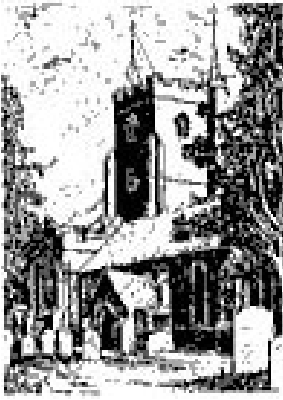


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Please contact Andrew Plested as above

CALENDAR

Services and Events in August 2026

Sun	2	Trinity 9	
		10:30	SUNG EUCHARIST
Thu	6	10:30	Holy Communion BCP
Sun	9	Trinity 10	
		10:30	SUNG EUCHARIST with Children's Church
Thu	13	10:30	Holy Communion BCP
Sun	16	Trinity 11	
		10:30	SUNG EUCHARIST
Thu	20	10:30	Holy Communion BCP
Sun	23	Trinity 12	
		10:30	SUNG EUCHARIST
Thu	27	10:30	Holy Communion BCP
Sat	29	11:00	Ukrainian Hospitality
Sun	30	Trinity 12	
		10:30	SUNG EUCHARIST



September

Thu	3	10:30	Holy Communion BCP
		11:15	Thursday Study Club
Sun	9	Trinity 14	
		10:30	SUNG EUCHARIST
Tue	8	18:00	Friends AGM
Thu	10	10:30	Holy Communion BCP
Sat	12	10:00	St Eanswythe's Festival
Sun	13	Trinity 15	
		10:30	SUNG EUCHARIST with Children's Church
		16:00	PATRONAL FESTIVAL Choral Evensong
Thu	17	10:30	Holy Communion BCP
Sun	20	Trinity 16	
		10:30	SUNG EUCHARIST
Thu	24	10:30	Holy Communion BCP
Sat	26	11:00	Ukrainian Hospitality
Sun	27	Trinity 17	
		10:30	SUNG EUCHARIST



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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

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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 the last month or so I've been doing a fair bit of thinking about the idea of 'inheritance'. Not because I've suddenly come into funds thanks to a long-lost relative (so no need to form an orderly queue at the bar), but because some work I've been doing and a conference I spoke at encouraged us to think about the things we inherit in church life and faith. We particularly pondered how the things of the past might inform what we do now and in the future.

In the Christian faith we stand in the midst of a great inheritance; metaphorical warehouses full of scripture, tradition, worship & liturgy, and the great examples of thousands, if not millions of faithful worshippers who have journeyed with God through the centuries.

Here in Folkestone, and especially at St Eanswythe's, we have a tremendous inheritance. We have St Eanswythe herself, and her example of devotion to God and loving service of the people of the town; setting aside earthly status in favour of this. As a parish church, we care for a building that has seen nearly 900 years of history within itself and within the town, as people have gathered - in good times and in bad - to worship God but also to treasure and lean on the strong feeling of peace within its walls and that knowledge of the presence of God.

The question for each of us, however, is what to do with that. Tradition and inheritance can give us foundations on which to build, but the Christian faith is a living faith, through which God works in every generation. How can our generation proclaim that faith and that hope afresh to our town and our world? Inheritance isn't just about preserving what was (possibly with some rose-tinting of the spectacles) but developing and handing it on.

At St Eanswythe's we work on the basis of 'Worship: Community: Heritage' as we seek to treasure what we have and to make it work for us and in God's service into the future. There's room for everyone to be involved in that. It starts from our worship of God – and that's always going to be our primary focus as a church community – but we're here to serve and welcome our community and to share what we have and to encourage new people to engage and to treasure the heritage.

What have you inherited in life and in faith and how might you pass that on?

With very best wishes,



The Reader's Ramblings

The Fruit We Reach For

It's often the smallest, most ordinary moments that open a window into something larger. The other day, while sitting at my desk at work, I noticed an apple I'd brought in for lunch resting beside a small wooden cross. Nothing dramatic - just two everyday objects sharing the same patch of desk space. And yet, the sight of them together stopped me for a moment. The "forbidden fruit" and the cross: symbols that bookend the great story of our faith.

The apple, of course, is only a symbol. Scripture never names the fruit from the Garden of Eden, but over centuries the apple has come to stand for that moment of reaching - humanity grasping for what looked good, promising more than it could ever deliver. It represents the choices we still make today: the shortcuts, the self-justifications, the quiet decisions to trust our own wisdom over God's. We may not be standing in a garden, but the temptation to reach for something that isn't ours to take is as familiar as ever.

And then, beside it, the cross. Not a grand, gilded one from a cathedral wall, but a simple wooden cross made by the nuns of St Mary's Abbey, West Malling - small enough to sit unnoticed most days. Yet its presence beside that apple told the whole story in miniature. Where humanity reached, Christ surrendered. Where we grasped, he opened his hands. Where we fractured relationship, he stepped into the breach and restored it with his own life.

The contrast between the two objects reminded me that the Christian story is not primarily about our failure, but about God's response to it. The fruit represents our reaching; the cross represents God's reaching toward us. The first is about desire twisted inward; the second is love poured outward. One is the beginning of our wandering; the other is the beginning of our way home.

Most of us don't spend our days making dramatic moral choices. Instead, we navigate a thousand small decisions - how we speak to one another, how we spend our time, how we respond when we're tired, stressed, or overlooked. These are the moments when we still find ourselves reaching for the wrong fruit: the quick retort, the easy cynicism, the comfortable indifference. And yet, in each of those moments, the cross stands beside us, quietly reminding us that another way is possible.

Christ's sacrifice is not simply a past event but a present invitation. It calls us to choose differently - not out of fear or guilt, but out of gratitude for the one who has already chosen us. It invites us to let go of the things that promise much but deliver little, and instead to take hold of the love that truly satisfies.

So perhaps this month, as we go about our ordinary routines, we might pause when we notice the small "apples" in our path - the tempting shortcuts, the unhelpful habits, the moments when we'd rather grasp than give. And in that pause, may we

remember the cross: the sign that God has already reached out, already forgiven, already restored.

May we choose well, not because we must, but because we are loved.

Vicky Friedrich ~ Reader



THURSDAY STUDY CLUB

Thursday 3rd
September
11.15am - 12.30pm.

Join us in church to discuss aspects of Christian faith and belief - we'll even get the good coffee and biscuits on!

Further information from Fr Chris
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It's all about believing



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH



It's all about forgiveness

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11TH

It's all about God's amazing invitation



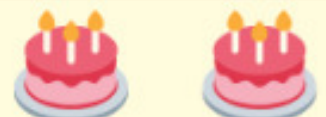
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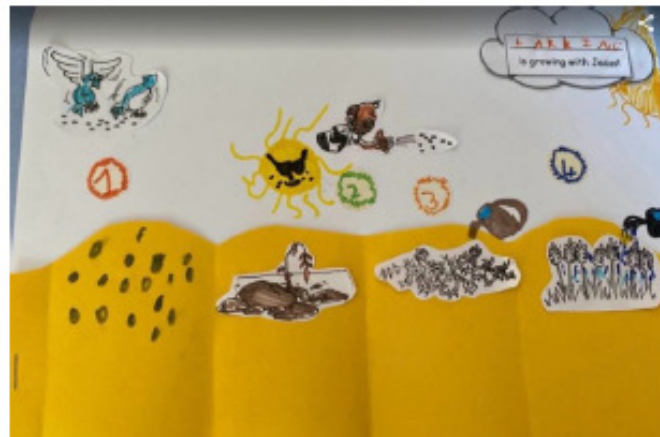
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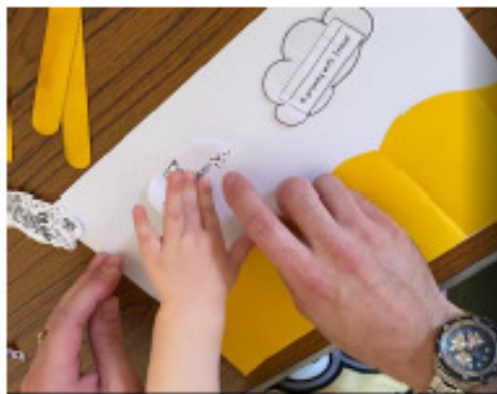
Jesus our Saviour knows what we need

So don't forget to pray!

We sang those words together (to the tune of Row, row, row your boat) as we acted out the parable of the Sower and learned how important it is to be rooted in Jesus. If we want to grow with Jesus we have to pray and listen to him – and then we can share the good news with everyone!

Then we created this great story board and retold the parable!





Next time - It's all about believing! Come and join us on Sunday 9th August.

Clare Tomlinson



Festival of St Eanswythe

SAVE THE DATE!

12th September

10am - 3pm

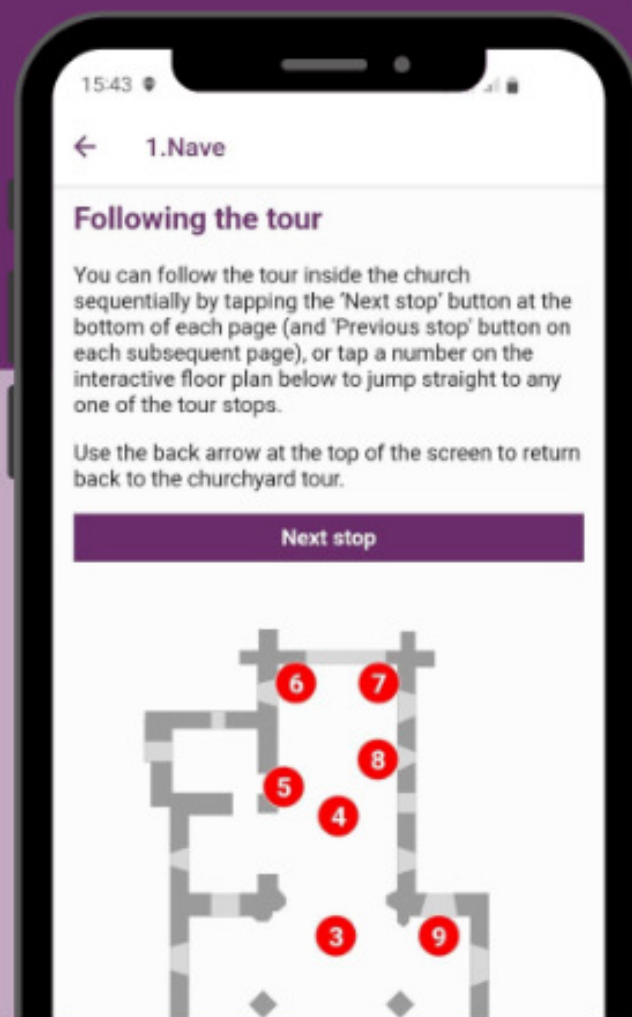
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Bookworm: – What Catriona Read On Holiday

Enchanted August – Brenda Bowen (2015)

A really clever, enjoyable, and very readable reimaging of Elizabeth von Arnim's *Enchanted April* (reviewed last month). Although it would stand alone, it would be so much more fun for those who have already read the book on which it is based.

Set on Little Lost Island, Maine (which reminded me very much of Sark in the Channel Islands) we find Lottie and Rose escaping their husbands and children, disgraced film star Caroline, and Beverley who harps on constantly about being colour blind.

The first shocks for the visitors include there being no cars or phone signal, and having to drink instant coffee (something they hadn't done since their student days and find it's not as awful as expected!). The idyllic island offers them an escape from real life in an enormous cottage surrounded by beautiful flowers and with friendly neighbours. The four visitors quickly find themselves relaxed and happy, lose their inhibitions, and become far nicer people.

A Cottage in the Country – Katie Fforde (2026)

This is a lovely gentle romantic story. Perfect holiday reading.

Hattie is a house finder. She's really good at her job and manages to find the perfect house for all her clients. However, for herself the perfect cottage is being lived in by her elderly friend Mary. Meanwhile Hattie lives in a series of short-term rentals and house-sitting jobs, intermingled with staying with friends.

Hattie's best friend is a builder called Luke. Although she is aware of having 'feelings' for him she is terrified that any relationship could cause her to lose her best friend if the relationship were to fail. So follows a series of misunderstandings and other events to frustrate the reader and delay the inevitable happy ending.

The plot is far more fun and complex than I'm making it sound, and there are lots of lovely characters also having their own romantic entanglements.

It's a most enjoyable read, as I would expect from Katie Fforde. If you want a comfort read, this is the book for you.

It's Not What You Think – Clare Mackintosh (2026)

Never did a book have a more descriptive title, because truly, Nothing Is What You Think. And as it says on the cover, 'the truth is even worse'.

This is an outstandingly good, high tension, rollercoaster of a read. I couldn't put it down but wanted it to go on for ever. Though at least once I'd finished it my heart rate could return to normal. It deals with some very sinister issues affecting society today, but to tell you what those are would be a major plot spoiler. So, you'll just have to take my word for it.

We learn in the first chapter that Nadeeka's partner Jamie has been brutally murdered. And what follows is a story full of plot twists, most of which I didn't see coming, and an insight into something very scary indeed. There are a lot of bad people, and some very good ones too. But how do you know who is who?

This is one of the best books I've read for a long time, and if you like a good thriller, I think that you will agree.

Catriona Hunter

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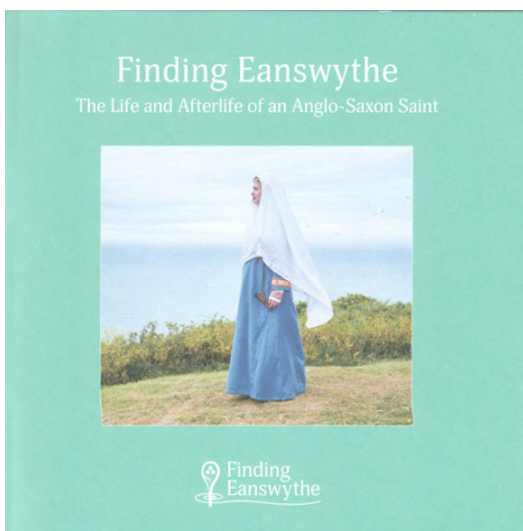
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We all love our church and its beauty and we want it to look as wonderful as possible as we are expecting lots of visitors.

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

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**.

Sunday Eucharist and Red Letter Day Gospels

Sunday 2 August – 9th of Trinity: Matthew 14.13-21

‘All ate and were filled’.

Faith is often incomplete, fearing God will help us only in certain ways. He meets all the needs of those who turn to him.

Sunday 9 August – 10th of Trinity: Matthew 14.22-33

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

The great events of life can dominate our minds. All that the believer needs is to be still and trust in the personal encounter with God.

Sunday 16 August – 11th of Trinity: Matthew 15.[10-20] 21-28

‘Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master’s table’.

The promises of God were first made to the Jewish people. Their great prophets came to understand that he is God of the whole world, and the incarnation of Jesus Christ opened salvation to all who respond in faith.

Sunday 23 August – 12th of Trinity: Matthew 16.13-20

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

Our eyes should not always be looking down. We also need to look up to God for guidance every day.

Red Letter Days of Special Obligation

Thursday 6 August – The Feast of the Transfiguration: Luke 9.28-26

The appearances of God in the Old Testament are surrounded by mystery. In Christ the glory is seen in human form.

Saturday 15 August – The Blessed Virgin Mary: Luke 1.46-55

God redeemed the world by making the divine incarnate in the human as a perfect sacrifice. He chose the Virgin Mary to be the mother through whom the purpose would be fulfilled.

Monday 24 August – Bartholomew the Apostle: Luke 22.24-30

The service of God does not bring status of human honour. Many of his chosen followers are unknown in this world and offer only their obedience.

Commemoration

The Transfiguration

August 6th

The Transfiguration of Jesus is an event described in the New Testament where Jesus is transfigured and becomes radiant in glory upon a mountain. The Synoptic Gospels (Matthew 17:1–8, Mark 9:2–13, Luke 9:28–36) recount the occasion, and the Second Epistle of Peter also refers to it. Ancient Christian texts considered non-canonical by Catholic and Eastern Orthodox doctrine, such as the Treatise on the Resurrection from the Nag Hammadi corpus, refer to the scene as well.

In the gospel accounts, Jesus and three of his apostles, Peter, James, and John, go to a mountain (the Mount of Transfiguration) to pray. On the mountain top, Jesus begins to shine with bright rays of light. Then the Old Testament figures Moses and Elijah appear, and he speaks with them. Both figures had eschatological roles: they symbolise the Law and the prophets, respectively. Jesus is then called "Son" by the voice of God the Father, as in the Baptism of Jesus.



Many Christian traditions, including the Eastern Orthodox, Catholic, Lutheran and Anglican churches, commemorate the event in the Feast of the Transfiguration, a major festival. In the original Koine Greek, the word *μετεμ* (*metemorphothe*), "he was transformed" is used to describe the event in Matthew and Mark. In Greek Orthodoxy, the event is called the metamorphosis.

Significance

The transfiguration is one of the miracles of Jesus in the Gospels. Thomas Aquinas considers the transfiguration "the greatest miracle", in that it complemented baptism and showed the perfection of life in Heaven. The transfiguration is one of the five major milestones in the gospel narrative of the life of Jesus, the others being baptism, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. In 2002, Pope John Paul II introduced the Luminous Mysteries in the rosary, which include the transfiguration.

In Christian teachings, the transfiguration is a pivotal moment, and the setting on the mountain is presented as the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place of the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus, as both true man and true God, serving the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth. Moreover, Christians consider the transfiguration to fulfill an Old Testament messianic prophecy that Elijah would return again after his ascension (Malachi 4:5–6).

A Collation and an Induction for ‘The Vicar’

Context is key!

Is he taking after the parish magazine and needs to be put in the right order? Has he not arrived on time and needs a helping hand? Turns out he’s not even *legally* ‘The Vicar’!

One of those statements is quite true, but soon won’t be! A quirk of the Church of England is that most clergy in a dog collar are known as ‘The Vicar’. In law, that’s not always the case for various reasons and, when Fr Chris became the parish priest in October 2024, he was licensed as ‘Priest-in-Charge’ whilst decisions were made about how clergy were deployed in the local area.

The good news for St Mary’s & St Eanswythe’s is that the legal processes have now been completed for Fr Chris to be made ‘Vicar’ legally and this will happen on **Sunday 30th August at 10.30 a.m.** when the Archdeacon of Ashford will pay us a visit.

This will involve some very old legal processes where he is ‘Collated’ (the Bishop gives him a legal share in the ‘Spiritualities’ or spiritual responsibilities of the parish) and then ‘Inducted’ (where the ‘Temporalities’ or possession of the bricks & mortar of the church and vicarage are handed over) for the duration of his time in the parish.

Some things to watch and listen for are:

- Swearing of oaths of allegiance to the King, Canonical Obedience to the Bishop and then a declaration of using correct forms of service.
- The giving of the share in the ‘cure [care] of souls’ of the parish.
- The ceremonial ‘Installation’ of being sat in the Vicar’s stall.
- Having a hand placed on the handle of the front door as a sign of receiving the responsibility.
- Ringing of the bell in order to let the parish know what’s happened.

Most importantly, however, this takes place during an act of worship as we make sure all this happens in the presence of God. Come and join the celebration on Sunday 30th August!

Diocesan Safeguarding Audit

(Please note that the article contains themes surrounding safeguarding and church-related abuse)

Looking after each other and safeguarding are both important parts of our life together as the church family. You may be aware, however, that the Church of England has not always lived up to that aim, sometimes failing very badly and causing huge hurt and pain as a result.

As such, each diocese (essentially a church ‘county’) has been subject to an audit and review of its processes & progress in the area of safeguarding and Canterbury’s takes place this autumn. As part of that, people of all ages are being asked to take part in a survey to see how safeguarding is understood and how it plays a part within the life of their church community. This is whether they’re someone with ‘a job’ in church or as someone who attends and sits in the pew or is connected with church activities. There’s also a survey for those who are survivors of church-related abuse too.

Might you be able to spare a few minutes to undertake the survey so your voice is captured (anonymously) in the process?



Landing page: <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/canterbury>

Young person’s survey: <https://fs2.formsite.com/Ineqe/Canterbury-CYP/index>

Adult parishioner survey: <https://fs2.formsite.com/Ineqe/Canterbury-Parish-Comm/index>

The survey can only be done online, but if access to technology is an issue, do please let us know and we can help facilitate access to a laptop. **Responses are due by 11.30 p.m. on Wednesday 9th September.**

I’m very aware that the issue of safeguarding can cause all sorts of responses and even triggers for people. If I can be of help or support in amongst this, do please get in touch (vicar.mefolkestone@gmail.com / 07931804952). Elaine Furminger, our Parish Safeguarding Officer, is also available to support too (safeguarding.sme@gmail.com) There are links to national support helplines via the QR code, but **Safe Spaces** is a free and independent support service, providing confidential, support to survivors of church related abuse. Call for free on 0300 303 1056.

Thank you for being part of this process and for helping to shape the future of safeguarding in the Church of England.

Fr Chris

Dates For Your Diary

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

Sunday, 30 August	10.30 a.m.	Licensing of Fr Chris as Vicar – by Archdeacon Darren
Tuesday, 8 September	6 p.m.	Friends of St Mary and St Eanswythe AGM
Saturday, 12 September	10.30 a.m.	St Eanswythe Fair
Saturday, 12 September	11 a.m. & 1 p.m.	Explore The Bayle: Folkestone's Oldest Quarter Through History
Sunday, 13 September	10.30 am	Festival Eucharist for St Eanswythe
Sunday, 13 September	4 p.m.	Choral Evensong for St Eanswythe
Monday, 14 September	1 p.m.	Step Back in Time: The History of Folkestone's Town Cross
Tuesday, 15 September	1 p.m.	Step Back in Time: The History of Folkestone's Town Cross
Wednesday, 16 September	1 p.m.	Step Back in Time: The History of Folkestone's Town Cross
Thursday, 17 September	1 p.m.	Step Back in Time: The History of Folkestone's Town Cross
Friday, 18 September	12 noon	Step Inside the Story of the Attwood Clock
Saturday, 19 September	12 noon & 2 p.m.	The History and Architecture of Folkestone's Parish Church
Monday, 21 September	7 p.m.	PCC Meeting
Sunday, 11 October		Family Beetle Drive (<i>Friends of St Mary and St Eanswythe</i>)
Sunday, 8 November		Remembrance Sunday
Monday, 23 November	7 p.m.	PCC Meeting
Sunday, 29 November	4 p.m.	Advent Carol Service
Thursday 10 December		Creative Quarter Carol Service
Sunday, 20 December	4 p.m.	Nine Lessons and Carols
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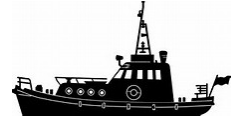
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News From St Eanswythe's School

Dear Readers

The end of another school year, as we all go our separate ways for the summer.

We finished the year with a wonderful service of celebration for the Year 6 class of 2026. They sang for us, shared their memories of school life with us, and received well earned awards for a variety of achievements. Some were academic, some sporting and some for displaying continuously our school values. Father Chris presented them with their awards and leaver's Bibles, and by the end of the services, there were very few dry eyes! We have sadly also said goodbye to some members of staff, who are moving on, and to a couple of our children, who because of moving, have also left us. We wish them well, as they begin new chapters in their lives.

As we say goodbye to them, we have also been welcoming our new Ducklings who will be joining us in September. It has been really good getting to know them, and their parents as well, as they will all become an important part of our school and Church community.

Staff have been in and out of school, and will continue to do so, over the holidays, getting classrooms ready for their new class, as the children move up year groups. There's a buzz of excitement as we get ready for our next academic year, and we are all looking forward to welcoming back our children and helping them, through teaching/trips/visitors/close links with the Church and giving them the wonderful experiences we offer, the chance to reach their full potential and enjoy their time in school.

From all the staff and children at St Eanswythe's, we wish you all a happy and enjoyable summer, and look forward to sharing our new school year with you

Kim Adlington

Kim has also passed on the following:

We have received the following from Morrison's Cafes which we would like to bring to your attention and ask that you share with parents/careers.

Between 29th June and 6th September 2026, families can access free Kellogg's breakfasts in all Morrison's Cafes. This is available to both children and adults, who can choose from much-loved favourites Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies, topped with their choice of dairy or non-dairy milk and a free apple or banana.

In addition to the Kellogg's Breakfast offer, Morrison's 'Kids Eat Free' offer will continue to run in all its Cafés, allowing families to enjoy a free meal and drink for one child aged 16 or under when they purchase an adult main meal costing over £5 from The Breakfasts and The Classics menu.

At this time of Ordination – Pray for all our Priests

1. They love God and you a lot.
(Be mindful.)
2. They are painfully limited human beings.
(Be realistic.)
3. They probably have a pretty low view of their “performance”.
(Be kind.)
4. They wish they were a better preacher.
(Be awake.)
5. They really do want God’s best for you and your family.
(Be open-hearted.)
6. Their work knows no time or locational boundaries.
(Be patient.)
7. They hear much more negative information than positive.
(Be encouraging.)
8. They have chosen a vocation in which few remain.
(Be praying.)
9. They have chosen a highly leadership-intensive call.
(Be lead-able.)
10. They need help.
(Be available.)
11. Their God-given vision is bigger than themselves and the church.
(Be faith-filled.)
12. They want to personally meet all the needs, but know they can’t.
(Be understanding.)
13. They are going to say some dumb things every now and then.
(Be forgiving.)
14. They are greatly encouraged by your faithfulness.
(Be there.)
15. They are passionate for God’s Word to be made practical to you.
(Be hungry.)
16. They long for church to be your spiritual oasis.
(Be loving.)
17. They dream for your and your family’s spiritual health.
(Be receptive.)
18. They need to hear that you pray for them.
(Be interceding.)
19. They are just regular people.
(Be real.)

Pause for Thought



I used to pray that God would feed the hungry or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things.

Mother Teresa

True religion is not about possessing the truth. No religion does that. It is rather an invitation into a journey that leads one towards the mystery of God. Idolatry is religion pretending that it has all the answers.

Bishop John Shelby Spong Episcopal Church (USA) (1931-2021)

Christians are to be part of a Church that is told to conquer with love and peace: never, never with a sword, a bomb or a plot. Either Christians demonstrate the truth of God or they demonstrate nothing by the quality of their lives. And I say to our dear friends from the Islamic community: how often Christians have got this wrong. Our history is one of the tragic sin of force. Let us be people of peace together.

*Justin Welby, as Archbishop of Canterbury,
Preaching in All Saints' Cathedral, Cairo*

Young men dream dreams, old men have visions, but much of the problem is that often middle-aged men are in charge

Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York.

FIVE NUNS IN A BAR

Sisters Mary Catherine, Maria Theresa, Katherine Marie, Rose Frances, & Mary Kathleen left the Convent on a trip to St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City and were sight-seeing on a Tuesday in July. It was hot and humid in town and their traditional garb was making them so uncomfortable, they decided to stop in at Paddy McGuire's Pub for a cold soft drink.

Paddy had recently added special legs to his barstools, which were the talk of the fashionable eastside neighbourhood. All 5 Nuns sat up at the bar and were enjoying their Cokes when Monsignor Riley and Father McGinty entered the bar through the front door

They, too, came for a cold drink but were shocked and almost fainted at what they saw.



Give us a sense of humour Lord,
give us the grace to see a joke,
to gain some humour out of life,
and pass it on to others.

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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How well do you know your church?

Last month we are asked to find this memorial to **Canon Hyla Holden**, vicar here from 1927 until 1942.



It is a small, modest plaque which you can see in The Lady Chapel, at floor level on the right hand wooden altar rail. It was during Canon Holden's ministry that the Lady Chapel was completely re-ordered as we see it today.

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(IT CAN BE EMBARRASSING TO KEEP SINGING WHEN EVERYONE ELSE HAS STOPPED)

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My Name is Asher Lev by Chaim Potok. Pub: Penguin Books

What do you do when God gives you a gift that puts you at odds with your family and community, and sends you into a world that your co-religionists abhor?

My name is Asher Lev, a novel by American author, Chaim Potok, tells such a story; that of ‘the notorious and legendary Lev of the Brooklyn Crucifixion.’

Asher Lev is born into a Hasidic Jewish community in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, where graven images are frowned on, and where Asher’s father expects his son to continue a family tradition of rescuing Jews from Russian persecution. But Asher was born with an extraordinary artistic talent. ‘I could feel with my eyes,’ the young Asher says. ‘This is a six year old boy,’ his uncle says in wonder as he peers over his nephew’s shoulder one day.

Asher’s father, his wider family and their ultra-orthodox community, however, can’t accept that one of their own is following a path that contravenes everything they hold to be sacred.

Finally, however, after much consideration, Asher’s Rebbe, the leader of his Hasidic community, agrees that he can study art with a carefully chosen teacher. But, not only does this lead Asher into the glittering and hedonistic New York art world, but when Asher produces his masterpiece, the Brooklyn Crucifixion, the Rebbe and his community are horrified.

This is a book that I couldn’t put down and have read several times since picking it up by chance in a charity shop. It’s a powerful story - of thwarted parental expectation, family and community conflict, and the hurt that ensues when deeply held beliefs are challenged. But mostly it’s about how great art, and great talent, can neither be controlled or denied.

Jean Hatton

From the Parish Registers

Baptism	<i>We welcome into the Lord’s family</i>
August	Arlo-Ray Jackson Dorothy Warman-Spiers
Marriage	<i>Those whom God has joined together</i>
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Psalm 49 – The Futility of Wealth

O hear this, all you peoples :

give ear, all you inhabitants of the world,
All children of men and sons of Adam :
both rich and poor alike.

For my mouth shall speak wisdom :
and the thoughts of my heart shall be full of
understanding.

I will incline my ear to a riddle :
and unfold the mystery to the sounds of the harp.
Why should I fear in the evil days :
when the wickedness of my deceivers surrounds me,
Though they trust to their great wealth :
and boast of the abundance of their riches?

No man may ransom his brother :
or give God a price for him,
So that he may live for ever :
and never see the grave;
For to ransom men's lives is so costly :
that he must abandon it for ever.

For we see that wise men die:
and perish with the foolish and the ignorant,
leaving their wealth to others.
The tomb is their home for ever,
their dwelling-place throughout all generations :
though they called estates after their own names.

A rich man without understanding :
is like the beasts that perish.

This is the lot of the foolish :
the end of those who are pleased with their own
words.

They are driven like sheep into the grave,
and death is their shepherd :
they slip down easily into the tomb.
Their bright forms shall wear away in the grave :
and lose their former glory.

But God will ransom my life :
he will take me from the power of the grave.
Do not fear when a man grows rich :
when the wealth of his household increases,
For he will take nothing away when he dies :
nor will his wealth go down after him.

Though he counts himself happy while he lives :
and praises you also when you prosper,
He will go to the company of his fathers :
who will never see the light.

A rich man without understanding :
is like the beasts that perish.

See Luke 16.19-31.

Our Lord also said 'Store up treasures in heaven where moth and rust do not corrupt'.

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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.



Ride and Stride takes place this year on Saturday 12th September. It is an

opportunity to support the upkeep of our church and also other churches in need throughout Kent through the Friends of Kent Churches charity. Half of what we raise is for our use, half goes towards their support of other Kent churches

Once again the Plested Family will be representing St. Mary and St. Eanswythe's on various forms of transport! I shall shortly be bringing into Church the necessary form so we can sponsor them.

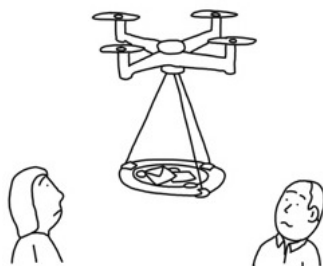
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You will be having fun and supporting a good cause!

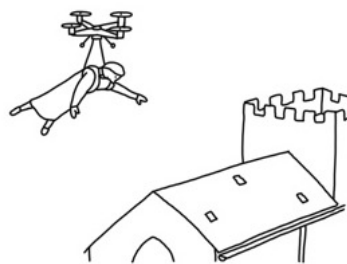
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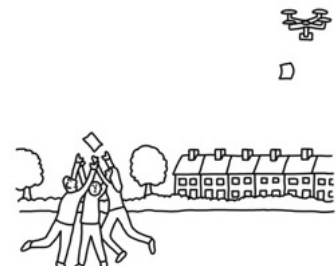
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