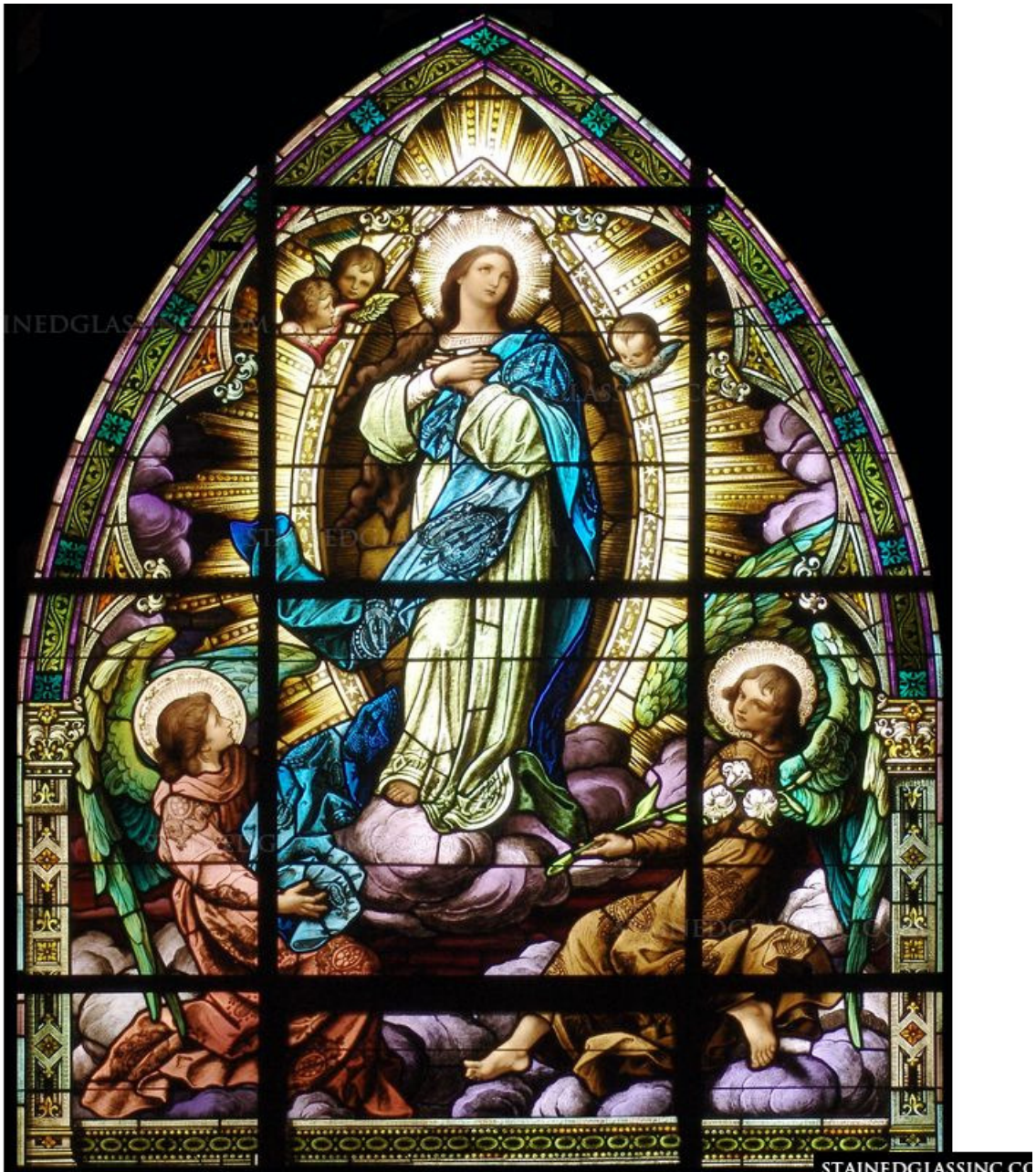
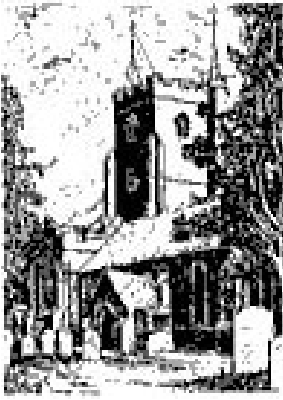


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**St Mary and St Eanswythe**  
with  
**St Saviour**

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*Front Cover: Stained glass - The Assumption*

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**Please contact Andrew Plested as above**

# CALENDAR

## Services and Events in August 2023

Thu	3	10.30 Holy Communion
Sun	6	<b>The Transfiguration</b> 10.30 THE EUCHARIST
Thu	10	10.30 Holy Communion
Sat	12	13.00 Wedding - Arron Mynard and Carly Ciantar
Sun	13	<b>The Tenth Sunday after Trinity</b> 10.30 THE EUCHARIST <b>with Children's Church</b>
Tue	15	The Assumption
Thu	17	10.30 Holy Communion
Sun	20	<b>The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</b> 10.30 THE EUCHARIST
Thu	24	10.30 Holy Communion
Sun	27	<b>The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</b> 10.30 THE EUCHARIST
Thu	31	10.30 Holy Communion



### September

Sat	2	13.00 Wedding - Lucy Roud & Neil Edwards
Sun	3	<b>The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</b> 10.30 THE EUCHARIST
Sat	9	<b>St Eanswythe Festival 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.</b>




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## From the Parish Registers

### **Baptism**

June

*We welcome into the Lord's family*  
Charles Joseph James Phippen

## Don't forget the Donation Station!

There are so many ways that you can make donations or pay for our range of merchandise.

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

- by scanning the QR code on the weekly pew sheet or the back of Rendezvous;
- by clicking the Donate Button on our website; or
- by using the Donation Station adjacent to the sales table.

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

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### Parking in the School Playground

We are grateful to the 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](mailto: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

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Meditation is increasingly popular. You can see why, considering our frantic world. It's been scientifically proven to decrease stress and reduce symptoms of depression.<sup>1</sup> Yet meditation is often thought to have emerged exclusively from Eastern religions. Not so. There is a rich and ancient Christian tradition of meditation that goes back at least as far as the first monastic communities in the 4<sup>th</sup> century. It's been kept alive in monasteries ever since, and is used by Christians of all kinds.

I use it. In fact, it forms the heart of my spiritual life and I honestly don't know how I would have survived the last few turbulent years without it. It keeps me rooted in God, yes, but also rooted in my best self and in the real world, rather than the imagined world that my anxieties too often conjure up.

The benefits are enormous and it's simple to do. Yet the benefits only really emerge with steady daily practice. That's what often trips people up because it means grafting a new habit into your daily routine. Still, if you'd like to enter the 'Silent Land' – your homeland – as Professor Martin Laird calls it, here's a simple guide.<sup>2</sup>

### PREPARATION

1. Give up any idea that you will achieve a still, silent, calm mind. You won't. Your goal is instead to discover the still, silent, calm core **already** at the centre of you, hidden beneath the chaotic clutter of memories, plans, anxieties, fantasies, emotions, plans and random thoughts that constantly swirl around in your head.
2. Choose a place and a time you won't be interrupted. Negotiate this with others in your home. Put there a Bible, upright chair and cushion. Allow 20 minutes.
3. Sit on the front edge of the chair with your feet flat on the floor and your back straight. Your hips should be slightly higher than your knees, so use the cushion either under your feet or bottom to achieve this, according to your height. Have the Bible within easy reach.
4. Choose a prayer word, preferable of one or two syllables. Something like Jesus, love, faith or hope. Whatever springs to mind. Once chosen, stick with it.

### READING

1. Choose a Gospel. Go to chapter 1, verse 1 and read it aloud, slowly. Consider what word, phrase, image or idea catches your attention.

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1. For example, in "Mindfulness: A practical guide to finding peace in a frantic world" by Prof. Mark Williams

2. Into the Silent Land: The Practice of Contemplation" by Prof. Martin Laird

2. Read it aloud again. Consider what it might be saying to you about your life. Use your intuition.
3. Read it aloud a third time. Pause for a short while and let it settle in your soul.
4. The next day, do the same with verse 2, and so on.

## **PRAYING**

1. Put the Bible down and, maintaining your upright posture, lay your hands on your knees or lap, keep your head erect and close your eyes. Breathe naturally.
2. Say your prayer word silently in your head, but time it with your breathing, a syllable for each in-breath and out-breath.
3. Be watchful for the first thought, image or feeling that distracts you. As soon as this happens, notice where your mind went to and gently escort your attention back to your prayer word, united with your breath.
4. This noticing of distraction and escorting attention back to the prayer word IS the practice of contemplative prayer. Do it again and again, as often as necessary until your time is up.
5. Trust that God is deep within you, beneath the distractions. Trust that, every time you escort your attention back to your prayer word you are returning to the source of life within you.
6. I end with a spoken prayer, from Scripture, that I know by heart. The Lord's Prayer would serve well.

And that's it. Simple and difficult at the same time. But it opens up that fountain of living water that Jesus speaks about in the Gospels. May you discover the Silent Land.

*Fr John*

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**THE PARISH CHURCH OF  
ST MARY & ST EANSWYTHE**  
*with*  
**ST SAVIOUR, FOLKESTONE**

**2023 CHURCH APPEALS**

We need your help to raise funds for three very important projects:

**URGENT HEATING APPEAL**

**£35,000**

Our boiler is broken! Please help us keep the Church warm this winter. We have already paid **£23,000** towards this; **£11,000** from our boiler fund, **£9,000** from the Friends of St Mary & St Eanswythe, and a **£3,000** individual donation. However, we still have another **£35,000** to find by October so that we can remain open to visitors and our loyal congregation.

**EANSWYTHE FOUND PROJECT**

**£120,000**

The relics of one of the earliest English saints, St. Eanswythe, the Patron Saint of Folkestone, were discovered in our Church. We need to raise **£6,000** by the end of July to build a Reliquary and **£120,000** in total to fully realise our plans for the Pilgrimage Centre including refurbishing our hospitality area and creating a heritage wall which tells the story of Eanswythe and the Church.

**ORGAN RESTORATION**

**£450,000**

Help us save our historic organ which is in desperate need of refurbishment. Over the coming months we are planning a series of fundraising activities and applying for grants to help us raise a massive **£450,000** so we can restore our fine instrument to its former glory. If you can help in any way, we would love to hear from you.

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**HOW TO SUPPORT US**

You can donate from £5 to £1,000 using this QR Code:  
If you would like to donate to a specific project, please chat to our Priest, Fr John, or get in touch via the Parish Office: [sainteanswythe@gmail.com](mailto:sainteanswythe@gmail.com)

For more information about our Church please visit <https://stmaryandsteanswythe.org>



To clarify, we are no longer allowed to install gas or oil-fired boilers for environmental reasons. We therefore have to switch to electric heating. This should save us in running costs, currently the heating has to be switched on at 6 p.m. on a Saturday evening to be ready for the Sunday service at a cost of over £100 - the warm-up time with electric will be 15 minutes.

The daily news reports of the seemingly endless conflict in Ukraine amongst the spring and summer flowers and plants, and elsewhere, brought to mind this poem which I first came across at college. It seems to me to capture mankind's apparently innate hostility to one another and the timeless and indestructible world of nature. Can they ever co-exist?

## Naming of Parts

Today we have naming of parts. Yesterday,  
We had daily cleaning. And tomorrow morning,  
We shall have what to do after firing. But today,  
Today we have naming of parts. Japonica  
Glistens like coral in all of the neighbouring gardens,  
And today we have naming of parts.

This is the lower sling swivel. And this  
Is the upper sling swivel, whose use you will see,  
When you are given your slings. And this is the piling swivel,  
Which in your case you have not got. The branches  
Hold in the gardens their silent, eloquent gestures,  
Which in our case we have not got.

This is the safety-catch, which is always released  
With an easy flick of the thumb. And please do not let me  
See anyone using his finger. You can do it quite easy  
If you have any strength in your thumb. The blossoms  
Are fragile and motionless, never letting anyone see  
Any of them using their finger.

And this you can see is the bolt. The purpose of this  
Is to open the breech, as you see. We can slide it  
Rapidly backwards and forwards: we call this  
Easing the spring. And rapidly backwards and forwards  
The early bees are assaulting and fumbling the flowers:  
They call it easing the Spring.

They call it easing the Spring: it is perfectly easy  
If you have any strength in your thumb: like the bolt,  
And the breech, and the cocking-piece, and the point of balance,  
Which in our case we have not got; and the almond-blossom  
Silent in all of the gardens and the bees going backwards and forwards,  
For today we have naming of parts.

*From Lessons of War by Henry Reed (1914-86)*



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*A policeman pulls over a priest and immediately smells alcohol on his breath. The next thing he notices is an empty wine bottle lying on the passenger seat. "Have you been drinking?" the officer asks. "Just water," says the priest. "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and shouts, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"*

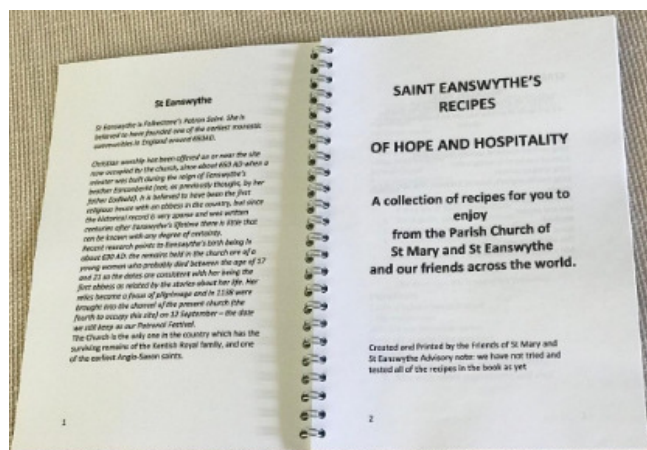
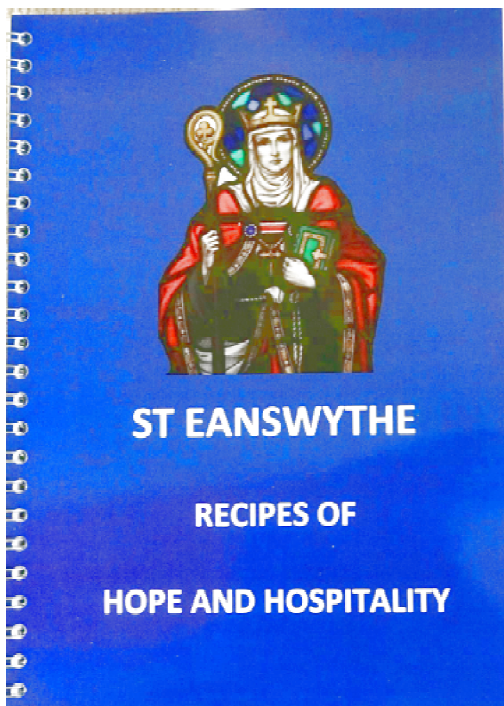
In the foyer of a church, a young boy was looking at a plaque with the names of men and women who had died in various wars. He asked the Vicar, "Who are these people?" The Vicar said, "Those are members from our church who died in the services." The boy asked, "The early service or the second service?"

## 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.





## **Bookworm – What Catriona Has Been Reading**

### **The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry – Rachel Joyce (2012)**

I found this to be a wonderful, very moving book. There's been so much hype about the film I thought I'd read the book first, and now I can't wait to see the film.

Harold is an ordinary bloke in his early 60s, recently retired. One day he receives a letter from Queenie, an old work colleague, telling him that she is dying. He sets off for the post box with his reply but instead of posting it he suddenly decides to walk to Berwick on Tweed to deliver it by hand. It takes him 87 days to cover the 627 miles from his home in south Devon.

This book is about his journey, the people he meets along the way, how his walk becomes famous in the newspapers, and he is joined by dozens of followers, his relationship with his wife who he has left behind, and the power of faith.

I truly loved reading this book and will most definitely be reading the next two that follow in what has become a trilogy.

### **One Enchanted Evening – Katie Fforde (2023)**

Set in Dorset and Provence in 1966 this is the third in the series about five friends (Meg, Lizzie, Vanessa, Alexandra and David) who originally shared a flat in London.

Meg is an excellent cook and dashes to Dorset to help her mother who is managing a rather rundown hotel where the chef has just stormed out. She soon makes lots of improvements to the standard of catering and the hotel itself. Predictably she falls in love (with a man whom she initially detests, of course), and also with the hotel and its staff and residents.

Initially I didn't find this quite as unputdownable as the previous two books (A Wedding in the Country and A Wedding in Provence) but it's a nice, gentle, romantic story, and excellent holiday reading. It's Katie Fforde's latest book and they are always a good read.

### **A Change of Circumstance – Susan Hill (2021)**

I really do love Susan Hill's Simon Serailier series, which are the perfect mixture of police procedural and family saga. This is number 11 in the series and kept me fully engrossed for 4 days, though it felt like a much shorter time than that.

The storyline is about County Lines, which if you don't know is the term for where children, often very young, are enticed by desirable gifts of designer trainers or the like to move illegal drugs from one location to another. Once the kids are 'in' they find it impossible to get out, often with disastrous consequences. But adults also get caught up in County Lines against their will, as in this book.

Running in parallel to all this are the lives of Superintendent Simon Serailier and his sister Dr Cat Deerbon and her family.

This was one of those books that I couldn't put down, but also wanted it to go on for ever. If you haven't discovered this series yet you are missing a treat. But do start at the beginning of the series. The body count is often high, and horrible murders happen, but the descriptions are not as lurid as in many of the thrillers I read.

However, don't be misled into thinking these are from the cosy crime genre. They are anything but.

# Encountering the Glory of Christ

*Myles Coverdale (1488-1569)*

‘For if we would open our eyes, and remember well, what kindness it is that the Father of mercy hath shewed us in Christ, and what great benefits he hath done, and daily doth, for us in him and for his sake; we would not only fall down upon our faces and give him thanks, but with loud voices would we praise him, and in the midst of the congregation would we extol his name, as David and Asaph do almost in every psalm.’

For his Spirit beareth record unto our spirit, that we are the children of God: for we have not received the spirit of bondage to fear, but rather the spirit of adoption in which we cry Father, Father.

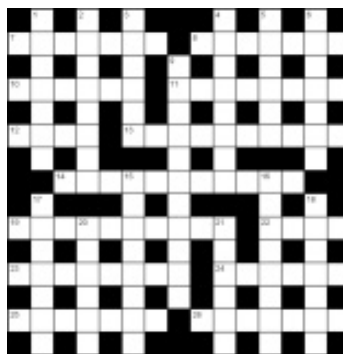
*Coverdale is well known for his work on the English Bible. After William Tyndale’s arrest, Coverdale continued the work of translation and produced the Coverdale Bible in 1535, the first complete English Bible of the era.*

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## Calling all Cruciverbalists (Crossword addicts!)

We are running a Prize Crossword Competition in aid of church funds with Book Token prizes for the first three correct solutions drawn at the Eanswythe Festival in church on Saturday 9 September.

It works like this - you buy the crossword leaflet, which will be on sale in early August, for a **minimum of £1**. The clues are a mixture of cryptic and straightforward with several related to our church. When completed, pop your solution in the special box at the back of the church by **Sunday 3 September**. The solution will appear in the October edition of Rendezvous. We are having 100 leaflets printed – and are aiming to sell them all. Go on – have a go. It is all in a good cause!



St Mary and St Eanswythe



# Children's Church



What's coming up?

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September

**FOLLOWING JESUS**

How did Eanswythe follow Jesus?

How can we follow Jesus?



Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October

**JESUS,**

**PLEASE HELP US TO PRAY**



Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November

**POPPIES.....**



**Extra Extra Extra Stir-Up Sunday**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November

**We are going to make**

**BIRTHDAY CAKES FOR JESUS!**



Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

**CHRISTINGLE IN ADVENT**



Children's Church begins in church at 10.30am.

We do hope you can join us for ....

singing,

making things,

learning about Jesus and much, much more!

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!

We all need help! Sometimes our worries or difficulties are such a problem to us – but, as Christians, we know that help is at hand.

Together at Children's Church we tested how much easier it is to lift a very heavy weight when someone helps. We thought about BURDENS and what that word means. Everyone of us could think of a worry or difficulty that we need to share.

AND Jesus is the one we can take our problems to; he is ready and longing to share them.



We looked at this amazing and beautiful model of two yoked oxen. Imagine if, instead of the oxen, YOU were in the yoke on one side, and Jesus was pulling on the other side – how much easier that would make your burdens to bear.

Of course, the problems don't necessarily disappear but with Jesus beside us, we can trust that they will be lighter.



To help us remember Jesus' amazing promise of help, we decorated paper hands with a picture of Jesus and a reminder that Jesus helps us carry burdens!

The hands can be worn!  
Here is Maureen modelling a pair!



## A Date for your Diary



### September 3rd BBC1

On the evening of June 12th between 6:00 and 9:40, a few hundred gathered for a recording of 9 Hymns and a choir piece for broadcasting in Songs of Praise. Each hymn was recorded at least twice so that they can mix the different videos to select different subjects. The main broadcast will be on September 3rd and, apart from the above pieces, there will be interviews with various people with connections to local churches. Some of our congregation were singing there - keep you eyes peeled! As always, the individual hymns are often mixed in with other recordings over the next 5 years - don't be surprised if you see someone you know in a York Minster or other church broadcast.



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[david.m.robinson24@gmail.com](mailto: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 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.

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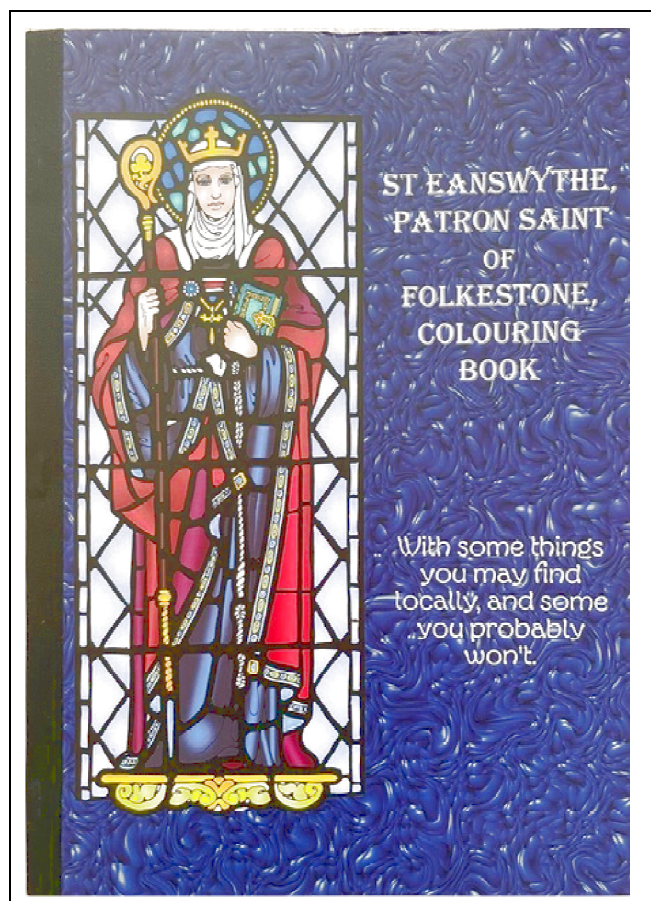
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# St Eanswythe, Patron Saint of Folkestone, Colouring Book

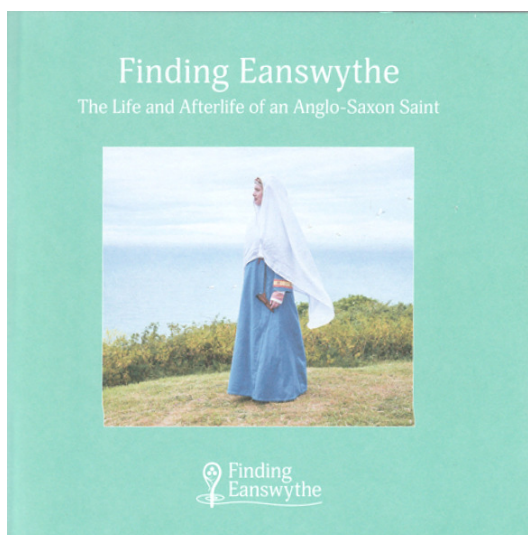
Once upon a time, not so long ago, when Marilyn and Catriona were on church welcoming duty, a father and his two young daughters came into the church. The girls wanted to do some colouring, but although there were plenty of crayons in the children's corner, there was nothing for them to colour in. This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

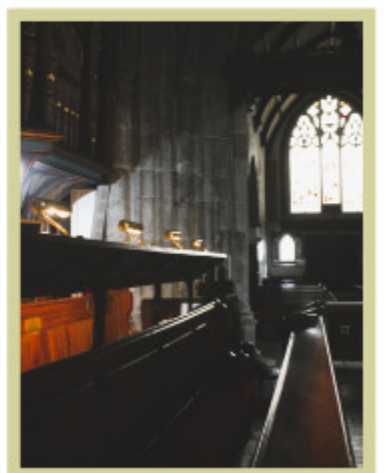
## THE CHOIR OF ST MARY & ST EANSWYTHE IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

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](mailto:sainteanswythemusic@gmail.com)



# August Sunday Eucharist and Red Letter Day Gospels

## **Sunday 6 August – The Transfiguration: Luke 9.28-36**

*Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were talking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.*

## **Sunday 13 August – 10th after Trinity: Matthew 14.22-33**

*‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’*

## **Sunday 20 August – 11th after Trinity: Matthew 15.21-28**

*Even the dogs ate the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.*

## **Sunday 27 August – 12th after Trinity: Matthew 16.13-20**

*‘Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you  
but my Father in heaven.’*

## **Red Letter Days**

### **Tuesday 15 August – The Blessed Virgin Mary; Luke 1.46-55**

*Mary said ‘My soul magnifies the Lord  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.’*

### **Thursday 24 August – Bartholomew, Apostle: Luke 22.24-30**

*‘The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest and the leader like one who serves.’*

# The Friends of St Mary & St Eanswythe

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## The Town Banner

At a meeting of Folkestone Borough Council on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 1929, Mr. Alderman Edward John Bishop, presented to the Council a banner made by his late wife Edith. The banner which is described as depicting *'for its central object the figure of St. Eanswythe ...'* had been embroidered by Edith. At the same meeting it was resolved that the banner be *'suitably inscribed with the name of Mrs. Bishop ... and hung in the Council Chamber in the Town Hall'*. The banner was accepted by the then Mayor, Councillor Albert Castle

When her husband's second term as Mayor of Folkestone ended and she had *'more time on her hands'*, it was suggested that she take on the work of embroidering the banner. The work *'extended over two long years, the completion delayed by prolonged illness and intense suffering and only by painful exertion was completion ... possible'*. Edith had undergone two serious operations which had initially been thought to have been successful but this proved not to be the case.

In March 1928 the Folkestone Herald reported the death of Edith Bishop. We glean from the newspaper report that Edith was the youngest daughter of the late Alderman Banks. The funeral service was held at the Parish Church of S. S. Mary and Eanswythe with the Vicar, Rev. Hyla Holden officiating along with Rev. C. H. Griffith (Vicar of St. Peter's) and Rev. H. Anderson (St. Johns). At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, the Chairman, Mr. Halksworth Wheeler<sup>1</sup> called for a minute's silence and the flag at the Town Hall was lowered to half-mast.

When in 1897, Rev. Woodward unveiled the Town Cross in the churchyard, her father was Mayor and he can be seen in the photographs of the event. Rev. Woodward remarked that it was Alderman Banks *'who started the matter off with a donation of £50 and thus encouraged me to go forward and accomplish the work'*, to which Alderman Banks replied that he had *'felt the greatest pleasure in giving a subscription'*.

It was reported at a meeting of the finance committee on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 1958 that *'St. Eanswythe's Banner at the Town Hall is in need of repair'* The Town Clerk was asked to make enquiries and he was able to report at a meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September that a *'Miss N. E. M. Rowlinson<sup>2</sup>, ... had offered to do the work for free'*.

The old Borough Council was replaced by Shepway District Council and at a meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> October 1973 it was resolved that arrangements be made for a civic service to be held at the Parish Church on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 1974. It was also resolved at that meeting that *'the St. Eanswythe Banner and the glass case at present in the Public Library and Museum be given to the Parish Church for safe keeping and that arrangements be made during the service for the Mayor to hand over the banner'*.

In the North Transept of the Parish Church of S. S. Mary & Eanswythe, Folkestone is an old banner in a large glass fronted case. The banner fits the description given in 1929:

*‘The banner has for its central object the figure of St. Eanswythe clothed in a robe of blue silk applique with silk embroidered borders edged with gold thread. The cloak is also of blue silk with the lining entirely worked with gold thread, with a small red pattern worked upon it. The face is embroidered in fine silks surrounded by a white silk wimple, and surmounted by a worked gold and jeweled crown. The hands are also of the same fine-work and are holding an appliqued and jeweled gold crozier and book of appliqued with worked gold edges and shading. The whole figure is appliqued upon a rich cream silk brocade of vessica shape, and bears the title ‘Eanswythe’ worked in blue silk upon a corded silk label. The fish are of blue silk applique worked with gold and silk and the stars are of gold silk. Below is the ship of Folkestone worked in silks in the colours of the original. The word ‘Folkestone’ is in cream silk applique and outlined with gold coloured silk which also borders the whole banner. The pole is of light waxed oak with terminals upon which dolphins are carved in the round’.*



In a further effort to confirm that this was indeed the 1929 banner, the Reverend Dr John Walker fetched the keys so that we could examine the pole and there we found the small plate mentioned in 1929 as resolved to be affixed thereon.

The following is engraved on a small plate on the pole of the Banner.

### **BOROUGH OF FOLKESTONE**

**THIS BANNER, A COPY OF THE MAYORAL SEAL, WAS EMBROIDERED AND PRESENTED TO THE CORPORATION OF FOLKESTONE BY EDITH, WIFE OF ALD. EDWARD JAMES BISHOP, J. P. (FIVE TIMES MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH) AND DAUGHTER OF ALD. JOHN BANKS, J. P. (SIX TIMES MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH).**

**10<sup>th</sup> MAY 1929**

The Banner is now used only on Town Sunday when the new Mayor Elect is announced at the old Town Cross in the churchyard. As it was her father Alderman Banks, who had encouraged Reverend Woodward to proceed with the construction of the Cross and his daughter Edith had designed the banner is carried on Town Sunday. The ceremony is an interesting link with times past.

*Eamon Rooney.*

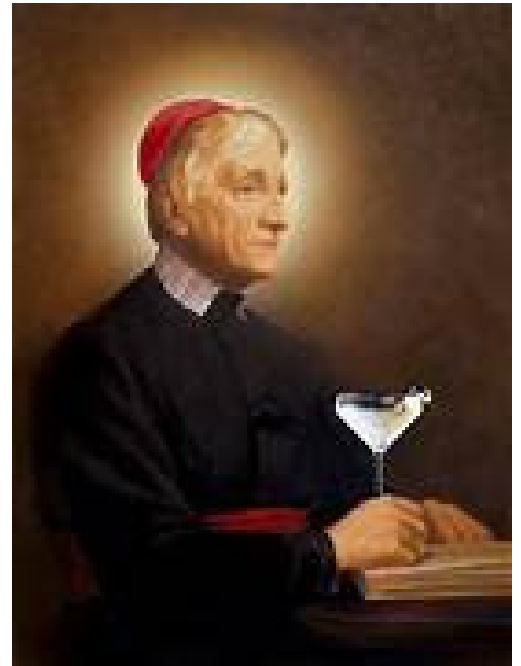
The Banner is in urgent need of repair and we would be most grateful if you could email Pam Keeling at [tpdkeel@aol.com](mailto:tpdkeel@aol.com) if you know of anyone who would be able to help us.

# Commemoration of the Month

## Saint John Henry, Cardinal Newman, Priest, Tractarian

### 11 August

**John Henry Newman** (1801 –1890) was an English theologian, academic, writer, scholar and poet, first as an Anglican priest and later as a Roman Catholic priest and cardinal. He was an important if controversial figure in the religious history of England in the 19th century. He was born in 1801 and his intellectual brilliance saw him appointed to a Fellowship in Oxford at the young age of twenty-one. His Evangelical roots gradually gave way to a more Catholic view of the Church, particularly after liberal trends both in politics and theology appeared to undermine the Church of England's authority. Newman was one of the leaders of the Tractarians, (Oxford Movement) who defended the Church and he is associated especially with the idea of Anglicanism as a *Via Media* or middle way between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism and joined the Roman Catholic Church in 1845. He established a community in Birmingham in 1849 and towards the end of his life was made a Cardinal. He died on this day in 1890 and was canonised as a saint in the Roman Catholic Church in 2019.



### Collect

Almighty God

You called your servant, John Newman to proclaim your glory

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and bless your people through their ministry,

that your church may grow into the full stature

of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

### Readings

OT Isaiah 6.1-8; NT 1 Peter 5.1-4; Gospel John 21.15-17

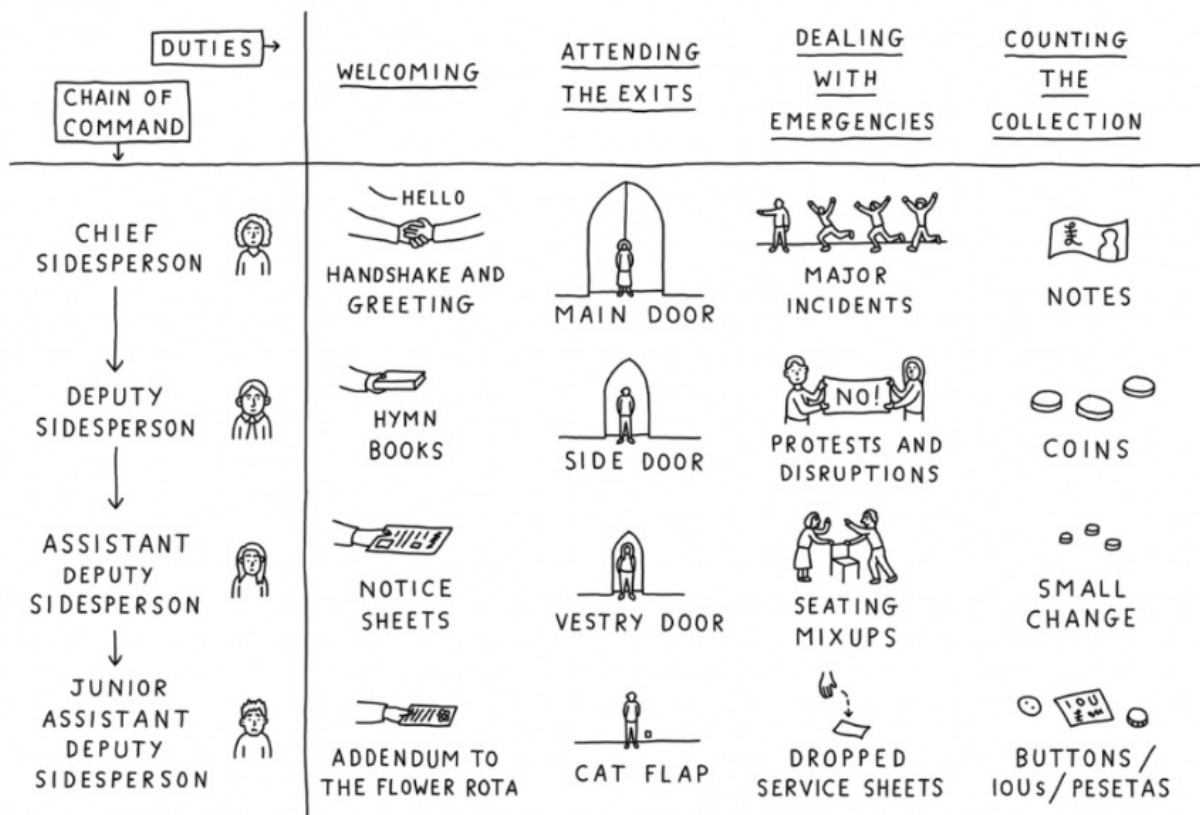
**What would you like your legacy to be?** Leaving money to the church in your will is a wonderful way to ensure that our church will be here for future generations. There are also some benefits for your inheritance tax bill, too. So, if you're thinking of adding a charitable bequest in your will, here's 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.

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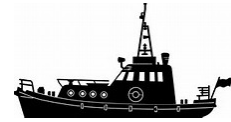
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## The Weather Vane

It has sat on top of the stairway turret atop the Tower suffering the salty atmosphere since 1866 but in a poor state at present, hence the scaffolding.

A few years ago, the rear part of the pointer, rightmost on the picture, fell off onto the North and East compass pointers, a rather inaccessible place. Whilst we were scratching our heads looking for a solution, the wind dislodged it and it fell into the gardens to the south of the Nave. It was recovered and put into the boiler room.

This was obviously something that needed to be addressed in the Quinquennial works.

The intervening years have not been kind. The copper crown on the top has dropped down the shaft, the four compass pointers have lost their NEWS letters and the decorative wrought ironwork has also suffered.

It has proved extraordinarily difficult to get quotations for the work and it appears that companies that fix these don't like heights so we have to pay roofers to take down and re-erect the weather vane.

The Roger De Hahn Charitable Trust has kindly donated £5,000 towards the restoration so, hopefully, before winter it will be back pointing to the wind.



## **New girl in the Parish – Rosie Mockett**

It's been one month since I started as Parish Administrator at St Mary and St Eanswythe. In many ways the time has flown past, yet I've been so warmly welcomed that it feels like I've been here forever. I love how time has this quality – of stretching to our perspective and being coloured by our emotions. One day I'm forgetting which key opens the office door and the next I'm confidently retelling the story of St Eanswythe! But no matter how long I'm here I think I will always feel awe-struck by the history contained within the walls of the Church and the knowledge contained within our congregation.

It was fortuitous timing that got me here. I happened to be searching for part-time, flexible, local work at the same time as Fr. John was searching for a replacement for Andy, a member of our congregation who was posed to fill the Administrator vacancy and then received the good news that he had been selected for ordination training in Oxford. Good news for Andy became good news for me and I couldn't wait to approach John after the Sunday service to say... "I'm available!"

So, what made me want to work as a part-time Office Administrator for the Church?

First it makes sense to tell you about why I joined the Church. I moved to Folkestone last year; living by the sea was a lockdown-induced fantasy which became a reality when I met my partner, Alex. I'm excited to be opening a shop with him called The Art Haus which will sell professional art materials to all the creatives who live and work in Folkestone (Alex is one of them!). I love my new home but I'm still building that deep sense of connection to place which only comes from actively joining the community. This year I started to consciously address that – I joined a book club, a yoga class and the congregation of St Mary & St Eanswythe.

Back to my initial question, why did I want this job?

When Fr. John saw my CV he asked me a similar question! Since graduating from university I have worked mainly in Policy, but also in Management Consultancy and Fundraising. I spent four years at the National Lottery Community Fund writing reports on the best ways to improve social capital in communities and training regional teams on how to look for strengths in funding applications. I have advised large multinational companies, government departments and local charities.

But life is full of surprises. The pandemic was one of them. And this totally shifted my perspective on my career trajectory and my work-life balance. I needed to reconnect with people, place and passion. I needed to use my skills in a different way, find fulfilment and ultimately do some good.

Opening a new business on the high street is a new and scary experience. We're taking a big risk during a cost-of-living crisis! But I hope it will be worth it and I feel lucky that I can bring my skills to the Church and benefit the Parish, at the same time as getting some extra pocket money which can help pay the bills at home and keep the fridge stocked while the business gets going. I'm taking on the Administrator duties plus supporting Fr. John and the PCC with their Fundraising Strategy. The 2023 Church Appeals are so important and yet seem like an

impossible amount of money at first. I feel confident that with a mixture of grants, community fundraising and generous individual donations, we can achieve all of our goals; heating the Church, fixing the organ and giving St Eanswythe the resting place she deserves.

I'm still learning about how best I can support the great work that happens here, and I'm hoping my contribution will be very positive. If you have any ideas about where I can focus my efforts, please do stop me for a chat any time – my door is always open!

I will try my best to be in the Parish Office on most Tuesday and Thursday mornings. When this isn't possible, I'll operate a Virtual Office or let people know when they can get in touch by updating the weekly pew sheet and the notice board.

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## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin (15 August)



Alleluia!  
Blessed Virgin Mary,  
you surpass all the heavenly company of virgin.  
Today, rejoicing, you run to meet Christ,  
as you are exalted above the angels in glory,  
radiant with shining light.  
How blessed you are, Virgin Mary,  
foremost among the daughters of Jerusalem,  
surrounded by the songs of shining angels,  
circled by honey-sweet flowers,  
roses and lilies of the valley.

We pray to the Lord  
That with you we may share in his kingdom.  
*11th century Italian*



*A frog goes into a bank and approaches the clerk, seeing from her nameplate that her name is Patricia Whack.*

*"Miss Whack, I'd like to get a £25,000 loan to take a holiday."*

*Patty looks at the frog in disbelief and asks his name.*

*The frog says his name is Kermit Jagger, his dad is Mick Jagger, and that it's okay, he knows the bank manager.*

*Patty explains that she will need to secure the loan with some collateral.*

*The frog says, "Sure. I have this," and produces a tiny porcelain elephant, about an inch tall, bright pink and perfectly formed.*

*Very confused, Patty explains that she'll have to consult with the bank manager and disappears into a back office.*

*She finds the manager and says, "There's a frog called Kermit Jagger out there who claims to know you and wants to borrow £25,000, and he wants to use this as collateral. "She holds up the tiny pink elephant. "I mean, what in the world is this?"*

*The bank manager looks back at her and says...*

*"It's a knickknack, Patty Whack. Give the frog a loan. His old man's a Rolling Stone."*



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