

The Botolph Bell



The Magazine for the Parish of Heene

March 2017

What's on at St. Botolph's

Look at the regular events we hold in addition to our
Sunday morning services:

<u>Wednesday</u>	10.00 am - 11.30 am	U3A Inspired Instrumentalists
	12.00 pm - 1.00 pm	Instrumental Groups
	7.00 pm - 8.00 pm	Tai Chi
	8.00 pm - 9.00 pm	Kick Boxing
	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Bell Ringers' practice
<u>Thursday</u>	7.30 pm - 9.00pm	Spring into Soul Community Choir
<u>Friday</u>	10.15 am	Prayer group
	10.30 am - 12 noon	Coffee morning
	7.30 pm - 9.15 pm	Choir Practice
<u>Sunday</u>	12.30 for 12.45 pm	Parish community lunch at The Beechwood Hall Hotel, Wykeham Road. Monthly - usually on 3rd Sunday of the month.

All events are weekly unless otherwise stated and contact details are shown at the back of this magazine.

*St. Botolph's Church, Lansdowne Road, Worthing BN11 4LY
[entrance on Manor Road for most mid-week events]*

Services

Wednesday, 1 st March	7.00pm	Ash Wednesday Eucharist
Friday, 3 rd March	10.15am	Prayer Group
Sunday, 5 th March	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
(First Sunday in Lent)	6.00pm	Choral Evensong
Friday, 10 th March	10.15am	Prayer Group
Sunday, 12 th March	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Friday, 17 th March	10.15am	Prayer Group
Sunday, 19 th March	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Friday, 24 th March	10.15am	Prayer Group
Sunday, 26 th March	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Friday, 31 st March	10.15am	Prayer Group
Sunday, 2 nd April	10.00am	Sung Eucharist

Thought for the Month

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 1st March, and is 40 days of preparation for our celebration of Easter. It reminds us of the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness after he was baptised by John the Baptist.

During those days he was three times tempted by the Devil. He was tempted to turn stones into bread to assuage his hunger, to leap from the pinnacle of the Temple and allow angels to carry him gently to the ground and, worst of all, to worship the Devil, so that he might rule all the kingdoms of the world. Jesus rejected each temptation and replied to the Devil every time with words from the Bible.



As we are remembering Jesus' temptations during these 40 days, it has become customary in Lent to consider the times when we have failed to resist temptation ourselves and have sinned. We then seek to turn away from sin and follow God's way more closely.

We also in Lent have the custom of 'giving something up' and the purpose of this is to help us resist temptation because, obviously, what we have given up is something we enjoy and we shall be tempted to indulge!

Lent is also a time for drawing closer to God and we do this by making sure that we regularly pray and read the Bible and that we come each Sunday to share in worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

These three, self-examination, self-denial and renewing our life of prayer should be the core of our observance of Lent and will lead us to a joyful celebration of the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Day. As our crucified and risen Lord, Jesus makes forgiveness of our sins possible – one of the central themes of Lent – and then opens to us the way to eternal life in God's heavenly Kingdom – the reason for our joy on Easter Day.

Have a good Lent!

Revd. Roger Walker

Mothering Sunday

Why do we celebrate Mothering Sunday? This year it is on Sunday 26th March. Mothering Sunday is held on the fourth Sunday in Lent, three weeks before Easter Sunday. During the sixteenth century, people returned to their mother church, the main church or cathedral of the area, for a service to be held on Laetare Sunday. This was either the church where you were baptised, or the local parish church, or more often the nearest cathedral. In later times, Mothering Sunday became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother church, usually with their own mothers and other family members. It was often the only time that whole families could gather together, since on other days they were prevented by conflicting working hours, and servants were not given free days on other occasions.



Now it has become an occasion for honouring the mothers of children and giving them presents. The date varies each year because Easter is not a fixed date. Easter Sunday can fall anywhere between March 22nd and April 25th. As a general rule, Easter falls on the first Sunday, following the first full moon after 21st March.

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Some questions (and answers) about bellringing

Why are church bells rung? They are the loud voice of the church, ringing out over the surrounding community and countryside. They call all people to worship God. In times of local and national celebration they peal joyfully. In times of grief or disaster they are muffled and sombre.

Do all churches have bells hung for English-style change-ringing? There are 5205 churches in England with rings of bells. Most are in Church of England churches and there are even a few secular towers. Wales has 167, Ireland 35 and Scotland 15 towers. Abroad there are less than 100 churches in Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada and Africa with bells hung for change-ringing and a few churches in Holland and northern Italy have bells capable of being rung in the English-style.

Do ringers need to be immensely fit and strong? Not really—it's all technique!

The bells rotate on ball bearings so only friction has to be overcome. Some quite small children and elderly people ring perfectly well. What other hobby can you begin as a child and continue into your eighties?



What does being a ringer involve?

Well, the main purpose is to ring before Sunday Services. All ringers must be prepared and able to spend about an hour ringing on most Sunday mornings. For training, a weekly evening practice is essential. And there may also be weddings and special occasions. Any more is optional but if one has time to fill, ringing in the neighbourhood could easily occupy every evening and most Saturdays.

So could I become a ringer? Only you, dear reader, can supply the answer to this question. What is certain is that there is a definite need for more people to keep the bells of St. Botolph's ringing. Contact Liz Lane or meet us outside the Manor Road entrance at 7.30 on a Wednesday evening.

(Taken from 20 questions and 19 answers about English church bells and bellringing by Sherbourne Teaching Aids).

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An update on the church clock



If you have walked past St. Botolph's church recently along Lansdowne Road, you can't but notice the repainted face and hands of the church clock. This is the first stage in repairing the clock. The clock, built in 1884 by Thwaites & Reed of London, faithfully kept the time and chimed the hours, half hours and quarters day in day out. The clock was electrified in 1975—prior to that the clock weights were wound by hand. The clock came to an abrupt halt after the hurricane in October 1987. Fortunately, after it had stopped,

the mechanism was given a very liberal coating of grease to prevent it from rusting up—a very shrewd move.

As part of the building work on at St. Botolph it is intended to overhaul and restart the clock. The clock face has been repainted to its original blue colour and the hands gilded and now work has started on the mechanism. A team of volunteers have cleaned the mechanism which is seen to be in very good order, mainly due to the high quality of the clock, meaning the repairs were comparatively minor.

The large pendulum swings inside a wooden case in the bellringing chamber and a clear acrylic door has been made to enable it to be seen as it gently swings back and forth. The electric winding mechanism which lifts the weights (which now fall through a much smaller distance) will be inspected to ensure its correct operation. The clock is of exceptional quality and has the ability to play the Westminster Chimes, the same as Big Ben.

The numbers on the face are very interesting as it looks as if more than one person has painted the Roman



March-in –time

numerals possibly some by the master gilder and some by his apprentice. They are very different with one of the number being reversed. Evidently this was quite common as it marked each clock face with the gilder's own mark.

Rik Clay



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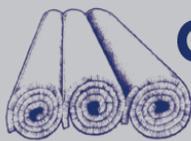
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A short story

What goes around, comes around. He almost didn't see the old lady, stranded on the side of the road, but even in the dim light of day, he could see she needed help. So he pulled up in front of her Mercedes and got out. His old van was still spluttering when he approached her. Even with the smile on his face, she was worried. No one had stopped to help her in the last hour or so. Was he going to hurt her? He didn't look safe; he looked poor and hungry. He could see that she was frightened, standing out there in the cold. He knew how she felt. It was that chill which only fear can put in you. He said "I'm here to help you, ma'am. Why don't you wait in the car where it's warm? By the way, my name is Bryan Anderson."



Well, all she had was a flat tyre, but for an old lady, that was bad enough. Bryan crawled under the car looking for a place to put the jack, skinning his knuckles a time or two. Soon he was able to change the tyre. But he had to get dirty and his hands hurt. As he was tightening up the wheel nuts, she rolled down the window and began to talk to him. She told him she was from up North and was just passing through. She couldn't thank him enough for coming to her aide. Bryan just smiled as he closed her boot. The lady asked how much she owed him. Any amount would have been all right with her. She already imagined all the awful things that could



have happened had he not stopped. Bryan never thought twice about being paid. This was not a job to him. This was helping someone in need, and God knows there were plenty who had given him a hand in the past. He had lived his whole life that way, and it never occurred to him to act any other way. He told her that if she really wanted to pay him back, the next time she saw someone who needed help, she could give that person the assistance they needed, and Bryan added "And think of me." He waited until she started her car and drove off. It had been a cold and depressing day, but he felt good as he headed for home, disappearing into the twilight.

A few miles down the road the lady saw a small café. She went in to grab a bite to eat, and take the chill off before she made the last leg of her trip home. It was a dingy looking restaurant. Outside were two old petrol pumps. The whole scene was unfamiliar to her. The waitress came over and brought a clean towel to wipe her wet hair. She had a sweet smile, one that even being on her feet for the whole day couldn't erase. The lady noticed the waitress was nearly eight months

pregnant, but she never let the strain and aches change her attitude. The old lady wondered how someone who had so little could be so giving to a stranger. Then she remembered Bryan.



After the lady finished her meal, she paid with a fifty pound note. The waitress quickly went to get the change for her but the old lady had slipped right out the door. She was gone by the time the waitress came back. The waitress wondered where the lady could be. Then she noticed something written on the napkin. There were tears in her eyes when she read what the lady wrote: "You don't owe me anything. I have

been there too. Somebody once helped me out, the way I'm helping you. If you really want to pay me back, here is what to do: Do not let this chain of love end with you." Under the napkin were four more fifty pound notes.

Well, there were tables to clear, sugar bowls to fill, and people to serve, but the waitress made it through another day. That night when she got home from work and climbed into bed, she was thinking about the money and what the lady had written. How could the lady have known how much she and her husband needed it? With the baby due next month, it was going to be hard. She knew how worried her husband was, and as he lay sleeping next to her, she gave him a soft kiss and whispered soft and low "Everything's gonna be alright. I love you, Bryan Anderson." There is an old saying "What goes around comes around."

Today, I sent you this story, and I'm asking you to pass it on. Let this light shine. Good friends are like stars.... You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.

Contributed by Raymond Wood

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Who's buried in Heene Cemetery?

Charles Julius (1841 – 1923) and Constance (1839 – 1931) Hammond

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HAMMOND sister of the above Born August
29th 1839 Died January 28th 1931.



Charles and Constance Hammond were two of many people who had very few connections with Heene, but whose final days were spent here.

Charles Hammond was born in 1841 in Brixton, the fifth child of Charles John and Katharine Hammond, both from Kent. Constance was their fourth child, also born in Brixton. Charles Senior was a Coal Merchant in 1841, and a Coal Merchant and Managing Clerk by 1851, by which time he was father of 8 children, all living in Lambeth.

By 1861 Charles John was a West India Merchant (slavery was abolished in 1833, so it is unlikely that he was involved in this trade) and there were six children living at home, including both Charles Julius, a Clerk to a Stockbroker, and Constance, and two house servants.

In 1866 in Stockwell, Charles married Ann Beach, daughter of Edward Beach (deceased) of Stockwell. Charles was then living at Ivy Lodge, Brixton Road, and was described as a Stock Dealer. His parents were both witnesses. Ann died in 1869.

In 1871 in Lee, Kent, were Charles John (West India Merchant) and Katharine, with Charles Julius, 29 year-old widower, Member of the Stock Exchange, and unmarried sisters Constance and Margaret Eliza, 25, plus a Cook and a Housemaid.

By 1881, still at Lee, were Charles John and Katharine with Charles Julius and Constance, plus a Cook and a Housemaid. Charles John died in 1890 in St Leonard's on Sea.

In 1891, Charles and Constance, with mother Katharine, had moved to live with sister Edith's family. Edith was by now married to Henry Wood, (also from Brixton, and Private Secretary (to a Gentleman)), and living at Lisle Court Farm, Boldre, Hampshire with two Servants. Katharine died in Haddon House, Shelley Road, in 1897.

By 1901 Charles and Constance were living together at Sea View, Milton-on-Sea, Hampshire and moved to Sackville Gardens, Hove by 1911.

Charles died in 1923 at Carisbrooke, Richmond Road. He left over £4000 to Maurice Arthur Wood, Engineer, almost certainly his nephew.

After Charles' death, Constance went back to live with sister Edith and family in Boldre. She died in 1931 at Botolph's Lodge Nursing Home.

Liz Lane

Inspired instrumentalists



After a very successful 2016, Worthing U3A's Inspired Instrumentalists (the orchestra with a difference!) are back to Wednesday morning practices in the St. Botolph's Church Room, working hard towards concerts in 2017.

The Instrumentalists' first outing this year will be a concert at St. Mary's Church, Goring on Saturday, 25th March at 7.30pm, with the St. Mary's Music Group as their guests.

It is sure to be a great evening of entertainment and, as usual, there will be the opportunity for audience participation. The 'orchestra' – conducted by Musical Director Tony Tournoff - will be playing several new pieces, including an arrangement of The Toy Symphony which will particularly give scope for everyone to join in the fun!

The Music Group, led by Malcolm Chilton, will be singing a selection of songs which have been used at weddings at the church in recent years.

Admission to the concert will be free, and there will be a retiring collection in aid of improvements to the audio/visual presentation system at St. Mary's Church.

NB: The Inspired Instrumentalists will be back (with more new music!) for a concert at St. Botolph's in July. Further details will follow in due course.



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