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Please contact Andrew Plested as above

CALENDAR Services and Events in June 2023

Thu June	2 1	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sat	3	11.00 Ukrainian Hospitality
Sun	4	Trinity Sunday
		10.30 THE EUCHARIST
Thu	8	10.30 Holy Communion
		18.30 Deanery Confirmation Service at St Peter and
		St Paul, Saltwood – pray for Andy Yan as he is confirmed
Sat	10	15.00 Concert: Alan Shellard Clarinet Trio
Sun	11	The first Sunday after Trinity
		10.30 THE EUCHARIST with Children's Church
Thu	15	10.30 Holy Communion
Sun	18	The second Sunday after Trinity
		10.30 THE EUCHARIST
Thu	22	10.30 Holy Communion
		19.00 Concert: Sound Meditation with Andre Verissimo
Sun	25	The third Sunday after Trinity
		10.30 THE EUCHARIST
		12.30 Baptism of Charles Phippen
Thu	29	10.30 Holy Communion
<u>July</u>		
Sun	4	TOWN SUNDAY
		10.30 CIVIC SERVICE
Wed-Fri 5	5-7	CHURCH CLOSED FOR MUSIC RECORDING
Thu	6	10.30 Holy Communion

From the Parish Registers

Baptism	We welcome into the Lord's family
April	Blu McDowell
Marriage	<i>Those whom God has joined together</i>
April	Ricky HOPE and Elizabeth BEER
Departed	May they rest in peace and rise in glory
April	Baby Mac Grenfell Cable-Coomb



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We are grateful to the Headteacher 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 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Church Hire

For information about hiring the church, with or without use of the grand piano please contact the Parish Office

sainteanswythe@gmail.com 01303 252947

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

What a month May was! National celebrations at the beginning of the month with the King's coronation, and all the pomp and ceremony that went alongside that; the unique spectacle that is Eurovision slap bang in the middle; and the month concluding, at least in ecclesial circles,

with the birthday of the church, the great occasion that is Pentecost (and another bank holiday to boot...!) An amazing month, full of evidence of the movement of the Spirit, both locally and further afield.

Many folk have found the televised coverage of the month quite inspiring, and I wonder if you've caught sight of the link between all the events I've mentioned? A friend of mine pointed it out to me. Her background is in languages – a degree in French and German from a university in Wales. She says that learning a language tells her something of the culture and history of a country.

From this perspective, hearing so many key aspects of the King's coronation liturgy resounding in the home languages of this Great Britain was truly remarkable. I can only imagine how that might have felt to someone whose first language is Welsh, or Gaelic, or Irish. We're so used to hearing everything in English, I think perhaps we sometimes forget how important it is to hear things in a way we can understand.

Perhaps Eurovision speaks for itself in this context. Love it or loathe it, it remains a real opportunity to celebrate languages in all their complex beauty. How powerful for those whose native tongue is not English, to hear the sound of their own language blasted across the airwaves. I can only imagine how our Ukrainian friends, seeking refuge here in Kent, felt to hear such joyous acceptance when their country's representatives came on screen.

So then, to Pentecost, and a Spirit-filled time – a great multitude of onlookers, and a bunch of disciples who had been so scared, they'd locked themselves in a room so they couldn't be found. And suddenly, amazingly, miraculously, they were gifted the courage to get out amongst the people. Crucially, everyone present heard the Good News of Jesus Christ in the way that was most appropriate to them - in their native tongue. Having been brought up in a land and time where any alternative to this is unthinkable, I can only imagine the impact this would have. The use of one's native tongue is an intimate connection when it happens rarely – even if it's only a 'Good morning' and a smile.

Earlier this year, I attended a service at the Greek Orthodox Church. Despite having studied New Testament Greek as part of my ordination training, perhaps because the music and choreography of the service were so different from ours, it was only when small sections of the liturgy were spoken in English that there was a true sense of

being connected, of being involved, of being recognized, of being welcomed. Such is the power of the Spirit on Pentecost – to speak to each person present, and express the love of God for them, in a way that each can hear and receive.

During the coronation service, the beautiful hymn 'Veni, Creator Spiritus' was sung, again in different languages. In it, we beseech the Holy Spirit to descend, knowing the task that lies ahead is impossible without divine involvement. Such is the case for King Charles, such is the case for each of us. As we move through this coming month, let's each of us pray, each in his or her own language, for the coming of the Holy Spirit, to fill our ears and hearts with the sound of God's promise of love to us. And let's pray for the ability to share that love with others, however they need to hear it.

Father John

A sermon preached by the Rt Rev Richard Llewellin at the parish Eucharist in St Mary & St Eanswythe's Parish Church to mark the 125th anniversary of the death of

Rev Canon Matthew Woodward, Vicar of Folkestone 1851-1898

"Where then did this man get all this?' and they took offence at him." Matthew 13.57

May my words, and the thoughts of all our hearts, be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our strength and our Redeemer.

"Where then did this man get all this?' And they took offence at him." These words were said, of course, originally about Jesus when, during his public ministry, he came to preach in the town where he had been brought up, Nazareth. But they could have equally been said about Matthew Woodward as he preached and ministered in what became his home town of Folkestone. He was nothing if not a controversial figure. Many of you will know more about him than I do, but I have really enjoyed discovering something about this remarkable man who died 125 years ago tomorrow, after 50 years of tireless ministry in this town of Folkestone and in this church.

The unpalatable truth for all of us is that one characteristic of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is that it is indeed in part offensive, a dictionary definition of which is 'causing discomfort, resentment and annoyance'. And Matthew Woodward caused many people all three. I'm not saying that he was never at fault himself. Clearly he was a stubborn person: if he had not been, he would not have been able to cope with the hostility that was a feature of much of his ministry in this town.

When he arrived here in 1851 he encountered a church – this church St Mary and St Eanswythe - and a church community which was largely boring, dull and complacent. Yes, in both the architecture of the building, which he described as little more than a barn, more fit for storing hay than worshipping God, and the

attitude of many churchgoers, who were comfortable, complacent and resistant to any challenge and change.

And, sad to say, all this was true about much of the Church of England at the time. Not only 'low church' in its predominant style of worship, but low church in every other sense of that term – low in enthusiasm, low in energy, low in morale and in vision and commitment.

Matthew himself had had a low church upbringing - in the sense of a reasonably traditional evangelical, protestant faith. But he had been touched by what is now called The Oxford Movement, (because it largely emanated from that university city), which challenged the comfortable complacency of much of the Church of England, and offered instead both the style of preaching and a style of worshipping, and indeed the style of church architecture, which was rich and colourful and dramatic, and more worthy of God and his Christ. But it caused many – not just in Folkestone – discomfort, resentment and annoyance. It was offensive and indeed, at the time, many of its practices, such as a cross and candles on the altar, were unlawful. What a state the Church of England had got itself into!

And as you will know, Matthew began introducing this new style into his whole ministry and work within this parish. And he created much offence. Without going into too much detail, when Matthew arrived in Folkestone he had found it little more than a fishing village, deeply traditional and conservative with a small 'c'. Not least because of the coming of the railway, the town grew immeasurably with incomers, many of whom came with their own wealth and with a different social background from the indigenous fisherfolk. Matthew ministered to the poor and rich alike.

He oversaw the rebuilding and enlarging and the complete redecoration of this church; he was the moving force behind the building of the daughter churches of St Peter's, St Michael's and St Saviours in this town.

It was he who started St Mary and St Eanswythe schools; he also brought in a group of nuns to work mainly with the poor of the town, and opened a Working Men's Institute and a refuge for young women.

He was the driving force behind the building of the town's first hospital. All this meant that his path was far from easy, and he did experience bitter personal trials and disappointments.

A century or so later, of course, the ministry of Matthew Woodward is honoured and revered, and we celebrate his ministry on this an anniversary of his death. But what reading and learning about this remarkable man has reminded me is that a good Christian life is not lived without sometimes causing offence and, just as important, a good Christian life cannot be fashioned without sometimes feeling offended, not least by the gospel message itself. You and I can feel offended when in some way or other we have been challenged, we have been disturbed, and we've been confronted by a thought, word or action that questions our own behaviour or style of living or deeply held opinions, our prejudices. Jesus was doing this constantly, sometimes with no subtlety whatsoever. "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices - mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law - justice, mercy and faithfulness."



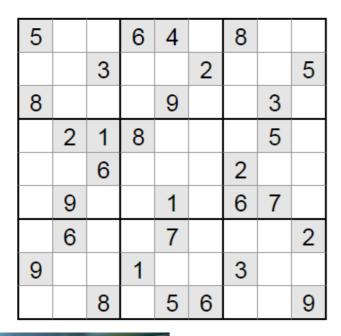
Not least because of this remarkable forebear whom we honour today, I ask of you and of myself the willingness to say to ourselves, not "Woe is you" but "Woe is me!" Where have I got it wrong, particularly among those opinions and practices that are so precious to me, and which I feel so strongly about? In Woodward's day, our Church was deeply divided between those who were against any kind of change in religion, and saw anything that was decorative and ornate as smacking of 'popery' – a

deep-seated prejudice against Roman Catholics. The 20th century saw the battle lines being drawn between those who treasured a traditional style of priesthood in our church and those who were in favour of an enlarged women's ministry. In our own day it seems that the gay issue is the one that generates the most offence, on both sides of the argument, and indeed within the Anglican Communion as a whole. For some people, where we stand on this issue has become a test of genuine Christian faith.

Archbishop Rowan Williams once said that we can learn more from those with whom we profoundly disagree both about ourselves and the issues at stake, if we are prepared to listen carefully. Woe is me if I am so sure that I am right that I have no time for a contrary point of view. Woe is you if you are so sure that you are right that you have no time for a contrary point of view. Matthew Woodward reminds us that neither of us is likely to grow and mature as Christians while our style of living and opinions are so fixed and so unchangeable.

If we really do wish to honour today the ministry of Matthew Woodward then we could do a lot worse than allowing ourselves seriously to take offence, in the sense of being open to be disturbed and discomforted not least in matters of religion, and in doing so to listen and to learn, and perhaps even to change. Amen

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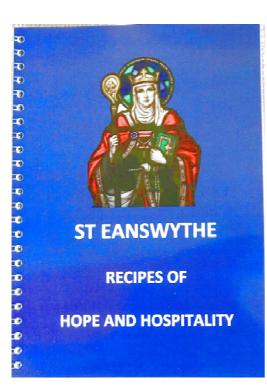
WHAT DO YOU MEAN

Kids explain the bible

- WE'RE GETTING A DOG !?
- © 'The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.'
- ☺ 'The epistles were the wives of the apostles.'
- © 'One of the opossums was St Matthew who was also a taximan.'
- © 'St Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.'
- © 'A Christian should have only one spouse. This is called monotony.'

Bless their little hearts!

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

SAINT EANSWYTHE'S RECIPES OF HOPE AND HOSPITALITY enjoy m the Parish Church of d St Eanswyth

taken by members of the congregation

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The Friends of St Mary & St Eanswythe

The Friends of St Mary and St Eanswythe were formed in 2014. The Friends are dedicated to the preservation of St Mary and St Eanswythe's church as a place of Christian worship and a focal point of historical interest for residents and visitors to Folkestone. All funds raised are devoted to the upkeep of the building and to the furtherance of public understanding of its history, architecture, and significance.

To find out more please visit http://friendsofstmaryandsteanswythe.org.uk

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Bookworm – What I've Been Reading

Again, Rachel – Marian Keyes (2022)

An excellent sequel to Rachel's Holiday. Rachel is now living her best life. She's head counsellor at the rehab centre where she herself went through rehab many years ago; she's got a beautiful house, a dog she adores and who adores her, a rich boyfriend (though she can't quite bring

herself to tell him she loves him, nor to move in with him), and a wonderful, supportive family.

But then her perfect life gets shaken up. Her ex-husband, her one true love, re-enters her life. And once an addict, always an addict, life starts to get very tricky indeed for Rachel.

We learn about the tragedy that hit her several years before, that led to the relapse that she has denied even to herself. There is a great deal of soul searching for her to do. This is a story about addiction, love, family, and tragedy. It is full of happiness and sadness, but all the time you want Rachel to succeed in overcoming her demons. The author is herself a recovering alcoholic, so it's been written from the heart. A really good read but do read Rachel's Holiday first.

Red Sauce, Brown Sauce: A British Breakfast Odyssey – Felicity Cloake (2022)

I truly loved this book. It's part cycling travelogue, part account of life in 2021 during the pandemic, and part celebration of that great institution the British Breakfast. Who'd have thought there would be so many possibilities for what to have on your plate? For me it must be good quality sausages and bacon, grilled tomatoes, and if at all possible, a potato or soda farl. No eggs, hash browns or black pudding. Obviously accompanied by copious quantities of black tea (no sugar), and wholemeal toast with chunky marmalade (no butter).

This was such a readable interesting book, which gives a detailed account of Guardian food writer Felicity Cloake's cycling tour of the UK sampling breakfasts along the way and pestering everyone she meets as to whether they prefer ketchup or brown sauce - neither for me thanks.

Having thoroughly enjoyed her previous book about a cycle tour of France, eating as many croissants as she could along the way, I pounced on this book almost as soon as it was published and started reading it immediately.

My only recommendation would be not to read over breakfast the chapter towards the end of the book about how black pudding is made! That was a bit much for me.

From Bobbys To Folca – Vincent Williams (2022)

This was a really interesting book, and at just over 70 pages, many of which are photos, it's a very quick read.

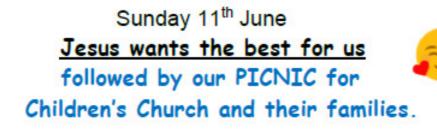
Written by a local historian it gives the history of Bobby's department store, which became Debenhams in the early 1970s and then most recently Folca (and the largest mass covid vaccination centre in Kent).

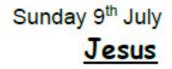
Oh, how we all miss having a department store in Folkestone.

I found it fascinating to read about the changes in the store over more than a century, and the photos brought back so many memories of department stores in general. It was also interesting from the point of view that my first job as a teenager was in a department store in Salisbury, which became known as Debenhams during the four years of my employment. Can you believe that I started off as Father Christmas' assistant, became an expert on ladies' nylon overalls (well someone has to), and ultimately worked on paints and wallpapers (and I knew a thing or two about that too)? *Catriona Hunter*

St Mary and St Eanswythe Children's Church

What's coming up?







is always ready to help us!



Sunday 13th August Jesus is with us whether it's stormy or sunny



Children's Church begins in church at 10.30 am. We do hope you can join us for

- Singing,
- ☺ making things,
- \bigcirc learning about Jesus and
- \odot 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

Here's a BIG question WHERE IS Jesus NOW?

The answer from Children's Church is definitely **JESUS IS EVERYWHERE!**

We worked out that, if he stayed with his disciples, Jesus couldn't be everywhere, all the time, after God brought him back from the dead, so something had to change.....

Jesus had to go to God and then the Holy Spirit could be poured out on the world, in power and love, so now we can know that Jesus is everywhere, all the time. To remind us this wonderful event, we made mobiles to take home. These show a cloud and two angels, welcoming Jesus home to God.

Here they are under construction



And here they are - ready to hang up!





We also practised a rap – and shared that in church! Perhaps you were there, we hope you enjoyed it – here it is again for you to say yourself – don't forget the rhythm and the actions!

Say – come on, come on listen! Come on everybody hear how Jesus was born A tiny baby on Christmas morn He grew up working in a carpenter's shop Making chairs and tables, he just couldn't stop

Say – come on, come on listen!

Then he heard God's call, he started to teach With the Holy Spirit's help, and he started to preach And make people better, but some didn't like it So they called out the soldiers and tried to fight it By nailing our Saviour to a wooden cross And there he died, what a terrible loss

Say – come on, come on listen!

But it wasn't the end – God is great and kind Brought Jesus back to life in the nick of time He hung out with his friends for a bit until God called Jesus home, but he's with us still COS The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost To be with us everywhere so no one will be lost!

Say – come on, come on listen!

CET 2023

Next time, 11th June, we'll be thinking about how Jesus always cares for us – and afterwards, it's our picnic for Children's Church families. We have lots of fun and games planned!

Clare Tomlinson



Whilst it may be a bit late to Ring for The King, our band of bellringers would welcome reinforcements. Contact Dave Robinson at

david.m.robinson24@gm ail.com

And for those who are very observant, the tiled flooring shown in the church on the poster is exactly the same as our Tower and Chancel flooring.

The bottom right box of the poster is not our details. We have a ring of 8 Bells. They are rung before the 10:30 Service on Sundays and there is a practice on Tuesday evenings.

See pages 18 and 19 for the certificates for our Bell Ringers efforts for the

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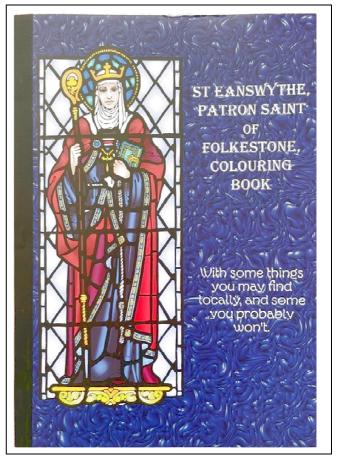
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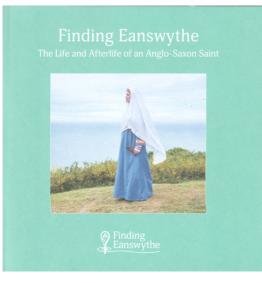
St Eanswythe, Patron Saint of Folkestone, Colouring Book

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**.

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.

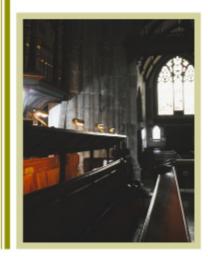
Experience can be an advantage but lots of support will be available.

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

stmaryandsteanswythe.org sainteanswythemusic@gmail.com







June Sunday Eucharist and Red Letter Day Gospels

Sunday 4 June – Trinity Sunday: Matthew 28.16-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Sunday 11 June – 1st after Trinity: Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

Sunday 18 June – 2nd after Trinity: Matthew 9.35-10.8

You received without payment; give without payment

Sunday 25 June – 3rd after Trinity: Matthew 10.24-39

Whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

Red Letter Days Thursday 8 June – Thanksgiving for Holy Communion (Corpus Christi) John 6.51-58



Saturday 14 June The Birth of John the Baptist Luke 1.57-66, 80

Thursday 29 June Peter and Paul, Apostles Matthew 16.13-19

Simon Peter answered 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' Jesus answered 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

News From St Eanswythe's Primary School

Knights, Kings and Worship Leaders!

Our trip to Canterbury Cathedral began with Worship Leaders from Years Five and Six dressing up in traditional Knight, Kings, Queen and Monk costumes. This really bought stories of the cathedral to life as we explored. During our tour of the beautiful Cathedral we began by learning about the Archbishops past and present. We found out that the current Archbishop is going to crown our new King in the coronation soon!

We then delved into the wonderful and rich history of the Cathedral, including learning about our very own St Eanswythe! One of our favourite parts was exploring the herb garden that once belonged the Monastery. Things then got a little bit gory when we learnt about Thomas Becket and his death in the Cathedral. But Perhaps the most magical moment took place in the Crypt, a beautiful and serene part of the Cathedral. We all sat together, lit a prayer candle and prayed together including our school prayer.



BELLRINGING FOR THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III & QUEEN CAMILLA

Kent County Association

On Saturday, 6 May 2023 Folkestone, Kent St Mary and St Eanswythe

General Ringing

Grandsire Doubles, Reverse Canterbury and rounds and call changes, including Kings, Queens & Princes.

Susan Atkinson Marina Robinson Steve Popple Mike Godfrey Mick Fuller Robert Powell-Williams David Robinson

Rung to celebrate the coronation of King Charles lll and Queen Camilla









RINGING FOR THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III & QUEEN CAMILLA

Kent County Association

On Sunday, 7th May 2023 Folkestone, Kent St Mary and St Eanswythe

General Ringing

Grandsire Triples, Rounds and call changes including Kings and Queens

Sue Atkinson Martin Spencer Marina Robinson David Robinson Cleo Hart Ivan Hart Mike Godfrey Mick Fuller Steve Popple Ed Neat Charles Sinden Martin Keel

Rung to introduce The Bayle Coronation Street party.

Martin Keel and Martin Spencer are Ring for the King recruits.



Commemoration of the Month Barnabas the Apostle 11 June

Though not named among the twelve apostles of the evangelists, Barnabas emerges

in the Acts of the Apostles as one of the most significant of their number. He sold his estate and gave the proceeds to the Church, since all things were to be held in common, and clearly became a leader. He is described as a Levite from Cyprus so, like his friend Paul, was from the Greek world rather than that of Palestine, and he introduced Paul to the leaders of the Church in Jerusalem. He was sent to Antioch apparently to guide the Christians there in their relations with non-Jewish converts, promoting the concept of all being one in Christ. He broke with Paul to go to Cyprus and tradition has it that he was martyred there in the year 61.



Collect

Bountiful God, giver of all gifts, who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas and gave him grace to encourage others: help us, by his example, to be generous in our judgements and unselfish in our service; 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-Job 29. 11-16: NT-Acts 11. 19-30: GOSPEL-John 15. 12-17

Just a thought . . .

'The difference between genius and stupidity is: genius has its limits.'

Alexandre Dumas Jnr.

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The Rainbow Centre



As our Church Liason Officer [CLO] for The Rainbow Centre I attended a meeting on the 13th April.

Dr Peter LeFeuvre, the Chairman of the Trustees was present to give us an update.

The Rainbow Centre is flexible. It fills in the gaps that other services are not undertaking. It exists to alleviate deprivation and hardship.

During the Winter it was able to provide shelter for the homeless in hotels and bed and breakfast accommodation. This gives individuals more privacy in single rooms rather than the previous model of caring for people in a dormitory on camp beds in churches and halls.

On site The Rainbow has a breakfast club which not only offers food but also warmth and companionship for guests while waiting for an appointment for advice.

The foodbank has been going in its present form for many years, but in common with other area the Pantry scheme is being introduced. This operates rather like a club. Individuals pay in a small sum and are able to select goods at a higher price of their choosing. The club scheme also encourages fellowship to combat loneliness.

A mobile pantry is on the horizon which will operate over a large area including the Marsh. It is hoped that cookery classes may be offered as a stepping stone to encourage independence.

Peter explained that the Trustees are an excellent board but would like to enlarge.

Individuals with fund-raising and social media skills would be an asset.

A fund-raising update has raised $\pounds 12,000$ plus $\pounds 1,700$ from The Walk of Kings at Christmas.

As I recall some years ago our Church had a stalwart band of ladies who used to take part in a 'knit in' to raise money for The Rainbow Centre. This project is still going strong and something that could be revived so watch this space!

Marilyn Edey

Music Notes



The 2022-23 Bayle Music series ends back here in church with a fascinating concert given by the Shellard Clarinet Trio led by Alan Shellard – who is no stranger to Bayle Music



at 3 p.m. on Saturday 10 June.

The Shellard Clarinet Trio was formed at the Royal College of Music in 2016 and has performed at venues across the UK in recital halls, schools and at a variety of events. The trio specialises in performing a broad range of repertoire spanning four centuries and introduces audiences to the rich variety of timbres offered in combination by the clarinet, basset horn and bass clarinet.

Tickets at £15 per head (children and full-time students free) via the Bayle Music link on the Sounds Folkestone website - <u>www.soundsfolkestone.co.uk</u> or on the door from 2.30 on Saturday 10 June. To be added to the Bayle Music email list, please send your contact details to <u>bayleman@gmail.com</u>

Plans for the 2023-24 season are well in hand and will be circulated in August. Make sure we have your contact details so that you don't miss out!



Technophobia

Technology is taking over All those smart phones with the apps It's all too much for my poor brain It gets me in a flap

Now we have to text and skype And take score of selfies It seems to me a load of hype Or bats up in the belfries

But what if one disastrous day We lose electric power No phones, no heat, no microwaves No hot water for the shower

Who will come to rescue us And banish all our fears? I'm afraid it's back to bushcraft And lessons from Ray Mears.

Dora Alker

The Owl

Soon I will fly on the night wind When darkness shrouds the land To the primitive call of the hunter Which man may not understand

In the twilight hush I listen For the sounds of my hidden prey I swoop to the kill as swift and sure As the onward rush of day.

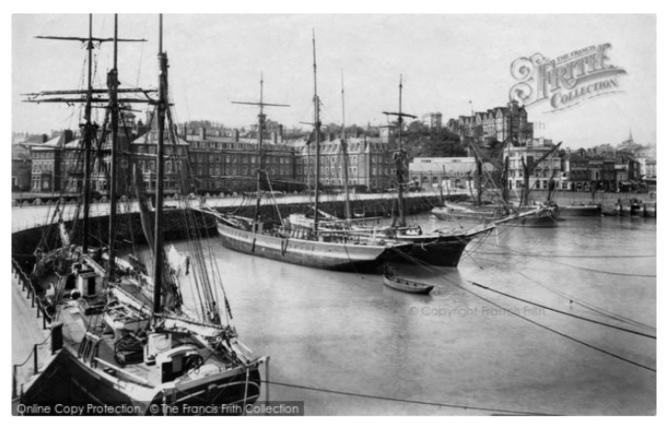
Then in my secret dwelling I sleep through the hours of light And wait for the sun to surrender To the creatures of the night.

Dora Alker

Old Folkestone



The first view should be familiar. It shows Sandgate Road when it was a road/ The building to the left was the Queens Hotel, demolished in the 60s, with a horse-drawn open coach. The Town Hall had a theatre on the top floor, Court and Council Chamber on the 1st floor and cells and public conveniences in the basement.



The Inner Harbour was a commercial port, at one stage the South Eastern Railway received its coal from northern coal mines. In those days the railway bridge could turn to let the ships through. Note also the Royal Pavilion Hotel in the background.

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