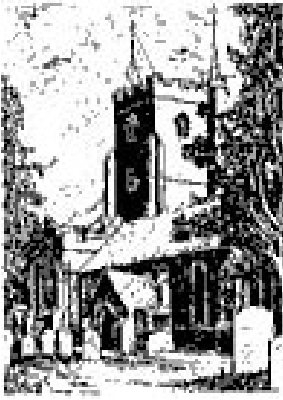


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Please contact Andrew Plested as above

CALENDAR

Services and Events in April 2023

Mon	1	7.30 p.m. Companions of Eanswythe
Thu	4	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sun	7	Fifth Sunday of Easter 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST
Mon	8	9.30 a.m. Companions of Eanswythe
Thu	11	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion 1.00 p.m. Wedding of Louise Spicer and Graeme Johnson
Sat	13	11 a.m. Ukrainian Hospitality
Sun	14	Sixth Sunday of Easter 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST 12.30 p.m. Baptism of Maximus Charles Joseph Mynard
Mon	15	7.30 p.m. Companions of Eanswythe
Thu	18	Ascension Day 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion 7.30 p.m. THE EUCHARIST
Fri-Sun	19-21	THE SACCONI FESTIVAL <i>see pages 26 and 27</i>
Sun	21	Seventh Sunday of Easter 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST
Mon	22	9.30 a.m. Companions of Eanswythe 7.00 p.m. PCC
Thu	25	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Fri	26	7.00 p.m. Concert - Stephanie Williams
Sun	28	Pentecost 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST 1.00 p.m. Baptism of Phoebe Emily Redmond
Thu	June 1	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sat	3	11 a.m. Ukrainian Hospitality
Sun	4	Trinity Sunday 10.30 a.m. THE EUCHARIST
Mon	5	7.30 p.m. Companions of Eanswythe

From the Parish Registers

Baptism
Feb

We welcome into the Lord's family
Betsy Sharpe

Marriage
March

Those whom God has joined together
James King and Victoria Sansom



Don't forget the Donation Station!

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Cash and cheques can be placed in the box by the main door, and credit card payments can be made in several ways:

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Parking in the School Playground

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

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

The Peace of the Risen Christ

Here are some verses from John's Gospel (20:19-23):

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Notice that the first thing Jesus says to his gathered disciples is 'Peace be with you'. Peace – that quality of being that he had promised just three days earlier. 'Peace I leave with you', Jesus had told them, 'I give you *my* peace and *my* gift is nothing like the peace of this world'.

Do you have that kind of peace? Would you recognise it if you had? And would you know how to get it if you don't?

Mind you, there are different notions of what peace is. Listen to this poem by Wendell Berry:

The Peace of Wild Things

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.

I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

This view of peace is all about you as an individual. If you don't have peace of mind because you're worried, then you can find it for a while by withdrawing from others and connecting with nature.

It's a very contemporary way of viewing the world, this idea of us as individuals finding the resources to make our own way forward, alone. But for most of history,

‘peace’ has usually meant a quality that is the opposite of conflict and war. Here’s a poem by Denise Levertov:

Making Peace

A voice from the dark called out,
“The poets must give us
imagination of peace, to oust the intense, familiar
imagination of disaster. Peace, not only
the absence of war.”
But peace, like a poem,
is not there ahead of itself,
can’t be imagined before it is made,
can’t be known except
in the words of its making,
grammar of justice,
syntax of mutual aid.
A feeling towards it,
dimly sensing a rhythm, is all we have
until we begin to utter its metaphors,
learning them as we speak.
A line of peace might appear
if we restructured the sentence our lives are making,
revoked its reaffirmation of profit and power,
questioned our needs, allowed
long pauses. . . .
A cadence of peace might balance its weight
on that different fulcrum; peace, a presence,
an energy field more intense than war,
might pulse then,
stanza by stanza into the world,
each act of living
one of its words, each word
a vibration of light—facets
of the forming crystal.

But Jesus offers something that is different either from a calm mind or the construction of mutual living. It’s not that Jesus’ peace is not these things; it is. But it’s more than they are; it encompasses them and completes them because he goes to very roots of who we are in relation to God, ourselves and one another.

Jesus’ everyday language was Aramaic. And the Aramaic for ‘peace’ is ‘shalama’, the exact equivalent of the Arabic ‘salaam’, or the Hebrew ‘shalom’. The Aramaic language reflects a different way of seeing the world than that reflected by English. Western languages tend to emphasise the distinction between things whereas Semitic languages tend to emphasise the connection between things.

For example, the Gospels sometimes have Jesus saying ‘The Kingdom of God is

among you'. In Aramaic 'within' and among' are the same word. It would have been inconceivable to Jesus that something that is within me and within you is not also shared and made manifest between us.

So with peace. If *shalama* is to be within me and within you then it must also be between us and between us and God.

And so when Jesus stands among the disciples for the first time he emphasises the connections among them. He brings peace from God to them all.

And, actually, he doesn't say 'Peace be with you', as if he's somewhat hopeful that it might be. In the original languages he says an emphatic, 'Peace to you'. It's an impartation. He pronounces peace between God and them, between them and each other and between them and themselves.

But it's what he does next that gives us both hope and an immense challenge.

He sends them in the power of the Spirit to forgive sins. Verse 23 of our Gospel reading: 'if you forgive the sins of any they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any they are retained'.

Now, this verse is usually interpreted and debated as being about the Apostolic and priestly power to give or hold back absolution.

But do you really think that if you come with genuine contrition to God that any priest anywhere is going to stop him from forgiving you?

Or that, if you convince a priest to pronounce absolution but in your secret heart are not sorry, that you will get away with it with God?

Of course not!

No, this verse applies to all disciples of Christ, as the other verses in this passage do and it does not invest us with special power over others' sins. Rather it describes the truth about how we can all affect the peace which Jesus plans should flow between us; either to let it flow or to block it.

'Sin' is an interesting word in Aramaic. It is not about the state of an individual soul. Rather, 'khtahayn' has the sense of tangled threads, frustrated hopes, failures and mistakes. It implies that mending and restoration is needed.

It is about the mistakes that tie ourselves and one another in knots and which block the flow of peace within and between us and which must begin to be untangled before peace can flow once more.

And forgiveness is the key. Peace is not achieved by everyone being sinless, never making mistakes, never hurting each other, never being hurt. Peace is achieved by untangling the knots through forgiveness. If you forgive the sins of others, Jesus says, then they will be released between you and there will flow peace.

If you do not forgive the sins of others then they will be retained between you and the flow of peace to you, from you and between you will be blocked.

It really is that simple, and it really is that hard.

Real peace then, Jesus' peace, is achieved by constantly keeping the connections and relationships between ourselves, God and others clear and whole. And that can only be done as we learn to give and receive forgiveness.

We can't have real peace within relationships, families, communities or nations without forgiveness.

And there can't be peace within churches, congregations and individual disciples without forgiveness either.

It's not easy. Sometimes the tangle of hurt between us and others is so... profound; intense; complicated... that it's very difficult to achieve. It takes careful truth-telling. And the willingness to hear uncomfortable truths about yourself.

And sometimes you, or the other, cannot bear or is not willing to bear the pain it sometimes takes to unblock the flow of peace between you. It takes two to untangle.

And so we always begin with the relationship that only depends on **our** commitment to receive the flow of peace. Our relationship with God. For the risen Christ stands before us today, as he did before the first disciples, and he says to us:

'Peace to you. Receive the Holy Spirit.' For he is always willing to untangle the relationship between us and him. And, having received his forgiveness; his peace, we now have the resources to work on our relationship with others: with partners, family, friends, enemies, communities, organisations, our nation, our world.

Truth-telling and the willingness to hear uncomfortable truths. The peace of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are removed; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.

Peace to you, this day.

Father John

A note for your diary

It's early I know but we will be celebrating **St Eanswythe's Day** with a Festival on **Saturday September 9**. We will need lots of help as always with cleaning, washing up, and cakes and gifts for our church stall.

So please put it in your diaries and start looking in those cupboards!

And if you know anyone who would like to have a stall please let me know and I will be in touch with them.

We will be having a concert later in the day and would love to include performances by local children – playing an instrument or singing.

If you are able to help in any way on our special day please let me know.

Thank you as always - Jenny



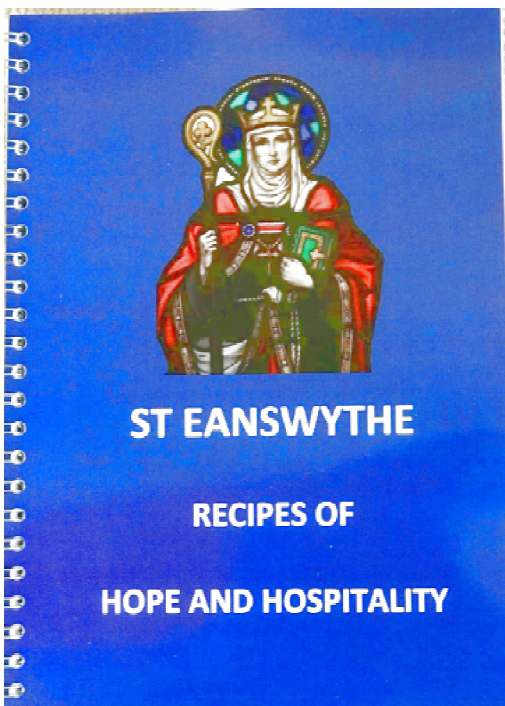
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Woodward 125

We welcomed our former Curate Rev Tony Shepherd on the Saturday afternoon who gave a fascinating talk about the life and works of Matthew Woodward. Then on the Sunday we welcomed former Bishop of Dover the Right Reverend Richard Llewellyn who gave a very interesting sermon for the Sunday Eucharist, this was followed by a marvellous ploughman's lunch (with amazing cakes!). Judy Doherty gave a guided tour of the church on Monday. Many thanks to Ian, Jenny, Jan. Sue, Maurice and Judy for all their works to make the weekend a success.

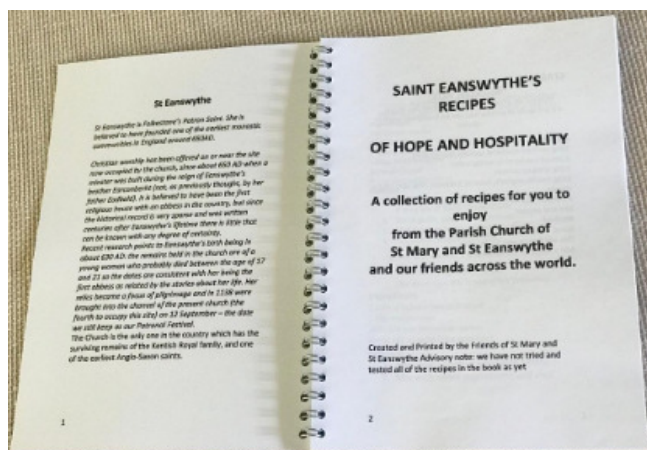
Recipes of Hope and Hospitality and Notelets

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.



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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For existing Friends annual subscriptions are due now and if you were uncertain how to pay please see the above details.

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Bookworm – What I've Been Reading

The Fell – Sarah Moss (2021)

It's amazing (to me anyway) how quickly we have forgotten just how restricted our lives were during lockdown.

This book is set in November 2020. Kate and her teenage son Matt are in isolation, having been close contacts of someone with Covid 19. But Kate is an outdoorsy type of person, and it's driving her crazy not being able to do her usual hill walking. She doesn't feel ill so surely it won't matter if she goes for a quick walk on the fell? She slips out of the house, without telling Matt, and without her phone. She'll be back before dark and before anyone notices she's gone. But of course she has an accident, which is when everything starts to go really rather wrong.

It's a tense and exciting book. Not fast paced, but still a real page turner. The author's lengthy paragraphs, sometimes spreading over two pages, serve to add to the oppressive, claustrophobic feel of being in lockdown.

I enjoyed this very much indeed. It's quite short, under 200 pages and a fairly quick read. This was my first book by Sarah Moss, and I immediately started on another one.

Summerwater – Sarah Moss (2020)

This is a book about the holiday from hell. It's set in a rather tatty log cabin park in Scotland. The rain is pouring down relentlessly and there are the noisy neighbours, also from hell. It's all about the different families holidaying there, and human interactions, and being driven beyond the limits of tolerance, until disaster strikes. There's a nice little twist at the end too.

I'm rather liking Sarah Moss as an author. Her books all seem to be quite short (this one is 200 pages) and fairly quick reading.

The Last Party – Clare Mackintosh (2022)

No one writes plot twists as well as Clare Mackintosh, and they really do start to pile up in the second half of this book. It was a very good read, and I thoroughly enjoyed it, indeed I almost made myself late for work several times by wanting to read just one more chapter over breakfast.

This is the first of a new series of books featuring detective Ffion Morgan. She lives and works in a small village on the shore of a lake on the Welsh border. It's the sort of place where everyone knows everyone else's business and she seems to be related to half the village as well. On the other side of the lake it's England, and that's where the new development of exclusive holiday homes is. It's also where no one is quite who they seem, and where one of them suffers a violent death during a new year party. He was someone that everyone hated, and most of the partygoers have a motive for his murder. But who did it?

I won't say any more as it was a very exciting book. I liked the central characters very much and look forward to reading more about DC Ffion Morgan in the next book, which is due out in July.

Catriona Hunter

St Mary and St Eanswythe Children's Church

What's coming up?



Sunday 14th May
Where is Jesus NOW?
(spoiler alert – right beside you!)



Sunday 11th June
Jesus wants the best for us
followed by our **PICNIC** for
Children's Church and their families.



Sunday 9th July

Jesus



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,
- ☺ 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

HOSANNA! HOSANNA!

In Children's Church on Palm Sunday, we were so busy!

- We learned a new song
- made palms to wave
- listened to the story of Jesus on Good Friday and Easter Day
AND
- created our own crosses bursting with Easter life in the shape of flowers.

Using the tune of "She'll be coming round the mountain" we sang
"He'll be riding on a donkey when he comes"
"We will wave our palms in welcome when he comes"
"We will sing HOSANNA! when he comes!"



What a song!

What a story!

What a Saviour!

As we each held a cross, we shared the story of Jesus as he was betrayed and crucified then, using flower pictures we transformed our crosses to show Jesus' risen life!

AND on Easter Day – lots of keen eyes spotted egg shaped tokens round the church and eggs-changed them for.....

Clare Tomlinson



News From St Eanswythe's Primary School

Our Worship Leaders!

Here are some wonderful photos of year 6 Worship Leaders leading our assembly, and the rest of the school joyfully joining in! The Worship was on Respect, which is this terms value. The story was about Jesus and the children in the Temple, and the Temple Priest showing their anger and lack of respect.



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Bell ringing: a great tradition

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Folkestone

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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@gmail.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 left 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.

Church Hire

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

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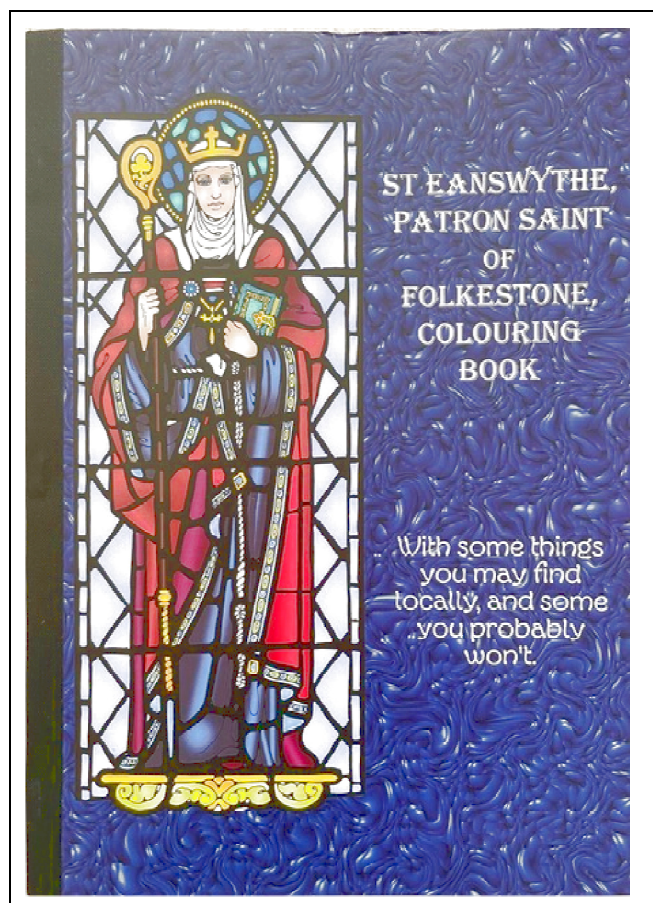
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St Eanswythe, Patron Saint of Folkestone, Colouring Book

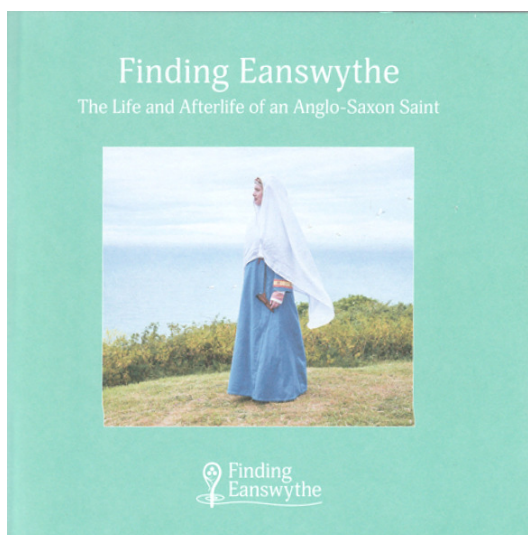
Once upon a time, not so long ago, when Marilyn and Catriona were on church welcoming duty, a father and his two young daughters came into the church. The girls wanted to do some colouring, but although there were plenty of crayons in the children's corner, there was nothing for them to colour in. This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

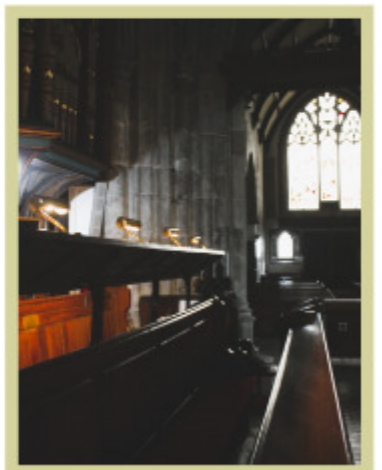
THE CHOIR OF ST MARY & ST EANSWYTHE IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

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

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sainteanswythemusic@gmail.com



May Sunday Eucharist Gospels

Sunday 7 May - Fifth Sunday of Easter: John 14.1-14

'Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?'

Sunday 14 May - Sixth Sunday of Easter: John 14.15-21

'Because I live, you also will live.'

Sunday 21 May - Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension): John 17.1-11

*'All mine are yours and yours are mine;
and I have been glorified in them.'*

Sunday 28 May - Pentecost: John 20.19-23

He breathed on them and said to them 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'

Days of Special Observation

Monday 1 May - St Philip and St James, Apostles: John 14.1-4

Monday 15 May - Matthias the Apostle: John 15.9-17

Thursday 18 May - Ascension Day: Luke 24.44-53

'They worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.'

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



The Coronation



The Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort will take place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May, 2023. The Service will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. As previously announced, the Service will reflect the Monarch's role today and look towards the future, while being rooted in long standing traditions and pageantry.



The British monarch is also the Supreme Governor of the Church of England, the head of that church, under God but above the Archbishop of Canterbury who will lead the coronation service.

In the New Testament, Jesus is also described as a king, the true king of Israel and indeed of the whole world. Even Pontius Pilate, who signed Jesus' death warrant, writes on it "the King of the Jews". But Jesus's model of kingship is very different to that of those Old Testament rulers, and indeed many rulers today. His kingship is not about power or prestige, wealth or status. However, the consistent witness of those who were there and wrote about these things is that Jesus was raised from death after three days, and that one day he will return to this world. At that point heaven and earth will be renewed and reconciled, and Jesus will reign, the King of justice and of peace. Much of this lies behind the symbolism of the coronation of King Charles III.

So while Christians will differ in how they think about the system of monarchy and how they feel about the coronation of our new King, all will agree that Jesus is in the end the world's one King, and will want to pray that King Charles will be led by the Holy Spirit to follow in Jesus' footsteps.

The ceremony will begin with the anointing of Charles, symbolising his spiritual entry into kingship, and then his crowning and enthronement, representing his assumption of temporal powers and responsibilities. Camilla will be crowned in a shorter and simpler ceremony.



St George The Martyr



A familiar sight in Canterbury's shopping centre is the Tower of St George the Martyr with its clock protruding on the south side.

The surrounding area was subject to much destruction through bombing in the Second World War. The 1944 film 'A Canterbury Tale', available on Youtube, shows the area consisting mainly of cellars with virtually nothing between the Bus Station and the Cathedral.

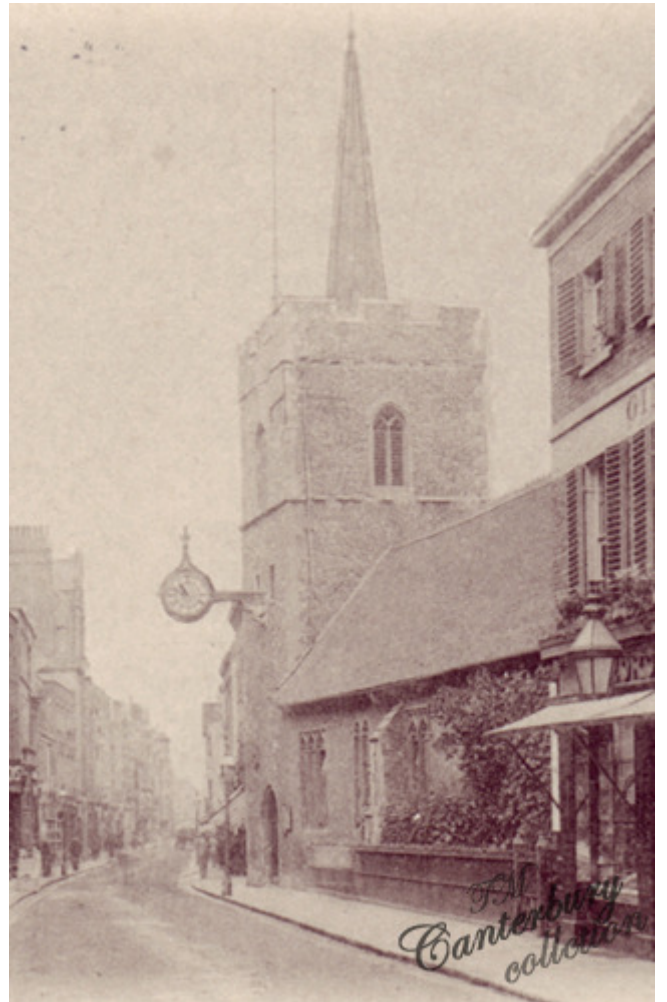
Originally the tower had a spire. As can be seen opposite, the shopping street was very narrow in those days.

The view below shows the eastern end of the church with the High Altar and a fine stained glass window. The was at the 'Wilkinsons' end of the plot with the tower at the western end. The church comprised a Chancel, Nave and two side aisles.

Christopher Marlowe was baptised here in 1564 <http://machadoink.com/St%20George.htm>



The 13th Century Font



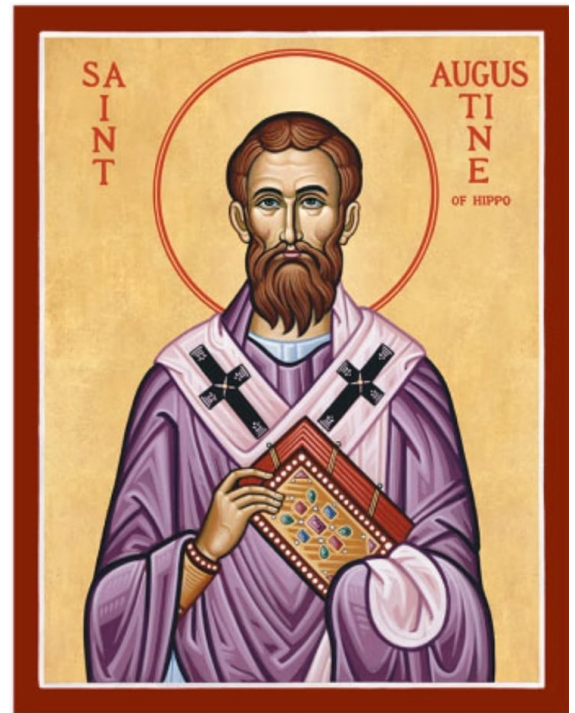
The church of St George the Martyr and Mary Magdalene, enlarged on the demolition of the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Burgate, consisted of a chancel, nave and aisles, nearly equal in width and a massive embattled tower at the west end, surmounted by a slight wooden spire and contains a clock which was restored in 1877 and two four feet projecting illuminated dials added by Gillett, Bland & Co. Croydon; this church was once one of the possessions of Christ Church and when that Monastery was dissolved by Henry VIII., the rectory was transferred to the Dean and Chapter. The original church consisted of nave and south aisle and had formerly a steeple extending into the street with footpath passing through an arch.

Commemoration of the Month

Augustine, Archbishop of Canterbury

26 May

Augustine was prior of the monastery of St Andrew in Rome. In 596, at the instigation of Pope Gregory the Great, he was dispatched as the leader of a group of forty monks to re-evangelise the English Church. Augustine appears not to have been a particularly confident person, and in Gaul he wanted to turn back, but Pope Gregory's firm resolution held the group to their mission. The monks finally landed in Kent in the summer of 597 where they were well received by King Ethelbert whose wife, Bertha, was a Christian. Once established, Augustine returned temporarily to Gaul to receive ordination as a bishop. Pope Gregory would have preferred London to have become the primatial see, but in the event Canterbury was chosen, and thus Augustine became the first archbishop of Canterbury. He died in either 604 or 605. Ethelbert and Bertha's granddaughter was our own St Eanswythe.



Collect

Almighty God,
whose servant Augustine was sent as the apostle
of the English people:
grant that as he laboured in the Spirit
to preach Christ's gospel in this land
so all who hear the good news
may strive to make your truth known in all the world;
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 49.22-25 NT-Thess. 1.2b-8 GOSPEL- Matthew 13.31-33

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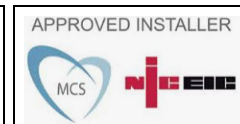


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