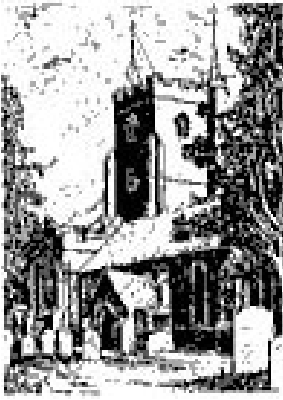


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Please contact Andrew Plested as above

CALENDAR

Services and Events in October 2022

Sat	1	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
Sat	8	9.00 a.m. Folkestone Song writing Festival Workshop
Sun	9	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity 10.30 a.m. HARVEST FESTIVAL With Children's Church 12.30 p.m. Folkestone Song writing Festival Workshop 7.00 p.m. Folkestone Song writing Festival Concert
Mon	10	9.30 a.m. Companions of Eanswythe
Tues	11	8.30 a.m. St Eanswythe School – Collective Worship
Thurs	13	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) 2.15 p.m. St Eanswythe School Harvest Festival 7.00 p.m. Sound Meditation – Andre Verissimo
Sat	15	11.00 a.m. Ukrainian Visitors
Sun	16	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST 12.30 p.m. Baptism – Abigail Ward
Mon	17	9.30 a.m. Companions of Eanswythe
Thurs	20	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Sat	22	11.00 a.m. Ukrainian Visitors
Sun	23	Bible Sunday 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST
Mon	24	9.30 a.m. Companions of Eanswythe
Thurs	27	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Sat	29	3.00 p.m. Bayle Music Concert – Canterbury Winds
Sun	30	All Saints' Day 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST
Mon	31	9.30 a.m. Companions of Eanswythe
Thurs	3 Nov	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) 7.30 p.m. Concert – John Woolrich

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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



Dear Friends

What extraordinary scenes we witnessed last month. Thousands of people queueing for up to fourteen hours or more to file past queen Elizabeth's coffin and pay their respects. Thousands more lining the route of her funeral cortege, all the way from London to Windsor.

No-one made them do it. It wasn't part of the official long-planned-for organisation of the national days of mourning. It was an expression of personal, deeply felt sentiment right across the UK. Not by everyone, but perhaps by most. Even republican commentators have realised that they need to understand what's going on.

But exactly what have we been mourning? Why the strength of feeling?

Part of it is admiration, of course. Admiration for a monarch whose commitment to duty revealed itself in a punishing schedule, and resilience and courage in times of personal and national turmoil. Whose skill enabled her to hold the neutral ground as Head of State in the whirlwind of political conflict. Whose warm faith glowed through her Christmas addresses. Whose intelligence and adaptability enabled her to lead the monarchy for 70 years through the change necessary to help it survive, and even flourish.

But admiration alone doesn't explain the intense feelings of loss we've witnessed or experienced. Usually, grief is linked to how well you've known someone; the extent to which they've been intimately entwined in your life. You might admire someone you knew at a distance, but you won't grieve for them. And you grieve most intensely for those closest to you.

But very few people have been intimately close to the Queen. Her personal feelings and thoughts have been notoriously private. Only her family and close friends have been privy to them. Not many of us really knows what she thought and felt – apart from what she chose to reveal in her speeches. Reflecting on the Queen's legendary discretion, Tina Brown wrote in the New York Times that, "we are so going to miss not knowing what she thinks"!

Many political correspondents have been speculating about her views; like who her favourite Prime Ministers were. That she didn't like Tony Blair because of how Princess Diana's death was handled, or Margaret Thatcher because she was a strong woman, but that she did like Harold Wilson and John Major because they came from humble backgrounds.

But the truth is, these are myths, guesses from the slightest of circumstantial evidence; we don't really KNOW.

Perhaps that's why the few verifiable stories about her have been so popular. My favourite is the story related by her former protection officer Richard Griffin during the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. In case you haven't heard it, he had accompanied the Queen for a stroll in the grounds of Balmoral Castle, which are extensive and criss-crossed with public footpaths. The Queen was dressed down in tweeds and wearing a headscarf.

Richard says, "There were two hikers coming towards us and the Queen would

always stop and say hello. It was two Americans on a walking holiday and it was clear they hadn't recognised her, which was fine."

"The American man asked her if she lived in the area, to which she replied that she did indeed have a house nearby.

"She said that she lived in London but had a house just over the hill, and he asked how often she had been coming up here.

"She said she'd been coming up for more than 80 years and you could see the cogs were ticking. He said: 'Well if you've been coming up here for 80 years, you must have met the Queen?'

"As quick as a flash, she said 'Well I haven't but Dick here meets her regularly.' So the guy asked me what she was like.

"And because I was with her a long time, I could pull her leg, so I said she could be very cantankerous at times, but she's got a lovely sense of humour.

"Anyway the next thing I knew, this guy comes round, puts his arm around my shoulder, and before I could see what is happening, he gives his camera to the Queen and asks her to take a photo of us.

"Anyway, we swapped places, I took a photo of them with the Queen, we never let on and we waved goodbye. Then Her Majesty said to me that she'd love to be a fly on the wall when he shows these photos to his American friends and hopefully someone tells him who I am."

Such an enticing insight into the personality of a sovereign who was so intensely private; so professionally discreet.

But back to my question. We haven't been grieving because someone we knew personally, really well, has died. So what's been going on across the nation?

From reported interviews with mourners it appears there have been two things happening. First, the outpouring of public grief has surfaced buried or repressed personal grief. This accords with my own experience of praying with a couple who were mourning all over again the death of their parents some years ago. It was intense and emotional and very, very real.

Perhaps you might have experienced a similar resurfacing of feelings of loss and sorrow?

The second is a sense of the Queen's death being a momentous break in the history of our nation; one that signifies or heralds profound change, and a desire to participate personally in something much, much bigger than ourselves. This feeling also seems to carry a profound sense of loss, although more diffuse. There is the feeling of a loss of stability, and of the erosion of the values and virtues personified in the character and commitment of our Queen. There is anxiety about what the future may hold.

Perhaps you might identify with these feelings?

How are we to respond to either of these profound feelings of loss? One intense but probably short-lived; the other diffusing to dread, but maybe more permanent?

There is a wonderful children's book called *Badger's Parting Gifts*, written by Susan Varley to help children with their experience of bereavement. After Badger dies, his friends are overcome with the desolation of grief. It is Winter, and they are alone in their sorrow. But when the Spring comes, they visit each other and tell stories about Badger. They each tell of a skill that Badger had taught them. Mole learned how to use scissors. Frog had been taught to skate. Fox could now knot his tie properly. All the while these skills were alive in the friends, somehow Badger was too.

It's a profound insight. Have you been thinking of those you have lost? Then perhaps direct your thoughts and conversation to the skills and qualities, virtues and values, they passed on to you. How did they help shape you for the better? How did they help you to live well? Be thankful for these parting gifts, and that these aspects of those you miss live on in you. And, who might you impart them to, in turn? What life-giving hope might you impart to others?

This simple children's insight might help us with our national identity too. What virtues and values did Queen Elizabeth demonstrate during her ninety-six years and her seventy-year reign? In both her personal and public life? What do you admire? But let's take our admiration a step further, for mere admiration stays locked up in the person we admire.

Rather, is it possible that she was not just *demonstrating* these virtues and values but *imparting* them? Are they her parting gifts? Not just to King Charles III, who will surely know them well and have need of them. Not just to our politicians, who would do well to receive them and emulate them. But for our lives too. What might our Queen's parting gifts be to us, to shape us and help us live well?

Jesus knew all about change. After all, that's what he came to bring. He knew that human beings can't flourish by always remaining the same. That's why he, too, gave parting gifts to his followers, knowing that it isn't unchangeable structures and traditions that bring true stability. It is the virtues, like justice, fortitude and gratitude that do that. And the values of God's Kingdom, like love, kindness and faithfulness. Such virtues and values give both individuals and nations an inner stability that enables them to adapt to rapid change, and traverse challenging times, without losing their soul.

Queen Elizabeth received Jesus' parting gifts and followed Christ, her Lord, on this path. Let us pray that King Charles, our government and politicians, and we ourselves, have the wisdom and will to do the same.

Fr John

Church Hire

For information about hiring the church, with or without use of the grand piano

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October Sunday and Red Letter Eucharist Gospels

Sunday 2 October 16th after Trinity – Luke 17.5-10

When you have done all that you were ordered to do, say ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done what we ought to have done!’

Can we hope to see what is wrong with so many things in this world and try to show a better way, without feeling self-righteous? Whatever we do must come from love and duty, not to gain merit.

Sunday 9 October – Harvest Festival

Sunday 16 October 18th after Trinity – Luke 18.1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

Our encounters with God are often exciting and demand perseverance. He does not withhold his love, but he may test our sincerity and the depth of our faith.

Sunday 23 October The Last Sunday after Trinity Luke 18.9-14

‘All who exalt themselves will be humbled but all who humble themselves will be exalted.’

There is no sin that will not be forgiven if it is followed by true repentance and resolve to do better. Those who believe that they have done nothing wrong are in greater danger.

Sunday 30 October 4th Sunday before Advent - Luke 19.1-10

‘The Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost’.

The love of God is not static. He does not wait for his people to turn to him of their own accord, but reaches out to them and calls to them in the needs that they have not fully understood.

Tuesday 18 October Luke the Evangelist – Luke 10.1-9

‘The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.’

Some have given all in this world for the service of God. Everyone who believes in him has something to be used if it is freely offered.

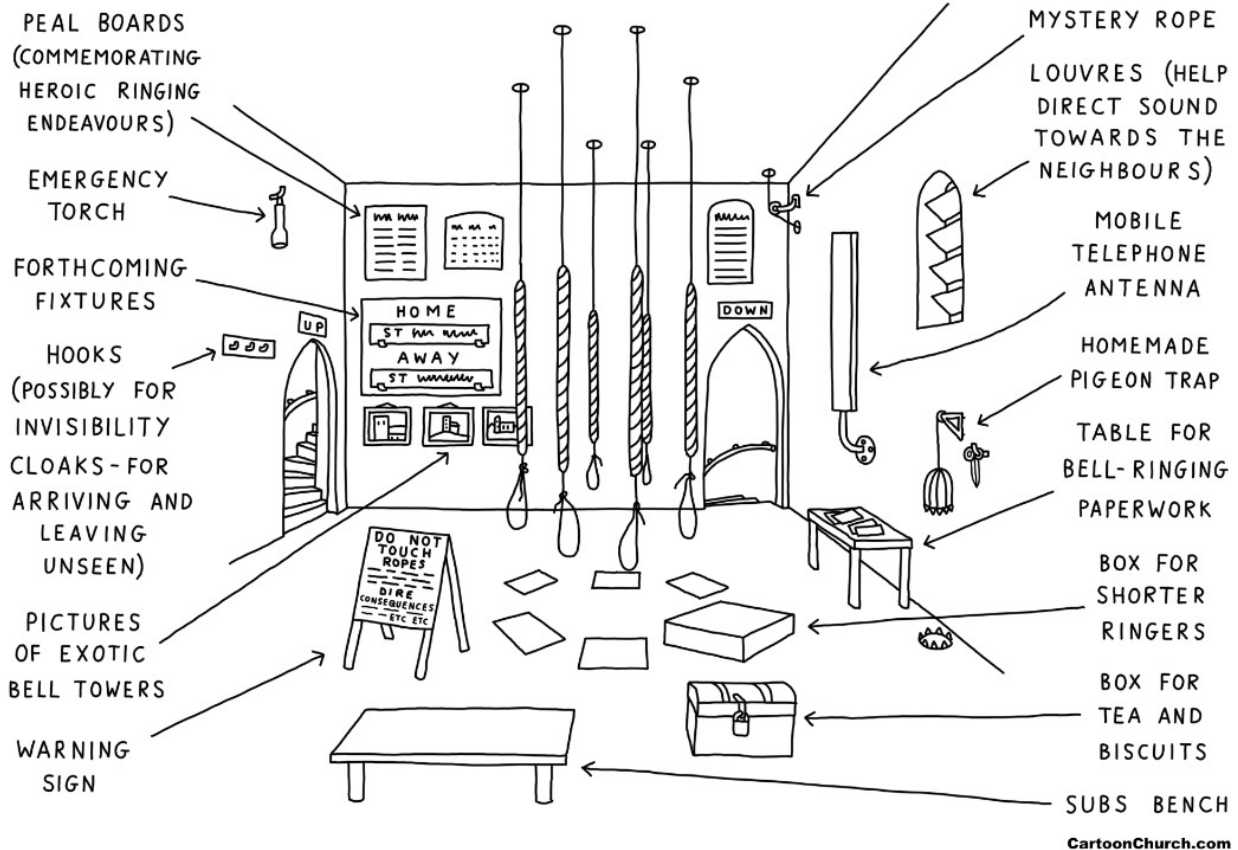
Friday 28 October – Simon and Jude, Apostles – John 15.17-27

‘Remember the words that I said to you “Servants are not greater than their master.” If they persecute me they will persecute you; if you kept my word, they will keep yours also’.

All are made one in Christ and no human honour can compare with being called to his service. We have no power that does not come from him.

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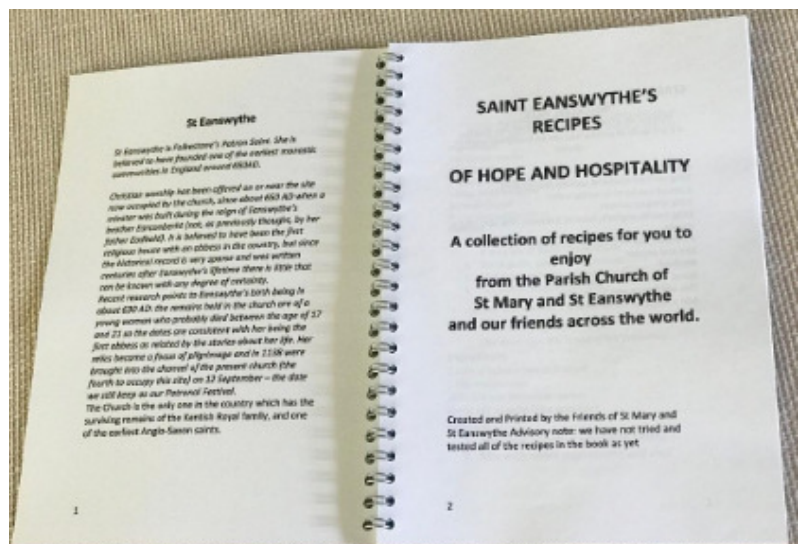
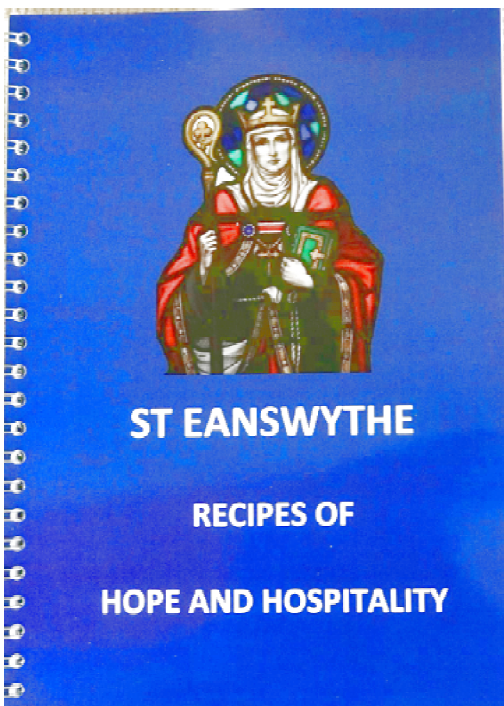


Recipes of Hope and Hospitality and Notelets

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



ACROSS

- 1 Esther also was taken to the king's palace and entrusted to ____ (Est 2:8)
6 Like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I ____ and pant (Isa 42:14)
10 we spend our years as a ____ that is told (Ps 90:9) KJV
14 I saw ____ completely surrounding the temple area (1,4) (Ezek 40:5)
15 the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, ____, Zepho (Gen 36:11)
16 Tell the Israelites to bring you ____ heifer without defect (1,3) (Num 19:2)
17 You have made for yourself other gods, idols made of ____ (1 Kings 14:9)
18 A sword is upon the liars; and they shall ____ (Jer 50:36) KJV
19 catch them in their net, and gather them in their ____ (Hab 1:15)
20 and they ____ fig leaves together (Gen 3:7)
22 Zacchaeus climbed up one of these trees to see Jesus (Luke 19:4-5) KJV
25 I had rebuilt the wall and not a ____ was left in it (Neh 6:1)
27 But you, O LORD, sit enthroned forever; your ____ endures (Ps 102:12)
28 listen to me and no longer ____ my holy name (Ezek 20:39)
32 one beka ____ person, that is, half a shekel (Ex 38:26)
34 her ____ provoked her till she wept and would not eat (1 Sam 1:7)
35 the joy of the godless ____ but a moment (Job 20:5)
38 Babylon is taken, ____ is confounded (Jer 50:2)
40 The LORD will ____ the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty (Deut 28:12)
41 Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have ____ (Matt 8:20)
42 He ____ them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few (Luke 10:1-2)
43 Abner son of ____, the commander of Saul's army (2 Sam 2:8)
44 Sarah's Egyptian handmaid (Gen 25:12)
45 the ____ forest has been cut down (Zech 11:2)
46 Can you make a ____ of him like a bird (Job 41:5)
47 ____ must be blameless, the husband of but one wife (2,5) (Titus 1:6)
49 in God I trust; I will not be ____ (Ps 56:4)
52 a spider's trap (Isa 59:5)
53 punish all the nations; show no mercy to wicked ____ (Ps 59:5)
55 came into the world to save sinners of whom I am the ____ (1 Tim 1:15)
59 whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ____ (Prov 1:33)
60 write it before them in a table, and ____ it in a book (Isaiah 30:8)
62 Joshua spared ____ the prostitute, with her family (Josh 6:25)
64 fifth book of the New Testament
65 Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth ____ (Josh 7:2)
66 As an ____ pleasing to the LORD (Num 29:2)
67 I will give him ____ from all his enemies (1 Chr 22:9)
68 took unto them certain ____ fellows of (Acts 17:5) KJV
69 from the ____ of thy wood unto the drawer of thy water (Deut 29:11) KJV

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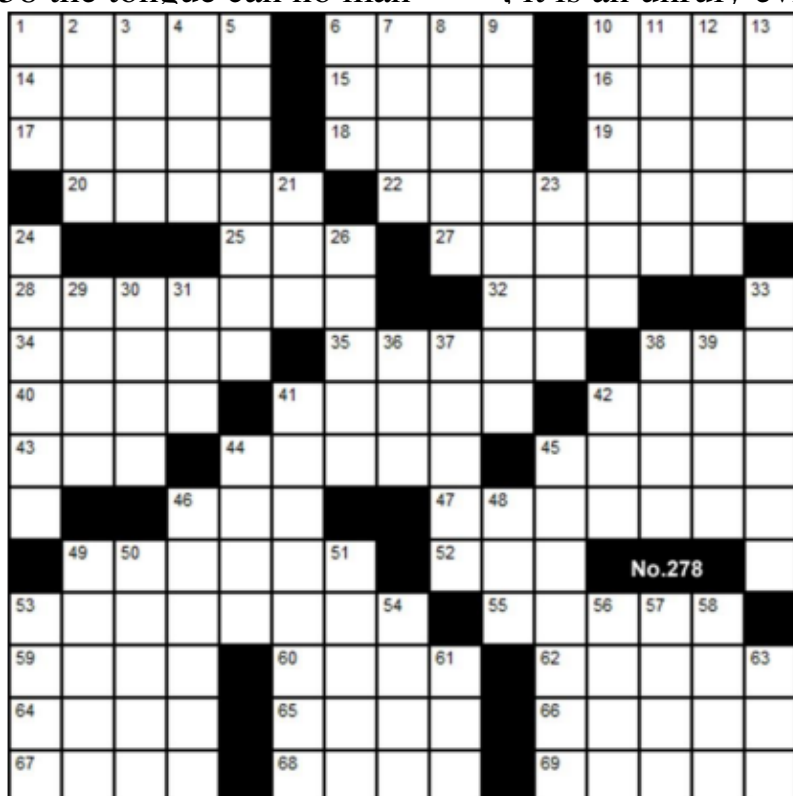
- 1 Shem, and ____, and Japheth, the sons of Noah (Gen 7:13)
2 female sheep (Gen 32:14)
3 for wide is the ____, and broad is the way (Matt 7:13)
4 Israel, who pursued ____ of righteousness (1,3) (Rom 9:31)
5 unlawful (Ex 22:9) 6 The ____ of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers
(2 Cor 4:4)
7 30th book of the Old Testament
8 the ____ shall cry to his fellow; the screech owl also shall rest there (Isa 34:14) KJV

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

9 I meditate on your ____ and consider your ways (Ps 119:15)
 10 He also built up ____ in the desert (2 Chron 8:4)
 11 Men will go there with bow and ____ (Isa 7:24)
 12 Our people must ____ to devote themselves to doing what is good (Titus 3:14)
 13 She came up behind him and touched the ____ of his cloak (Luke 8:44)
 21 fifth son of Jacob (Gen 30:6)
 23 for your little ____, and for your wives (Gen 45:19)
 24 handkerchiefs and ____ that had touched him were taken to the sick (Acts 19:12)
 26 Two sons were born to Eber: One was named ____ (Gen 10:25)
 29 As soon as the grain is ____, he puts the sickle to it (Mark 4:29)
 30 and gave them power ____ unclean spirits (Mark 6:7)
 31 I remind you to ____ into flame the gift of God (2 Tim 1:6)
 33 the teachers of the law and the ____ mocked him (Matt 27:41-42)
 36 In the third year of ____ king of Judah (IKing 15:33)
 37 Ye shall no more give the people ____ to make brick (Exodus 5:7) KJV
 38 keep the unity of the Spirit through the ____ of peace (Eph 4:3)
 39 Above all ____, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life (Prov 4:23)
 41 of or relating to a nation such as Israel or Judah
 42 exiles who lived at ____ Abib near the Kebar River (Ezek 3:15)
 44 seedtime and harvest, and cold and ____, and summer (Gen 8:22)
 45 ____, a prophetess, was leading Israel at that time (Judg 4:4)
 46 Every high ____ is selected from among men and is appointed (Heb 5:1)
 48 A ____ command I give you: Love one another (John 13:34)
 49 Do you not know that in ____ all the runners run (1,4) (1 Cor 9:24)
 50 The ____ of the fourth, and tenth months will become joyful (Zech 8:19)
 51 Jesus entered the temple area and ____ out all who were (Matt 21:12)
 53 Like a lion I will devour them; a wild animal will ____ them (Hos 13:8)
 54 Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil ____ (Gen 25:34)
 56 it is a ____ thing that the king requireth (Dan 2:11) KJV
 57 ____ proper respect to everyone (1 Peter 2:17)
 58 the tongue can no man ____; it is an unruly evil (James 3:8)

61 he that endureth to the ____ shall be saved (Matt 10:22) KJV
 63 have them shut the doors and ____ them (Neh 7:3)

Last month's solution



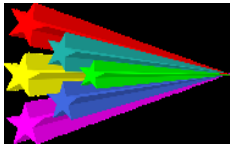
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St Mary and St Eanswythe Children's Church

What's coming up?



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 - Hurray for St Eanswythe



It was party time in Children's Church as we celebrated our very own Folkestone saint – St Eanswythe! She was the daughter of King Eadbald of Kent, but she started to believe in Jesus and follow his ways. We learned how she gave up being a princess and dedicated herself to looking after the poor, sick and hungry people in Folkestone.

Making party crowns, pinning the tail on the donkey (well, nearly!), musical statues and other games helped us celebrate, but we didn't forget that loving Jesus means looking for ways of loving and helping the people around us.

Make sure you come to Children's Church on 2nd October!



News From St Eanswythe's Primary School

It has been a busy start to our new school year

We are ready for the new Ducklings join us, and they have been in several times for art and craft sessions with their "Buddies"

Year 5 took part in the St Eanswythe's Patronal Festival and performed their play telling the story our Patron Saint. The whole school went to Church on Monday 12th to give thanks for her life and work, and enjoyed the tradition of jam doughnuts at break time, yummy!

As the year progresses, year groups will write their own pieces for the magazine telling you about the lovely things they have been/will be doing. As a school we have our school values which we promote and this term it is Generosity. We are beginning to look towards celebrating Harvest Festival.

Best wishes to you all

Kim

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

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St Eanswythe Festival

A hard-working team of cleaners started work on the Festival on Thursday the 8th. We polished, swept and tidied the whole church in readiness.

When we arrived home that evening some of us were shocked to learn that the Queen was reaching the end of her life and passed away that evening.

Those of us who gathered on the Friday to continue tidying and preparation for the Festival were heartened by Father John Tomlinson's presence as we were all feeling shaken and lost. Father John said prayers for us at 12.00 and the church bell started to toll. I think this gave us the impetus to do our work for the day and prepare well for the big day ahead.

Father John Walker said we should go ahead with the Festival and we all felt that the Queen wouldn't want us to cancel the celebration for our Saint.

Saturday was bright and sunny and the church was buzzing all day with lots of people, laughing and having coffee and cake and buying many of the wonderful things on offer. We had the annual Ride & Stride cyclists coming to check in at the front door which also added to the friendly atmosphere. The Friends of the Church sold Christmas cards and lots of beautiful children's books. We had Folkestone Gospel Choir, Evergreen -a folk group and the Fortunettes to entertain us with music and Year 5 pupils from St Eanswythe performed a play about St Eanswythe. We also had delightful art exhibitions from St Mary's and St Eanswythe's schools.

We made the grand total of £1240 which will go towards paying for some electrical and plumbing work in the church.

My grateful thanks to everyone who was involved – it was the most marvellous team effort and was a great day for us all to be together to help the church. Very special thanks go to our friends on The Bayle who gave their energy and expertise to helping us in so many ways.

Jenny Coleman

St Eanswythe Christmas Festival

Following the success of our St Eanswythe Festival we will be holding a Christmas Festival in the church on Saturday December 3.

It will be a similar format and hopefully we will have lots of fabulous home-made cakes for the coffee stall and to sell, a raffle and another Gift stall. There will be music throughout the day.

Please put the date in your diaries and come along to join the Festivities. We will be cleaning and preparing on the 1st and 2nd December so please come and help if you are able.

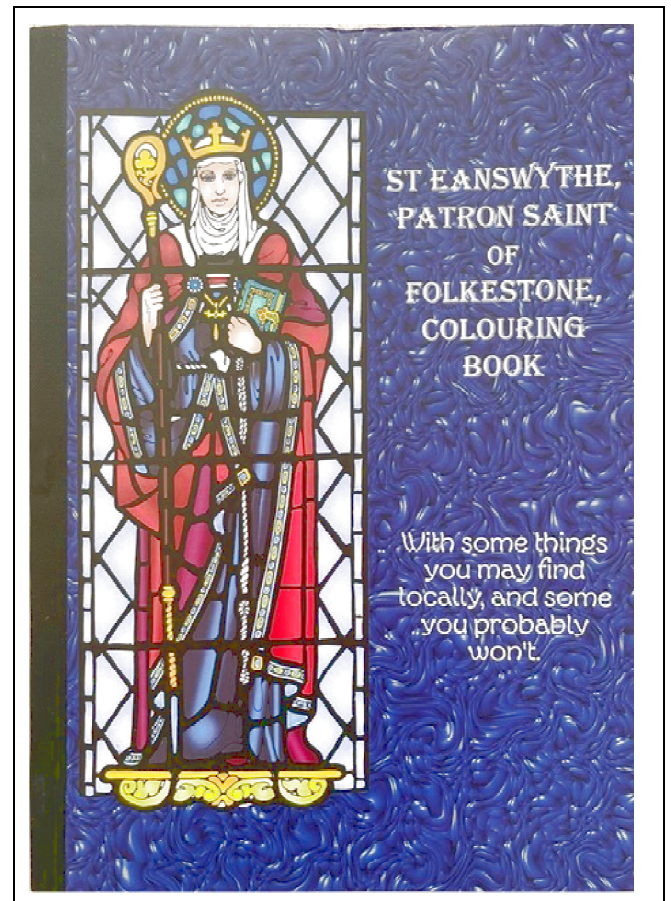
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St Eanswythe, Patron Saint of Folkestone, Colouring Book

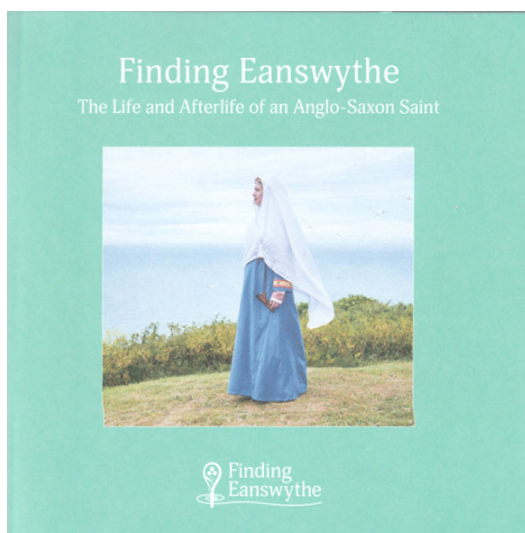
Once upon a time, not so long ago, when Marilyn and Catriona were on church welcoming duty, a father and his two young daughters came into the church. The girls wanted to do some colouring, but although there were plenty of crayons in the children's corner, there was nothing for them to colour in. This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

We welcome into the Lord's family
Marco Caine Hart
Rupert Benjamin Sirota
Ralph Alexander Sirota

Marriage August

Those whom God has joined together
Michael David McLatchie & Elizabeth Anne Adlington

Faithful Departed August

May they rest in peace and rise in glory
Benjamin Appleton

Welcome To Our New Clerk Of Works and Deputy Clerk Of Works

Dear Friends

On 13 September our Parochial Church Council appointed **Andrew Plested** as *Clerk of Works* to the fabric of our church, and **Patricia Skelsted** as *Deputy Clerk of Works*.

Andrew's extensive knowledge and understanding of our building and grounds is second to none, and he has laboured for long hours over many years raising the money and overseeing the work necessary to keep them in good repair. His daughter Pat has never been far from his side in these endeavours, and her knowledge and understanding is continually growing.

These appointments recognise their commitment, knowledge and skill, and are not dependent on their present elected positions as Churchwarden and PCC member. They represent our gratitude to Andrew and Pat for all their hard work, and our concern to harness and protect all the experience they have for the wellbeing of our church fabric, both now and for the future.

Fr John

The Friends of St Eanswythe

Wednesday October 5th at 6.00 p.m. in the church will be the Friends of St Mary and St Eanswythe AGM. All are invited, wine and refreshments will be served and when the formal business has concluded Judy Doherty has kindly agreed to be our guest speaker and her topic is our wonderful stained-glass windows.

We do hope that you will be able to join us.

Please also make a note in your diaries for the Friends Quiz at the Woodward Hall on November 25th @ 6.00p.m. More details in the November issue of *Rendezvous*. The last Quiz we arranged was cancelled due to illness, the dreaded Covid, but hopefully this time it will prove to be a huge success



Bookworm – What I’ve Been Reading

Agent Sonya: The True Story of WW2’s Most Extraordinary Spy – Ben Macintyre (2020)

Sometimes fact is stranger than fiction, and this was certainly the case with Ursula Kuczynski, aka Agent Sonya. She was the perfect spy who was able to carry out her spying activities right under everyone’s noses, simply because she was female, and no one saw her for what she was. To all intents and purposes she was a normal mother and housewife, someone who made friends easily, and who apparently devoted her time to her children and domestic duties. Indeed, her scones were the envy of the village. In reality she was addicted to danger, had an unwavering support for communism, and was responsible for passing on the multiple secrets that enabled the Russians to build their own atomic weapons.

Another thing in her favour for escaping detection and capture was the complete incompetence of the security services (despite the fact that the British Intelligence Services finally had 94 files about the Kuczynski family!). In fact MI5 had much greater suspicion about her husband Len. They labelled him as subversive and were suspicious of his German sympathies because he had bought a German grammar book and a reader! But they never proved Ursula’s guilt.

Ursula/Sonya was also very lucky to escape Stalin’s purges, which meant that many of her fellow spies were killed or disappeared suddenly. And, as the author reminds us, “Stalin was an equal opportunity murderer”, so her sex would have given her no protection there.

The book taught me a lot about the shabby way that Britain treated many Jewish refugees during WW2 – not quite what popular history would have us believe. Ursula arrived in Britain in June 1938, but as a Jewish refugee she was only allowed to stay here for 3 months and would then have had to return to Germany. The author points out that Britain did not open itself to all German Jews, and this particularly applied to communist Jews.

Even neutral Switzerland wasn’t that helpful. The reader shares Ursula’s dilemma when her German passport is nearing expiry. She was not entitled to renew her passport as Jews were no longer classed as German citizens, so her marriage of convenience to a British citizen was the only answer.

One thing that I found really fascinating was the frequent mention of the British agent Melita Norwood who passed her secrets to Russia via Sonya. This rang a bell with me, and I realised that she was the subject of a fact-based fictional film and book: *Red Joan*, starring Judi Dench and the book of the same name by Jennie Rooney. I loved both the book and the film. Sonya is glamorised in them, but still very recognisable.

Catriona Hunter



Our grateful thanks to the Pledsted family, Sylvie, Patricia, and Frank for representing St. Mary and St. Eanswythe.

Thank you also for everyone who sponsored them. £330 was raised, half of which will come to our Church. The other half will benefit other Kent churches.

The Friends of Kent Churches was founded in 1949. It is a charity run entirely by volunteers, and gives grants helping to repair and maintain churches in our county. We received a grant from them in 2019.

If you would like to know more about the charity, please have a word with me.

Marilyn Edey



A prayer as the evenings draw in

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As darkness falls, you renew your promise
to reveal among us the light of your presence.

By the light of Christ, your living Word,
dispel the darkness of our hearts
that we may walk as children of light
and sing your praise throughout the world.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Blessed be God for ever.



Common Worship

Harvest Festival – Sunday 9 October 2022



Until the 20th century, most farmers celebrated the end of the harvest with a big meal called the harvest supper, to which all who had helped in the harvest were invited. The modern British tradition of celebrating the Harvest Festival in churches began in 1843, when the Rev. Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service at his church at Morwenstow in Cornwall.

Victorian hymns such as We plough the fields and scatter, Come, ye thankful people, come and All things bright and beautiful but also Dutch and German harvest hymns in translation helped popularise his idea of a harvest festival, and spread the annual custom of decorating churches with home-grown produce for the Harvest Festival service.

Nowadays, in urban settings, gifts of fresh and tinned produce are usually donated to local charities. Here in Folkestone, we support the **Rainbow Centre**, which operates Food Stop and the **Shepway Food Bank** run by local people for local people. These initiatives rely on the community's support to ensure continued support to help stop people from going hungry.

Rainbow needs:

Cuppa soups, biscuits, chocolate, snacks, juice, large tins of ham, basic foodstuffs, especially with ring pulls - all will be greatly appreciated.

Over 90% of the food distributed is donated by the public – that's why food donations are absolutely vital to the Centre's ability to give everyone referred to us a balanced and nutritious three-day supply of food. We are all increasingly aware of the pressure on family income and the vital role food banks like Rainbow's play.



Please donate what you can via the orange bin at the back of the church. **THANK YOU!**

A Harvest Prayer

Lord of the harvest,
we thank you for those good gifts you have given us.
As we draw strength and delight from our food,
so help us not to forget
the labour of those who made it,
the conditions in which they work
and the burning needs of the hungry,
that inspired by your generosity to us
we may fashion a more generous and fairer world
for our fellow human beings today and for all those who come after us
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Canterbury Book of New Parish Prayers

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Songs of Praise



Songs of Praise, the longest running religious television programme in the world, was first broadcast on 1st October 1961. The first edition came from the Tabernacle Baptist Chapel in Cardiff, with guest soloist Heather Harper. The programme presents the best of congregational hymn singing up and down the land. Although church attendance

has declined over the lifetime of the programme *Songs of Praise* continues to pack out churches and venues with enthusiastic congregations.

The programme staged its largest event at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff on the first Sunday of 2000. A live audience of over 60,000 people came to sing hymns, with a 6,000-piece choir, an orchestra of 100 harps, the band of the Welsh Guards and an anthem specially written by Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber.

The programme has not been without controversy. The 16 August 2015 broadcast, filmed at an Ethiopian Orthodox church in the Calais jungle, received criticism from the media including the Daily Express, who stated the BBC was 'out of touch' and that the show had 'political propaganda'. In response, the Anglican Bishop of Leeds Nick Baines and Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby defended the BBC's decision as reflecting the Church's teachings on poverty. The Rev. Steve Chalke, former Songs of Praise presenter and well-known Christian social activist, wrote that 'tackling this complex humanitarian issue is exactly what Songs of Praise should be doing. The role of the television show, which is essentially about Christian faith, means the only way in which it can authentically fulfil its mandate is to deal with the tough issues of life, alongside the joys, faced by individuals as well as whole communities.'

Commemoration of the Month

Martin Luther 31 October

Martin Luther was born in 1483 at Eisleben in Saxony and educated at the cathedral school in Magdeburg and the university in Erfurt. He joined an order of Augustinian hermits there and was ordained priest in 1507, becoming a lecturer in the university at Wittenberg. He became vicar of his Order in 1515, having charge of a dozen monasteries. His Christian faith began to take on a new shape, with his increasing dissatisfaction with the worship and order of the Church. He became convinced that the gospels taught that humanity is saved by faith and not by works, finding support in the writings of St Augustine of Hippo. He refuted the teaching of the Letter of James, calling it 'an epistle of straw'. Luther sought to debate the whole matter by posting ninety-five theses or propositions on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenburg on this day in the year 1517. The hierarchy chose to see it as a direct attack on the Church, which forced him into open rebellion. The Protestant Reformation spread throughout Germany and then Europe, many seeing it as liberation from a Church that held them in fear rather than love. Martin Luther died in 1546, having effected a renaissance in the Church, both Protestant and Catholic.



Collect

Eternal God,
you called Martin Luther to proclaim your glory
in a life of prayer and pastoral zeal:
keep the leaders of your Church faithful
and bless your people through their ministry,
that the Church may grow into the full stature
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.

Readings

OT – Isaiah 6.1-8 NT – 1 Peter 5.1-4 Gospel – John 10.11-16

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



**Her Late Majesty Queen
Elizabeth II (1926-2022)
Reigned 6 February 1952 –
8 September 2022**

The death of a monarch is a hugely important milestone in the history of any nation. In the case of the late Queen

Elizabeth II, who had reigned for 70 years and 7 months – the longest of any monarch – it truly marked the end of an era.

Her marriage in November 1947 to Prince Philip provided a gleam of hope in the austere post-war world and their growing family a focus for the nation's interest and affection.

She travelled widely, not just to the Commonwealth but to the United States, the USSR and China amongst many others. Wherever she went she was greeted by cheering crowds.

Her popularity never appeared to wane. Her Silver Jubilee in 1977 set the tone for her Golden, Diamond and Platinum Jubilee celebrations which followed. The longer she reigned, it seemed, the more her popularity grew.

As a Constitutional Monarch, she met weekly with each of her 15 Prime Ministers. Her knowledge of state affairs and length of her reign gave her an unrivalled understanding, expertise and authority.

The death of Prince Philip at the age of 99 in April 2021 broke a partnership of 74 years which had been the foundation of her life.

Her death brings the 'Second Elizabethan Age' to an end. May she rest in peace.

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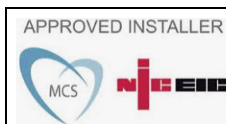


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Music Notes

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and in France. Their repertoire draws on a rich vein of music written from the classical era to the present day. This recital is fashioned around music by Krommer and Mozart and includes two new compositions by Kent-based composers. More information and pictures on their Facebook page here:

www.facebook.com/CanterburyWinds

Admission £15 on the door from 2.30.
Children and full time students are admitted free



The Survivor

This poem was written about refugees in Africa, but sadly seems generally appropriate.

The voices are kind, but the words are strange
And the meaning I cannot trace.
Their arms are strong but they lack the warmth
Of my mother's last embrace.

I cannot remember my father now
Where he is I cannot say
But I still remember my mother's screams
When the soldiers dragged him away.
The soldiers came again one night
And we fled into the dark.
We hid in the bush while our village burned
In a blaze of flames and sparks.

That was so many days ago
We have travelled far since then
And though we have found no other home
Can we ever go back again?

Now in the roar of tanks and guns
There is nowhere left to hide
People were screaming and crazy with fear
When my mother was flung aside.
I was searching for her when the strangers came
They lifted me onto the train
And now it carries us far away
Across the endless plain.

Yet some day we will return to our land
Be it fifty years or five
Our people have courage, their will is strong.
Somehow we will survive.

Dora Alker

Royal Bell Ringing by Sue Atkinson

The last 18 months have been a busy time for the Folkestone bell ringers. We have rung the bells in joyous celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the Proclamation of King Charles III and rung in sorrow with muffled bells to pay our respects following the deaths of Prince Philip in 2021 and Queen Elizabeth II who died in September 2022.

The passing of Prince Philip was marked by tolling a half muffled bell 99 times, once for each year of his life, on 10th April 2021. The same bell was tolled steadily for five minutes on the day of his funeral. When a bell is half muffled, a leather cover is placed on one side of the clapper so the sound of the bell is muted. When the bell is rung, this gives the effect of a loud bong followed by a quiet one, like an echo and it is quite a mournful sound.

The Folkestone Church bells were rung 'open' (unmuffled) to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 3rd June this year. One of our ringers (who now lives in Buckinghamshire) was very privileged to be able to ring for the Queen on the bells in the Curfew Tower at Windsor Castle.

The death of a monarch is one of the very few occasions when the bells are rung fully muffled, i.e. with a leather cover on both sides of the clapper, with the exception of the tenor (the heaviest bell) which is only muffled on one side. Local ringers rang rounds and took it in turns to toll the tenor between 11 a.m. and noon on 9th September and again for an hour immediately prior to the funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II on 19th September.

During the period of national mourning, we also celebrated the accession to the throne of King Charles III by ringing the bells open at 11 am on Saturday 10th September to mark the Proclamation at St James' Palace and again at 3 p.m. on Sunday 11th September to mark the local Proclamation of the new King.

All our performances for these historic events will be published in The Ringing World.



Kent County Association

On Saturday, 10 September 2022 in 10m

Folkestone, Kent
St Mary and St Eanswythe
Tenor: 25-1-5 in E

Rounds

- 3 Sue Atkinson
- 5 Marina Robinson
- 7 David Robinson

Rung open at 11am for the Proclamation of HM King Charles III



Kent County Association

On Monday, 19 September 2022 in 60m

Folkestone, Kent
St Mary and St Eanswythe
Tenor: 25-1-5 in E

Rounds and Tolling

- Sue Atkinson
- Marina Robinson
- Mick Levett-Fuller
- David Robinson

Rung fully muffled with the tenor open at backstroke prior to the funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II

Looking to the future, we will be ringing to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. We are desperately in need of some new bell ringers. We have 8 bells but are only able to ring 3 or 4 bells most weeks for the Sunday service. If anyone is interested in learning to ring (or maybe returning if they have been ringers previously), please get in touch as we would be delighted if we could ring all 8 bells for the Coronation. As well as providing a service for the church by ringing for services, weddings and occasionally funerals, we practise on Tuesday evenings and join with ringers in Kent for meetings at other churches. A highlight for me this year was joining a group of bell ringers from Marlow on their three day outing to churches in Kent. It was a great pleasure to meet such a friendly group of people and be part of their weekend. Bell ringing brings many benefits to the individual, it is sociable and can help improve physical fitness and mental well-being as well as keeping the mind active.

Our tower captain is Mr David Robinson and he can be contacted on 07955599498 or david.m.robinson.t21@btinternet.com

Ringling for the Platinum Jubilee 3rd June 2022

From left to
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Robinson,

Charles
Sinden,

Sue Atkinson

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