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**PARISH OF ALDINGBOURNE, BARNHAM
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SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2026**



Saturday 3

Our Lady of Walsingham

9.30am Said Mass St Mary's, Barnham

Sunday 4

Trinity 18/27th Sunday/Harvest Thanksgiving

8.30am	Holy Communion	BCP	St George's, Eastergate
9.30am	Said Mass	BCP	St Mary's, Barnham
10am	All-age Communion		St George's, Eastergate
10am	Parish Communion		St Mary's, Aldingbourne
11.15am	Sung Mass		St Mary's, Barnham
1pm	Harvest lunch		Barnham Community Hall

Sunday 11

Trinity 19/28th Sunday

8.30am	Holy Communion	BCP	St George's, Eastergate
9am	Mattins	BCP	St Mary's, Barnham
9.30am	Said Mass	BCP	St Mary's, Barnham
9.45am	Sunday Seekers		Eastergate School
10am	Family Communion		St George's, Eastergate
10am	Parish Communion		St Mary's, Aldingbourne
11.15am	Sung Mass		St Mary's, Barnham
6pm	Evensong and Benediction		St Mary's, Barnham

Sunday 18

Trinity 18/29th Sunday/St Luke

8.30am	Holy Communion	BCP	St George's, Eastergate
9.30am	Mattins	BCP	St Mary's, Barnham
9.45am	Sunday Seekers		Eastergate School
10am	Family Communion		St George's, Eastergate
10am	Parish Communion		St Mary's, Aldingbourne
11.15am	Sung Mass		St Mary's, Barnham

Sunday 25

Dedication Sunday

8.30am	Holy Communion	BCP	St George's, Eastergate
9.30am	Mattins	BCP	St Mary's, Barnham
9.45am	Sunday Seekers		Eastergate School
10am	Family Communion		St George's, Eastergate
10am	Parish Communion		St Mary's, Aldingbourne
11.15am	Sung Mass		St Mary's, Barnham
6pm	Evensong		St Mary's, Barnham

Other regular weekly services:

10am Holy Communion every Wednesday at St George's, Eastergate
6pm Evensong (BCP) and 6.30pm Said Mass every Tuesday at St Mary's, Barnham



YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG PERSON!

Recently, I was required to start singing a hymn unaccompanied for a congregation but the problem was that the hymn book had four tunes and I knew each of them. That wasn't the right tune Rector I was told but we all sang it so well. Right tunes matter – or do they?

I was telling this story when a friend mentioned that at church recently, they had stood to sing Charles Wesley's hymn 'Come Holy Ghost our hearts inspire'. Except the organist was playing the tune which normally accompanies the Christmas carol 'While shepherds watched their flocks by night'. (No, not 'On Ilkley Moor bar t'aht' - the other one).

He (and neither have I) ever sung Wesley's hymn to this tune before, and it took a bit of believing that it was possible, a bit of getting used to. Some hymn tunes are what I call 'portmanteau tunes' - we can sing a number of hymns to the same tune, and we are usually quite happy about it. But we mess with carols at our peril! Most people know them, and they have become identified with very particular

hymn tunes. Give us what we expect, please, organist!

We can all be a bit fixed like this. The Bible is full of examples of 'Who me? You've made a mistake there, God!'. Or it comes down to 'Here I am, Lord, send him!' Perhaps the most well-known example is Jonah, who was so convinced that God had made a mistake in calling him to go and tell the citizens of Nineveh to turn from their wicked ways, that he set off in entirely the opposite direction to Nineveh, and took a ship going west, until he was ambushed by God and ended up in the belly of the great fish. But once Jonah realised God was serious, and that God would be with him, he set off as God had asked him to.

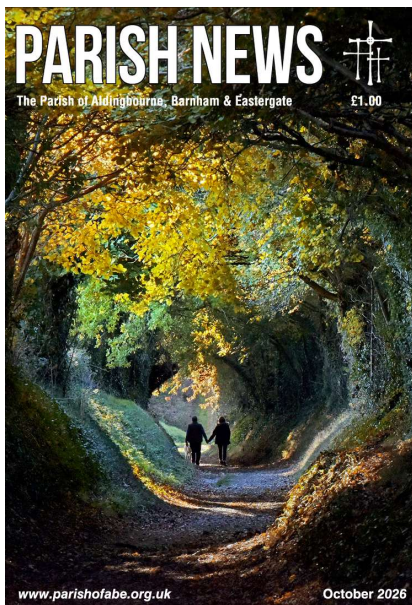
Moses is another example. 'Me, tell Pharaoh to let my people go? Me? You cannot be serious, Lord!' But again, once Moses was convinced that this was the way God wanted him to go, he submitted to God's plan, and became the great leader of his people, bringing them out of slavery in Egypt to the boundary of the Promised Land.

God's plans for us are always bigger than our horizons can presently accommodate. If you have a niggling feeling God is calling you to a particular task, or to abandon a particular something, it may take time to come round to God's point of view, but it will ultimately turn out to be a better way. When God calls, He does not leave us at that point; He will always resource us for the task, often in surprising ways.

'Who, me, Lord?' Yes, YOU!

Fr Paul

See page 7 for the latest news from the Parish of ABE



FROM THE REGISTERS

JULY/AUGUST 2026

Baptisms: We welcome into the fellowship of the Church

2 Aug Milo Cordova-Bone (A)

Funerals: We commit into God's loving care

10 July Alan Smallman (E)

21 July Paul Wakeford (Ashes) (A)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Events coming up in the Parish include:

- **4 October – Harvest Lunch at Barnham Community Hall (see page 9)**
- **11 October – Autumn Wedding Fair at Barnham Community Hall (see page 18)**
- **15 October – A Bite to Eat (Parish Lunch) at Eastergate Village Hall from 12:30-2pm (see page 6)**
- **23 October – Alpha Evening at St George's Eastergate (see page 5)**
- **6 November – ABE Fun Quiz at Barnham Community Hall (see page 5)**
- **5 December – Christmas Fair at Eastergate Village Hall**
- **12 June 2027 – ABE Summer Fair**

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ABE QUIZ NIGHT

ABE Fun Quiz Night at Barnham Community Hall on Friday 6 November starting at 7pm. £5 per person (towards church funds) and bring your own drinks and nibbles. Teams of 6 - bring your own team or we will make them up on the night. Maybe a group of friends, a church group and so on? We look forward to a great evening, together, so come along! To assist with planning please could you sign the sheet in church or e mail the Parish Office so we know how many are coming.

JAR OF COMPASSION

The Jar of Compassion this year has been supporting St Wilfrid's Hospice through the donations in the jars at each church. This is therefore a gentle reminder for us to finish the year with a final push to support this year's charity.

We now need to think about which local charity we might want to support in 2027? Please could you send your suggestions to the Parish Office by the end of November and then the PCC standing committee can make a decision at its December meeting. Who should we support next year?

SCHOOL ADMISSION FORMS

School Admission Forms are due to be completed this month. If you require the church (Fr Paul) to complete the relevant section for either Bishop Luffa or St Philip Howard Schools then contact him to arrange this and this has to be done by Saturday 17 October.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest Festival is being celebrated in each of our churches on Sunday 4 October when we ask for contributions to be brought to church in aid of the Bognor Foodbank. Please be as

generous as possible. Then at 1pm we have a Harvest Lunch at Barnham Community Hall. This will be in the form of a Bring and Share lunch. It is always great to bring our three church communities together in this way. Please do make every effort to come.

POPPIES ON LAMPPOSTS

As usual at this time of years we are looking for volunteers to put poppies on lampposts around the villages to celebrate Remembrance. We are doing this on Saturday 24th October at 9am from Eastergate Village Hall from the Hub at the rear of the building - bacon rolls and hot drinks will be provided. Please contact Nina: nina@eastergatevillagehall.org.uk if you are able to help.

ALPHA EVENING

An opportunity to share refreshments and chat as well as watch a piece of film together and discuss the issues raised.

The topic we have chosen for this evening is *"Does God heal today?"*

The session will be on 23 October at Eastergate church from 6.30-8.30pm

All are welcome...please contact Rev Sheila if you would like to come.

CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid Co-ordinator We are very grateful to Jean Maltby who has been our parish Christian Aid Co-ordinator and has now decided that it is time to hand over the reins to someone else. The work is concentrated around Christian Aid week which is in May each year. If you feel called to do this then please do contact either the Parish Office or Jean who will be able to explain the role more fully. Thank you for thinking about this important work on our behalf.

PARISH LUNCH

A Bite to Eat (Parish Lunch) is on Thursday 15 October in Eastergate Hall. Please do come if you can to share in a simple lunch of homemade soup, bread, cheese, tea, coffee and biscuits with one another. We also enjoy the challenge of a light hearted quiz. All are welcome!

BE STILL

Be Still, The Chichester Contemplative Prayer Group, is hosting a talk on Prayer and the Spanish Mystics, led by Dr Earl Collins, the Canon Chancellor of Chichester Cathedral.

The talk will be held on Saturday 17th October 2026 in the Vicars' Hall 10.30am to 3pm (teas/coffees provided from 10am). Tickets £15.00 payable at the door. For further information visit our website: www.bestillchichester.com.

To reserve a place, please contact David Browning at bestillchichester@btinternet.com or on 01243 839922.

SUPPORT FUND

The Walberton, Binsted And West Barnham Support Fund has funds available to make grants to support those in financial hardship and live in those areas. If you or you know someone who might possibly be eligible then speak in confidence to Fr Paul or Rev Sheila.

TIM RUMSEY AT CHAMPS HILL

Tim Rumsey is playing at Champs Hill with The Pearl Trio on Sat. 17 October at 7.30pm.

The full Autumn programme for Champs Hill can be [viewed here](#), with a direct link to book tickets and a PDF with more information about each concert (see: www.thebct.org.uk/72/Autumn-2026-Programme)

There is a donation of £20 per ticket which includes a glass of wine before the concert and in the interval.

Tim is also playing with the Chichester Symphony Orchestra in Chichester Cathedral on Tuesday 27 October at 1pm. This is a free concert with no tickets required, just turn up!

PRAYER DIARY FOR OCTOBER

For our three church communities: We give thanks for the beauty and provision of creation... for fresh fruit and vegetables so freely available.

Thanks too for our week of continual prayer in Aldingbourne church; we pray that this will lead to a deepening and enrichment of our individual prayer lives and the energising of our parish prayer group.

And we ask for God's guidance as we make plans for the necessary repair work in Aldingbourne church.

We give thanks for all those who are prepared to take on special responsibilities in our churches...the clergy, church wardens, treasurer, administrator and all others who

work tirelessly to support our 3 worshipping communities.

For the wider community of ABE: We pray for all those involved in planning as our community expands to provide more housing and new road structures. We give thanks and pray for our parish councils that they may be governed by providing for the needs of all they serve and especially we give thanks for the activities provided by our three village halls and that as people move into the area they will find friendship through shared interests there. We give thanks for all who work tirelessly in our health centre and village pharmacy and pray that they will have the necessary resources to cope with growing demand.

For our nation and the world: We pray for Andy Burnham our new prime minister that he may continue to have the energy and vision for providing for the needs of our nation and be supported by his government. We pray particularly that they may have the wisdom and compassion necessary in dealing with the divisive issue of immigration.

We pray that we ,as a nation, will do our part in supporting the needs of countries less fortunate than our own.

We give thanks by moves being made by world leaders to negotiate for peace both in Ukraine and the Middle East and pray earnestly that this will come about.

We pray for the suffering people of Nepal after the devastation caused by terrible floods and pray that help will be provided to help those areas to rebuild their lives.

Sunday Prayers

This month we pray for our bishops Will and Ruth, our diocese and our parish and on Sundays for:

4 Oct: For our PCC members and for the residents of Wandleys Lane, Wandleys Drive, Wandleys Close and Warwick Drive

11 Oct: For our local WIs and for the residents of Bluebell Woods, Lake Lane, Barnham Lane, and Church Lane Barnham,

18 Oct: For all those involved in the production of the Parish News and for the residents of Dukes Road, Eastergate Lane, Elm Road, and Farrow Drive

25 Oct: For the staff and residents of Westergate House Nursing Home and for the residents of Hayman Close, Grender Way, Hedge End and Hook Lane.

ALDINGBOURNE PRAYER ROOM

It does happen. Not as often as I would like, but it does indeed happen: just when I was wanting to prepare a sermon, God spoke to me. To be honest, it was more like a quiet insistence, the planting of an idea.

The idea itself wasn't new to me: but this time I was very reluctant to pay attention. God seemed to be saying that it was time to have a 24-7 Prayer Room.

So I decided to test the idea, and during the notices at the end of the Sunday service I suggested to the congregation at Aldingbourne that we might have a week of prayer, to coincide with the global Week of Prayer that I knew would be happening at the beginning of September.

The response was muted in the extreme. Nobody seemed to know what to make of it. I came away thinking "Well, that was a lead balloon". But as I trudged towards the car, one member of the congregation came up to me, full of enthusiasm, saying what a great idea it

was.

That was all I needed. I spent the next two weeks talking about Prayer Rooms, broached the matter to my fellow clergy – and you know the result. To my delight, many people signed up, not knowing exactly what to expect but trusting and willing to give it a go.

The response has been overwhelming. The setting has been ideal, and the back of Saint Mary's church has hosted tables for art, writing and meditations. There have been prayer stations. People have sat and listened to the music prayerfully. And gradually the space has evolved into a sanctuary where prayer is offered, tears are shed, candles are lit, hearts have been touched by God.

So, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has taken part. But please, don't thank me – it was God's idea. And he always honours what is offered to him in faith.

Deo gratias!

Rev Susan Paterson

NEWS FROM THE WI



WESTERGATE

We had a jolly time this month with even more chatter than usual. Our speaker was Peter, an auctioneer from Strides. We had brought some antiques and curios from home and he told us what he knew of them and when applicable gave an idea of value.

Peter had also brought one or two items himself including a beautiful page turner with a silver handle and a peculiar item that turned out to be a skirt lifter for walking through puddles. The most unique item of the afternoon was a Toddy Lifter which I will leave readers to look up.

We have booked a trip on the Solar Boat so let's hope the weather is kind to us as we will

be in October by then. Other plans include visits to the theatre and lunches out. We are also booking our Christmas lunch already.

A group of us had a meeting to plan the programme for the year 2027/28. We eventually sorted out a programme that we think is original. It would be so easy to book a repeat as our memories aren't as good as they once were. However some speakers deserve a repeat or maybe they have several talks and we can just pick a different one. Tea and cake helped our progress of course.

One of our recent trips was to the beautiful Parham House with its lovely painted ceiling upstairs.

It was a beautiful day so we also walked around the gardens. There were plenty of trees to rest under when we wanted shade. The tea and cake was good too.

Catherine White-Aldworth

BREAKING THE LAW IN YOUR OWN GARDEN

You would be forgiven for thinking that tidying up your own garden is about the most harmless thing you can do. But – beware – there are a few things which may bite back!

Pruning trees is a necessary job. But any tree with a Tree Preservation Order on it can be downright scary: legally, you need permission from your local council to carry out any work on one, or you may face fines up to £20,000.

Then there is the tree that grows in your neighbour's garden, but which has branches jutting into your garden. The law says you are not allowed to cross into their garden to take any action. But if their overhanging branches are causing an issue in your garden, you are allowed to cut them back to the point at which they cross your boundary line. But – wait for it – the branches that you have cut off are not

yours – they must be given to the neighbour.

As for any fallen fruit from the overhanging branches from the tree in your neighbour's garden? The law says that it is still their fruit, and you must offer to bring it around to them if they want it. And without their permission, you must not eat the fruit of their tree, because it is a criminal offence under the Theft Act 1968, Sections 1-6.

As for your hedge? Be careful of it between March and August, as the RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) warns that "It is an offence under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981 to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built, or to intentionally kill, injure or take chicks or adults, or intentionally take or destroy any eggs."

After all that, you may decide it is safest to sit in the shade with a drink and a good book...

Parish of ABE
Invites you to a
A bring and share
lunch
Harvest

Sunday 4 October
1pm

Barnham Community Hall

All are welcome



BARNHAM AND EASTERGATE COMMUNITY TRUST

As we move into the darker months, we look forward to welcoming you to our community halls - Eastergate Village Hall and Barnham Community Hall no matter what time of year. Both our buildings have many friendly events for you including the following:

Pop Up Shop Opportunities during the busy Coffee Morning at Eastergate Village Hall on Tuesdays for a cost of just £10 a table. Please contact Nina for more information.

Weekly Coffee Mornings: Nina's Friendly Coffee Morning on Tuesdays at Eastergate Village Hall, 10am – midday (quiet space also available). On the last Tuesday of the month we will now have a bacon/hashbrown roll morning due to popular demand. There is also a coffee morning on Wednesdays at Barnham Community Hall, 10am – midday. Just pop along, you will be made very welcome. Please note that on the 1st Wednesday of the month Barnham Community Hall's Cutten Café will be open from 9am – 3pm. As well as the usual delicious cakes and savouries, a light lunch will be on offer.

Friendly Foodie Fridays: At 11:30am-1pm on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month in the Community Hub at the back of Eastergate Village Hall. We will have rescued/surplus food on offer to our community from our partners UK Harvest. This amazing initiative is available to everyone. We accept cash donations but they are not compulsory. Please bring a bag. This project is now sponsored by Nyton House Residential Care Home.

In the main hall we will now have a **regular clothing and furniture swap** working with our partners West Sussex Recycles.

Repair Café: Our Repair Café will be held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month in the main Eastergate Village Hall from 11.30am – 1pm. Offering light repairs by experienced

volunteers. In addition, due to support from the amazing Westergate House, we are now adding an additional Repair Café drop in on the 1st Wednesday evening of the month from 6.30pm–8pm, this is so we can extend our services to those who work during the day.

Textile Workshops using repurposed materials at Barnham Community Hall on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 10am–12noon. Contact sally-ann for more info.

Board and Card Games Club: The Eastergate Hub Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at Eastergate Village Hall. 7-9pm. £3pp including refreshments. No other costs! Open for all ages 18+. Contact Roy roy@camcodesignltd.plus.com for info.

Other events include:

- **Veterans Breakfast Club:** 1 October from 10am-12noon at Eastergate Village Hall.
- **Community Roast Lunch:** Sunday 4 October at Eastergate Village Hall. £13pp, 12 noon arrival. Please book with Nina in advance.
- **Autumn Wedding Fair:** 11 October at Barnham Community Hall, 10am-2pm

Please keep an eye out on the local noticeboards, our Facebook pages and our website for more information barnhamandeastergatecommunitytrust.com.

Our moto is 'Together We Are Stronger' and we look forward to seeing you very soon.

All the staff and volunteers at Barnham and Eastergate Community Trust

For enquiries and more information please contact Nina-Maria McMaster on 07849 356097 or email nina@eastergatehall.org.uk (based at Eastergate Village Hall) or Ali Tarbard/Sally-ann Baker on 07714 456482 or email events@barnhamcommunityhall.org (based at Barnham Community Hall).

Barnham Community Hall



Autumn Wedding Fair

including pre-loved market

Sunday 11th October
10am-2pm

Professional Wedding exhibitors
and sellers welcome to book a table.

events@barnhamcommunityhall.org



HIGH DAYS & HOLY DAYS

10 October – Thomas Traherne

Thomas Traherne (1636 - 1674) is a good saint for anyone who loves our planet, and who wants to preserve Creation. This 17th century poet and clergyman wrote extensively about his love for nature, seeing in it a reflection of the glory of God.

Traherne was not of a literary family, for his father was either a shoemaker or innkeeper in Hereford. But Traherne did well at the Hereford Cathedral School and went on to Brasenose College Oxford. From there he became rector of Credenhill near Hereford in 1657, and ten years later was appointed to be the private chaplain to Sir Orlando Bridgement, the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal to King Charles II, who lived at Teddington.

Throughout his years at Credenhill and then Teddington, Traherne led a simple and devout life, and his friendliness drew people to him. He was described as “one of the most pious ingenious men that ever I was acquainted with”, and being of “cheerful and sprightly

Temper”, ready to do “all good Offices to his Friends, and Charitable to the Poor almost beyond his ability”. Aside from his beloved books, he seems to have possessed very little.

Instead, he poured his energy into his writings, which had an intense, mystical, metaphysical spirituality. His poems and prose frequently mention the glory of Creation, and his intimate relationship with God, for whom he had an ardent, childlike love. Traherne has been compared to later poets such as William Blake, Walt Whitman and Gerard Manley Hopkins, and his love for nature has been seen as very similar to the Romantic movement, though he lived two centuries earlier.

He is best known for his *Centuries of Meditations*, which has been described as “one of the finest prose-poems in our language.” Lost for many years, and then finally first published in 1908, it was a favourite of the Trappist monk Thomas Merton, the Christian humanist Dorothy Sayers, and the writer C.S. Lewis, among others. C.S. Lewis considered *Centuries of Meditations* “almost the most beautiful book in English.”

Traherne died in 1674, and is buried in St Mary's Teddington, under the church's reading desk. Today he is counted as one of the leading 17th-century devotional poets.



One of the Traherne Windows in Audley Chapel, Hereford Cathedral (Photo: Pam Fray)

12 October – Edith Cavell

Edith Cavell is a good saint for NHS workers: she cared for the sick despite the danger to her own safety.

Edith was a vicar's daughter from Swardeston in Norfolk, where she was born in 1865. She became a governess, but her heart was for nursing, so she went on to train at the London Hospital, before nursing in various hospitals such as St Pancras and Manchester.

When Edith was 42, she decided to go abroad, and was appointed matron of a large training

centre for nurses in Brussels. She was still there seven years later, when war broke out and German troops invaded Belgium.

Edith's nursing school became a Red Cross hospital, and she turned down the opportunity to return to the safety of England. Instead, her nurses tended wounded soldiers from both German and Allied armies.

Sadly, in 1915, when the Germans began their occupation of Brussels, they took a dim view of Edith's work. But they would have been even more unhappy had they known she was helping to smuggle 200 British soldiers across the border into the Netherlands!

The Germans arrested Edith in August 1915, and put her into solitary confinement. They tricked her into confessing to a charge which carried the death penalty. But Edith refused to show either regret at what she had done, or any fear or bitterness towards her captors.

On 11 October 1915, the night before her execution, Edith was visited by the Anglican chaplain to Brussels, the Revd Stirling Gahan. Together they said the words of Abide with Me, and Edith received Holy Communion.

She told Gahan: "I am thankful to have had these ten weeks of quiet to get ready. Now I have had them and have been kindly treated here. I expected my sentence and I believe it was just. Standing, as I do, in view of God and eternity, I realise that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness to anyone."

Edith was shot by a firing squad next day, on 12 October 1915.

After the war her body was exhumed and buried in Norwich Cathedral. Her memorial service in Westminster Abbey attracted thousands. A commemorative statue of her stands near Trafalgar Square.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Eight hundred years ago, on 3 October 1226, St Francis of Assisi, the Italian friar, deacon and mystic, died. One of the most venerated religious figures in Christianity, he founded the Franciscan Order.

He died at the age of about 44 of severe illness, including eye disease, malaria and exhaustion, possibly following a 40-day fast. He was declared a saint by Pope Gregory IX two years later.

Francis' father was a wealthy silk merchant, Pietro di Bernardone dei Moriconi, and his mother a noblewoman from Provence. He was one of seven children – called Francesco by his father, who was an enthusiast for France. At first, he behaved as a typical son of a wealthy merchant, but several things changed his attitude – one of which was his capture and imprisonment for nearly a year after fighting in a war against Perugia.

He also had visions and underwent a change in

character leading him to a strong commitment to help the poor – an attitude which led to estrangement from his father, whom he eventually renounced.

He aligned himself strongly with the poor, on one occasion begging with them at St Peter's Basilica in Rome. He also spent times in lonely places, seeking divine illumination, and was said to have received the stigmata during an angelic vision.

Often pictured wearing a plain brown habit tied with a rope of three knots, symbolising poverty, chastity and obedience, St Francis is one of the most honoured people in Christianity. He is a joint patron saint of Italy with Catherine of Siena, and in 2013 Archbishop Bergoglio of Argentina chose the papal name of Francis in his honour, becoming Pope Francis.

Many pilgrimage routes lead to the tomb of St Francis in Assisi, and he is honoured by many churches, including Lutherans and Anglicans.

HOW TYNDALE AFFECTS WHAT YOU SAY TODAY

It is 500 years since William Tyndale printed the very first English translation of the New Testament.

And hundreds of millions of people today are still quoting him, though they don't know it. For in 1526 Tyndale invented what would become some of the most famous idioms in the English-speaking world.

For instance:

"The salt of the earth"; "Go the extra mile"; "The powers that be"; "Eat, drink and be merry"; "A city on a hill"; "The apple of his eye"; "In the twinkling of an eye"; "Signs of the times"; "My brother's keeper"; "Fight the good fight"; "Broken-hearted"; "Fallen flat on his face."

These phrases were all invented by Tyndale, during his translation from the original Greek of the New Testament.

As a young Catholic priest in England, Tyndale had been inspired by Martin Luther's groundbreaking translation of the Bible into German, and he went to work doing the same for English speakers. No wonder that the Bible Society describes Tyndale as a 'background radical' during Henry VIII's reign (he's mentioned in Wolf Hall but doesn't get involved in the action).

Tyndale invented words, too, when he couldn't find a direct English equivalent for a Greek or Hebrew concept. Here are just some:

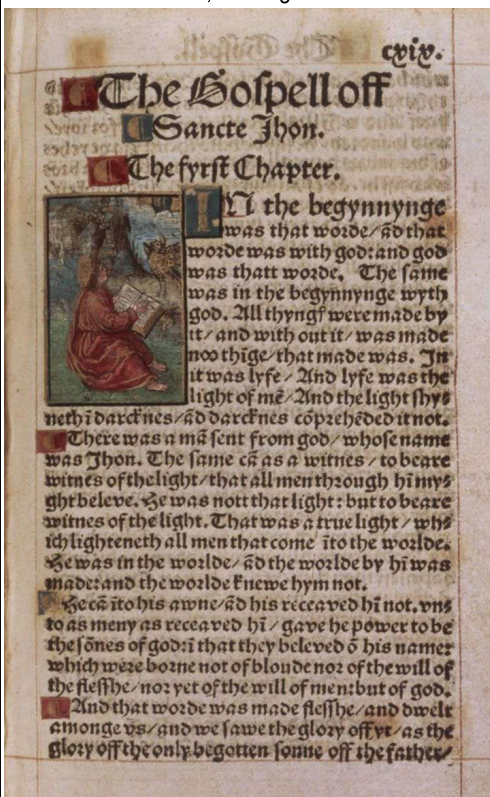
Scapegoat: To describe the goat burdened with the sins of the people and sent into the wilderness.

Atonement: Literally "at-one-ment", created to describe being at one with God.

Passover: Coined to describe the Jewish holiday where the angel of death passed over the homes of the Israelites.

Busybody: Invented to describe someone who meddles in other people's business.

Tyndale's work has survived multiple revisions of the Bible down the centuries. It is found in the Authorised Version of the Bible, the RSV, the ASV or the ESV, among others.



The beginning of the Gospel of John, from Tyndale's 1525 translation of the New Testament (Photo via Wikimedia)





PARISH OF ALDINGBOURNE, BARNHAM
AND EASTERGATE

A Bite to Eat **(A Parish Lunch)**

Every third Thursday,
(except July & August)

12.30 - 2pm

at Eastergate Village Hall

A simple lunch of homemade soup, rolls and
cheese, tea / coffee and biscuits

All ages welcome

Just turn up!

Raffle

Quiz

Lifts available

For more information please contact the
Parish Office on 01243 553955

ALL IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

It was 800 years ago, on 3 October 1226 that St Francis of Assisi, Italian friar, deacon and mystic, died. One of the most venerated religious figures in Christianity, and founder of the Franciscan Order.

300 years ago, on 28 October 1726 that Jonathan Swift's novel *Gulliver's Travels* was published.

125 years ago, on 12 October 1901 that US President Theodore Roosevelt renamed the Executive Mansion the White House. It is the official residence and workplace of the US President.

Also 125 years ago, on 19 October 1901 that Edward Elgar's *Pomp and Circumstance* March No. 1 and March No. 2 were performed for the first time, in Liverpool.

100 years ago, on 14 October 1926 that the children's book *Winnie-the-Pooh*, by A A Milne, was published.

80 years ago, on 20 October 1946 that the puppet character Muffin the Mule made his first appearance on the BBC's *For the Children*.

75 years ago, on 18 October 1951 that

Snowdonia National Park was established in Wales. It was Britain's third National Park. Also on 30 October 1951 that Dartmoor National Park was established in the UK.

Also 75 years ago, on 31 October 1951 that zebra crossings were introduced in Britain. The first one was in Slough, Berkshire.

70 years ago, on 17 October 1956 that Britain's first nuclear power station, Calder Hall in Cumbria, was officially opened. It closed in March 2003, nearly 47 years later.

65 years ago, on 6 October 1961 that US President John F Kennedy advised Americans to build bomb shelters to protect themselves from nuclear fallout, in the event of an attack by the Soviet Union.

60 years ago, on 21 October 1966 that the Aberfan disaster took place in South Wales. A colliery spoil tip (slag heap) collapsed and fell onto the village. Worst hit was Pantglas Junior School. 116 children and 28 adults were killed.

50 years ago, on 4 October 1976 that the InterCity 125 High Speed Train service began operating in the UK.

40 years ago, on 29 October 1986 that the M25 orbital motorway around Greater London was opened.



The M25 motorway near Egham

ABERFAN: 60 YEARS ON

On 21 October 1966 the Aberfan disaster took place in South Wales. A colliery slag heap collapsed, releasing a torrent of slurry onto the village. It engulfed a number of houses and Pantglas Junior School, killing 116 children and 28 adults. It was a disaster that shocked the nation. As we reflect on it today, we are left asking the question, 'where was God when this happened?'

At the time there was a mixture of strong emotions: grief and sadness over the loss of those who had died, and anger against the Coal Board in allowing the disaster. However, people gave their energy to support each another. A local Baptist Minister, Revd Kenneth Hayes, who lost his eldest son at the school, responded in this way: 'For 36 hours he was working non-stop either at the school, or going around comforting bereaved and stricken families and kept open house for many who came seeking news and comfort.'

How should we respond to such an incident? 'Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?' (Romans 8:35). Paul reminds us that even in our darkest times of loss, God is with us to bring comfort. 'Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.' (34). Paul also tells us that Jesus understands our suffering and is praying for us. 'If God is for us, who can be against us?' (31). We can let go of bitterness and blame, because God is a God of justice.

King Charles III (then Prince of Wales) on the 50th anniversary summed up the community's response: 'darkest sorrow, but also the most shining selflessness.'

Fr Graham will say a Requiem Mass at 6.30pm on the evening before, 20 October, at St Mary's Barnham, to which all are welcome to mark and remember this event.

WINNIE-THE-POOH

One hundred years ago, on 14 October 1926, the children's book Winnie-the-Pooh, by A A Milne, was published.

It was set in the Hundred Acre Wood, an innocent world described as "largely Edenic" but based on Ashdown Forest in East Sussex, which the Milne family often explored from their home in nearby Hartfield. It came about through the encouragement of E H Shepard, Milne's colleague on the humorous magazine Punch, who provided the illustrations.

Alan Alexander Milne was firstly a playwright and occasional mystery story writer who, again with Shepard, wrote the book of children's verse When We Were Very Young, which contained the seeds of *Winnie-the-Pooh* and its sequel, *The House on Pooh Corner*, all of which proved extremely popular.

It was apparently during a family visit to London Zoo, where Christopher Robin encountered a tame bear called Winnipeg, that the book was conceived. Winnie's literary friends, such as Piglet and Eeyore, were originally toys of the real Christopher Robin.

Sadly, the book eventually had an adverse effect on the Milne family - and the author said that he felt "amazement and disgust" at the fame his son had had thrust upon him.

The effect of the book on others has been happier. A plaque at Ashdown Forest declares that Milne and Shepard "captured the magic of Ashdown Forest and gave it to the world".

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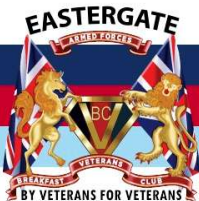
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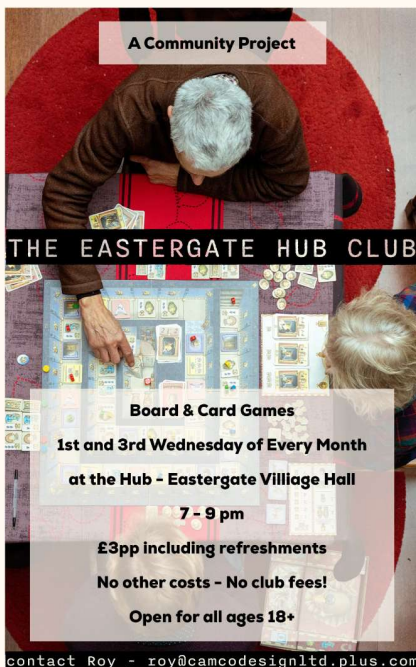
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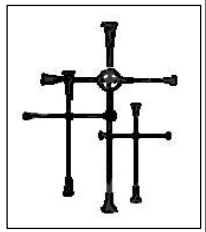
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