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Thought for the Month

Have you read any good books lately?" A common question, and so often the reply is in the negative. Usually that's because we do not allow time for reading.

The theory is that in the holiday season we should have had more time to read. The sales of paperbacks at airports, rail and sea terminals are a witness to this. The activity of travelling potentially provides ample time to read.

During six days in hospital (not a holiday though I was in St Botolph's Ward!) I read "The Victorian Parson" by Barry Turner (Amberley Press £25). It is a review of the life of the Church of England in the19th century. It covers a multitude of aspects, mostly at parish level.

One thing that struck me was that in spite of many social, political and economic changes, the clergy and people of the Church stayed steadfast in their faith. Times were not easy and there were difficulties of worship and witness but the point is that they persevered in their faith and worship. They handed down to the following century - to our parents and ourselves - a tradition which has been a source of inspiration and encouragement in the life of our Church.

We all know, perhaps too well, that change is inevitable, but that book told me that change is manageable and that the Church has the power and resources to accept it. That may be a useful reminder for all of us at St Botolph's.

David Farrant

Formerly Vicar of Amberley and Chaplain at Gifford House

<u>PS:</u> There is one hilarious quote in the book, about a headstone in a churchyard in Woolwich:

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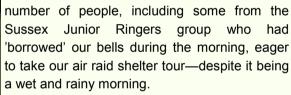
St. Botolph's Summer Open Weekend

The weekend of July 24th-26th saw St. Botolph's buzzing with activity, as it hosted a highly successful Open Weekend.

Friday saw Friday Coffee so busy that we had to bring in extra chairs from the Lady Chapel and, at the same time, 14 youngsters took over the choir vestry for their art morning. The children painted pebbles, created their own seaside pictures and—the most popular

activity of all by far — made 3-d 'beaches' with real sand and gravel and cocktail umbrellas as sun shades!!

Lunchtime saw a



On Saturday, the church held its open day, and many people who had not been to St. Botolph's before visited and looked round the Heene parish history exhibits, the war memorial in our Lady Chapel, and the table sale in the St. Botolph's Rooms, as well as just absorbing



the peaceful atmosphere of our beautiful building. Tours of the air raid shelter (again!) and the 15th century ruins of the ancient Heene Chapel in the church



grounds were also popular, as were visits to Heene Cemetery on Manor Road which was also open during this time.

In the evening we had a very appreciative audience for the church choir and friends summer concert, which raised some £275 for church funds.

Unfortunately, Sunday heralded torrential rain which meant that the afternoon barbecue after Evensong had to be cancelled, but we had quite a good congregation who had braved the weather to come to Sung Eucharist in the morning when the



celebrant and preacher was Archdeacon Douglas McKitrick.

See more pictures on our website.: http://stbotolphsheene2015.com



Choir Visit to Chichester Cathedral

On 8th August, a gloriously sunny Saturday, St. Botolph's choir set off for Chichester to sing Choral Evensong at the Cathedral.



Those who were driving – including the choirmaster! - had set off, they thought, in plenty of time, but were all late for the first rehearsal due to horrendous traffic jams. Those who had travelled by train were the first to arrive and headed up the spiral staircase to the song room to wait for the rest of us.

Luckily, the slight delay in starting did not affect the singing and the practices, upstairs and then later in the choir stalls, went extremely well – as did the service itself. Guest organist, Richard McVeigh, had kindly stepped in at the last minute when our expected organist was called into hospital for an operation, but he played brilliantly and nobody would ever have guessed he'd had less than 48 hours' notice!

Music included the Rose Responses, Harold Darke's Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in F, Psalm 42 to a chant by S.S. Wesley, and H. Balfour Gardiner's anthem, Evening Hymn.

One of the lessons in the service was read by former Rector of St. Botolph's, Fr. Peter Roberts, who retired early in 2014 and now lives in Chichester.

The car journey back from the Cathedral proved much easier than on the way there, and meant that the 14 of us who were going on to a local tapas restaurant, Rincón de Pepe, afterwards made that engagement on time! It was a highly fitting and pleasurable end to a most enjoyable day.



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VICTORIA PARK CONSULTATION – ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

Worthing Borough Council (WBC) is consulting local residents and park users on a request by Heene School to fence off a large part of the green at Victoria Park as a 9 a side football pitch. The consultation itself is unclear on two issues.

The first is that the reason given for the fence is to provide children with a safe and clean place in which to play (or safe and child friendly environment). There is no explanation as to why the park is not already safe and child friendly even though it is already well used by children. Other schools across the country use local parks without requiring fenced areas. As to cleanliness, if there are issues with dog fouling then WBC could consider stricter enforcement, dog wardens, daily cleansing, more dog bins etc.

The second is the extent of public access. The consultation says that access to the fenced area will be via two gates, which will be unlocked, enabling access at all times when it is not in use by the schools (Heene and St Mary's). The main problems with the fence are:-

BARRIER: The fence will act as a barrier restricting flexible use of the green at Victoria Park and reducing opportunities for sport and play for the whole community.

<u>HEALTH AND WELLBEING:</u> Access to green space is important for the health and wellbeing of local residents. Victoria Park was purchased in May 1901 by WBC under the Public Health Act 1875 for the express purpose of being used as a public pleasure ground.

LACK OF OTHER PARKS FOR SPORT IN AREA: There are no other parks available for sport and outside recreation in the centre of Worthing. This is unlike Broadwater which has Broadwater Green and the recreation ground by Worthing College in addition to Manor Road Sports Ground.

RESTRICTION OF PUBLIC ACCESS: Priority use by two schools for substantial parts of the school day will restrict public access to a valuable local resource.

The decision to expand and convert Heene School from a first school of 360 to a primary school of 420 children was taken without making any provision for the soft play space for PE required by Department of Education guidelines. As a priority, West Sussex County Council could purchase land for this purpose. Other alternatives are use of Worthing Leisure Centre or use of play space at other schools.

Conclusion: The fence will deprive local residents of an important local resource

Please complete the survey either online at www.adur-worthing.gov.uk or by using the paper form available from The Communities Team at Portland House, Richmond Road, Worthing BN11 1HS.

Afrika Sana!

As Organist and Choirmaster at St. Botolph's for nearly thirty years, I have always been pleased to keep in touch with past choristers, and particularly the many Head Choristers who have played their part in leading the choir's singing over the years. One such Head Chorister from about twenty years ago is Joseph Payne, who found work and romance in Tanzania, so I was delighted when I received an invitation to attend his and Dedera's wedding in Dar Es Salaam earlier this year. Being semi-retired, I now have the flexibility to accept such invitations, and was especially interested as Joe had arranged a four-day safari following the wedding for those guests wishing to experience this!

I duly travelled out on a Kenya Airways flight to Dar Es Salaam via Nairobi with Joe's parents, Margaret and Ron (who still live locally) on the evening of Monday 6th July, knowing that the choir at St. Botolph's would be in the capable hands of one of our newer but highly experienced choir members, Tony Tournoff, for the two weeks I was going to be away. For that, many thanks!

The preparations for the wedding included a "send-off" party for the bride from her parental home, and this was held at a large, partly outdoor, venue in the city, with 450 guests comprising family members and friends of Joe and Dedera!

Ailinda, Dedera's mother, runs a family tailoring business in Tanzania called "Afrika Sana", and she had designed and produced special outfits for the happy couple, as well as for the best man and the bridesmaids.



Very Africa!

The wedding ceremony itself was held on the beach at Kunduchi Beach Hotel complete with lively African drumming and a rousing fanfare for the arrival of the bride played on a huge ram's horn!



The safari after the wedding was even more spectacular and fascinating than I had expected it to be. It was marvellous to see the animals, including lions, elephants, giraffes and hippos, in their natural but protected habitat in the Selous Game Reserve in the south of the country, although the leader of a family group of elephants did give us a rather worrying moment when she thought we had got a bit too close, and was clearly considering a physical intervention with our Land Rover!

Other memorable moments included a walking safari with a local guide, who told us about all sorts of alternative medicinal uses for insects, plants and trees in the bush, as well as demonstrating how one could actually smoke elephant dung!



However, the abiding memory of my visit to Africa is the vibrancy of the colours evident in so many aspects of the continent, none more so than in the spectacular

sunrises and sunsets, for example illustrated here over the Rufiji river.

"Afrika Sana" is Swahili for "Very Africa".

I think I shall visit there again sometime!

Neil Turner,

Organist and Choirmaster.



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Who's Buried in Heene Cemetery?

Cyrus Elliott 1809 – 1874

HEENE St Botolph Row 5/31 Stepped marble altar tomb with pitched top CYRUS ALEXANDER ELLIOTT, Esq., Elm Villa, BROADWATER Died March 7th 1874 Aged 64

Cyrus Elliott was baptised on the 10th Dec 1809 at St Mary, Newington, Surrey, son of Cyrus and Mary Elliott. In 1841 he was listed as a Surgeon in a "Licensed Madhouse" in Old Brompton (I have found no evidence for his qualification as Surgeon). In 1857 he was resident at Munster House in Fulham. It was a leasehold house and premises for which he paid £150 per year. From a History of Fulham: Munster Road was first recorded in 1397 when it was a rough path running through farmland known as 'Fulham Fields' which stretched from North End Road to the River Thames. In the 16th century the area was dominated by Munster House. Set in eight acres at the junction with Fulham Road the house became known as 'Monster House' due to two hideous stone lions adorning its frontage. It stood for around 400 years and was used variously as a school and a lunatic asylum before being demolished in 1894. In the 1861 census at London Rd., Munster House, Fulham were

Cyrus A Elliott 50 proprietor of Asylum, Martha P Leech Matron plus assistants, attendants and servants.

Between 1861 and 1867, Dr Elliott moved to Worthing. He is at Elm Villa, Broadwater Street, in an 1867 Worthing Directory (The Elms, at 66 Broadwater Street East, was built in 1827 next to the former Elm Villa, which itself dated back to the 1800s). At some time during the 1860s, Dr Cyrus Elliott built on his land (originally known as The Quashetts) an arch made of large flints that he had collected from the chalk hills around Worthing. It was originally intended to be a screen to the town beyond, the arch stood collecting ivy until 1967 when its condition became precarious and it was demolished. Today, the road leading to the site of the arch has been re-named Ivy Arch Road, and The Quashetts retained as a footpath between Little High Street and Broadwater Street West (From the Folly Fellowship). In 1865, in Brentford, he married Anna Maria Duncan, who was born in Chelsea about 1830.

(article by Liz Lane)

By Liz Lane

In 1867 land which Cyrus Elliott owned was taken over for the building of the Gasworks in Worthing: London Gazette November 26th 1867 "A close or piece of arable land situated in the parish of Broadwater, in the county of Sussex, now belonging or reputed to belong to and in the occupation of Cyrus Alexander Elliott, Esq, bounded on the north and east by land belonging, or reputed to belong to Harriet Newland, Frances Newland, and Emily Rowland, and now in the occupation of Mr Nelson Laker, on the south by land belonging the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Company, and on the north west by the highway leading from Worthing to Broadwater."

Cyrus Elliott built a vinery at his home, reputedly using large panes of glass left over from Crystal Palace – the first Worthing 'glasshouse' using large panes of glass (The hefty tax on glass was repealed in 1845).

1871 census at Elm Villa, Broadwater St.: Cyrus A Elliott 61 Asylum keeper bn Newington, Middlesex, Anne Elliott, wife, 35, bn Chelsea plus a visitor, servants, gardener, coachman, cook and housemaid. He made a donation of £105 towards the building of St Botolphs Church, and was one of the Proposers, in 1873, at a meeting to discuss a Church at Heene. He died in February 1874, at Elm Villa. "23rd April 1874, Will of Cyrus Alexander Elliott late of Elm Villa, Broadwater in the County of Sussex Esquire proved by Anne Maria Elliott of Elm Villa Widow the Relict,"

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To add to the tax saving the employer will be normally be able to claim the premium as a business expense and therefore pay no corporation tax on the premiums. Also, unlike certain other employer paid for life insurance, the lump sum paid out on death will not be added to your lifetime allowance for pension purposes. This means a Relevant Life Policy has a big advantage over death-in-service in a registered pension scheme if you have significant pension funds and are close to the lifetime limit.

In short, the tax benefit of writing life insurance as a Relevant Life Policy can be huge as this example shows. Let's assume you have a £100 per month life insurance premium. If you pay for it yourself out of net income and you are a 40% taxpayer, your company will have paid you £172.40 gross (with £69 income tax and £3.40 national insurance deducted). The company will then have paid £23.80 employer's national insurance on this, giving it a total gross cost of £196.20. After 20% corporation tax relief of £39.20 the net cost to the company is £157.

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Richard Cohen FPFS ASII MCSI

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Monday 4.30pm—5.30pm Group guitar lessons

7.15pm—9.00pm Community Choir

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7..00pm—8.00pm Tai Chi

8.00pm—9.00pm Kick Boxing

7.30pm—9.00pm Bellringers' practice

Friday 10.30am—12noon Coffee morning

7.30pm—9.15pm Choir Practice

All events are weekly unless otherwise stated.

<u>Wednesday, 2nd September</u> 2.30pm The Wednesday Group. Talk: "Cruises with Great-Grandad and other Ancestral Expeditions".

<u>Saturday, 12th September</u>, 7.30pm, Concert by a Chamber Group from Worthing Philharmonic Orchestra.

Sunday, 20th September, 12.45pm at Beechwood Hall Hotel—Parish Lunch.

Services



Sunday, 6th September, 10.00am Sung Eucharist Sunday, 13th September, 10.00am Sung Eucharist Sunday, 20th September, 10.00am Sung Eucharist Sunday 27th September, 10.00am Sung Eucharist

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Sunday, 4th October, 10.00 am Sung Eucharist

Spot the difference answers from the August magazine: 1. face on hat

2. number of spades in bucket 3. size of ball 4. number of hoops on wooden chair 5. pattern on right hand trouser leg 6. different number of notes coming out of the radio 7. pony tail on girl on right hand side of two girls

8. hut in the distance between the large palm trees 9. tooth missing from mouth of boy carrying the hat 10. straw in drink being carried by girl on left hand side of two girls. Hope you got them all!

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