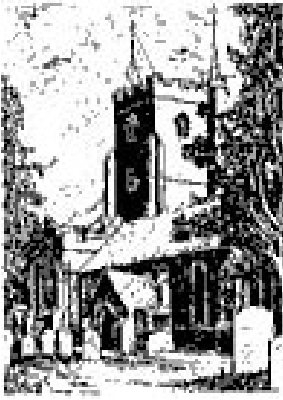


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Please contact Andrew Plested as above

CALENDAR

Services and Events in December 2022

Thurs	1 Dec	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sat	3	11.00 a.m. Christmas Fayre
Sun	4	Second Sunday of Advent 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST With Children's Church
Mon	5	9.30 a.m. Meditation and Silent Prayer
Thurs	8	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) 1.45 p.m. St Mary's School Christmas celebration 3.30 p.m. Sound meditation with Andre Verissimo
Sun	11	Third Sunday of Advent 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST
Mon	12	9.30 a.m. Meditation and Silent Prayer 7.30 p.m. Harvey Grammar School Carols
Tues	13	10.30 a.m. Town Mayor's Year 6 Christmas Concert
Thurs	15	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) 6.00 p.m. Creative Foundation Carol Service
Fri	16	1.45 p.m. St Eanswythe School Christmas Service
Sat	17	3.00 p.m. Bayle Music Concert – Bayle Cantata and Camerata
Sun	18	Fourth Sunday of Advent 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST 4.00 p.m. Nine Lessons and Carols Service
Mon	19	9.30 a.m. Meditation and Silent Prayer
Thurs	22	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Sat	24	Christmas Eve 4.00 p.m. Crib Service 6.00 p.m. Living Advent Calendar 11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass
Sun	25	Christmas Day 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST
Fri	30	10.30 a.m. Concert – Paul Snoek
Sun	1 Jan	10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST with Baptism – Elizabeth Fukuda



From the Parish Registers

Faithful Departed *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*
Oct Stephen Bourne
 Sherry
 Rev. Colin Laxon



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;
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- by using the Donation Station adjacent to the sales table.

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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

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

It was 'stir-up' Sunday on 20th November. You know about 'stir-up' Sunday? At the end of the communion service the priest says a prayer that starts,

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;

that they, plenteously bringing forth the **fruit** of good works,
may by you be **plenteously** rewarded...

Then everybody knows it's time to start making a great big Christmas cake. I hope you didn't miss it! I know that our Children's Church didn't – they began making theirs that morning, and are looking forward to collecting them at our Crib Service at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

And then a week later it was Advent Sunday and the countdown to Christmas began, with its children's calendars with little doors and chocolate, cards to write, food to buy, trees to decorate and presents to wrap and send.

And so I'd like to share with you a poem that I know has come to mean so much to so many people:

So
Here, it is merry
Christmas: everybody's having fun
Look to the future
Now it's only just begun



Do you recognise it?

Well, ok, so it's not a poem at all, it's a bit of a brainless ditty, first sung by Noddy Holder and Slade in 1973, but it's worked its way into the national consciousness because anybody under 50 has grown up hearing it played at Christmas time every year from the cradle. And it's a song that sums up perfectly the contemporary attitude to Christmas: booze, partying, sex, presents, food and fun.

Now, I'm not saying any of these things aren't to be enjoyed. Feasting and celebration is a big theme in the Bible. But what I am saying is that there's more, so much more, to Christmas. We know this, those of us who make room for Christ at Christmas, don't we? But because so many of our friends and family don't know this, there is a big temptation and a big challenge that faces us.

Our big *temptation* is to be so accommodating to how our families and friends feel about Christmas that we just go along with it and don't make it a special spiritual time for ourselves. Another Christmas goes by in a haze of food, booze, telly, presents and debt where we didn't make that special connection with the root of all reality; where we didn't make space in our own hearts for the God who loves us.

So our big *challenge* is to make sure we carve out time to spend with God this Advent and Christmas, not just with people. Not to put our faith in people's faces,

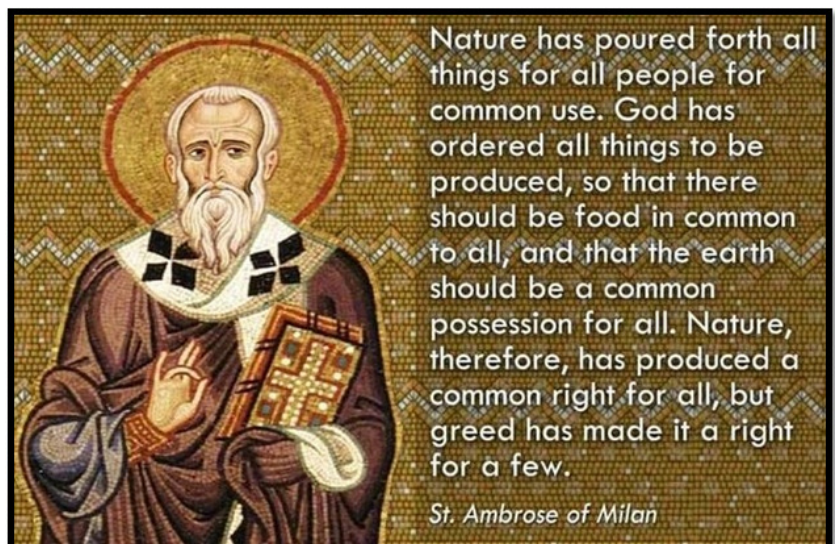
but quietly and firmly to make sure we nurture the spiritual dimension of who we are at this special time. And my experience is that family and friends generally come to respect the moments made for faith during this time because, deep down, they also know that Christmas is about something deep, something profound, something about hope and generous love.

So how might we make time to tend our spiritual life this Advent and Christmas? Well, here are some suggestions – maybe you could think of others:

- Attend our Advent course – Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in The Vicarage. Just turn up, or phone me on 07980 692813
- Attend our special Christmas services – details are somewhere in the magazine
- Listen to the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols from King’s College, Cambridge usually at 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve or 2 p.m. on Christmas Day
- Watch Songs of Praise every Sunday throughout Advent and Christmas on BBC1 at a 12.15
- Listen to Christmas Carols (and join in)
- Put a time on your calendar to sit down for 15 minutes with your bible once or twice a week. Read again the stories of Jesus’ birth from the opening chapters of the Gospels of St Luke and St Matthew. Make time to read Chapter 1 of St John’s Gospel on Christmas morning
- As you write a card or wrap a present, quietly say a prayer for the person you’re sending it to
- Wait for a clear night and go out into the garden once it’s dark. Look up at the stars and thank God that the One who guided the wise men to Jesus is still the one who guides us now
- If you have a nativity set, put a candle in front of it. Light it each evening and quietly pray a prayer of thanks for Jesus as you do so
- Read an Advent book – they have short readings for every day leading up to Christmas. Search Amazon or Google ‘Advent Books’

But whatever you do, may you succeed in having a holy, peaceful and beautiful Christmas.

Fr John Walker





ADVENT & CHRISTMAS
AT
ST MARY & ST EANSWYTHE
CHURCH STREET, FOLKESTONE

Every Sunday morning at 10.30am: **THE EUCHARIST**

Sun Nov 27, 4pm: **CANDLELIT SONGS OF ADVENT**

Sat Dec 3, 10.30am-3pm: **CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL** with music, mulled wine, coffee, cakes , gift stalls, raffle.

Thu Dec 15, 6pm: **CREATIVE FOUNDATION CAROL SERVICE**

Sun Dec 18, 4pm: **NINE LESSONS & CAROLS**

Sat Dec 24, 4pm: **CHILDREN'S CRIB SERVICE**

Sat Dec 24, 6pm: **LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR**

Sat Dec 24, 11.30pm: **MIDNIGHT MASS**

Sun Dec 25, 10.30am: **CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST**

December Sunday and Red Letter Eucharist Gospels

Sunday 4 December – 2nd Sunday in Advent: Matthew 3.1-12

John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness.

We do well sometimes to withdraw from the comforts and activities of daily life, and find time for quiet reflection. Even a few minutes waiting in stillness upon God can give much Strength.

Sunday 11 December – 3rd Sunday in Advent: Matthew 11.2-11

'Are you the one who is to come or are we to wait for another?'

God works quietly but with complete constancy. When doubts and anxiety come close, we remember how his promises have been fulfilled in all ages.

Sunday 18 December – 4th Sunday in Advent: Matthew 1.18-25

'You are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins'

The Bible tells of many battles and conflicts, some hard to reconcile with the divine call to love. But Christ's conquest of evil is our assurance that we need fear no assaults upon the soul.

Sunday 25 December – Christmas Day: John 1.1-14

'The word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of the father's only son, full of grace and truth.'

God, who is beyond understanding, is revealed in Jesus Christ. All that we can know or need to know in this world, of divinity is made known to us in the record of his humanity.

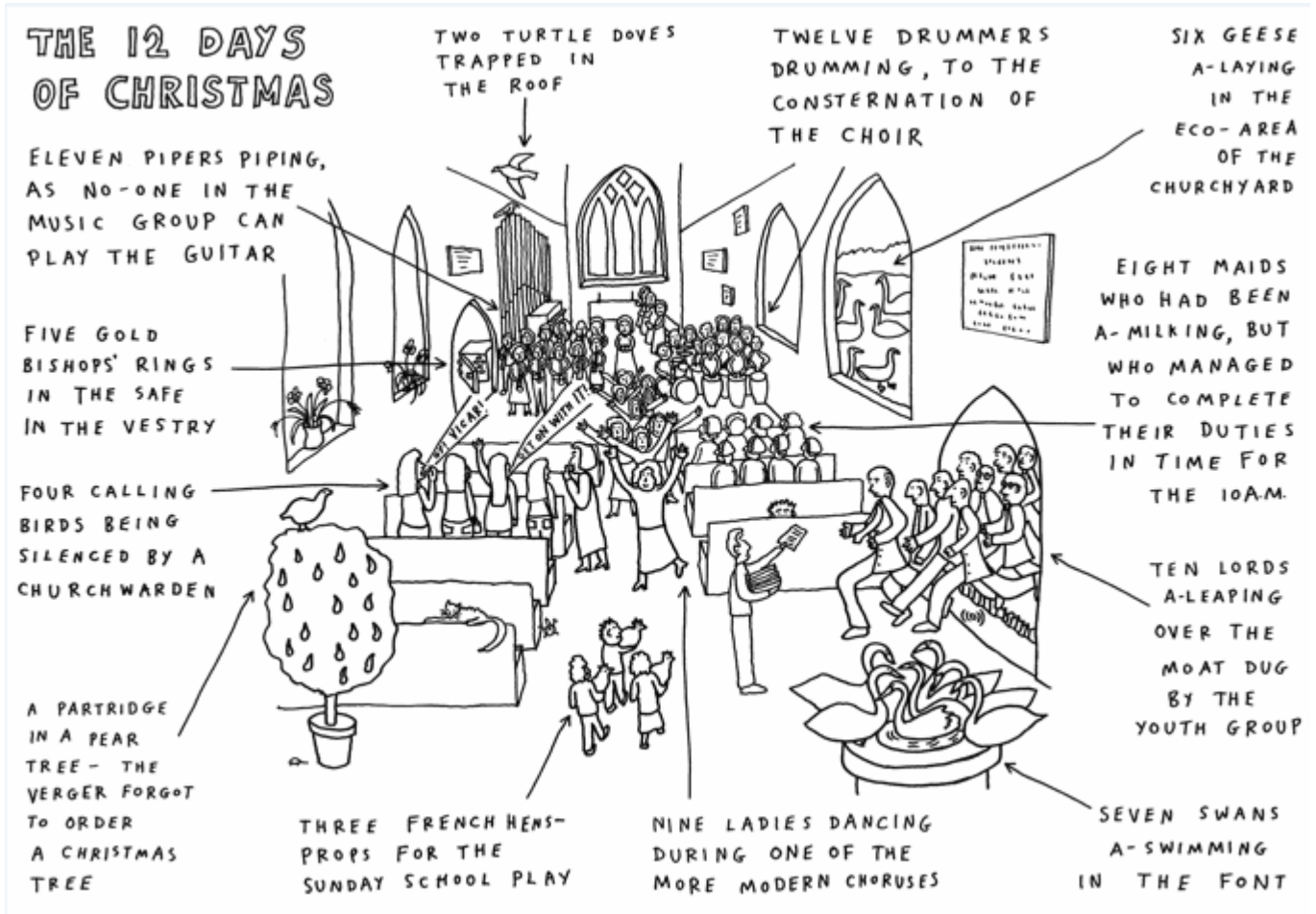
Heavenly Father, with all your church I praise you this day for the coming of the Son to take our nature and live a human life, even to suffering and death. I pray that the vision of glory will not fade but will enlighten and guide me all my life, until I come to perfect knowledge in your heavenly kingdom.

RED LETTER DAYS

Monday 26 December – St Stephen the Martyr: Matthew 10.17-22

Tuesday 27 December – John Apostle and Evangelist: John 21.19-25

Wednesday 28 December – The Holy Innocents: Matthew 2.13-18

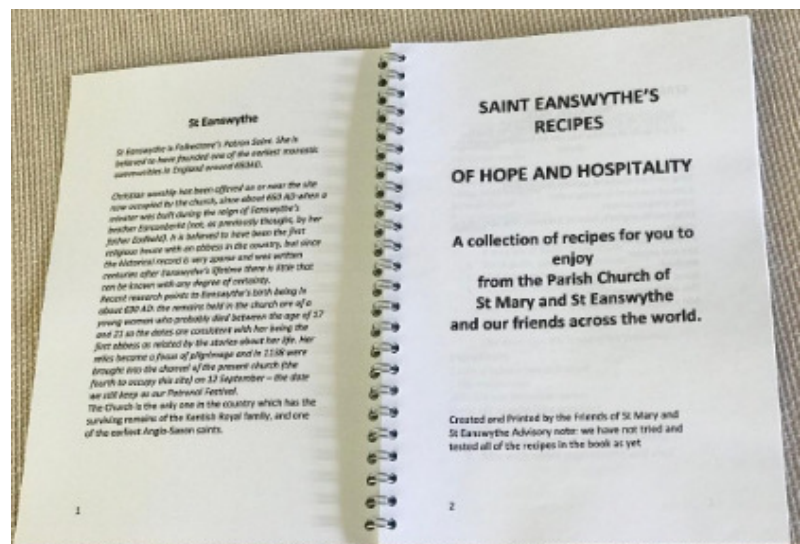
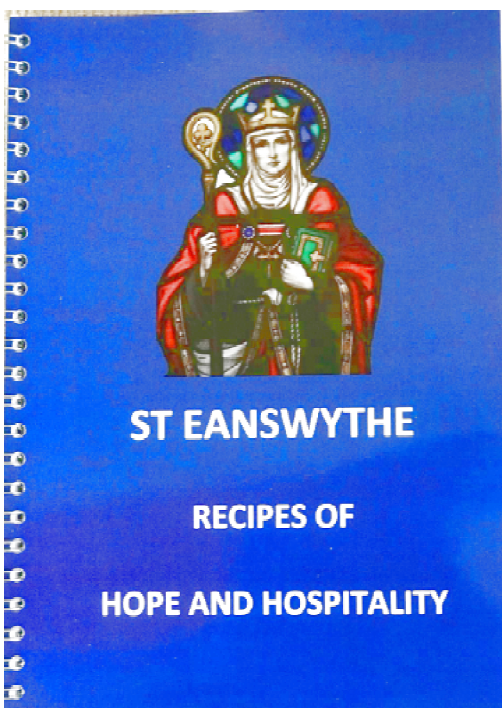


Recipes of Hope and Hospitality and Notelets

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 earneth wages to put it into _____ with holes. (1,3) (Hag 1:6) KJV
5 As an _____ pleasing to the LORD (Num 29:2)
9 Praise the LORD with _____: sing unto him with the psaltery (Ps 33:2)
13 and hath greatly offended, and _____ himself upon them (Ezek 25:12) KJV
14 And the rough goat is the king of _____ (Dan 8:21) KJV
15 Cut down the tree and _____ off its branches (Dan 4:14)
16 The alien who lives among you will rise _____ you (Deut 28:43)
17 He who _____ his father and drives out his mother is (Prov 19:26)
18 LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the _____ (Ex 14:26)
19 Mockers _____ up a city, but wise men turn away anger (Prov 29:8)
20 No one _____ a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment (Matt 9:16)
21 Uzziah the king was _____ unto the day of his death (1,5) (2 Chron 26:21) KJV
23 The man said, _____ is now bone of my bones (Gen 2:23)
27 Do you see this _____ army? I will give it into your hand (1 Kings 20:13)
28 Moses, Joshua, and David were _____ of some of the books of the Bible
31 I saw something like a large _____ being let down from heaven (Acts 11:5)
34 a foolish man who built his _____ on sand (Matt 7:26)
36 Abner son of _____, the commander of Saul's army (2 Sam 2:8)
37 The nations will _____ and tremble; anguish will grip the people (Exod 15:14)
39 Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, _____ and Ivvah? (2 Kings 18:34)
40 God _____ raised this Jesus to life (Acts 2:32)
41 At that time I, Daniel, mourned for three _____ (Dan 10:2)
44 so that by the grace of God he might _____ death for everyone (Heb 2:9)
45 I will obey your decrees; do not _____ forsake me (Ps 119:8)
47 the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, _____, Zepho (Gen 36:11)
49 When the LORD God _____ the earth and the heavens (Gen 2:4)
50 "Will he even _____ the queen while she is with me in the house?" (Est 7:8)
53 Men stalked us at every _____, so we could not walk in our streets (Lam 4:18)
55 His master replied, _____ done, good and faithful servant (Matt 25:23)
56 "They _____ me," you will say, "but I'm not hurt! (Prov 23:35)
58 being not a forgetful hearer, but a _____ of the work (James 1:25) KJV
59 David, wearing a linen _____, danced before the LORD (2 Sam 6:14)
60 for wide is the _____, and broad is the way (Matt 7:13)
61 return to it and remove all its vile _____ and detestable idols (Ezek 11:18)
62 He is coming with _____, our faithful and dear brother (Col 4:9)
63 Man is a _____ phantom as he goes to and fro (Ps 39:6)
64 creatures of the sea are being _____ but no man can tame the tongue (James 3:7-8)
65 Like a bird that strays from its _____ is a man who strays (Prov 27:8)

DOWN

- 1 the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret _____ (Ex 7:11)
2 the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to _____ (Acts 17:10)
3 Then Samuel took _____ of oil, and poured it upon (1,4) (1 Sam 10:1) KJV
4 on the two stones the way a _____ cutter engraves a seal. (Exod 28:11)
5 I will make thy windows of _____, and thy gates of carbuncles (Isa 54:12) KJV
6 He saved us through the washing of _____ (Titus 3:5)
7 by this time there is a bad _____ (John 11:39)
8 Abraham died in a good old _____ (Gen 25:8) KJV
9 Bakbakkar, _____, Galal and Mattaniah son of Mica (1 Chron 9:15)
10 Do not slaughter _____ or a sheep and its young on the same day (1,3) (Lev 22:28)

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



St Mary and St Eanswythe Children's Church

What's coming up?



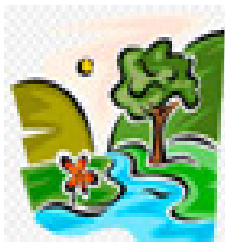
Christmas Eve 4 p.m. The Crib Service
(don't forget to collect your Birthday Cake for Jesus)



Sunday 8th January
Christingle at Epiphany



Sunday 12th February
God gives us everything we need!



Sunday 12th March
Jesus is the living water!



Sunday 2nd April
Hosanna! Hosanna!
US



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

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! – STIR-UP SUNDAY

We had amazing fun as we stirred up our *Birthday Cakes for Jesus*. As we added each ingredient, we asked Jesus to help us build our lives on his love. Each thing we stirred in reminded us of ways to live like Jesus.



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|-------------------------|--|
| Brown Sugar | Help us Jesus, to make life sweet for others. |
| Margarine | Help us Jesus, to make life smooth for others. |
| Eggs | Help us Jesus, to tell everyone about the new life you give us. |
| Flour | Help us Jesus, to build on your firm foundation. |
| Mixed Spice | Help us Jesus, to rely on you for our joy. |
| Dried Fruit | Help us Jesus to show the fruits of your Holy Spirit
(like love, joy, peace, patience, kindness and goodness) |
| Black Treacle | It's such a STRONG flavour.
Thank you, Jesus for the strength you give us. |
| Salt | Help us Jesus, to give a bit of flavour to everyone. |
| Vanilla Essence | Thank you Jesus for filling our lives with your love. |
| A dash of Brandy | To remind us of the Holy Spirit! |



Stirring was hard work but most of the mixture stayed in the bowls! As we finished up, we prayed and we asked all the congregation to pray with us for God's blessing on our world and God's blessing on our Christmas celebrations.

PS do you want to know what happened to the cake mixture?
Don't miss January's Rendezvous!!!

Children's Church

Hurray for ALL the Saints

Hurray for US!

There are SO many saints and in Children's Church we celebrated just a few – St Eanswythe, St Mary, St Therese, St Thomas.....

AND all the children and grown-ups at Children's Church!

We learnt that -

1. EVERYONE who is a friend of God is one of God's holy people.
 2. God's holy people = Saints
 3. We are God's friends so
- we are God's Holy People so
- WE ARE SAINTS!**

We made these lanterns to help us remember that we are saints and we will try to show Jesus' light in the world. We can shine for Jesus by saying our prayers, listening to God and being kind and taking care of other people.



News From St Eanswythe's Primary School

I am off to after school Art Club. This is my favourite one because I can share my ideas about art. I love colours and making all kinds of things, and using different mediums to express myself, including the weird and wacky. This is why it is so special to me. We have been so lucky and been on some super trips and outings. We went to London to the Tate Modern Gallery. All that are in art club really love it.

By Lilly Anne on behalf of the Art Club members

We are nearly at the end of term, and are getting ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus. All at St Eanswythe's School would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas, and hope you have a very Happy Healthy New Year

Kim



The Beveridge Report

The Report, drafted by William Beveridge, was published on 1st December, 1942. It was intended to improve life in Britain and recommended that the government should 'support its citizens from cradle to grave.' It listed 'five evils' which the government should fight. They were:

Want: The lack of basic needs such as food;
Ignorance: The lack of a proper education;
Disease: The lack of proper medical care;
Idleness: unemployment and
Squalor: Poor living conditions.

These were matched by five key proposals:

A National Insurance scheme;
Standard unemployment benefit, which everyone could claim, regardless of wealth, income or social status;
Benefits paid indefinitely;
Free National Health Service;
Family allowance paid for every child.

After the Labour Party victory in the 1945 general election, the Beveridge proposals were adopted and implemented in a series of social policies, which became known as the Welfare State.

The Times called the Report 'a momentous document which should and must exercise a profound and immediate influence on the direction of social change in Britain', while The Manchester Guardian described it as 'a big and fine thing'. The Daily Telegraph said it was a consummation of the revolution begun by David Lloyd George in 1911 and The Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple, said it was 'the first time anyone had set out to embody the whole spirit of the Christian ethic in an Act of Parliament'.

Church Hire

For information about hiring the church, with or without use of the grand piano
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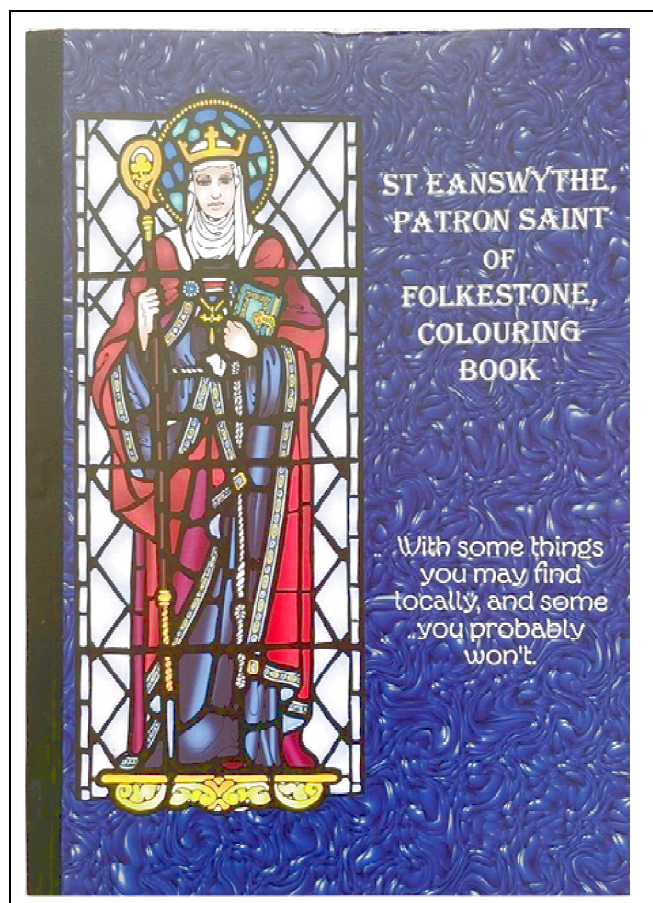
William Beveridge in 1943

St Eanswythe, Patron Saint of Folkestone, Colouring Book

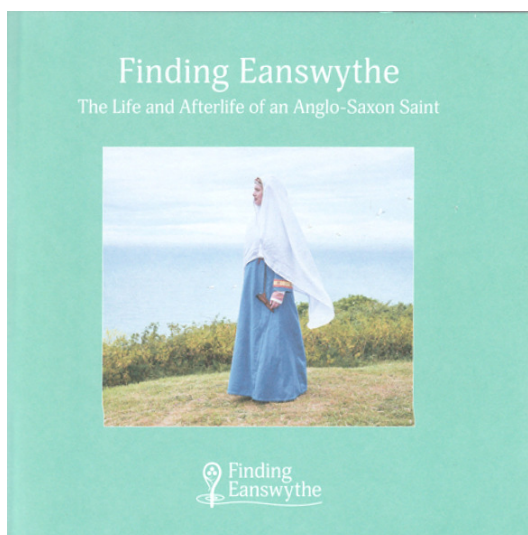
Once upon a time, not so long ago, when Marilyn and Catriona were on church welcoming duty, a father and his two young daughters came into the church. The girls wanted to do some colouring, but although there were plenty of crayons in the children's corner, there was nothing for them to colour in. This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

DO YOU LIKE SINGING?

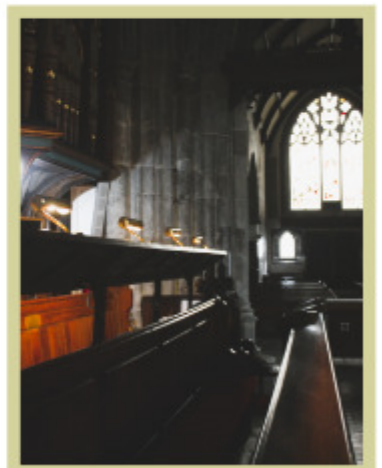
THE CHOIR OF ST MARY & ST EANSWYTHE IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

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





Bookworm – What I've Been Reading

American Dirt – Jeanine Cummins (2020)

Wow. Just, wow. 10/10. I loved this book.

There is a great opening line taking the reader right into the story from the very first sentence: “One of the very first bullets comes in through the open window above the toilet where Luca is standing”.

I found this book heart-stopping, breath-taking, moving, shocking, thought-provoking, enlightening, riveting, interesting, and well-researched.

I learned so much about cartels, and Mexico and illegal immigration. But I have to say it's put me off visiting Mexico!

Being interested in Spanish, I liked the Spanish words dotted through the text, but I realise this might have been irritating for others. Especially as there was none of that irritating and patronising business of translating every foreign word. Instead the reader was left to work out many of the meanings from the context (or Google Translate).

We've probably all seen TV programmes about migrants getting through the fences on the border between Mexico and the USA, but I knew little about what they actually go through to get there. Jumping onto the roof of a moving train for example – I really felt the fear and tension the first time that was described.

Like so many refugees, the characters in this book undergo dangerous journeys seeking the promised land, only to discover they're not wanted when they get there. The USA doesn't want Mexican refugees any more than our politicians want the refugees that come to our shores in little boats or in the back of lorries. And I couldn't help thinking about that all the time I was reading this book.

My Other Husband – Dorothy Koomson (2022)

A very, very good book indeed. Dorothy Koomson writes great psychological thrillers and this one has some magnificent plot twists that I just didn't see coming at all.

It's about a controlling relationship of huge proportion and the impossibility of escape. And bigamy. This made for very exciting and compelling reading, but I can't really say much more without giving away what happens, so you'll have to read it for yourself. Which I strongly recommend.

Dead Rich – GW Shaw (2022)

Well that was a truly excellent book. Quite breath taking at times. And I found myself glued to it, unable to do anything else until I'd finished reading it.

GW Shaw is in fact William Shaw, author of the fantastic thrillers featuring Alex Cupidi set on Dungeness, but it is quite different from his usual books, hence the different format of his name.

Dead Rich is set on a Russian-owned superyacht in the Caribbean. There is a very high body count. It is claustrophobic, and there are guns, blood, tropical storms, and a lot of people lying about who they really are. There is also a lot of very interesting technical stuff about sailing. And some very good twists in the plot.

I can't recommend this highly enough. You'll love it - unless you're on a superyacht or any other type of cruise.

Catriona Hunter

Rev Colin Laxon (1944-2022)

It is with sadness we record the death of Rev Colin Laxon, curate in our parish from 1989 to 1994, after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. Colin's lasting legacy to the parish and the town is the St Augustine's Centre at the foot of Dover Road opposite the junction with St Michael's Street.

By the 1980s the building, consisting of a church on the ground floor and a hall and meeting rooms upstairs, was in a sad state of repair. The small, faithful congregation was unable to fund realistic refurbishment and its future remained in doubt.

The then Vicar, Canon John Dilnot and Colin came up with the plan to renovate the building completely as a centre for worship and social outreach in one of the poorest areas of Folkestone. Colin, with his professional training as a solicitor, and a keen sense of social justice set about the task of raising funds to make the transformation a reality.

The St Augustine's Centre was dedicated to St Augustine and St Mark and St Fotini by Archbishop Carey and the Greek Orthodox Patriarch in 1994. Downstairs a chapel had been created and, as the building was shared by the Greek Orthodox Community in South Kent, beautifully enhanced with icons of the saints. Upstairs the main hall, named the Laxon Hall, had been transformed along with a smaller meeting room and a fully-equipped kitchen.

Soon after this, Colin was 'head-hunted' by the Diocese of Carlisle, where he spent the rest of his ministry exercising his pastoral and social skills to the benefit of the diocese. He served in Barrow-in-Furness; Bampton; Eden (as a team vicar) and Carlisle until his retirement in 2009.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



*Colin receiving a donation to restore a wall painting
at St James the Great, Barrow-in-Furness*



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THANK YOU!

Energy and our Church

We are all facing problems with this at present and the Government has various schemes to ease the burden. However, these do not cover our church's energy bills.

We use electricity mainly for lighting, office equipment and the organ blower. Virtually all of our lighting is now low energy (LED and CFL), we have just replaced our floodlights for the Assumption painting and the mural above the Rood with a reduction from 1220 watts to 150. We try to be sparing with lights during visiting hours.

Our heating is oil-fired with the boilers over 40 years old. They are becoming more difficult to maintain. Diocesan permission to replace the boilers with new oil-fired or gas (involving laying a gas main across the churchyard) would not be granted on environmental grounds. Fellow churchwarden Tom is investigating new heating possibilities. Heat pumps are not the answer as it takes 90-100 years to recoup the cost and they require a lot of electricity. The answer will be some form of electric heating zoned and focussed on the congregation giving a much shorter warm-up time obviating to heat the whole church, including the rafters.

Our current problem is that for the Sunday service the heating has to be turned on at 6 p.m. on Saturday to get the whole church warm, right up to the rafters, at a cost of £80 on last year's prices. So, please dress warmly. *Andrew*

Winter Warmers – Bring a Blanket – Leave a Little Love!



Do you have a blanket or rug you could spare?

“What an odd question,” I hear you say, “Why does anyone want to know.....?”

Here is the answer –

We have a problem at St Mary and St Eanswythe, it's this –



we are having problems affording the heating for Sunday morning services.

It's very difficult to admit it but we are struggling to pay the bills.

However, we CAN be warm on Sunday mornings if.....

as everyone comes into church, they receive a great warm welcome

AND

a blanket!



So, to return to my question –

Do you have a blanket or rug you could spare?

If you do, please add it to our collection of Winter Warmers and leave a little love in Church to help everyone stay warm!

Thank you SO MUCH!

Clare Tomlinson

Commemoration of the Month

17 December

Eglantyne Jebb - Founder of 'Save the Children'

Eglantyne Jebb was born in 1876. After studying at Oxford, she became a teacher for a few years until ill-health led to her resignation. She then devoted her energies to charitable works and in 1913 went to Macedonia to help refugees in the Balkan wars. After the First World War, she and her sister Dorothy Buxton founded the Save the Children Fund, which aimed to help children who were suffering in the post-war famine in Europe; a charity which



is now global in its scope. Eglantyne fought for the rights of children to be recognised, her 'Children's Charter' being passed by the League of Nations in 1924. She inspired many by her personal spirituality and was greatly mourned on her death in Geneva on this day in 1928.

Collect

Merciful God,
you have compassion on all that you have made
and your whole creation is enfolded in your love:
help us to stand firm for your truth,
to struggle against poverty,
and to share your love with our neighbour,
that with your servant Eglantyne Jebb
we may be instruments of your peace;
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 - Isaiah 58.6-1: **NT** – 1 John 3.14-10: **Gospel** – Matthew 5.1-12

'All wars whether just or unjust,
disastrous or victorious
are waged against the child.'

Eglantyne Jebb.

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

Verses from 'The Nativity' by G. K. Chesterton

The thatch on the roof was as golden,
Though dusty the straw was and old,
The wind had a peal as of trumpets,
Though blowing and barren and cold,
The mother's hair was a glory
Though loosened and torn,
For under the eaves in the gloaming
A child was born.

What know we of aeons behind us,
Dim dynasties lost long ago,
Huge empires, like dreams unremembered,
Huge cities for ages laid low?
This at least - that with blight and with blessing,
With flower and with thorn,
Love was there, and his cry was among them,
"A child is born."

And thou, that art still in thy cradle,
The sun being crown for thy brow,
Make answer, our flesh, make an answer,
Say, whence art thou come - who art thou?
Art thou come back on earth for our teaching
To train or to warn - ?
Hush - how may we know? - knowing only
A child is born.



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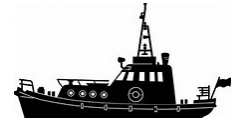
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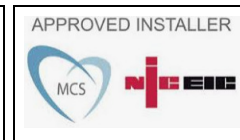


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Under the direction of Grenville Hancox, the genius behind Bayle Music, the afternoon will prove a veritable feast of appropriate seasonal choral and instrumental music. Don't miss it!



Alex Rider

It all happens at **3 p.m. on Saturday 17 December** right here in church. Admission is £15 for adults – children and full-time students free. Doors open at 2.15

Advance tickets can be obtained by following the Bayle Music link on the Sounds Folkestone website: <https://www.soundsfolkestone.co.uk>

Waiting in Worship – an Advent prayer

Lord we pray for your church that throughout our Advent journey we may be filled with expectation, and glorify you in the beauty of our worship, the depth of our prayer and the devotion of our service.

God of gods
whom saints and angels worship and adore,
as we prepare our hearts for your Son's coming
renew our spirits with the joy of your hope,
that reaching out to you in our waiting,
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and the fullness of your divine compassion in our world
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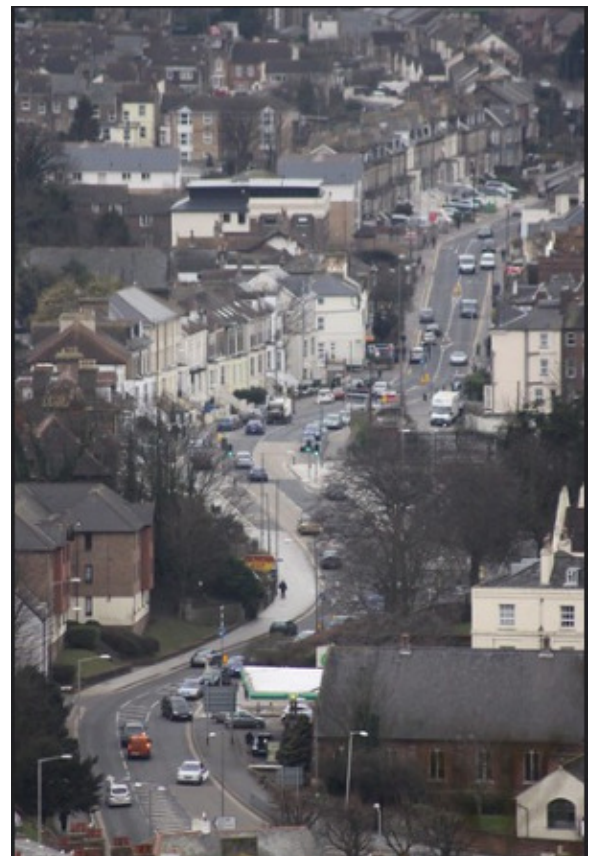
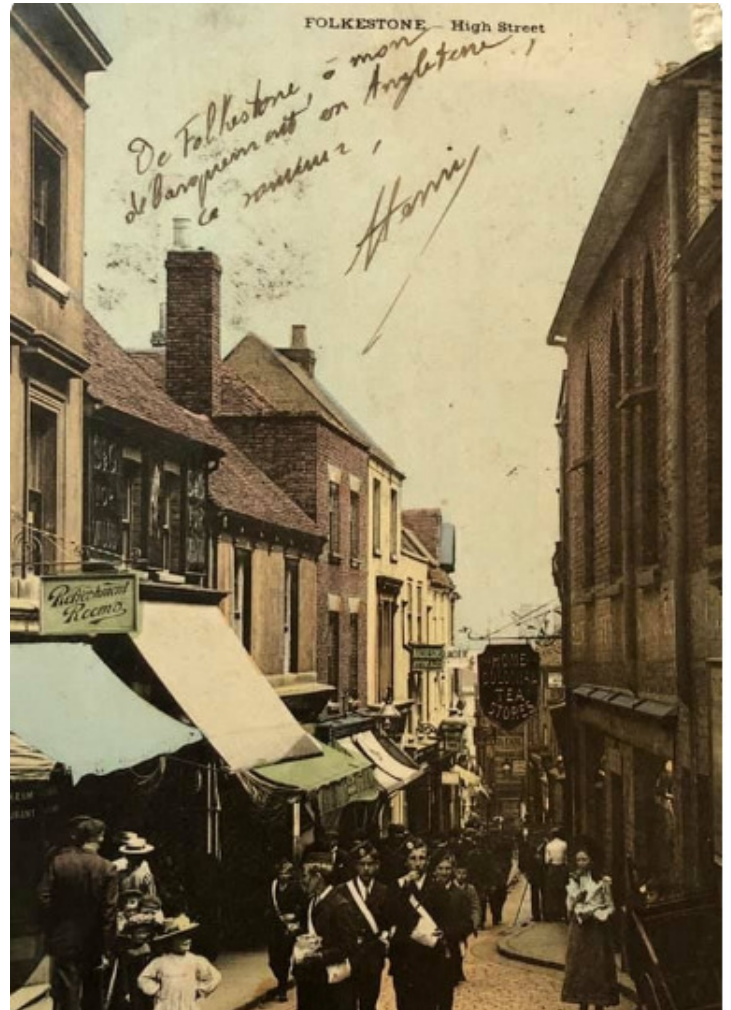
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Old Folkestone



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