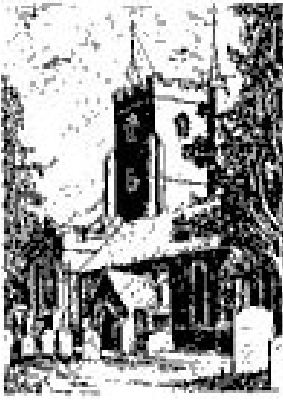


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CALENDAR

Services and Events in September 2026

Thu	3	10:30	Holy Communion BCP
		11:15	Thursday Study Club
Sun	6	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



October

Thu	1	10:30	Holy Communion BCP
		11:15	Thursday Study Club
Sun	4	Trinity 18	
		10:30	HARVEST EUCHARIST
Tue	6	13:45	St Eanswythe's School Harvest Festival
Thu	8	10:30	Holy Communion BCP
Sun	11	Trinity 19	
		10:30	SUNG EUCHARIST With Children's Church
		15:00	Beetle Drive
Thu	15	10:30	Holy Communion BCP
Sun	18	Trinity 20	
		10:30	SUNG EUCHARIST
Thu	22	10:30	Holy Communion BCP
Sun	25	Bible Sunday	
		10:30	SUNG EUCHARIST
Thu	29	10:30	Holy Communion BCP



Guidance for contributors

The deadline for Rendezvous contributions is the 15th of each month, but December 10th for the January edition.

We are always keen to receive content for Rendezvous. A page of text is about 500 words (a page in 16 point type will also give you an idea of what fits) and we aim to keep articles to one or two pages. Please discuss longer items with Andrew Plested or Catriona Hunter before submission.

We reserve the right to edit all contributions.

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What do you think about Rendezvous?

Please let us have your feedback. Was there something in this issue that you particularly enjoyed reading? Or something you didn't like so much?

Andrew Plested and Catriona Hunter would welcome your comments.

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We are grateful to the Headteacher of St Eanswythe's School for allowing us to use the school playground as a car park on Sundays and on other occasions.



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

- 11.00-13.00
Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday, Saturday

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Priest's Letter

From Father Chris



September is quite the month of celebration for us at St Mary and St Eanswythe's as we get to celebrate our patron saints (plural)! Not only that but we get to celebrate two important women of the Christian faith - one whose impact has been truly global and one who's had more local influence (though even that's not as true a picture as it once was!).

Both of our patrons give us an important glimpse into being obedient to God's call upon our lives and to pondering how we can be faithful to him, each in our own way and our own time.

Our Lady Mary offers us an example of courage and obedience as she responds to God's call to bear Jesus in her womb. Her decision would have been costly to her in so many ways but was also world-changing for all of us.

Eanswythe's story encourages us to look to the needs of others as much as to our own, recalling Jesus's own commandment to love our neighbours as we love ourselves. Her story has local rather than global resonance on the whole, but it's an example that can speak through the ages to us and continue to inspire us. Her story, however, is one that can bring people together across time and across continents. As we'll discover later in the autumn, her story inspired a congregation in Australia a century ago this year. We also have connections with the Orthodox church of St John the Forerunner in Cedar Park, Texas, USA, who have been inspired by St Eanswythe too!

As we celebrate the lives and legacies of both Our Lady and of St Eanswythe, how can we be inspired in our own day to respond to God's call and to serve him? Part of our service comes through love and service of others and helping God's church to function - are there ways in which you could help us here at St Eanswythe's, even if only occasionally?

With very best wishes,



The Reader's Ramblings

Coming Home to the Jungle

There is a particular moment that belongs only to the return from holiday. You open the front door, drop the bags, breathe in the familiar scent of home... and then glance out of the window to discover that your once-tidy garden has staged a coup. While you were away enjoying rest and restoration, the borders have erupted into a miniature rainforest, the lawn has developed ambitions of becoming a meadow, and the weeds - those tireless missionaries - have evangelised every available patch of soil.

It is both comic and humbling. You leave for a fortnight and come back to find that creation has been very busy indeed.

There is something wonderfully grounding about this annual ritual of rediscovery. Holidays give us the gift of stepping away from our routines, but the garden reminds us - sometimes with a cheeky grin - that life does not pause simply because we have. Growth continues. Seeds germinate. Brambles plot. Nature keeps its own calendar, indifferent to our diaries and departure dates.

And yet, in that first slightly stunned moment of surveying the chaos, there is also a quiet lesson. The garden, in all its exuberant unruliness, becomes a parable of grace. We spend so much of our lives trying to keep things neat: inboxes, schedules, relationships, even our spiritual lives. We trim, prune, organise, and attempt to maintain control. But the world God has made is not a place of tight corners and straight lines. It is abundant, overflowing, and occasionally a little wild.

Standing there with secateurs in hand, I found myself thinking of Jesus' words about the lilies of the field - how they neither toil nor spin, and yet are clothed in splendour. My garden, admittedly, was clothed in more enthusiasm than splendour, but the point remained. Creation grows because God wills it to grow, not because I am here to supervise.

There is comfort in that. We are not the sole caretakers of our lives or our communities. God is at work in the hidden places, in the quiet soil, in the unnoticed corners. Sometimes the growth is gentle; sometimes it is exuberant enough to swallow the compost bin. But it is growth all the same.

Of course, after the theological reflection comes the practical reality: the gloves go on, the tools come out, and the battle with the bindweed begins. Yet even that feels different after a holiday. There is a rhythm to returning home, a settling back into the ordinary tasks that shape our days. And perhaps the garden's riotous welcome is its own form of hospitality - its way of saying, "You were missed. Things happened while you were gone. Come and join in again."

So this month, whether your own garden is immaculate, mildly unruly, or auditioning for a nature documentary, may it remind you of the God who nurtures growth in every season. And may you find joy - even in the jungle.

Vicky Friedrich, Reader



THURSDAY STUDY CLUB

Thursday 3rd
September
11.15am - 12.30pm.

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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH



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SUNDAY OCTOBER 11TH

It's all about God's amazing invitation



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8TH



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NOVEMBER 21ST SATURDAY 10AM

It's all about making Birthday Cakes for Jesus!



Children's Church in August – **All about BELIEVING!**

Dear Lord Jesus

We praise you for your amazing love and care.

We marvel that you know all things and see all things.

Thank you for being with us in the stormy seas of life.

*When we are afraid, please help us to remember that you are
with us.*

We love you and we thank you for your love for us.

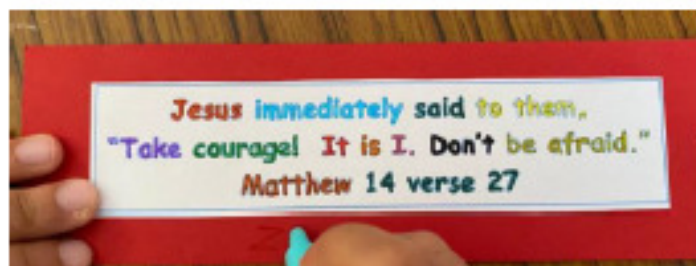
Amen

The story of Jesus walking on the water gave us the opportunity to sing, dress up and act! We sat in the boat together as the storm raged around us – then Jesus came, called to Peter, calmed our fears and helped us to believe and to take courage and know that Jesus will never let us go.

All aboard!



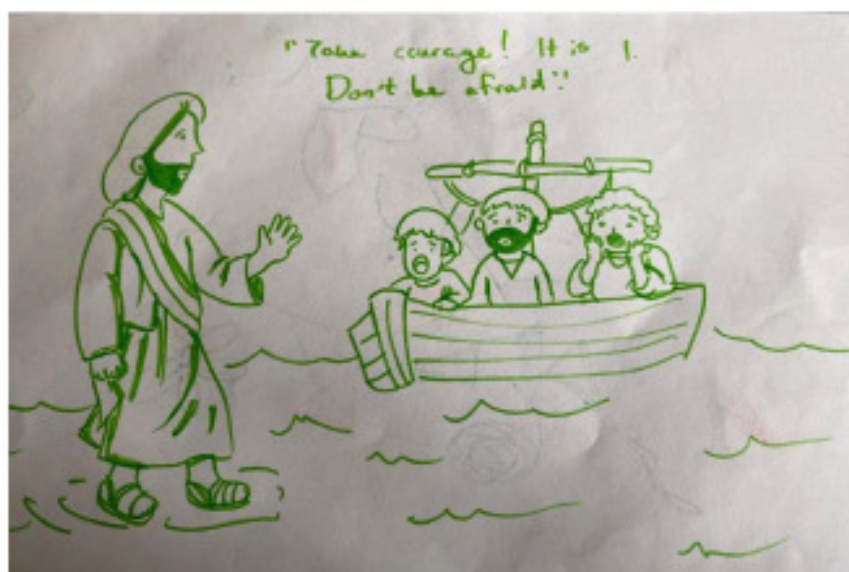
To help us remember that Jesus is always with us, we made bookmarks with Matthew 14 verse 27 on it – and a great picture to colour.



It was great fun!



Everyone was involved and a teddy made it into one photo!
(Can you spot it?)



It's wonderful to have eleven children at Children's Church and to share with you what we've learned and enjoyed. Thank you for your prayers and your participation in our songs!

NEXT TIME – it's St Eanswythe's Day and
it's all about forgiveness

Clare Tomlinson



Festival of St Eanswythe

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12th September

10am - 3pm

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Breed:	

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The entry fee is £3 per dog per class.

Dogs may be coming into close contact with each other so please do check, not only that your dog is vaccinated, but that the vaccines are up to date.

Please note that all dogs entering the show must be kept on a lead.

Please remember to poop scoop and clear up after your dog and remember to ensure that your dog has access to fresh water throughout the day.

For the sausage eating contest, there will be dog friendly and human friendly options – please ask one of the volunteers on the day for information on the ingredients!

Finally, we would request that dogs are not left unattended in cars.

Which Event?	Please tick!
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Golden Oldie	
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Bookworm – What Catriona has Been Reading

The Long Isle – Andrew Raymond (2026)

Andrew Raymond is a new author for me. This book is set on South Uist and as I love the Outer Hebrides, and have visited South Uist, I just had to read it. Even better, it's the first in a new series.

No one can remember there ever having been a murder on South Uist, and this one is brutal. DC Mairead Maclean is seconded to a team from Glasgow who are sent to investigate – she knows the islands and their people well. However, there are 'reasons' why she left 21 years ago, never intending to return, and it's not easy for her going back. What is clear is that Mairead isn't the only one with secrets.

It's an enjoyable read and a good thriller. Lots of good people, some of whom turn out to be bad, and lots of bad people who turn out to be good.

Official Secrets – Andrew Raymond (2021)

This is an exciting book about corruption in the security services, government, and the media - set in both the UK and USA. The complex plot is fast moving and there is a very high body count. Though sometimes it was difficult to keep up with what was going on, and who was working for which organisation, or double-crossing them.

I learned: trust no one; most communications methods can be hacked (so nothing can be kept secret); a SIM card can survive a 40C wash (even if the phone doesn't!); 30 seconds in the microwave will wipe all data from memory sticks/discs/hard drives (but won't there be a lot of sparks too?!); and if you think you're being tailed, check the shoes (because shoes take longer to change than a hat or jacket etc). Who knew? And you never know when these things might come in useful!

The book starts with a major terrorist attack on Downing Street, the death of a member of the security services in a GCHQ safe house, and a prisoner dying brutally and mysteriously in a US prison in Poland. All these events, we learn, are related in some way.

I enjoyed this book very much, and the good news for me is that it is the first in a series about news reporters Tom Novak and Stella Mitchell. Because you know just how much I love a series.

The Family Friend – Claire Douglas (2026)

Imogen has inherited an enormous house from someone she hasn't seen for many years, and it has the stipulation that she can't sell the house for at least a year. And then strange and sinister things start happening. Someone seems to be trying to harm her, and there are some suspicious deaths – but Imogen is an investigative journalist and starts trying to work out what is going on and why, much to the annoyance of the police. But who can she trust?

There are multiple storylines, with the themes including murder, domestic abuse in all forms, secrets, family and romantic relationships.

It's an engrossing read and highly recommended by me.

Catriona Hunter

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and the Archaeology of Early
Kent in the time of St Eanswythe**

Dr Heidi Stoner

Senior Lecturer in Early Medieval Archaeology

**Tuesday 8th September
6:00pm / Free**

**at St Mary & St Eanswythe's Church,
Folkestone CT20 1SE**

(Talk follows the Friends of St Eanswythe AGM)



Sunday Eucharist and Red Letter Day Gospels

Sunday 6 September – 13th after Trinity: Matthew 16. 21-end

*‘Those who want to save their life will lose it
and those who lose it for my sake will find it’.*

Tuesday 8 September – the Birth of the Blessed Virgin: Luke 5.1-11

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

Saturday 12 September - Eanswythe, Abbess of Folkestone

Almighty God,
by whose grace Eanswythe,
kindled with the fire of your love,
became a burning and a shining light in the Church:
in flame us with the same spirit of discipline and love,
that we may ever walk before you as children of light;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 13 September – Patronal Festival: Special Readings

Sunday 20 September – 15th after Trinity: Matthew 18.21-25

*‘Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave,
as I had mercy on you?’*

Sunday 27 September – 16th after Trinity: Matthew 20.1-16

*‘Take what belongs to you and go;
I choose to give to this last the same I give to you’.*

**Monday 21 September – Matthew Apostle and Evangelist:
Matthew 9.9-13**

*As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth;
and he said to him, ‘Follow me’.
And he got up and followed him.*

Tuesday 29 September – Michael and All Angels: John 1. 47-end

*‘Very truly I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending
and descending on the Son of Man’.*

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).

Launch of our Children's Church Lending Library!



As a church we have been blessed with a grant of £100 from the charity, 'Speaking Volumes'.

Children's Church was delighted to receive a portion of this grant and we have received a variety of beautiful Christian books for the children to look at, or read by themselves, or with a parent.



On Sunday we launched our Children's Church Lending Library, complete with our special red register for the children and parents to sign a book out/returned to enjoy at home!

Please come and take a look after the Sunday Services and see if there is a book you would like to borrow. Happy reading!

Sue Bauhahn

St Mary & St Eanswythe's church



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

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Saturday, 12 September	All day	Ride and Stride
Saturday, 12 September	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	St Eanswythe Fair
Saturday, 12 September	11.30 a.m. – 12 noon	What happens behind the bells: visit the Bell Tower
Saturday, 12 September	11 a.m. & 1 p.m.	Explore The Bayle: Folkestone's Oldest Quarter Through History
Saturday, 12 September	7 p.m.	Invicta Jazz Orchestra concert <i>Featuring our very own James Brown</i>
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, 4 October	10.30 a.m.	Harvest Eucharist
Sunday, 11 October	10.30 a.m.	Children's Church – <i>It's all about God's amazing inventions</i>
Sunday, 11 October	3 p.m.	Family Beetle Drive (<i>Friends of St Mary and St Eanswythe</i>)
Thursday, 15 October	6.30 p.m.	Supper with the Saints
Sunday, 8 November	10.30 a.m.	Remembrance Sunday + Children's Church – <i>It's all about being ready</i>
Saturday, 21 November	10 a.m.	Children's Church – <i>it's all about making birthday cakes for Jesus</i>
Monday, 23 November	7 p.m.	PCC Meeting
Sunday, 29 November	4 p.m.	Advent Carol Service

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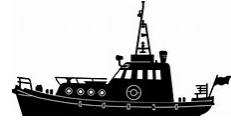
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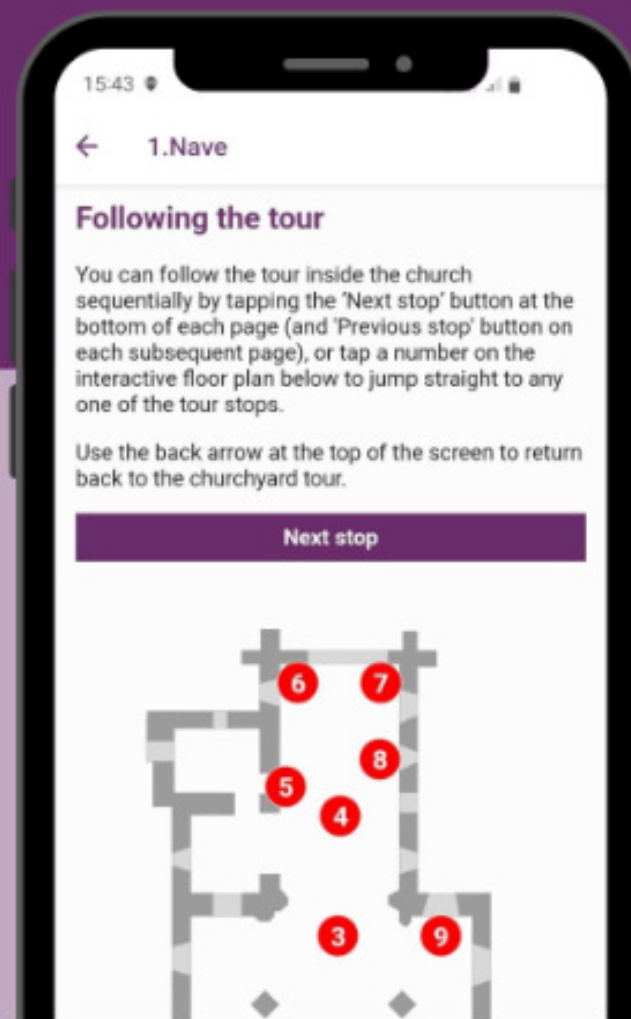
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Music Notes

The 2026-27 Bayle Music season opens on **Saturday 26 September at 3 pm at The Grand**, with a concert by the Dogoda Wind Quintet – Tillet Trust Debut Artists starting out on their professional career. The Tillet Trust supports young musicians and ensembles in the first years of their professional careers. The quintet formed in 2023 at the Royal Academy of Music and had previously played together as principals in the National Youth Orchestra. You can read more about them here:

www.dogodaquintet.co.uk



If you are not already on the Bayle Music Supporters email list, I urge you to sign up by sending your email address to:

angela.conyers@gmail.com

Please also be aware that the parking regulations on The Leas adjacent to The Grand and The Metropole changed with effect from 24 August 2026. The regulations vary according to the time of year. Please check carefully.

From the Parish Registers

Baptism August

We welcome into the Lord's family

Arlo-Ray Jackson

Dorothy Warman-Spiers

Faithful Departed August

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Keith Cooper





12th September

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Pause for Thought



Don't walk out in a huff because they've changed the Communion wine or the time of the morning service or even because the bishop has said something silly (especially if the bishop has said something silly, which he or she might well do).

Each of us is a gift to God, to the church, to each other. In our 'must-fit-me-precisely' culture, we're used to everything being customised to our needs. But perhaps we're not the defining centre of everything. In which case, with humility, let's stay with God's people and make the church a truer reflection of the character of God.

*John Pritchard 'Living Faithfully:
Following Christ in everyday life.(2013)*

The Rt. Rev John Pritchard was Archdeacon of Canterbury from 1996-2002 when he was instrumental in the appointment of Fr David Adlington as our vicar in 2000. He was later Bishop of Jarrow 2002-2007 and Bishop of Oxford from 2007 until he retired in 2014.

Mahatma Gandhi's Seven Deadly Sins – as quoted by former US President, Jimmy Carter at Senator Hubert Humphrey's funeral:

Wealth without work;
Pleasure without conscience;
Knowledge without character;
Commerce without morality;
Science without humanity;
Worship without sacrifice;
Politics without principle.

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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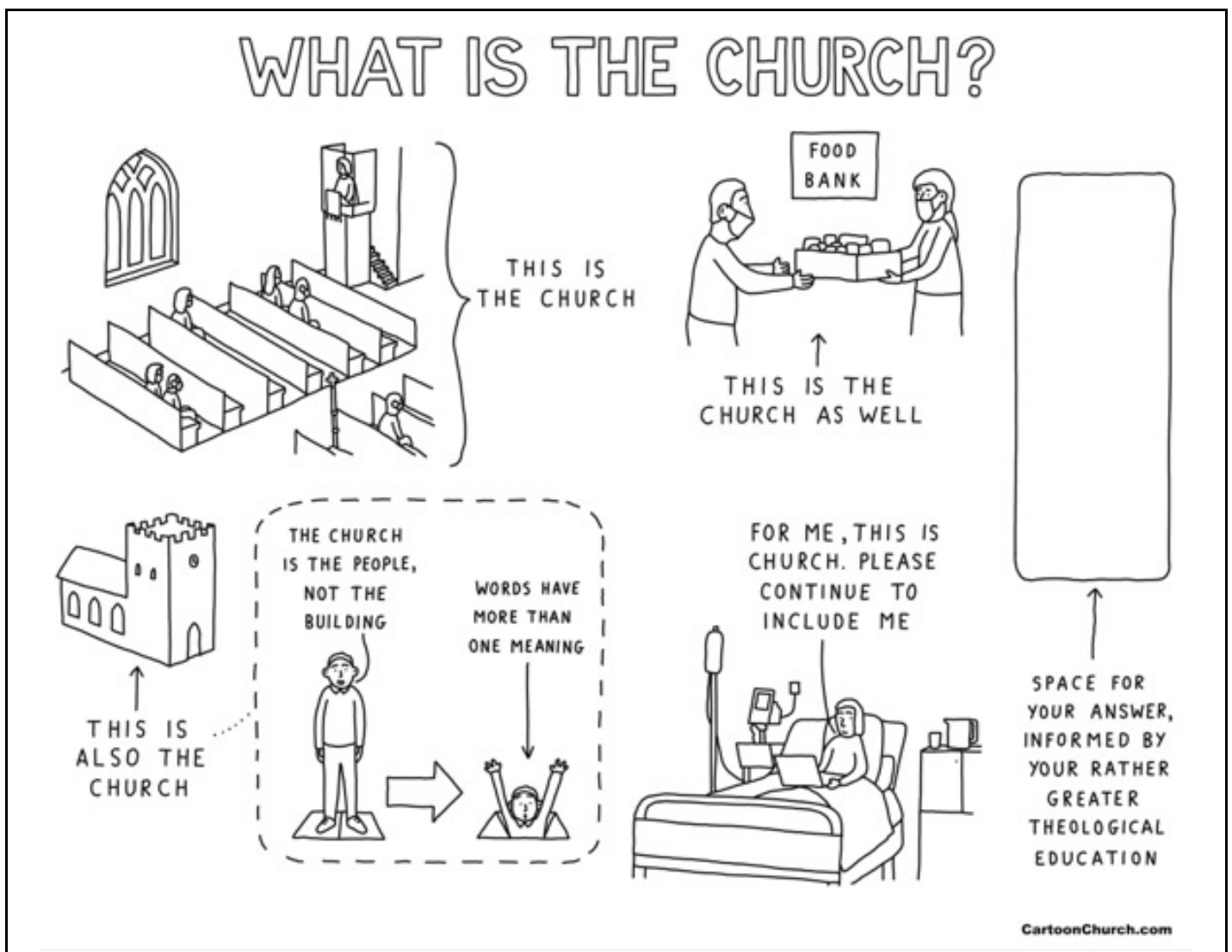


How well do you know your church? The Bell Tower

Discover What Happens Behind the Bells. As part of Heritage Open Days, St Mary and St Eanswythe's church is opening its bell tower to visitors on 12 September from 11.30-12.00. Come and meet our bellringers, explore areas of the church not normally open to the public, learn how church bells are rung, and discover one of Britain's living traditions. Everyone is welcome.



David Robinson



How can I help?



Here are some volunteer tasks that already happen but we'd love to have more people involved as the more people who sign up, the more the tasks can be shared!

Regular tasks

Tea and Coffee making

Sunday Welcomer ('Sidesperson')

Cleaning

Helping set up for services (and bits 'behind the scenes' during the week)

Flowers

Serving at the altar

Putting the hymn numbers up

Bringing up the offertory and taking the collection during services

Putting the bins & recycling out

Being a welcomer for midweek opening

Altar linen washing & ironing

Singing in the choir

Articles for the Parish Magazine

Bellringing

Toilet clearing and re-stocking

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We rehearse each Sunday at 9.30am, before the 10.30am Eucharist.

If you're interested or would like to come along and listen, contact

sainteanswythemusic@gmail.com

Book Review

Purple Hibiscus by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (4th Estate)

Life is rarely straightforward. Neither are people. What if a man brutalises his children, but is kind and generous to others? What if his children live in fear, but the wider world sees only heroism and courage? What if the brutality and generosity, the fear and heroism, are all driven by an understanding of the Christian faith? What could be the consequences for those children?

These are some of the questions found in Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's remarkable novel *Purple Hibiscus*. Set in Nigeria at the time of a brutal military coup, teenage Kambili's father, the hugely wealthy businessman Eugene, is the publisher of *The Standard*, an anti-regime newspaper. At huge cost to himself, Eugene defends his editor and stands up personally to the dictatorship. He also supports hospitals and pays for the education of hundreds of poor children.

The lives of Kambili and her brother Jaja, however, are dominated by tense silences and violence. If they don't excel at school they are punished. If they don't appear to respect their parish priest, they are punished. If they don't comply with a rigorous routine of Catholic prayers, they are punished. Yet, Eugene believes that he loves his children and when for the first time they leave home to stay with their Auntie Ifeoma, he cries.

It's on these short trips away from home, however, that Kambili and Jaja see a very different kind of Christianity. Although their aunt and cousins pray the same daily prayers, theirs are joyful and interspersed with song. Ifeoma even asks God to send laughter into their home. It's a home, that although poor, is a place of conversation, cheerfulness and music. And also of unsettling attractions. When their handsome young priest Father Amadi arrives, Kambili is overwhelmed by new emotions she cannot control.

Jaja too discovers something new to him, that of taking responsibility as a man.

But, terrible events happening at home force both children to grow up with brutal swiftness. For Jaja the taking of adult responsibility proves catastrophic. For Kambili, not only must she cope with her brother's decisions, but also take charge of her broken mother. While dealing with her feelings for Father Amadi, she must also question those for the father she feared, admired and loved in equal measure.

As the book reaches its climax, although we do indeed see that life is rarely straightforward, we also discover how people who once thought themselves weak and unworthy can find inner resources of strength, courage and fortitude that enable them to endure suffering, to confront injustice and face down the darkest horrors that the world can throw at them.

Jean Hatton

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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.



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.

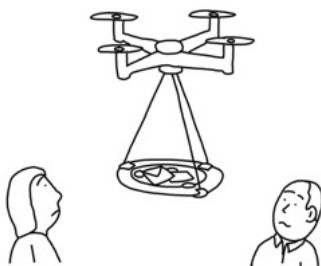
However anyone can take part in this event, so please have a word with me if you are interested so I can tell you more about what is involved

You will be having fun and supporting a good cause!

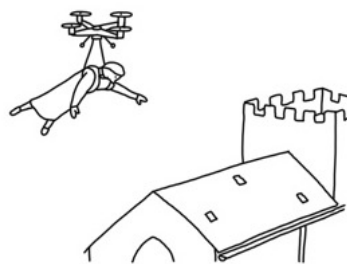
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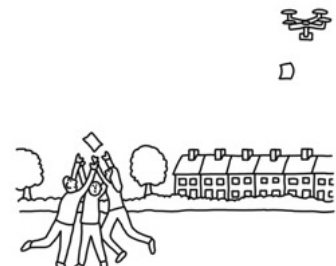
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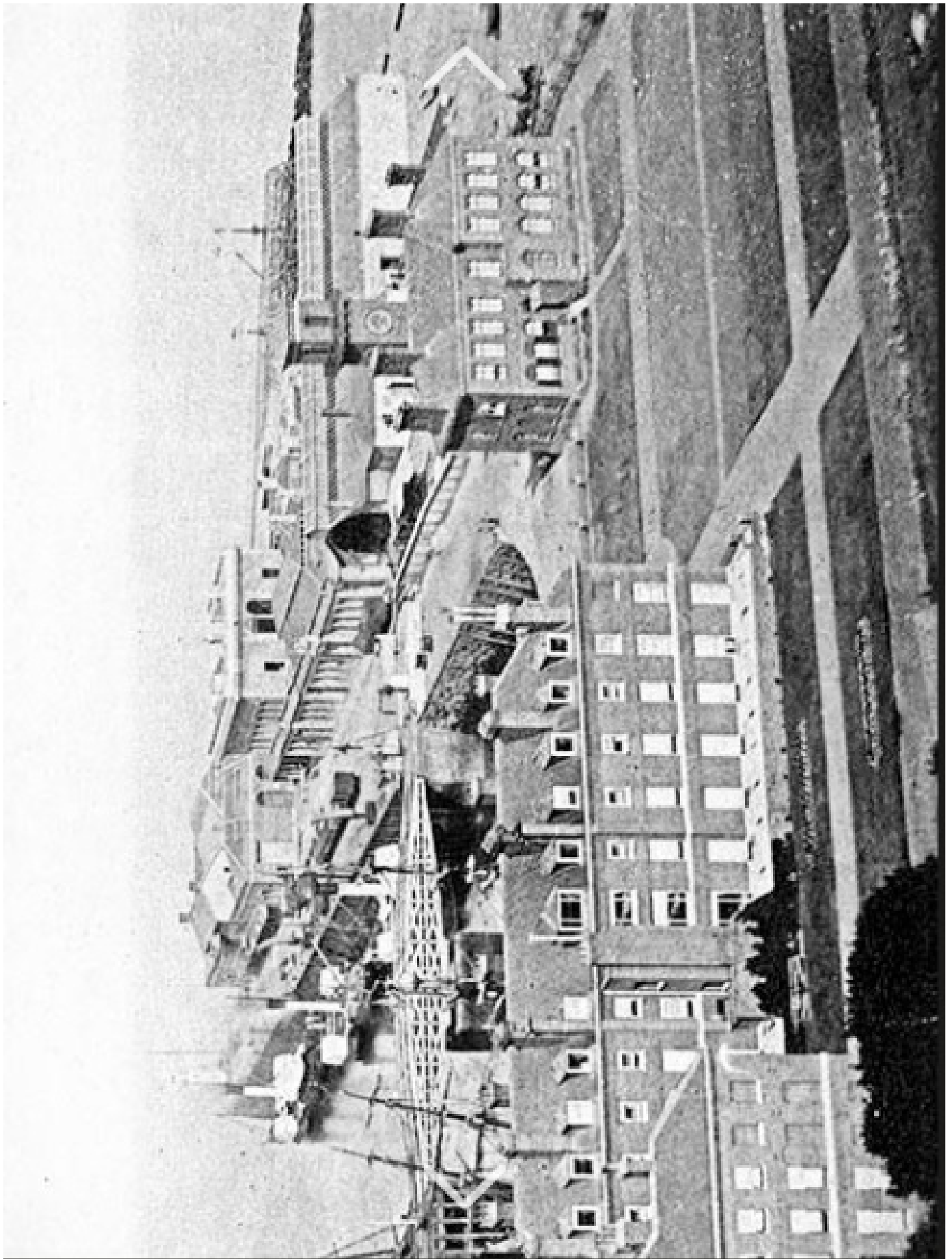
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