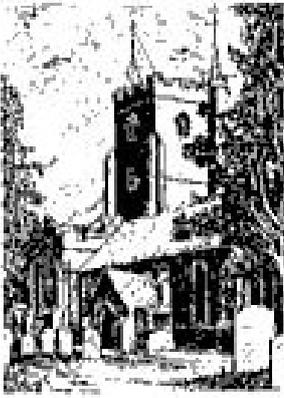


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with  
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*Front Cover: Autumn in stained glass*

**Deadline for the next Rendezvous Edition: 20th of the month, but December 10th for the January edition. Please submit articles in 16 point text - this shows you how much fits on a page once it is reduced for printing.**

**Please contact Andrew Plested as above**

# CALENDAR

## Services and Events in November 2025

Sat	1	10:30	All Souls Eucharist
		19:00 - 21:00	Saints and Sips Friends Wine-tasting evening
Sun	2	<b>All Saints Sunday</b>	
		10:30	SUNG EUCHARIST
Thu	6	10:30	Holy Communion BCP
Sun	9	<b>Third Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday</b>	
		10:30	SUNG EUCHARIST with Children's church
Wed	12	8:45	St Eanswythe School Eucharist
Thu	13	10:30	Holy Communion BCP
Sat	15	11:00	Ukrainian Hospitality
Sun	16	<b>Second Sunday before Advent</b>	
		10:30	SUNG EUCHARIST
Thu	20	10:30	Holy Communion BCP
Sun	23	<b>Christ the King</b>	
		10:30	SUNG EUCHARIST
Thu	27	10:30	Holy Communion BCP
Sat	29	18:00	Winter Shelter Dedication Service
Sun	30	<b>Advent Sunday</b>	
		10:30	SUNG EUCHARIST
		16:00	Darkness into Light Advent Carol Service



## December

Thu	4	10:30	Holy Communion BCP
Fri	5	15:00	Sound Emergence event
Sat	6	11:00	Ukrainian Hospitality
Sun	7	<b>Second Sunday in Advent</b>	
		10:30	SUNG EUCHARIST
Mon	8	8:30	St Eanswythe's School Stay and Play
Tue	9	8:30	Collective Worship
		10:30	Year 6 Mayor's Carol Service
Thu	11	10:30	Holy Communion BCP
		18:00	Creative Quarter Carol Service
Fri	12	19:00	Yesterday's Flowers concert



### Mailing List

We now have a regular weekly e-mailing list which is free to join. You can scan the QR code to sign up, or you'll also find a link on the homepage of our website: [stmaryandsteanswythe.org](http://stmaryandsteanswythe.org)

## 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.

## Why not subscribe to Rendezvous in 2025?

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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.



The church is open for private prayer. The schedule is:

- 11.00-13.00  
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 Chris



In amongst the autumnal colouring, darker evenings and - for us in Folkestone, stormier weather - November also brings with it a sense of poignancy. Within the wider life of the nation, we have Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day to focus our minds on the sacrifices made by so many down the years. This, primarily, is based around the 'ultimate sacrifice' made by those who have laid down their lives in armed conflict but in recent years thoughts have also widened to embrace the sacrifices made by those who serve and who still bear the scars of this service. Within the life of the church, we'll be marking Remembrance Sunday during our usual 10.30 a.m. service and I will also have the privilege, as Mayor's Chaplain, of being involved in the Town's civic acts of remembrance across that week too.

But our remembering begins even before that. In the first couple of days of November we mark All Saints and All Souls Days where we recall the great company of heaven and those who have gone before us in faith along with our own departed loved ones. It's an opportunity to celebrate and commemorate the saints with a big 'S' and a little 's'. The big 'S' for those recognised by the Church for their holiness of life and devotion to God – not least our own patrons, Our Lady and St Eanswythe. The little 's' for those whose faith may well have been recognised and many and inspired the people around them, but on a smaller scale.

In their well-known stories, the Saints offer us a clear pattern of devotion to God in the face of all sorts of challenges and experiences. Yet, in life and faith, it's often those who don't attract fame or attention who provide us with fine examples to follow and who encourage us along the way. They're those who quietly got on with things, whose faithful devotion to us but also to God frequently provided us with a firm foundation and inspiration from an early age. At All Souls' we have an opportunity to recall them and to thank God for their lives and the impact that they've had on ours. In amongst the thankfulness, there's often a poignancy as we recall their loss and do please look after yourself and reach out for help and support if you need to.

Whoever and whatever you're remembering this November, please be assured of our prayers and may the prayers and inspiration of the Saints above and the saints on earth go with us all.

With best wishes,

**For those who missed the Translation Service  
or would like to see it again**

View the recorded service using the link  
<https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjBS9ny>

# BACK TO BASICS



A CHANCE TO LEARN ABOUT (OR REVISE)  
DIFFERENT BITS OF CHURCH LIFE, E.G.



WHY DO WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?



WHY DOES THE VICAR WEAR THOSE ROBES?



WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT BITS OF THE CHURCH?

NO PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED, CURIOSITY  
ENCOURAGED AND IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW LONG  
YOU'VE BEEN COMING TO CHURCH!

FOUR SESSIONS ACROSS NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS (7.30PM) AT THE VICARAGE STARTING 5TH NOVEMBER

THURSDAY MORNINGS (11.15AM) IN CHURCH STARTING 6TH NOVEMBER

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL [SAINTEANSWYTHE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:sainteanswythe@gmail.com)

# Sips & Saints

## WINE TASTING

An evening of wine tasting & a light-hearted talk on Saints with The Friends of St Mary & St Eanswythe

7 PM -  
9 PM

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2025  
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# Children's Church

It's all about remembering to say "thank you".

As it was also our Harvest Service Maureen had prepared a special song which we sang to the tune of 'London's burning'. Our singing was accompanied with an apple, pear, potato or a carrot being thrust into the air at appropriate intervals!

*Thank you Jesus, Thank you Jesus,  
For the apples and the pears,  
They are tasty, they are tasty,  
Harvest harvest, Harvest harvest.  
Thank you Jesus, Thank you Jesus,  
For potatoes and for carrots,  
Harvest harvest, Harvest harvest,  
Thank you Jesus, Thank you Jesus.*



We read the Bible story of Jesus healing the 10 lepers (Luke 17:11-19) and wondered why only 1 leper returned to Jesus to say thank you ..... maybe the other 9 were so excited and happy to be healed that they rushed off to tell their families ..... in a moment of great joy we too can forget to say thank you. So we prayed this prayer together.

*Dear God*

*You give us everything we need, but we often forget to say, "Thank you".  
We ask you to help us to give thanks everyday for all that you do for us.  
Please help us.*

*We thank you for harvest time and for all the good food that we enjoy.  
We thank you for farmers, truck drivers, shop workers and everyone who works hard to prepare food for us to eat.*

*Thank you God.*

*Amen.*

The children enjoyed decorating a biscuit and placing it into a special harvest box that they had chosen and decorated.

As we joined the church service during the offertory hymn the children enthusiastically helped to place donated food items onto the harvest table.

Later in the service we sang our harvest song and then the children eagerly ate their decorated biscuit!

Sue Bauhahn

Next time: Sunday 9th November - **It's all about being alive!**

Saturday 29th November - **It's all about making birthday cakes for Jesus.**

# CHILDREN'S CHURCH! @

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?



More Photos from  
October Children's  
Church



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

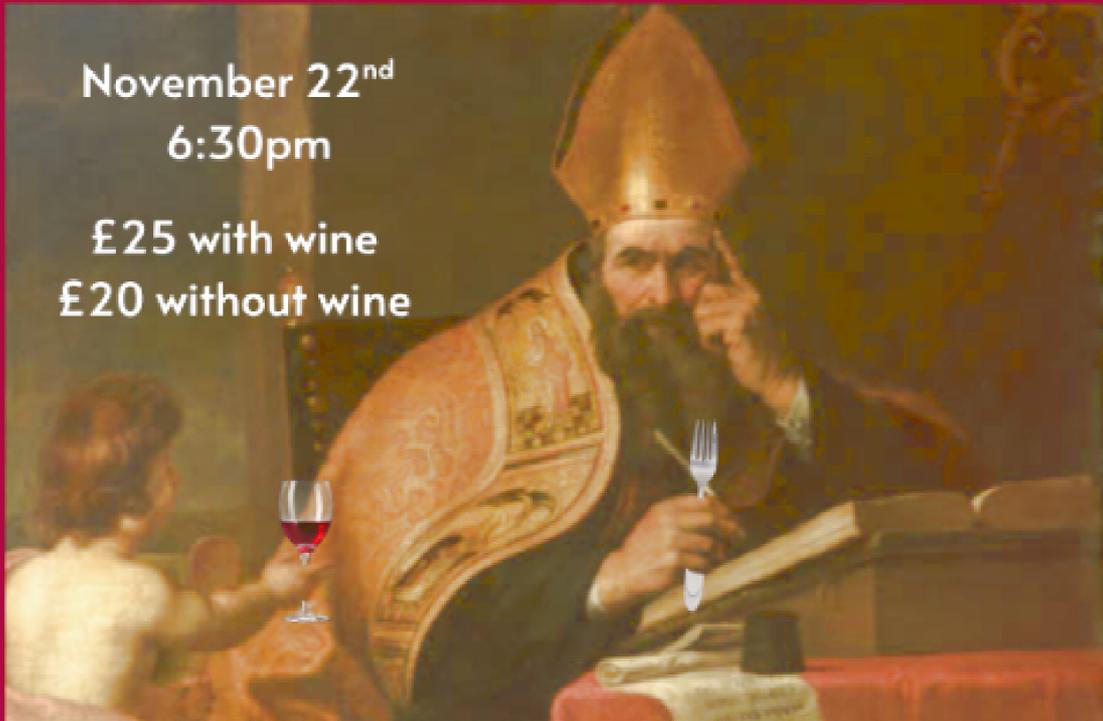
(CHILDREN MUST BE BROUGHT BY AN ADULT, AND UNDER 5'S MUST BE SUPERVISED)

# SUPPER WITH THE SAINTS

A delicious three course supper with snacks to start and wine throughout the meal, taking place by candle light in the Lady Chapel of St Eanswythe's church.

November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
6:30pm

£25 with wine  
£20 without wine



The evening will be themed around a particular saint with food served from their home country. In between courses, we'll be treated to some light hearted wit and wisdom on the saint by our vicar, Fr. Christopher Johnson.

For November, our saint will be Saint Augustine of Hippo (modern day Algeria) and the menu will be full of delicious, warming North African flavours. Vegan and Vegetarian options available!

Email [sainteanswythe@gmail.com](mailto:sainteanswythe@gmail.com)  
for tickets and more details!



# SUPPORTING ST MARY & ST EANSWYTHE'S CHURCH FINANCIALLY

Our church life costs approximately **£1500 a week** to run (not including special projects like Eanswythe Found or major building repairs).

## BECOME A REGULAR DONOR

If you're tech-minded, there's this QR code or the website:  
[www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk) (click 'Find your parish' and enter parish code:  
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You can also get a paper form from the Parish Office or call PGS directly on 0333 002 1271 and quote the parish code above.

If you have any questions or would like more information, do please get in touch with the Parish Office – contact details are inside the front cover of this magazine.

## COULD YOU REMEMBER ST MARY & ST EANSWYTHE'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL?

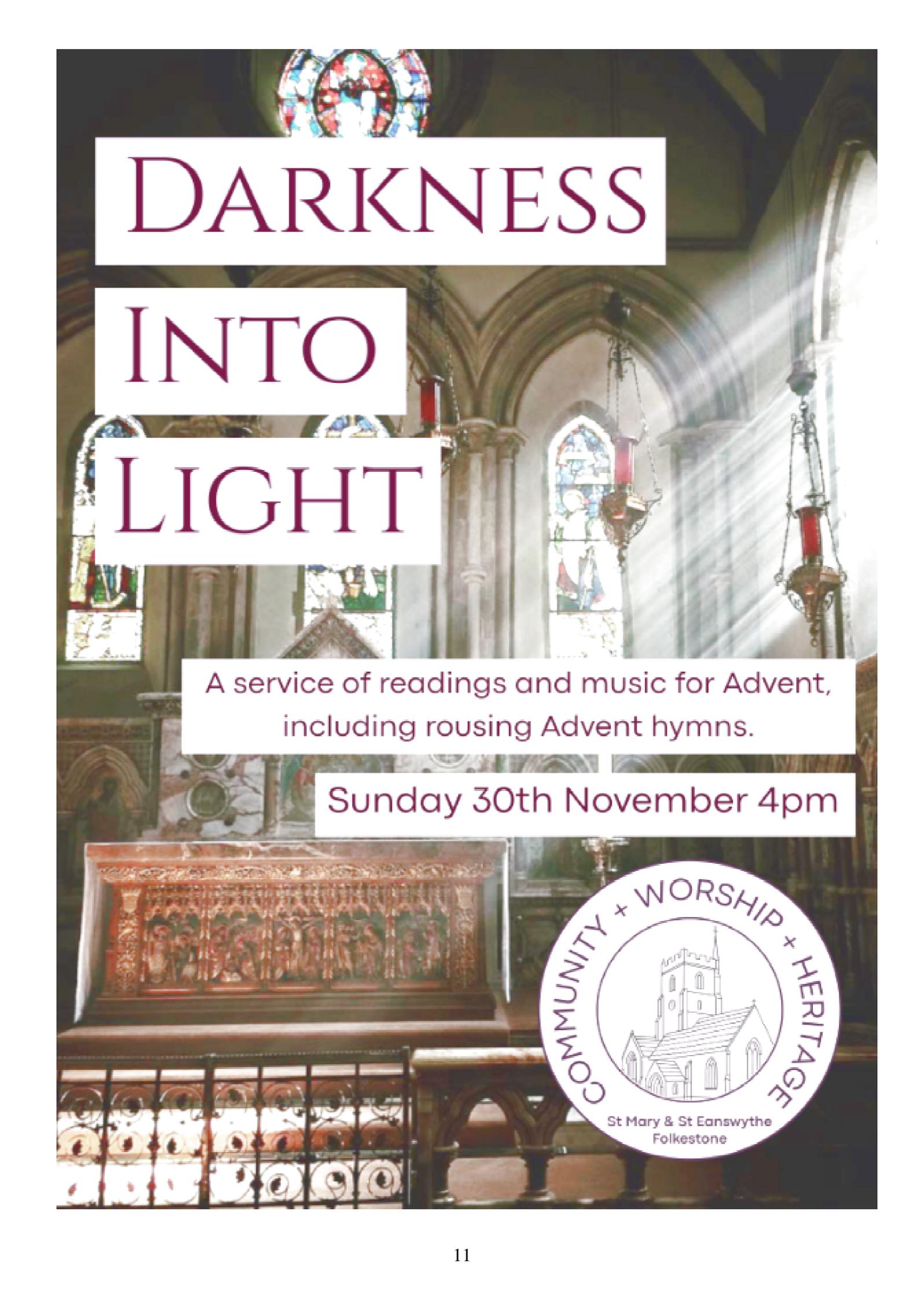
Your generosity could have a massive impact on future ministry here – even whilst you're rejoicing on another shore! Get in touch with the Parish Office for more information or to discuss it further.



## Dates For Your Diary

*Some forthcoming events in our church calendar. Please put these in your diary*

Saturday, 18 October – Sunday 29 March	Closed Mondays	What Remains? Exhibition at The Beaney, in Canterbury. <i>St Eanswythe's original lead reliquary is included in the display.</i>
Saturday, 1 November	10.30 a.m.	All Souls Eucharist
Saturday, 1 November	7 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Saints and Sips – wine tasting and talk about saints ( <i>must be pre-booked</i> )
Wednesday, 5 November	7.30 p.m.	Back to Basics (in the Vicarage)
Thursday, 6 November	11.15 a.m.	Back to Basics (in the Vicarage)
Sunday, 9 November	10.30 am	Children's Church – It's all about being alive!
Wednesday, 12 November	7.30 p.m.	Back to Basics (in the Vicarage)
Thursday, 13 November	11.15 a.m.	Back to Basics (in the Vicarage)
Wednesday, 19 November	7.30 p.m.	Back to Basics (in the Vicarage)
Thursday, 20 November	11.15 a.m.	Back to Basics (in the Vicarage)
Wednesday, 26 November	7.30 p.m.	Back to Basics (in the Vicarage)
Thursday, 27 November	11.15 a.m.	Back to Basics (in the Vicarage)
Saturday, 29 November	10 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	Children's Church – It's all about making birthday cakes for Jesus!
Saturday, 29 November	6 p.m.	Folkestone Churches Winter Shelter Dedication Service
Sunday, 30 November	4 p.m.	From Darkness into Light: Advent Carol Service
Thursday, 11 December	6 p.m.	Creative Quarter Carol Service
Sunday, 21 December	4 p.m.	Nine Lessons and Carols
Wednesday, 24 December	4 p.m.	Crib Service
Wednesday, 24 December	11.30 p.m.	Midnight Mass
Thursday, 25 December	10.30 a.m.	Christmas Day Sung Eucharist
Saturday, 3 January 2026	Lunchtime	Hosting the Walk of Kings
Thursday, 14 May – Sunday, 17 May 2026		Sacconi Quartet Chamber Music Festival



DARKNESS

INTO

LIGHT

A service of readings and music for Advent,  
including rousing Advent hymns.

Sunday 30th November 4pm



## Sunday and Red Letter Eucharist Gospels

### **2 November - All Saints' Sunday - Matthew 5.1-12**

*'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'*

It is not influence, power or even great virtue that is the mark of sainthood. The grace of God which changes and sanctifies ordinary people is the glory of his Kingdom.

### **9 November – Remembrance Sunday - Luke 20.27-38**

*'He is not God of the dead but of the living.'*

God has revealed to us his gift of eternal life, but its nature is beyond our human understanding. We hold fast to that faith and do not try to impose our own theories upon it.

### **16 November – 2nd before Advent – Luke 21.5-19**

*'By your endurance you will save your souls.'*

The Bible never promises an easy life or a world free from trouble. It teaches that God has an ultimate purpose for his creation and that his people must be faithful until it is fulfilled.

### **23 November – Christ the King. Luke 23.33-43**

*There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'*

The promised Messiah came but his kingship was not as his people had expected. He passed through suffering and death before his work of salvation was fulfilled.

### **Saturday 1 November – All Saint's Day – Luke 6.20-31**

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## **All Souls Service – A Time to Remember**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 10.30 a.m.

We'll have a Eucharist on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November** at 10.30 a.m. to remember before God those who have died. The service will last about 45 minutes and there'll be the opportunity to light a candle to remember departed loved ones and we'll read names aloud too. There'll be a list on the day that you can add names to, but we'll also put a list in church in the weeks leading up to 1<sup>st</sup> November and you can send names via the Parish Office if needed. For more information, please feel free to contact Fr Chris.

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## News from St Eanswythe' School

What a wonderful start to our new school year we have had. Everyone returned from the summer break, ready to begin the new term.

Our new not just to the family of school, but to the family of the parish, Key Stage 2 celebrated the Mass, where some year 6 pupils acted as servers, brought up the offertory and lead the prayers. Harvest was celebrated by everyone and the generous gifts will go to our hard working Rainbow Centre.

Ducklings have quickly settled into our school, and we had a lovely service in Church where school, family and friends and Fr Chris on behalf of all the congregation welcomed them and their families of the people of Folkestone in need of help

With the love and prayers of the children and staff at St Eanswythe's

*Kim*

# Magnification!

When I was a child, we used to have great fun with magnifying glasses. We discovered a whole new world in the garden for instance: the delicate structure of apple blossom on the tree; ants scurrying about their nest; or finger nails and finger prints and even letters on the printed page. Amazing!

What sent me off on this course of thinking?

Well, it is the words of the Prayer of Preparation we say at the start of our Eucharist or Holy Communion services. We pray that:

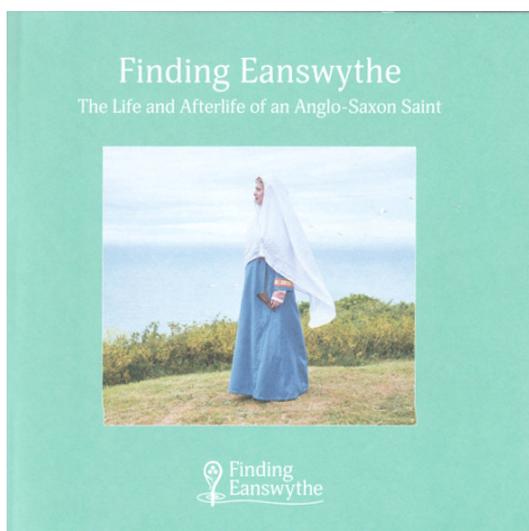
‘we may perfectly love you and *worthily magnify* your holy name’ (my italics).

We pray that who we are and how we behave might be seen as examples, to all whom we meet, of that extraordinary love which Christ displayed throughout his ministry. What a challenge! We hope and pray that wherever we are and whatever we do will enable others to see that love in action – magnified by Christ’s presence with us. It is easy to pay lip-service to our beliefs, but harder to show them in action, to show people, as through a magnifying glass, that there is so much more to our Christian lives than might be apparent from first impressions.

The words of the Prayer of Preparation are neatly balanced by the Prayer after Communion when we pray that God will send us out in the power of his spirit to live and work to his praise and glory. No easy matter in these days of social and political polarisation; a real challenge. No one promised that it would be easy – even Christ himself who said to his disciples ‘take up your cross and follow me.’

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## 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**.

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We all love our church and its beauty and we want it to look as wonderful as possible as we are expecting lots of visitors.  
 We are desperate for helpers with the cleaning - we have a very small and dedicated team but **WE NEED MORE PEOPLE!**  
 Please get in touch with Jenny Coleman  
 email [sainteanswythe@gmail.com](mailto:sainteanswythe@gmail.com)

## How well do you know our church?

In September, we were asked where in our church can we see words from the *Te Deum* on display? The quotes from the *Te Deum* can be seen in the spandrels above and between the nave arcades. Not easy to see but there they are, each surmounted by an appropriate image of saints or martyrs.

This month we are asked to find a memorial to a mother of seven sons and two daughters, who is described as ‘a good harmless woman’ – hardly surprising when she brought up a family that size! - and ‘beloved of her neighbours and elected of God’. One of her sons grew up to be a world-famous scientist. Where is this memorial, who was she and who was that son of hers?

## From the Parish Registers

**Baptism** *We welcome into the Lord's family*  
**October** Alyce Treacher-Todd  
 Evie Rose Thomson



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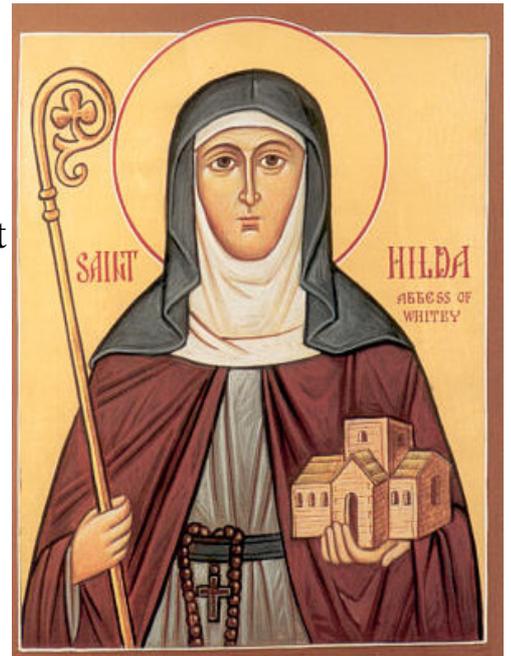
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## Commemoration

### Hilda, Abbess of Whitby

#### 19 November

Hilda was born in 614 of the royal house of Northumbria. Baptised in York at the age of twelve by the Roman missionary Paulinus, she was later an influential lay leader of the Church. She was encouraged by Aidan of Lindisfarne to become a Religious, and subsequently established a monastery at Streanaeshalch (Whitby). This house became a great centre of learning and was the meeting-place for the important Synod of Whitby in the year 664 at which Hilda's rôle was that of a reconciler between the Roman and the Celtic traditions. She is remembered as a great educator, exemplified in her nurturing of Caedmon's gift of vernacular song. She died in November in the year 680.



### Collect

Eternal God,  
who made the abbess Hilda to shine like a jewel  
and through her holiness and leadership  
blessed your Church with new life and unity:  
help us, like her, to yearn for the gospel of Christ  
and to reconcile those who are divided;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

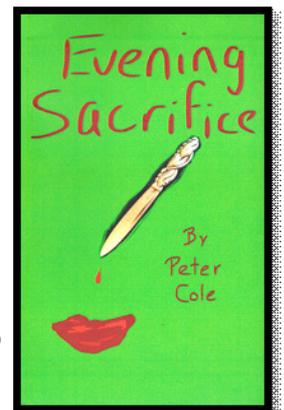
### Readings

OT – Isaiah 61.10-62.5 NT – Ephesians 4.1-6 Gospel – Luke 19.11-28

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## Whodunnit?

While many of us may be enjoying *'Murder before Evensong'* currently on television, here is a precursor – *'Evening Sacrifice'* – written by one of our previous vicars, Canon Peter Cole (1973-1987) and published privately in 2014. It is, in my view, equally engrossing and deserving of a wider audience. I wondered if Richard Coles was aware of it when he wrote his book. I have traced two copies via the internet and am offering them for a donation of £10 (minimum) to church funds. The first two people to contact Ian Gordon will be the lucky ones!



# Harvest Festival Images

Thanks to Jan for the photos



# The Walk of Kings

A sponsored walk in aid of the Rainbow Centre

**SATURDAY 3 JANUARY 2026**

Just like the three Kings, you can start your journey from different places and arrive at the same place to eat and worship together

**Walk** with your friends, family, dog or by yourself  
**Fundraise** with sponsorship or make a donation

**Start**

from your home, church or beauty spot

**Finish at**

**St Mary & St Eanswythe Church**  
Church Street, Folkestone. CT20 1SE

**Arrive around noon** when a light lunch will be served followed by a short service at 12:45

**Book your lunch by 20 December by emailing**  
[events@rainbow-centre.org](mailto:events@rainbow-centre.org)





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

### **Crooked Cross – Sally Carson (1934, reissued 2025)**

This chilling and ultimately tragic novel tells of the lives of an ordinary family, the Klugers, who live in Kranach, Bavaria, close to the border with Austria. Lexa is engaged to be married to Moritz, a Catholic who is deemed to be Jewish simply because of his surname, Weissmann. This leads to loss of his job, poverty and increasing danger. Her brothers Helmy and Erich are enthralled by Hitler and the Nazi Party, which has provided them with both a purpose in life and regular, secure employment. Lexa has never been interested in politics but sees the effects on her family and fiancé; in addition her friends start to turn away from her because of her lack of loyalty to the Party. Meanwhile, Michael, a young Englishman visiting the town, realises that the price the German people are paying for their beliefs in the Party is a strange feeling of unrest and uncertainty. People become afraid to talk, especially about politics, and are constantly looking over their shoulders to check who is listening.

The interesting thing about this book is that it was published in 1934, four years before the outbreak of the second world war, but it shows both the increasing public fervour of belief in the Nazi Party, alongside the loss of status and horrendous treatment of the Jews. The book opened the eyes of many in the UK to exactly what was occurring in Germany, and could perhaps be summed up by this quotation: “All felt the power, the seduction of Hitler’s voice and its promises. Young people were enthralled by it, captivated. Older people realised its significance too.”

This book was reissued by Persephone publishers earlier this year and has been a runaway success, going through several re-printings and receiving some well-deserved excellent reviews. It was also read as the Book at Bedtime on Radio 4 in August – if it’s still available on BBC Sounds it’s well worth a listen. But, of course, the book itself is even better.

### **The New Neighbours – Claire Douglas (2025)**

This very exciting book had me hooked right from the start when Lena overhears her new neighbours discussing something that sounds very dodgy indeed. Instead of ignoring it she starts to investigate, which gets her into some very deep water. I don't want to give away any spoilers, so I don't think I'll tell you any more other than that it is set in present day Bristol and 1980s London, and because of something that happened in the past Lena gave up her midwifery training.

Despite the fact that the story is told from several characters' points of view, while flitting forward and back in time, I didn't find this confusing (mainly because the chapters make it clear in which time-frame they are set).

There are some very nasty people in this book, and it had me on the edge of my seat a lot of the time. As I have come to expect from this excellent author there were also quite a few twists in the plot, most of which came completely out of the blue. This is Clare Douglas' most recent book, and as you can tell I loved it.

*Catriona Hunter*

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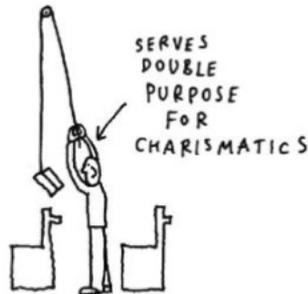
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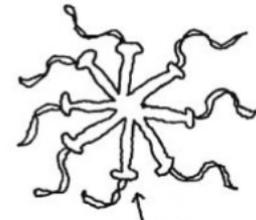


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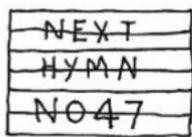


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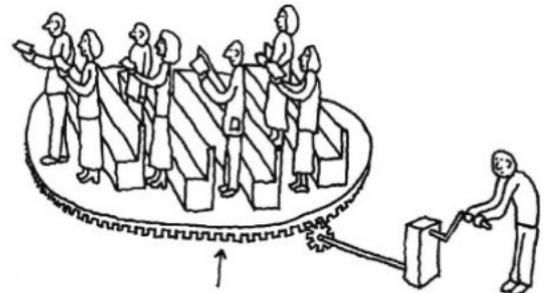
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## MUSIC NOTES

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The performance will take place at **3 p.m. on Saturday 15 November at The Grand**. Seating is strictly limited and you are urged to book in advance, online at the following website to ensure a place:

[Www.soundsfolkestone.co.uk](http://www.soundsfolkestone.co.uk) and follow the link to Bayle Music.

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### It makes you think

I don't care  
How much Scripture you quote . . .  
How do you treat people?

*Anon*

Truths exist  
Only lies are invented.

*George Braques*

## Folkestone Churches Winter Shelter Now Recruiting Volunteers!

The Winter Shelter is a service provided jointly by Folkestone Churches and the Rainbow Centre between December and February, right here in Folkestone. In the 2024/25 Winter Shelter we received 15 guests (4 women and 11 men, plus a dog and a cat) through the 12 beds available. They stayed in a local B&B, in en suite rooms, and every evening enjoyed home cooked food, prepared by volunteers from local churches and other organisations.

As you may be aware our church is going to be responsible for preparing and serving the food to the 12 guests in this year's winter shelter, every Monday evening from 1 December until 28 February. *That's 13 Monday evenings for which we need volunteers!*

We'll need volunteers to prepare and cook the food, deliver it to the Westward Ho! Hotel, where the Winter Shelter will be located, welcome and chat with the guests, serve the food, and wash and clear up afterwards.

I have volunteered to co-ordinate all this for our church, so will make sure that we have volunteers to prepare a main course and a pudding each Monday – also checking that we aren't duplicating the menu choices from the other churches that week, as lasagne and apple crumble 3 nights in a row could be a bit tiresome! I will also prepare the rotas to make sure that we have sufficient volunteers at the venue. *I'll be there every Monday evening, but you have the choice to volunteer for once a week, once a fortnight, or as required. (Or not at all, obviously!)*

If you think that you'd like to volunteer to help at this year's Winter Shelter, you can find application forms on the Rainbow Centre website or contact Andrew Bragg on 01303 850733 or by email at [volunteering@rainbow-centre.org](mailto:volunteering@rainbow-centre.org)

If you've already submitted your volunteer application forms and have put a different day for volunteering than a Monday but would now prefer to volunteer on a Monday as it's 'our evening', please let Andrew, Volunteer Co-ordinator at the Rainbow Centre know as soon as possible.

I'm very excited about this, and I know that many of you are too. Thank you all for any help that you will be giving to the forthcoming Winter Shelter.

*Catriona Hunter*  
*Winter Shelter Venue Co-ordinator*



Rainbow Centre

# Winter Shelter Volunteers Needed



Folkestone Churches  
WINTER SHELTER

1 Dec 2025 - 28 Feb 2026

## Opportunities:

- Drivers
- Cooks
- Greeters
- Set-up & serving
- Befrienders

## Could you volunteer with us?

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