

What's on at St. Botolph's

1. Jill begs Len

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

<u>Monday</u>	10.00 am - 11.00 am	Gentle Exercise Class
<u>Tuesday</u>	7.30 pm	Folk group practice
<u>Wednesday</u>	10.00 am - 11.45 am 12.00 pm - 1.00 pm 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm 8.00 pm - 9.00 pm 8.00 pm - 9.00 pm 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	U3A Inspired Instrumentalists Instrumental Groups Tai Chi Kick Boxing Oriental Dancing Bell Ringers' practice
<u>Thursday</u>	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Spring into Soul Community Choir
<u>Friday</u>	10.30 am - 12 noon 11.00 am - 11.30 am 12.00 pm - 1.00 pm 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm 7.30 pm	Coffee morning Home Ed. Children's Recorder Group U3A Beginners' Recorder Group Oriental Dancing <i>(Monthly)</i> Choir Practice
<u>Saturday</u>	10.00 am - 11.00 am	Oriental Dancing (Monthly)

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]



Please note that the Inspired Instrumentalists, and the other Wednesday Instrumental groups, have their last rehearsal before Christmas on Wednesday, 6th December and restart rehearsals on Wednesday, 3rd January. Spring Into Soul Community Choir will not be meeting on December 14th, 21st or

28th but will be back on January 4th For their new term. The Home Ed. Recorder Group and U3A Beginners' Recorder Group will have their

last pre-Christmas meetings on Friday, 15th December and will restart on Friday, 5th January, 2018.

The church choir will not be rehearsing on Friday, 22nd or 29th December.



Friday Coffee will not be running on the 29th December, but will be back again on 5th January.

Thought for the Month

Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace. goodwill toward men! *"Unto us a child is born, Unto us a son is given"*

These are words of prophecy from the Old Testament prophet Isaiah and are God foretelling what he was going

to do on the first Christmas Day. They tell us that the birth of Jesus was part of God's plan for his world, not something that was a one-off event.

It is always surprising to read about surveys of how many people in this country, whose history and laws owe so much to the teaching of Jesus Christ, do not know that Christmas Day celebrates his birth. It is amazing also that in a country where Religious Education is legally part of the school curriculum, many do not know the story of angels, shepherds and wise men welcoming and celebrating this birth. If you are a bit hazy about this, take a Bible and read Matthew chapter 1 verse 18 to chapter 2 verse 12 and Luke chapter 1 verse 26 to chapter 2 verse 20. This tells what God did.

Christmas and the birth of Jesus, however, are only the beginning of the story, for the child born in Bethlehem was to grow up to fulfil all of God's promises through his prophets. God knew that the world



he had created had a problem and that problem was sin, which separated his human creation from him.

God's first solution to this problem was to call out a Chosen People to be his own and to give them his commandments, which, if they were obeyed, would free them from sin. He made a promise to them - what we call the Old Testament - which said, "If you keep my laws and my commandments, you shall be my people and I will

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be your God". They did not keep his laws!

God's second solution was to promise through his prophets that he would send his Son to take on himself the punishment, which our sins deserve. His Son is Jesus who, when he was grown up, taught people about God and

made a second promise, what we call the New Testament. This promise is spelled out in the most important verse in the whole Bible, John 3:16. It reads, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him (Jesus) shall not perish but have everlasting life." What we have to believe about Jesus is not just that he was born into the world (the Christmas



story) but, much more importantly, that by his death on the Cross he took our sins upon himself and by his Resurrection from the dead on the third day opened the way to Heaven for us (the Easter story).

So Christmas is a beginning. Walk with us to Easter and see just what God has done for us.



Diary dates for

Another busy social year at St. Botolph's!

St. Botolph's Church is very far from being just about religious services - we want to encourage people from all sectors of the local community to come and see the facilities we have to offer local groups, and to come and join us for the various social events we organise.

The Friends of St. Botolph's Church, Heene is the organisational hub both for 'fundraisers' and for other events which encourage people into our beautiful building. In the past 18 months, the group has helped raise a lot of funds both for specific building work at the church and for more general church funds, but our prime objective is to raise the profile of St. Botolph's as a valued community resource.

As the "What's On" section on the inside front cover of this magazine shows, there is plenty going on every week here, but already, as we look forward, there are a number of other events planned or in mind for the coming months and more will be added in due course.



We are keen to promote a wide range of different events and the first thing on the calendar for 2018 is something we haven't tried before! On **Tuesday**, **16th January**, **between 2.30pm and 4.30pm**, **there will be a Scrabble Afternoon** in the St. Botolph's Room (attached to the church).

As usual for most midweek events, entrance will be via the Manor Road rear door. We will hope to get through two games each - and enjoy some light refreshments as well!



By popular demand, we will be holding another team **Quiz Night** on **Saturday, 3rd February, starting at 7pm** and it is hoped, on this occasion, to offer a **Fish and Chip Supper.** Our last quiz night was over-subscribed and tickets sold out more than a week in advance, so please make sure you let us know sooner rather than later if you would like to come. You can come as an individual and be allocated to a

team or come as a ready-made team (up to six players). Contact Adrienne Davis on 07738 022399 to book your place(s).

Following the sad demise of the Beechwood Hall Hotel, we are pleased to announce that we have a new venue for our regular **Parish Community Lunches**. This will be **The Burlington Hotel, Wordsworth Road.** The first



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parish lunch of the year will be held on **Sunday, February 18th, at 12.30 for 12.45pm.** Please contact Christine Roberts on 01903 527176 for details of the menu and to book your place. We would love to see you!

Do pencil the relevant dates into your diaries, and keep an eye out for more publicity about these and other future events on posters around the church, in The Botolph Bell magazine and on our website: www.stbotolphsheene2015.com



Friends of Heene Cemetery

Spring is on its way and we are preparing the Cemetery for our 2018 Open Days and tours, the first of which will be the **Spring Flower Open Day and Tour on Saturday**, **10th March at 2pm**.



Volunteers work in the Cemetery every Tuesday and Saturday afternoon (weather permitting) from

and Saturday afternoon (weather permitting) from 1:30pm-3:30pm during Winter hours and 2pm-4pm in the Summer hours and members of the local community are welcome to join in the conservation and heritage tasks.

Friends of Heene Cemetery would welcome any local community members or groups who might like

to have a Power Point Presentation about our work and what we have found, or to visit the cemetery. For further information please contact Sue Standing mobile: 07771966846 email: suestanding@hotmail.com





THAT SPECIAL DAY

The legless turkey's looking sad, The pud, reduced to crumbs. Mince pies stand, untouched by hand, Awaiting empty tums.

Aunt Ada's dozing in her chair, Paper hat askew, Grandpa's had a drop too much And his head's nodding too!

The children, overtired, are Squabbling on the floor. The puppy's chewed a cracker And been sick behind the door.

The fairy's toppled off the tree, The lights are on the bleep. The Queen's speech falls upon deaf ears Now grandma's gone to sleep.

Father's in the kitchen, Surveying the debris. Mother's put her feet up With a well-earned cup of tea.

Ah - Christmas Day! That special day, No presents left to label. But somewhere, lost amid the hype, Is a baby in a stable.

Shirley W. Dixon







December services at St. Botolph's

Friday, 1st December Sunday, 3rd December Friday, 8th December Sunday, 10th December Friday, 15th December Sunday, 17th December

10.15 am Prayer Group 10.00 am Sung Eucharist 10.15 am Prayer Group 10.00 am Sung Eucharist 10.15 am Prayer Group 10.00am Sung Eucharist

Sunday, 17th December 6.00 pm Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

Come and join us for this traditional pre-Christmas celebration and enjoy singing many of the best-known and best-loved carols. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served in the St. Botolph's Room after the service.

Friday, 22nd December 10.15 am Prayer Group

<u>Sunday, 24th December 4.00 pm</u> <u>Crib Service</u> A short, simple service, suitable for all, but particularly for those with young children. <u>10pm - First Eucharist of Christmas</u>

Monday, 25th December, 10.00 am Christmas Day Eucharist Come and share the joy of Christmas morning with us.

Sunday, 31st December 10.00 am Eucharist

Cornish Capers

My wife, Pauline, and I had, for some time, had a desire to visit St. Michael's Mount in Cornwall so, when an invitation came to stay in August with some friends who had moved from Worthing to a village outside Truro, we decided that the time had come to fulfil that desire.

On the way to the West Country, it seemed a good opportunity to make a small detour to West Bay, aka "Broadchurch" (the setting for a TV detective series which we had enjoyed). The weather played its part, with an overcast sky and low dark clouds hovering over the infamous cliffs giving a menacing aura.

We had been recommended to visit Seatown for lunch - for both the food and the outlook. We were not disappointed! The pub sits perfectly atop the beach in a cove, with wonderful views. The sun broke through the clouds, glinting on the gentle waves. Perfect!

The final leg of our journey allowed us another detour - this time over Dartmoor, with yet more magnificent views. The Dartmoor ponies made an appearance in a small car park as if by magic, perhaps attracted by the ice-cream van!

The following day we spent in Truro: A delightful city, bedecked with colourful flower displays under a brilliant blue sky and bright sunshine. The spires of the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary are visible throughout the city and were splendid against the bright sky.



The Cathedral was built between 1880 and 1910, the first new Cathedral to have been built in 600

years and constructed some 800 years since Cornwall last had its own Bishop and Diocese. The interior has many interesting features, but the most prominent is the largest stained glass project ever conceived and executed, which contains some of the finest



Victorian stained glass in the country.

In the south aisle of the building is an RNLI flag

which commemorates the lives lost when the Mousehole lifeboat went down with all hands in 1981. Movingly, the flag staff is made from the timber salvaged from the wreckage of the wooden lifeboat, The Solomon Browne.

Unusually, there is a parish church contained within the Cathedral, located at that spot since 1259 and still operating as a parish church, with the Dean of the Cathedral as the Rector. It also has a Parochial Church Council which, I understand, sometimes

Truro and St. Michael's Mount

causes friction with the cathedral authorities!

Another possibly unique feature is seen on the superb reredos behind the high altar. It shows Christ both as crucified and then glorified - but without the cross.

Many local churches and people contributed to the cost of the Cathedral, and one who is remembered is the lady owner and operator of the King Hal Ferry - who put a surcharge of one old penny on the fare across the river, somewhat to the chagrin of the users. Over a period of time, however, this allowed for the purchase of 600 chairs for the nave, in preparation for the consecration in 1887. The chairs are still in situ today.

Our last day in Cornwall was spent at the object of our visit - St. Michael's Mount, adjacent to the village of Marazion. On the way, the heavens opened with a blast of torrential rain but, as is the way with West Country weather, it had been blown away



by the time we reached the Mount. Fortunately the tide was out and we were able to walk along The Causeway to the entrance. Viewed from the shore, against the skyline, the Mount looks quite magical, as if placed there by Disney as a tourist attraction.

The origins stretch back to 495 AD, when an apparition of St. Michael the

Archangel appeared to guide fishermen to safety. In the 11th century, King Edward the Confessor gave the island to the Benedictine Order who founded a monastery there. The Order flourished until 1539 when the monastery was dissolved by King Henry VIII during the Reformation, and St. Michael's Mount reverted to The Crown. The island was sold to the St. Aubyn family in the 17th century and they have resided there ever since.

There is a chapel dedicated to St. Michael and All Angels within the 15th century building. It is extra-diocesan and continues to serve the Order of St. John. Within the chapel are several memorials to members of the St. Aubyn family, including those who have served their country in the two World Wars. There are fine stained glass windows in the east and west walls.



Walking back along The Causeway, we stopped to turn and take in the vision of St. Michael's Mount in all its glory, and we could empathise with those people who, through the centuries, have been drawn to it for its spiritual powers.

Charles J.E. James



Festive fun ...

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Look for these words in our challenging Christmas wordsearch:

mistletoe saviour joyous manger Bethlehem carollers shepherd candle Frankincense wreath heavenly tinsel decoration blessed chestnuts advent nativity Myrrh

4. Sonic gas knowledge (three words)





All the pictured celebrities have names which refer in some way to this time of year. How many of them can you identify?

... and games





Bone up on your Christmas songs!



Since their owners began working on the Botolph Bell, Editorial dogs Angus (right) and Oscar have become firm friends, and for this special festive edition they have set our readers a seasonal challenge!



The mischievous pair have had a great time burying bones amid the pages of the magazine, just so you will have to hunt for them!

In total there are 10 bones to find, each displaying an anagram of a Christmas carol or seasonal song. Can you find them all and work out the answers?

Grab a piece of paper and a pen and give it a try!

Seasonal celebrities











January 2018 Services

Friday, 5th January Sunday, 7th January Friday, 12th January Sunday, 14th January Friday, 19th January Sunday, 21st January Friday, 26th January Sunday, 28th January Friday, 2nd February Sunday, 4th February 10.15am **Prayer Group** 10.00am Sung Eucharist 10.15am **Prayer Group** Sung Eucharist 10.00am 10.15am **Prayer Group** Sung Eucharist 10.00am 10.15am **Prayer Group** Sung Eucharist 10.00am 10.15am **Prayer Group** 10.00am Sung Eucharist

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St. Botolph's clock goes tick-tock!

There is great uncertainty as to when the St. Botolph's tower clock ceased to operate. Some say as the result of the 1987 hurricane, others say earlier.



What is certain is the quality of its manufacture. Thwaites & Reed was established in 1740 as manufacturing clockmakers, with antecedents from 1610. Today the Company still exists in Saltdean near Brighton. At one time the company had the responsibility for maintaining all the clocks in the Palace of Westminster and is world renowned for its quality of product. These items range from mantle clocks to great tower clocks. The Great Clock of Westminster was designed

by Benjamin Lewis Vullamy using parts manufactured by Thwaites and Reed.

Thanks mainly to the efforts and persistence of Richard Buque, formerly St. Botolph's buildings' committee chairman, the dial and hands have been beautifully restored and now give the church a handsome face.

The mechanism within, having been given a thorough clean, was in comparatively good order but in need of a few technical tweaks.

Having been converted to electrical drive the winding drums and weight cabinets are redundant. Motive power is now provided by three electric 'monkey' motors that climb a pair of rails and fall under their own weight to provide the inertia to the escapement mechanism. For clock devotees, the escapement is the 'double three-legged gravity escapement' designed by Sir Edward Beckett Denison for tower clocks in 1854. (A good explanation of this can be found on YouTube)





St Botolph's Carillon chime wheel.

6. Boom! Twentieth hotel fell (five words)

Following a visit

and guidance from Chris Baldwin of the Hampshire Clockworks I was able to rectify a couple of misalignments, add lubrication and tighten a few screws, thus enabling the clock to regain its somnolent tick.

The striking mechanism is complete, though will need some further restoration. However, as the strike is a twelve-hour cycle, the result would be a lack of somnolence

among parishioners. I think the strike and chimes are best left for posterity!

Chris Lane

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Who's buried in Heene Cemetery?

John Herbert (1862 - 1931) and Lydia Edith (1869 - 1958) Mathews

HEENE St Botolph Row 3/29 Celtic cross and kerb

MATHEWS: In loving memory of JOHN HERBERT MATHEWS died 21 May 1932 R.I.P. and LYDIA EDITH his wife, died 3 Dec. 1958 R.I.P. (At foot of kerb): Also of his two sons killed in action in France HUGH 1914 and CECIL 1916.

John Herbert Mathews was born in East Ham, London, son of Thomas and Charlotte Elizabeth Mathews (nee Hodsdon). In 1871, at the age of eight, he was a boarding pupil at Woodlands House School in Wanstead.

In 1881, his father Thomas was a farmer, in partnership with his brothers, at Hasket House in East Ham – hard to believe in 2017! John and his brother (another Thomas!) were farming with their father, and sisters Marion and Annie, plus three servants, were there too. Ten years later, John and his father were still farmers but, by this time, in Great Warley, Essex. John's mother, Charlotte, was still alive and the household also included John's single sister, Marion, and four household servants.

Lydia (sometimes known as Edith Lydia, rather than Lydia Edith!) was born in Woolwich. Her father, Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Wahab, was born in the East Indies, as was her mother, Lydia Maria (nee Hands). (The East Indies generally meant South-East Asia.) However, by 1881, Lt. Colonel Wahab and family were living in Bury, Lancashire. Lydia had an older brother, born in the Red Sea...., an older sister born in Ireland and a younger born in the East Indies. In 1891 her family was living in



Park Crescent, Worthing, where John and Lydia were living at the time of the 1911 census.

Great Warley, in Essex – presumably where she met John Herbert.

John and Lydia were married in 1893 in Paddington, some two years before the death of John's mother, Charlotte.

At the date of the 1901 census - 31 March 1901 the couple were at Montfort House, Chigwell, Essex with John's retired father Thomas, John's older brother Thomas, their widowed sister Annie and their other sister, Marion, plus four household servants and two 'trained' nurses.

Strange as it at first appears, there is a likely explanation as to why John and Lydia's four children, Edith Doris, 7, (Thomas) Hugh, 6, (Robert Arthur) Cecil, 4, and Geoffrey, 1, were

living in Findon, on Kingswood Farm, (an 18th Century Listed building, now a livery stables), with four servants, including two shown as 'nurse'. No head of household appears on this census entry, but further investigation points to the likelihood that, normally, John and Lydia would have been in Findon with their children, but were away in Essex visiting John's father and had left the children in the care of the 'nurses' and other servants.

Thomas senior died on 23rd April 1901, so it seems highly probable that - by the



census date - he was already ill and all his close family had been summoned, which would explain the presence of all his children in his house on that particular evening. Thomas was a wealthy man and left effects valued at more than £97,833 at the time.

In 1911 John (now shown as 'of private means') and Lydia were living at 14 Park Crescent, Worthing. Single daughter Edith Doris and son Cecil were with them and they had a housemaid, a general servant, a parlourmaid and a cook.

Lieutenant Thomas Hugh Mathews, of the 1st Battalion East Lancs Regiment died in November 1914 and is buried in the Lancashire Cottage cemetery, south of Ypres. Hugh was educated at Rottingdean School in Brighton, then at Repton and finally at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst.



Second Lieutenant Robert Arthur Cecil Mathews, of the 3rd Battalion East Lancs Regiment, was killed in action in Northern France in October 1916. His name is recorded on the Thiepval Monument, but also on the Lancing College War Memorial. Cecil had been educated at Miss Marshall's school in Worthing (the Fleetwood School, at which she also ran a separate class for "quite little boys", that is, those under the age of seven), and then at Lancing College.

John Herbert Mathews was shown as of 'Stanhope', Bulkington Avenue, Worthing when he died, but actually died at 'Amatola' in Shakespeare Road. By the time of Lydia's death she had moved to

Brunswick Rd. in Hove.

Deplored, he is the odder runner (five words)

Liz Lane & Jackie Didymus



Shoreham Fort: Past, Present &

Future

Following on from their last highly successful meeting at St. Botolph's Church in October, West Sussex Archives Society, the Friends of West Sussex Record Office, are visiting the church again early in 2018.

This time, the group is hosting a talk by Gary Baines, chairman and founder of the Friends of Shoreham Fort. Gary will cover the diverse history of the fort, as well as the development of Palmerston fortifications along the coast of Sussex and Hampshire.

Thursday, 15th February, 2.30pm St. Botolph's Church, Worthing

(please use rear entrance on Manor Road)

The cost - refreshments included - is £6 for members and £8 for non-members



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Is it really that time of year again already?

As the rhyme says, Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat but if we don't keep a careful eye on our pets, we could find that it isn't only the goose that will be piling on the pounds!

We need to remember that cats and dogs are fundamentally wild animals that we have domesticated and their whole anatomical make-up is designed for them to eat a mainly meat diet, so why do we think it necessary to give them treats and other indigestible foods?



Dogs can tolerate a little carbohydrate in their diet,

but cats are obligate carnivores and as such do not need or really want anything extra. Apart from the extra calories, Christmas goodies can be extremely harmful for our furry friends.

Christmas cake, mince pies & puddings contain raisins, which can cause acute renal failure in animals, and a 60g slice of Christmas cake contains around 220 calories, so feed this to a dog needing about 1000 calories a day and he/she would be getting a considerable amount of extra and unnecessary intake.

Chocolate (especially dark chocolate which is the most toxic) contains an alkaloid called theobromine. Humans can metabolise this quickly, but dogs take a lot longer which leads to a slow build-up of toxins in the



system. If left unattended, this can cause hyperactivity, tremors, internal bleeding, irregular heartbeat, heart attack and eventual death. Chocolate, some ice creams and tea, also contain caffeine, so when you share a

cuppa and a biscuit with your canine companion you could be exposing him (her) to vomiting, restlessness, hyperactivity, high blood pressure, tachycardia (fast heart beat), hyperthermia (raised body temperature), seizures and collapse.

Chicken and turkey bones are another major hazard. Dogs and cats may swallow them whole and get them lodged, not easy to remove in a conscious animal, or they may crunch them up, which could lead to impaction/constipation and considerable discomfort. Make sure you dispose of all bones and leftover food properly as old, mouldy food can contain fungal toxins which cause severe and painful gastric upsets in animals.

Christmas decorations cause further hazards. Pine needles can be very sharp and can get stuck in paws or throats. Baubles need to be unbreakable and not at a height where they could be ingested.

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Make sure all electrical cables are covered to avoid electrocution. If you 'deck the hall with boughs of holly' keep it away from your pets, as it can cause severe vomiting, diarrhoea and depression, Poinsettias, very popular around this time of year can cause irritation to the mouth and stomach. Finally, don't forget that mistletoe can cause vomiting, diarrhoea, respiratory distress, hallucinations and death. So, if you want to kiss Santa, make sure you wait until the animals are out of the room!

Pets want to join in Christmas, but they need you to be vigilant so that it can be a happy time for them as well.



Wishing you all a very happy holiday from all at Heene Road Vets.



Help us become one over the eight!



Whilst the bells are regularly rung for practice nights and, of course, Sunday service, we don't often

in Worthing.

St. Botolph's church has a ring of eight bells - the only ring of eight

get to ring all eight bells due to a

Jim, Val, Rik and Graham - ready for action in the bell tower.

shortage of ringers in our band. We currently have one new learner - Jim - who could take our number up to eight but a couple more learners would be really good for the group. Could one of them be you?



Tower Captain Liz (left) with fellow ringers, Phil and Leigh.

The tower will be open on Saturday 2nd December during the Advent Fair but if you miss that opportunity, do come along any Wednesday evening at 7.30pm and join us for our practice and find out more.

Alternatively, contact Liz Lane, the Tower Captain, on 01903 501422 or via email liz.13lane@gmail.com for more information. (Photos © Chris Lane, Nov. 2017)

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