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The Magazine for the Parish of Heene

June 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 - 9.00 pm	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

Friday, 2nd June	10.15am	Prayer Group
Sunday, 4th June	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Friday, 9th June	10.15am	Prayer Group
Sunday, 11th June	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Friday, 16th June	10.15am	Prayer Group
Sunday, 18th June	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Friday, 23rd June	10.15am	Prayer Group
Sunday, 25th June	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Friday, 30th June	10.15am	Prayer Group
Sunday, 2nd July	10.00am	Sung Eucharist

Thought for the Month

On June 4th we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost (what we used to call Whitsunday!) and we come to the end of all the special celebrations of events in Jesus' life, which began with Christmas and took us through Holy Week and Easter to the Ascension. Pentecost marks Jesus' disciples taking on the responsibility for leadership, which had always been his, and sees the Church developing and growing. (This is why Pentecost is often called the 'birthday of the Church'.) The disciples did not, of course, do this in their own strength, rather God sent them his Holy Spirit to empower them for the work he had for them to do. In the Acts of the Apostles we can read of them preaching, performing miracles, guiding Church members and travelling to distant places to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, who died to save us, rose from the dead to open eternal life to us and shows us a whole new way of life here on earth.



It is nearly 2000 years since the events of Pentecost happened and millions upon millions of Christians are still celebrating them, still believing in eternal life through Jesus Christ and still seeking to lead a life in accordance with his teaching. We number ourselves among them and, as we celebrate Pentecost, must ask ourselves, 'Do we believe and are we really walking in Jesus' way?' It is all too easy to let both our faith and our way of life slide away from God and so we must always consciously seek to let God's Holy Spirit guide us, as he did those first disciples. God promised them, and us, that he would send the Holy Spirit the Counsellor, which literally means 'someone who stands beside you to make you strong'. We need to be strong, so, in our prayers, let us regularly ask God to send his Holy Spirit to us - our own small Pentecost.

Revd Roger Walker

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Our Summer working hours are Saturdays and Tuesdays from 2pm – 4pm. We will be opening every 3rd Saturday of the month for people interested in research or just having a wander round. Volunteers will be available to share information.

Our **Summer Tour day is Saturday 8th July at 2.30pm** when a guided tour of interesting graves and people buried in Heene will be given.

Bat watching evenings are planned for Fridays once a month through the Summer - please watch out on Facebook for confirmation of dates and times as this will very much depend on the weather forecast.

For further information about Heene Cemetery please contact: Sue Standing – email: suestanding@hotmail.com mobile: 07771 966846 or follow Heene Cemetery on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/Heene-Cemetery-1594403500781693/>



This somewhat grainy photo of an unusual load of two camels sitting in the back of a pickup was sent in by local reader Susanne who took this picture on the border of Oman and UAE a few years back. As she says, in bygone days the camels were the transportation rather than the load!

Editor well remembers the camel market in Muscat in the late 1960s. Occasionally a camel or donkey would have its left rear leg painted orange indicating that the owner had been on the pilgrimage to Mecca.

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In pursuit of the big prize

How many of us have followed TV quiz shows and wondered how we would get on if we swapped the comfort of our armchairs for the recording studio and the spotlights? Well, I decided to apply to become a contestant on the Channel 4 quiz “Fifteen to One” and after a successful audition in January, I found myself heading to Glasgow to record a possible three shows.

Recording days begin VERY early - we had to be in the hotel foyer by 6:30am, ready to be transported by taxi to the studios. After a light breakfast, clothes chosen for the shows were handed over to the wardrobe assistants and then the first tingle of anticipation kicked in: Who would be chosen for the first recording session of the day? I was not amongst those who



Martin (fourth from left) with presenter Sandi Toksvig (front centre) and other 15-to-1 contestants.

were, so it was now a case of being patient for the rest of what was quite a long morning. Some of the researchers got us involved in a couple of board games to pass the time, otherwise it was a case of reading, chatting to fellow contestants, or simply trying to relax - not easy in the circumstances!

After lunch, however, it was suddenly all systems go. First it was make-up and then a change into my “show clothes”. Next, the 15 contestants were assigned name badges and podium numbers and led upstairs to the studio. After being fitted with microphones ,there were sound and lighting tests before Sandi Toksvig, the show’s host,
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appeared for the first time. After a group photograph, it was off to our podiums for the serious business to begin: “Let’s play Fifteen to One!”

After the nerves and excitement, it was time to concentrate, because if you failed to answer either of your first round questions correctly, it was instant elimination from that show and another long wait in the green room for the next opportunity.

If you survive the first round, then the quiz becomes a game of strategy, as a correct answer gives you the opportunity to nominate who is to receive the next question, so you need to keep focus and do your best to protect your three “lives”. The tension mounts as, gradually, contestants fall by the wayside, until just three remain to contest the final. Each correct answer in the final is worth 10 points, but even with three new “lives”, it is all too easy to be beaten by the pressure, as you strive to be the last one standing and to score enough points to try and guarantee one of the 15 top places on the series leaderboard. This will qualify you for the Grand Final and a tilt at the £40000 prize- a sum well worth having!

I was disappointed with my performance in the first show, so, after an early dinner, I had to go through all the preparations again, before the final recording of the day began. This time, feeling more relaxed, I was able to progress further, although I was pretty exhausted by the time recording finished at about 7:15pm. Then it was back to the hotel to compare notes with fellow contestants over a well-earned beer!

Overall it was a great experience and I would definitely do it again. Sandi Toksvig is both a consummate professional and fun to work with, so if you are a budding quizzer, do give it a go!

To see how I fared, tune into Channel 4 at 3pm on Thursday, 1st and Friday, 2nd June.

Martin Didymus

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Another stop-gap Pope

Leo X111 (1879-1903) was not expected to change things any more than John XX111 (1958 – 1963) had been fifty five years later. At crucial points he broke with his predecessor Pius 1X who had summoned the First Vatican Council and believed that democracy was the enemy of faith.

An obscure Cardinal Bishop of Perugia, Leo was expected to continue Pius's paranoid authoritarianism. He didn't. He gave a Cardinal's hat to John Henry Newman, rejecting the views of Vatican officials who believed that he was really a heretic and his submission to the Church insincere. He believed that the Church should accept historical and Biblical scholarship, opened the Vatican archives to all scholars, including Protestants, and founded a Biblical school in Jerusalem.

In his encyclical letter, Rerum Novarum in 1891, he spoke of the rights of labour, the evils of unrestricted capitalism, and the duty of the State to intervene to prevent oppression and ensure workers had a living wage. He opened the way to a revolution in his Church's thinking. Privately he was still an authoritarian. Challenged on a minor issue, he tapped the table and said 'I am Peter'.

Dr Malcolm Lambert

(Details in Eamon Duffy's book, *Saints and Sinners, A History of the Popes*)



The front cover picture is of the now famous low water excavator, known locally as 'Moby Dig', photographed earlier this year parked on the beach at East Worthing prior to the incident out at sea.

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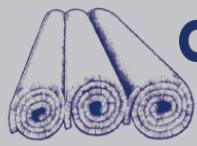
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Worthing U3A's Inspired Instrumentalists, who meet weekly at St. Botolph's, have enormous fun playing the music specially arranged for them by their musical director, Tony Tournoff, and the joie de vivre which is evident in rehearsals carries through into the concerts now regularly performed by the group.

On **Saturday, July 15th at 7.30pm** the 'orchestra' is back at St. Botolph's with a lively concert, offering lots of opportunities for audience participation and showcasing a number of new pieces, including Yellow Bird, the Toy Symphony and Vivaldi's haunting "Cum Dederit" which was used in the James Bond film Spectre. There will also be Tony's arrangement of the Echo March - a piece composed many years ago for a children's recorder group, but which works admirably for the diverse instruments of the Inspired Instrumentalists. Echo March was written by the group's amazing 92-year-old descant recorder player, former teacher Sidney Earl.

The Instrumentalists are delighted to welcome **swing singer Lee Everett** as their guest in July. He first came to St. Botolph's to entertain at last year's Christmas Concert, when he proved a huge hit with the audience, and there will be the opportunity to enjoy his easy-listening repertoire and to sing along with him again this time round.

One of the smaller groups spawned from within the Inspired Instrumentalists, "**Saints and Sinners**", will also be contributing a slot to the concert, so there will be three very contrasting styles within the evening's entertainment.

Entry to the concert will be free, although there will be a retiring collection for church funds. Light refreshments will be available in the interval.

So please get out your diaries, put in the date and come along and blow or rattle 'party' instruments in the Toy Symphony, shake maracas to Yellow Bird, clap along or tap your feet to other stirring tunes and join in the singing. It will be a great evening!

St. Botolph (also called Botwulf of Thorney, Botulph or Botulf) who died around 680 was an English abbot. He is the patron saint of travellers and of various aspects of farming. In England his feast day is on 17 June.

This year we are celebrating this with our **Summer Fair** (details on previous page). **Do come along and join us !**



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Who's buried in Heene Cemetery?

James (1825 - 1904), Eliza (1827- 1889), Elizabeth (1865 - 1877),
Rosa (1867 - 1945), Emily (1872 - 1876) and Mary (1862 - 1921) Couch

James Couch - "A naval veteran and Worthing bathchair man. Died 1904 at home in Milton Street. His features were so striking they were used to advertise a popular brand of cocoa. Joined the Navy at 18, took part in two engagements in the Chinese War and the Burma War." (the Worthing Journal)

James Couch was born in 1825 in St Just, Cornwall.

In 1841, aged 15, he was an Agricultural Labourer on Joseph Lawry's farm in Polvarth. By 1851, he was a Lodger in John Truscott's house in Truro, and was a Sailor. His first ship was HMS Impregnable, in 1849, on which he was an Able Seaman, and he left the Service in 1875, as a Coastguard. His Naval record describes him, in all his service, as Very Good.

HMS Impregnable was a 98-gun second rate three-decker ship of the line of the Royal Navy, launched on 1 August 1810 at Chatham. By 1843 the ship was in the Reserve Fleet in Devonport. James was also based on HMS Excellent between 1851-52 and for part of 1857 – this was then a training ship.

He also served on HMS Bittern, (from 1852 - 1856) and on HMS Winchester, (from October 1856 to May 1857), ships which were involved in the Second Opium War.



This is an image of the fleet during the Second Opium War.

In the 1850s, China tried to suppress the opium trade which was run by foreign traders, mostly British. Essentially the British and the French Empires were fighting the Chinese Qing Dynasty. This began with the Arrow Incident when, in 1856, Ch'ing Officials boarded a Hong Kong registered vessel suspected of smuggling and arrested the Chinese crew. British officials in Canton demanded that the sailors be released but the Ch'ing officials refused this demand. HMS Winchester's boats and some of her ship's company were used in the resulting attack on Canton in 1857.

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Back in England, James transferred to the Coastguard Service in July 1857 and served until 1875.

He had married Eliza Julian, daughter of Thomas and Sally Julian, in Truro in 1851. Thomas and Sarah (Sally) Rowe had also married in Truro, in 1825 and

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had six children. Thomas died in 1839, but Sarah had the means to be described in the 1851 census as Independent.

By 1858, James and Eliza were living in Newhaven where their daughters Sarah Ann, Eliza and Mary were born. The family lived in Bishopstone, between 1861 and 1871, and Elizabeth and Rosa, were born there. By 1871 they were living in Worthing, in the Coastguard House, and in 1881, they lived at 5 Brunswick Road (next door to the Polands, who kept a Beer House). James was now a Navy Pensioner. With them were Rosa and their then youngest child, Minnie, who was born in Worthing in 1871. Daughter Emily was born in Worthing about 1872 and died in 1876.

In 1881, Sarah Ann, the eldest daughter, married Joseph John Philp at St Botolph's Church.

In 1881 Mary was an Under Parlourmaid at West Mansion, which was then a School headed by John Gresson (see the Botolph Bell, April 2015).

In 1886 Eliza married Alfred George Hayden.

Mother Eliza died in 1889. In 1891 and 1901 James, now a Bath Chair Proprietor, was living at 11 Milton Street, with daughter Mary as House-keeper.

In 1891 Rosa was living as a Domestic Servant to H.B. Jones, in Second Avenue, Hove. (I haven't been able to find her in 1901.)

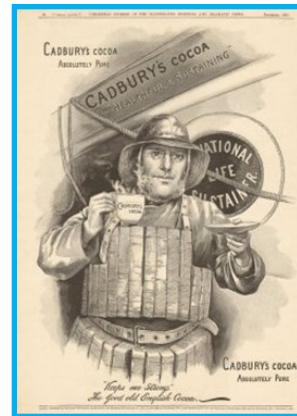
When James died, in 1904, he gave probate to his two surviving unmarried daughters, Rosa and Mary.

In the 1911 census, Mary and Rosa were living together at 11 Milton Street. Mary's occupation was 'any general work' and Rosa was a Domestic Servant 'out of situation'.

When Mary died, at 11 Milton Street, in 1921, she gave Probate to sister Rosa.

Rosa died in 1945 in St Richards' Hospital, (though her address was still Milton Street), giving Probate to her sister Minnie (now Buckman).

There are various Victorian advertisements for cocoa featuring sailors, but I haven't been able to prove that any of them were James Couch of Worthing! This is a typical advert, with a Sailor, so who knows?



Liz Lane

Nature Watch June 2017

Did you take part of the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch back at the end of January?

During the days of 28th to 30th January we were asked to set aside one hour to record the birds in our garden. I'm always surprised that the minute I sit down to start everything seems to disappear!

Fortunately the usual ones did arrive during that hour: Blackbird, Blue Tit, Dunnock, Great Tit, Magpie, Robin and Wood pigeon. Other regulars like the chaffinch and goldfinch didn't turn up. However, right at the end an Egret popped by which was not on the list of the common birds the RSPB gave!

The results from across the country-

1. House sparrow, 2. Starling, 3. Blackbird, 4. Blue tit, 5. Woodpigeon
6. Goldfinch, 7. Robin, 8. Great Tit, 9. Chaffinch, 10. Long tailed Tit.

The frogs were late turning up at our pond - a fortnight late compared to last year. For about three nights there was a real frolic with 20 plus enjoying each others company.



Occasionally this very colourful Grey Wagtail pays us a visit looking for any small insects that may be around the pond.

We have had a variety of visitors on the pond but these two mallards have taken up temporary residence: They come for a few days then disappear only to reappear a few days later.



Do you have problems with the squirrels eating the nuts on the feeders? We invested in what is described as a “squirrel buster” but to no avail. The squirrel was not in the least impressed by the name as he quickly upturned the feeder and shook the contents out to feast upon. We have now added a “baffler” which is a clear plastic dome which squirrels are supposed not to be able to climb over. Try telling them that !! So far I’m pleased to say its proved squirrel proof.

The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) has been satellite tracking some cuckoos which have previously been in the UK. One known as PJ was tracked to its wintering area in Cameroon but in 41/2 days has flown to Ivory Coast covering 1225 miles. Another named “Selbourne” has actually arrived in the New Forest. You can get up to date information on the BTO website. This tracking is to help find reasons for the decline of the bird in the UK as the tags enable the trackers to find out what happens to the birds in their wintering quarters.

The summer visitors are now arriving in good numbers. I hope you have the opportunity to enjoy seeing them.

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