jamie was appointed Assistant Director of Music at Canterbury Cathedral having previously been Assistant Director of Music at St Marylebone Parish Church, as well as Head of Jazz Studies at Queen Mary's University, London.

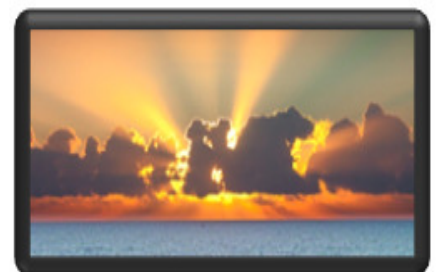


He teaches at the King's School, Canterbury and also teaches organ privately. Recent performances include, St Omer Cathedral, the Basilica of St Andrea della Valle, the Deal Festival of Music and Arts, Sounds New Festival, the Canterbury Festival and the St Marylebone Festival, as well as broadcasts for BBC Radio 3 and Classic FM.

Admission is £15 and the doors will be open from 2.30; children and full-time students are admitted FREE. 'Early Bird' tickets for all eight concerts will be available from August when full concert details will also be available. To ensure you do not miss any of our concerts and other musical events in our church, please email bayleman@gmail.com to be included on our Bayle Music email list.

A Morning Prayer

Blessed are you, creator of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As your dawn renews the face of the earth
bringing light and life to all creation,
may we rejoice in this day you have made;
as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,
open our eyes to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands to do your will,
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



*after Lancelot Andrewes 1555-1626
Bishop of Winchester 1619-26*

A prayer for our choir, and Choir Director who do so much to beautify our worship



Creator God

who formed the world from nothing
to be a place of beauty to all those who look on it,
we thank you for all the creative gifts that you have given us.

Grant, we pray, to those who sing in this place an ever growing skill in music
a joyful heart in their work

and a deeper understanding of the God whom we gather to worship

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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You have to smile

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