

# **The Botolph Bell**



**The Magazine for the Parish of Heene**

**April 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 - 11.45 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]*

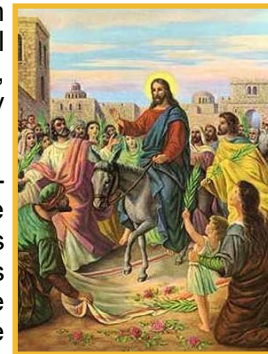
## Services

Sunday, 2nd April	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Friday, 7th April	10.15am	Prayer Group
Sunday, 9th April	10.00am	Palm Sunday Procession and Sung Eucharist
Thursday, 13th April	7.00pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper (said)
Friday, 14th April	2.00pm	Good Friday Devotions including Reading of the Passion
Saturday, 15th April	7.00pm	Evensong (said) & Lighting of the Paschal Candle
Sunday, 16th April Easter Day	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Friday, 21st April	10.15am	Prayer Group
Sunday, 23rd April	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Friday, 28th April	10.15am	Prayer Group
Sunday, 30th April	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Friday 5th May	10.15am	Prayer Group

## Thought for the Month

Easter falls on 16th April this year and, as always, is the high point of our Christian year, when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We have been looking forward to Easter all through Lent, but the tempo quickens on Palm Sunday (9th April), which leads us into Holy Week.

Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling the Old Testament prophecy of Zechariah, and being welcomed by the crowds. We receive palm crosses on this day to remind us that joyful crowds waved palms as they welcomed Jesus, but that just five days later on Good Friday they were shouting for him to be crucified.



During Holy Week we have three special days - the Triduum Sacrum (three Holy Days) as the church has always called them. First comes Maundy Thursday, when Jesus celebrated his last supper with his disciples and gave them the commandment 'Love one another, as I have loved you.' The Latin word for commandment is 'mandatum', hence Maundy Thursday. Then comes Good Friday. It seems strange to call the day on which Jesus died 'Good' but, of course, we are remembering that his death saved us from our sins. The last of the three days is Holy Saturday, when Jesus was lying dead in the sepulchre before he rose again on Easter Day.

We shall have a special service at St. Botolph's on each of these three days. On Maundy Thursday we have at 7pm the Eucharist of the Last Supper, after which we remove all the ornaments from the church, so that it is plain and bare for Good Friday. On Good Friday at 2pm we shall have Devotions before the Cross, remembering what Jesus' death means for us and then on Holy Saturday at 7pm there will be evensong and the Lighting of the Paschal Candle. The Paschal Candle signifies Jesus' risen presence with us and is lit at every service until Ascension Day. You may wonder why we light it on the day before Easter. This is because for the Jews of Jesus' time, the new day began at sunset, not sunrise, and so this is our first service of Easter. Then on Easter Day the church will be beautifully decorated as we rejoice - during our 10am Parish Eucharist service - at Jesus' resurrection.

I do wish you a blessed Easter and hope to welcome you at these services, which make this time very special.

Revd. Roger Walker

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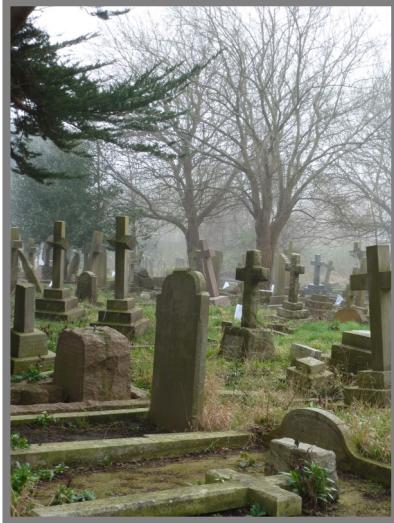
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## Heene Cemetery bags Tesco help!



The Friends of Heene Cemetery have big plans for the Manor Road site—and now everyone has a chance to contribute, by putting their “Bags of Help” tokens in the relevant box in their local Tesco store.

Money raised for the on-going conservation and heritage work at Heene Cemetery will go towards protective clothing for the volunteers; four vandal-proof notice boards to identify graves in each of the four sections of the graveyard; a portable public address system for guided tours; engraved plaques for unmarked graves; 1,000 information booklets; a bat detector; two wildlife cameras; a high-quality

digital camera and, last but not least, 60 silk flower pots to identify graves for guided tour days.

The Tesco “Bags of Help” initiative, which is run in conjunction with the charity Groundwork, awards grants raised from the 5p bag levy to community projects throughout the UK. To date, more than £27 million has been distributed to groups across the country.

You can find the collection boxes in Tesco stores on Chapel Road, Goring Road, South Farm Road, Goring Way, Rectory Road and, a little further afield, at the Tesco Extra store in Durrington, and shops on Dominion Road, and at Findon.

***For more details about the Friends of Heene Cemetery or information on how to become a volunteer, contact Sue Standing on 07771 966846 or email [suestanding@hotmail.com](mailto:suestanding@hotmail.com)***



***Visitors to Heene Cemetery's March Open Day enjoyed their guided tours, despite the cold and misty weather.***



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## 'Friends' bowled over by events' success



*The main aisle of the church became a perfect skittles alley!*

The first two fundraising events of 2017 organised by the Friends of St. Botolph's Church, Heene, have brought in a fantastic £800 towards the building and repair work and general maintenance costs at the church.

A Skittles Night/Victorian Games Evening on 25th February and a Team Quiz Night back in mid-January raised £430 and £370 respectively - with tickets for both events selling out more than a week in advance and 'waiting lists' having to be put in place in case people were unfortunately forced to pull out at the last minute.

Quiz nights have proved popular in the past, but the Games Evening was the first event of its kind to be held and attracted over 60 participants, many of whom are not members of the regular St. Botolph's congregation but have connections through friends, or belong to organisations which use the church rooms.

Nine 7-player teams competed in the skittles competition, each team 'representing' a famous character from Victorian history: William Gladstone, Charlotte Bronte, Sir John Stainer, Isabella Beeton, Marie Curie, Florence Nightingale, Charles Darwin, Alexander Graham Bell and Charles Dickens.

There were two "rounds" of skittles with every player contributing to their team total each time, and then the two teams with the highest scores - representing Isabella Beeton (of "Mrs. Beeton's Household Management" fame) and author, Charlotte Bronte - went head-to-head in a final play off. Until the penultimate player's



*Team captain John Smith (front left) with his delighted team and their miniature floor skittles trophy after winning the skittles competition.*

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## Victorian fun and games continued



*Having a go at  
shove-halfpenny!*

turn it looked as if Mrs. Beeton's team would clinch the win, but two strong performances at the end for Charlotte Bronte's team swung the result the other way.

The main aisle of the church was used for the skittles, but there was a selection of other games laid out around the church for the competitors to enjoy 'just for fun' (although players in some teams became quite competitive with these too!)

Bagatelle was particularly popular, as were the floor skittles, but the shove-halfpenny and the less-familiar Carrom board were also thoroughly enjoyed.

Carrom, which originated on the Indian sub-continent, is a 'strike and pocket' game where playing pieces - 'men' - are flicked across the square board with the aim of getting them into the corner pockets (a bit like billiards, but without a ball!). Not easy, but great fun for young and old!

In addition to the games, everyone enjoyed a Ploughman's supper and drinks from the bar.



*Sue hoped her final swing of  
the floor skittle ball would  
knock down the last three pins.*

### MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

- **Concert to be given in church by the Kent-based Wealden Wind Quintet on Saturday, 10th June at 7pm.**
- **St. Botolph's Summer Fair, Saturday, 17th June. Further details and timings will be publicised in the May issue of the Botolph Bell.**
- **Saturday, 15th July, the U3A Inspired Instrumentalists will be back with a lively and varied musical programme. The group's guest on this occasion will be swing singer Lee Everett.**

**The concerts will be free admission with retiring collections.**

**For further details contact Nick Le Mare on 01903 241673.**



## Parish Community Lunch

Beechwood Hall Hotel,  
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12.30pm for 12.45pm

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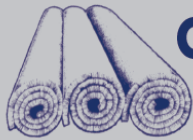
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## Central Worthing Churches Review

There are currently a number of clergy vacancies in the centre of Worthing, and the Bishops of Chichester and Horsham have asked for a review of ministry in the town centre.

The review - which, it is expected, will happen within the next few weeks - will include the parishes of Heene St. Botolph, Worthing Holy Trinity with Christ Church, Worthing St. Matthew and Worthing St. Andrew the Apostle (in Clifton Road), together with the parish of West Worthing St. John the Divine (where the Revd John Eldridge is also a sequestrator of St. Botolph's).

The review team is a group of four people from outside Worthing Deanery, led by the Revd. Nick Cornell, Rector of Maresfield and Vicar of Nutley. The team will seek to understand the mission and ministry in each parish including their histories, activities and buildings.

When all the information has been gathered, the team will write a report for the bishops recommending ways in which the mission and ministry of the Church of England in Worthing might best develop in the coming years.

**Churchwardens of St. Botolph's Church**

### St. Botolph's Church, Heene

**The ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS**

**&**

**the ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**will be held in the St. Botolph Rooms (entrance in Manor Road)**

**on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7:00 pm**

All members on the parish electoral roll, clergy of the parish and all residents on the register of local government electors may attend the ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS, which takes place first. At this meeting Churchwardens and Deputy Churchwardens are elected.

This is followed by the ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING which all members on the parish electoral roll and clergy of the parish may attend.

## Cathedrals and pilgrimage ...

Recently Pauline and I travelled to the County of Norfolk, in East Anglia, where we stayed for a week. We went for a number of reasons: two of the most important were to visit the cathedrals in the area and to make a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.



Our first stop was Peterborough Cathedral, where the exceptional 13<sup>th</sup> Century west front is quite stunning. The origins of the cathedral can be traced back to 655 AD when the first monastery was founded. Upon entering, one's gaze is drawn to the beautiful ceiling, completed in 1250AD. It is the only surviving wooden ceiling of this age in the UK.

Another unique feature is the tomb of Katharine of Aragon, the first wife of Henry VIII. A service is held in January every year in honour of her memory: at this time, the tomb was awash with flowers and pomegranates, a device in her coat of arms.

Ely Cathedral sits proudly upon its fenlands foundations. The west tower at 215 feet, dominates the landscape, and it is said that it can be seen from most of the churches in the Diocese.

The nave at Ely is 537 feet long, the fourth largest of any English Cathedral and, looking down towards the east Window, the uninterrupted view is truly inspiring, with its distinctive Norman round arches, on some of which can be seen the remains of medieval decorations.



Ely has Europe's largest collection of medieval monastic buildings still in domestic use. The gem in this particular crown is Prior Crauden's chapel, built by the Prior as a personal oratory.

Norwich Cathedral has stood for over 900 years as a Christian presence in the heart of Norfolk. As one enters the Nave, the eye is caught by the unusual font - a

## ... our East Anglian journey

brightly burnished copper vessel which was previously used in a Norwich Chocolate Factory!

At the crossing is a rare 14<sup>th</sup> Century pelican lectern from which the Bible is read. Perhaps uniquely, within the presbytery is the Bishop's throne, where Herbert de Losinga placed it in 1096, and where it still remains. His tomb is also there.

Within St. Luke's Chapel, is the medieval Despensor Reredos (circa. 1380) which only survived the destruction of the Reformation by becoming a plumber's worktable.



Our final visit was to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, where for nearly a thousand years, pilgrims and visitors have brought their prayers and hopes. The original shrine was erected by a Saxon noble woman called Richeldis, after Mary had appeared to her in a vision and taken her in spirit to the house in Nazareth where the Angel Gabriel had asked Mary to become the Mother of Jesus.

Built as an exact replica of that holy house, pilgrims flocked to it for many centuries, until it was destroyed in 1538 on the orders of Henry VIII and for nearly 400 years pilgrimage to Walsingham ceased.

However, in 1931 the Shrine was re-established by Father Patten, who believed that there was continuity between the pre-Reformation Church and the Church of England of his own day.

Entering the Shrine, one is immediately aware of colourful paintings and statues; the aroma of incense fills the nostrils.

Enthroned above the altar of the Holy House is the revered statue of Our Lady of Walsingham. The design of her image was based on a 500 year old seal used on authentic documents from the medieval Priory. The altar is constructed with stones from the ruined priory and from other religious houses.

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## Choristers make a joyful noise!

A setting of the Jubilate - "Make a joyful noise" by William Mathias - will be among the items sung at this year's RSCM Sussex Choirs' Festival at Chichester Cathedral, and this title has a particular resonance for two of our St. Botolph's choristers.



*Serena (left) and Debbie with their Bronze Award ribbons and medals, which will be officially presented at Chichester Cathedral on April 29th.*

Serena Hebert and Debbie McAvilley both took their Royal School of Church Music Bronze award qualification back in November 2016 and will be formally presented with their medals on Saturday, 29th April at the first of two festival services celebrating the renewal of the church over the centuries.

Other choir members from St. Botolph's will be joining Debbie, Serena and choristers from all over the Sussex area to sing at the 'Reform and Renewal' service which will be directed by Charles Harrison, Master of the Choristers at Chichester Cathedral and Tim Ravalde, the Assistant Organist.

In addition to the Mathias, five hymns and a psalm, music will include a plainsong Kyrie from Missa Orbis Factor and the anthems 'Greater Love' by John Ireland and the simple, but highly effective, 'I give to you a new commandment' by Peter Nardone.

The RSCM offers a range of graded qualifications for church musicians, all requiring a lot of hard work from those attempting them. The Bronze Award

syllabus is split into five sections: Using the voice well; Musical skills and understanding; Repertoire; Belonging to the Choir and The Choir in Context. This meant that, as well as each singing a hymn, psalm and anthem, undertaking sight singing and aural exercises and answering technical musical questions, Debbie and Serena had to talk about their contributions to the church choir and answer questions on a major Christian festival, the ministry at St. Botolph's church, and the liturgy.

Debbie was delighted to achieve a good 'pass' in the Award, and Serena was thrilled with 'highly commended' (the highest of the three categories available).

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## St. Christopher at Lichfield Cathedral

Eastward of the choir he's standing  
On a pedestal of stone;  
Reassuring and commanding,  
Just above the Bishop's throne.

Looks round at the child he carries;  
Pauses, kindly, halts his stride.  
Armed with staff, all danger parries,  
Gentle, trusted holy guide.

Prebendary stalls where names throng;  
Wolvey, Tachbrook, Bobenhull,  
Signal 'Time for Evensong.  
Till your trek a tuneful lull.'

As the choir of men and boys is  
Processing with cross on high,  
Moved anew by *Angel Voices*,  
Saintly traveller blinks an eye.

Phrase on phrase of rounded vowels  
Disciplined by steady beat.  
Canticles by Herbert Howells  
Tip the mighty from their seat.



Collects, amens, interspersed, while  
Stretching shadows start to reach  
Into each faintly dappled aisle.  
'Lighten our darkness, we beseech.'

Anthem sung, a closing prayer  
Is for visitor and pilgrim;  
One of whom, back on his chair,  
Riffles for the final hymn.

Fancies that, across the choir,  
Patient feet begin to itch.  
Infant seems to nestle higher;  
Robe receives a gentle twitch.

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# Who's buried in Heene Cemetery?

## Charles (1861 - 1944) and Mary Whitcomb (1863 - 1931)

**WHITCOMB:**

*MARY beloved wife of CHARLES WHITCOMB Passed peacefully away on July 14th 1931*

*Also of CHARLES WHITCOMB who passed into the nearer presence May 13th 1944 aged 82.*

Charles was born in Petworth, son of Charles Whitcomb, a master builder, and his wife Eliza (nee Rapson), both also born in Petworth. Charles and Eliza had eight children, Charles Junior being their seventh. (Whitcomb is a very well-known name in Petworth, the first being George Whitcomb, born in Arundel, who moved to Petworth and was father to 8 children there.)

In 1881, living with his parents in Petworth, Charles was shown on the census as a grocer's assistant. He and Mary (nee Smith, born in Clayton) were married in 1886.

Mary's father, William, was an agricultural labourer in 1861 and a farm bailiff by 1871. He was from Newdigate in Surrey, and his wife, Hannah, was from Keymer, Sussex. They lived in Clayton, Sussex.



In 1891 Charles, still a grocer's assistant, and Mary were living in Montague Street, Worthing. Mary's widowed mother, Hannah, a dressmaker, was living with them, they also had three boarders and a 17 year-old Worthing-born domestic servant, Martha Turner.

By 1901, still in Montague Street, were Charles, now a grocer, Mary and Hannah. However, by 1911 they had lost Hannah, and moved to Claytonhurst, in Richmond Road, with one servant.

In his book 'Through the Hard Times & the Good', Chris Hare writes: "Charles Whitcomb was a local businessman, Chairman of Messrs Potter, Bailey & Co Ltd. In December 1941 he offered to pay the asking price of £1200 for a suitable property at 20 Christchurch Rd., for a home for the elderly on low incomes. (It didn't go ahead as the property proved to be unsuitable). He then offered a property of his own – 4 Church Walk – to Worthing Council of Social Service. He wanted no recognition, the gift to be anonymous. It was opened in 1943."

At the time of his death, Charles was living at Claytonhurst, 62 Richmond Road and 'by his will gave £2,000, the income to be applied for the benefit of existing or past poor residents of Worthing, preference being given to retired employees of Potter, Bailey and Co., the Worthing grocers, their widows and children, or old customers of the firm. He also left £1,000, the income to be distributed at Christmas to impoverished ladies resident in Worthing.' (Detail From: 'Worthing: Charities for the Poor', A History of the County of Sussex: Volume 6 Part 1.)

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The work, on what is now the grounds of Heene School, will provide improved playground facilities.

See more details in next month's Botolph Bell.

*Photos: Charlie Chant Photography*

## **Solution to last month's Sudoku**

6	3	5	2	8	4	9	1	7
2	7	8	6	1	9	3	5	4
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3	6	9	5	2	7	4	8	1
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1	2	4	9	3	8	7	6	5

**Did you manage to complete the puzzle in  
the 6-minute target time?**

## Church bloopers

- ◆ The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
- ◆ The congregation is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.
- ◆ The concert held in Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister's daughter-in-law, who laboured the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell upon her.
- ◆ Next Saturday we will be holding a Potluck Supper. There will be prayer and medication to follow.



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