

What's on at St. Botolph's

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 1.15 pm - 2.45 pm 5.45 pm - 6.45 pm 7.15pm - 8.15pm	Gentle Exercise Class Home Ed. Drama Yoga Yoga
Tuesday	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>	5.30 pm - 7.00 pm 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Major Minors Choir 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> Church 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]

Services

Sunday, 1st April	10.00am	Sung Eucharist (Easter Day)
Friday, 6th April	10.15am	Prayer Group
Sunday, 8th April	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Friday, 13th April	10.15am	Prayer Group
Sunday, 15th April	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Friday, 20th April	10.15am	Prayer Group
Sunday, 22nd April	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Friday, 27th April	10.15am	Prayer Group
Sunday, 29th April	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Friday, 3rd May	10.15am	Prayer Group

Thought for the Month

I hope that you will forgive a rather personal tone to my 'Thought' this month. I have been regularly conducting services at St. Botolph's for over two years, while you have been waiting (in vain at the time of writing) for the Bishop to appoint a new permanent priest to the church.



Six months ago, the churchwardens of St.

Mary's, Goring-by-Sea asked me if I would look after their parish following the retirement of their Vicar on Easter Day. This is not quite as arbitrary as it sounds, because I was a curate at Goring for five years, 40-odd years ago, and it was also the church where my late wife, Margaret, was an active member. I agreed - fully expecting that a new priest would be well settled into St. Botolph's by now!

My last service with you will be the Parish Eucharist on Easter Day and I will very much miss all the people I have got to know. 'Moving on', however, is very much a pattern in Christian ministry.



April this year contains the days that Jesus was with his disciples on earth before his ascension into Heaven. I hope that you will continue to be conscious that Jesus is with you at St. Botolph's and strive

to carry on all the good work that has taken place during the last five years to maintain it as a viable place of worship and cohesive Christian community. Your churchwardens and Parochial Church Council are going to need your prayers as you move into a new phase of your life - hopefully very soon - with a new priest to lead and guide you. *(continued overleaf)*

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I shall be watching with interest to see what happens and will be holding you very much in my prayers. Who knows? - I may even be back one day, when a new Vicar is appointed to Goring, to help cover your new priest's holidays!

With my very best wishes for the future to you all,

Revd. Roger Walker



We have been very fortunate to have Father Roger as such a regular communion celebrant and preacher over the past two years and it would be lovely if as many people as possible could join us for his last regular service with us on Easter Day, Sunday April 1st at 10am. You would be made very welcome!





Celebrate Spring and Summer!

Spring has, officially, sprung (not that the British weather seems to have really appreciated the fact!) and our Cathedral church at Chichester and the Chichester Cathedral Friends are celebrating the new season and looking forward to Summer.



On Friday, 4th May, from 10am until noon, there will be a Spring Fair in the Vicars' Hall. Stalls will include plants, cakes, jams and chutneys, books and music, handicrafts and bric-a-brac, and there will also be a raffle and tombola. Entrance costs $\pounds 2$ (to include coffee and a biscuit).

Then on Thursday, 24th May, you can enjoy an "Early Summer Day Trip to Dorset", with a visit to Moreton and to the National Trust house and garden at Kingston Lacy.

Everyone is welcome at Cathedral Friends events - whether members or not - but if you want to find out more about joining, the benefits of doing so and all the other proposed events for the year, please contact Marianne on 07584 493988 or email: ccf.eventsec@gmail.com



The main event of the season is, undoubtedly, the Chichester Cathedral Festival of Flowers "This Earthly Paradise", which will run from May 31st until June 2nd. You will be able to see more that 80 spectacular floral arrangements (incorporating over 50,000 blooms), and enjoy the Festival Fair and Plant Market and a programme of live music. Tickets are limited and advanced booking is advised, via www.ticketsource.co.uk/ chichestercathedralflowers or by phoning 0333 666 3366.



Our grateful thanks go to Tim Dowling of Chappell Croft - a regular contributor - who has sent us this lovely picture of the St. Botolph's Church spire at early dusk.

Photographs and articles from readers are always very much appreciated, and if you feel you could contribute a picture, article, poem or recipe, we would be delighted to consider it for publication. Photos do need to be a minimum of 300 dpi please!

Please send any contributions to botolphbelleditors@gmail.com



ELECTIONS ... ELECTIONS ... ELECTIONS

Does it seem that you are always being required to vote in elections in Worthing, even when there appear to be no elections anywhere else?

Well, you are correct!



Worthing has at least one election each year, sometimes two, and on the odd occasion when there is a Ward by-election - three! Why is this? The reason is partly historical. When Worthing was created as a separate local authority, the voting arrangements put in place to elect Councillors were constituted and remain in

place today. We are unusual but not alone in electing a third of our Councillors to Worthing Borough Council every year for a four year term.

On the fourth year, when there are no Borough Council elections it is the turn of West Sussex County Council to hold their elections for County Councillors for a four year term. The County Council only holds elections every four years when the whole County Council is elected for West Sussex.

During this time it is likely that a General Election may be held under the Fixed Parliament Act, or as in 2017, a General Election will be called by a vote in Parliament, meaning that Worthing will have had at least two elections in that year. Or, in the case of one ward in Worthing where there was also a by-election, three elections in 2017.

We are perhaps fortunate that our ancient parishes in Worthing, such as Heene, Goring and Durrington for example, have relinquished their Parish Council status, otherwise, these areas would have an additional election to elect members for their respective Parish Councils.

A lot of elections!

(Continued overleaf)



There are two ways of looking at this; one being, that an election every four years for the whole Borough Council would see the job done and out of the way for that term.

Or, the system we have, which I prefer, which allows the voter, the electorate, a say every year on how they consider their Borough Council is performing. It keeps the elected members on their toes, which in turn, keeps the Borough Council Officers on theirs and - at the same time - provides continuity of leadership and direction for the town.

All clear now? I hope so!

Charles J.E. James











Marvellous

We all know the nursery rhyme "Oranges and Lemons" from our childhood, but how many of us have really ever thought of celebrating these colourful fruit?

My husband, Martin, and I certainly hadn't until last Autumn when an advert in a leaflet from a holiday company caught our eye. It was advertising a coach holiday which included a full day outing and tickets to the Citrus Festival in Menton, France.

Menton, an attractive town on the French Riviera, has celebrated its citrus heritage for the last 85 years, with 1933 seeing a fruit festival there for the first time. Now, the annual Citrus Festival draws upwards of 160,000 visitors - and this year, we were among them, visiting the town to see the grand parade on Sunday, February 18th.

The 2018 event - with a Bollywood theme - had started the previous day and continued until March 4th, featuring massive floats (up to 10 metres tall) carefully constructed from thousands and thousands of fresh oranges and lemons, wired together to form fantastic models. In total, more than 145 tons of citrus fruit was used and more than 300



Menton!

professionals were involved in the Menton Festival project!

Each year, for the three weeks of the Festival, Menton's Jardins Biovès and the streets around the gardens are given over to the citrus giants, and we were able to wander among them and take in the carnival atmosphere.

The parade itself lasted over an hour with, fortuitously, the weather being the best of the week - bright, sunny and relatively warm. In addition to the citrus floats, there were marching bands, dance troupes, giant inflatables, and a fantastic mechanical elephant with moving trunk and fearless 'rider' on his head.





highlight of our week long holiday visiting France and Italy.

Jackie Didymus











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What is a Flower?

Say it with flowers: Advice to lovers all. Say it with flowers When dreary days pall.

Brighten the days Of those with sickness bent. Give in remembrance To those whose lives are spent.

Offer to God On his altar high; Fill his house To gladden every eye.

Look at the blossoms, Delicate or bold, Each one a miracle No mortal could mould.

What is a flower? A thing of beauty, true, But more than that, it is A gift from God to you.

> Shirley W. Dixon April 1997

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Who's buried in Heene Cemetery?

<u>Major General Edward McLaughlin (1838 - 1912) Annie McLaughlin</u> (1835 - 1911) Judge Frederick Hubert McLaughlin (1941 – 1911)

HEENE St Botolph: Row 2/38 & 39 In double marble surround, dividing wall

McLAUGHLIN (Motto on No 38): 'Requiescat in Pace' (Motto on No 39): 'Jesu Mercy' (Graveyard Register List has ANNIE McLAUGHLIN, 1911, EDWARD McLAUGHLIN, 1912, and FREDERICK HERBERT



McLAUGHLIN, 1911)

Major General Edward McLaughlin, who was born in Italy, was the son of Very Rev. Hubert McLaughlin and Hon. Frederica Crofton. He married Annie Bromilow, only child of James Bromilow and Ellen Leigh, in 1857 in Hampshire and they had four children.

Annie was born in St Helens, Lancashire, daughter of James and Ellen Bromilow. James was involved in the St Helens Crown Glass Partnership, which devolved eventually into Pilkingtons Glass.

In 1851 Edward was a boarder at a school in Keynsham, Bristol. He then attended Cheltenham College and later continued his education at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, entering the army at the age of 17 years 2 months. He obtained his commission in the Royal Artillery in 1854, and took part in the latter stages of the Crimean War. The Crimean War virtually ended in November of 1855 when the besieged Turkish fortress of Kars surrendered to the Russians; Nonetheless Edward was sent to the Crimea in February 1856, but returned immediately the Treaty of Paris was signed on March 30th. He gained a reputation for having the knack of setting off to war only to arrive when the battles were over!

Edward was promoted to Captain in 1862 and a decade later became a Major.

In 1871 Captain McLaughlin, with Annie and 5 year-old son Vivian, were in barracks in Exeter, but two years later, in 1873, Edward went to the Royal Artillery College, Woolwich, to study physics, chemistry, 'matters mathematical' and all else needed to prepare a model modern Major-General, the rank with which he retired in 1886.



In 1891 Edward and Annie, plus son Vivian and daughter Georgina, were in Stanley Gardens, Kensington, with four servants. They were still there 10 years later, with the servants this time shown as a butler, a cook and two house servants.

Edward was a Justice of the Peace for Herefordshire, and, for the last ten years of his life, Vice-Chairman of The Royal School for Daughters of Military Officers, at Lansdown, Bath. He lived at The Lydiates, Herefordshire.

He died at Byron Hall in Byron Rd, Worthing, where his wife, Annie, had died the year before.

Edward's brother, Judge Frederick Hubert McLaughlin was born in Boraston, Burford, Shropshire - where his father, Hubert, was the parish priest - in



1840. He was educated at Bromsgrove, Shrewsbury, and Magdalene College, Cambridge. He married Marianne Maurice in 1862 in Cirencester. A year after his marriage Frederick went to Bengal where he was appointed Assistant Magistrate and Collector in 1865. He became a District and Sessions Judge in 1884. Four sons were born while Frederick was in the Bengal Civil Service.

Marianne died in 1875 and Frederick was appointed Judge of Jessore a year later, the same year in which he married Elizabeth, according to the Index to Bengal Marriages. Their first son was born on May 3rd, 1876! The delivery took place while the couple were coming through the Red Sea on the India-England route aboard the S.S. Scotland. The boy was therefore named Percy James Scotland McLaughlin. Judge Frederick and Elizabeth went on to have more children: Frederick "Fred" George, Stanley, Sidney, Hugh, Eva, Nora (born 1888 in London), Cyril Crofton, Neil and Donough Crofton."

The Judge retired in 1890 and lived successively in Richmond, Surrey, at Marina Villa, New Church Road, Hove, at Pitchcott, Aylesbury, and finally at a house in Tudor Road, Upper Norwood, London SE, which he named for his childhood home, Boraston. "Family legend has it that Frederick had grown rich by dealing in rubies while partnered with an Indian rajah. His emolument as a judge in 1880 was 2,000 rupees a month, or £2,000 per annum, about £80,000 (\$150,000) in today's money, at a very conservative estimate."

Liz Lane



Forthcoming events

The Friends' of St. Botolph's Church, Heene committee continues to be busy planning social events and fund-raising for the church, primarily for its repair and maintenance programme.

Our Scrabble Afternoon, on a snowy late February afternoon, proved popular despite the weather, and was so much enjoyed that requests were made for another similar event to be held. So **our next Scrabble event** will be on **Thursday, May 17th from 2.30-4.30pm.** There will once again be a prize for the person who plays the highest scoring word; a raffle, and afternoon tea with cakes and biscuits. The cost will be **£4 per person** (playing or observing), to be paid at the door. Please contact Jackie on 01903 202036 or email jackie.didymus@virginmedia.com to book your place.

On **Saturday, 2nd June at 7.30pm** there will be a concert in church, featuring Worthing's Community Spirit Choir and the Worthing Recorder Group. Entrance will be free, but there will be a retiring collection.

Next there will be **St. Botolph's Summer Fair** on **Saturday**, **23rd June**, with all the usual stalls and a range of other attractions.

We are hoping to hold another of our popular **Quiz Nights** on **Saturday 7th July**, this time with a ploughman's supper. Further details of these last three events will be on our website - www.stbotolphsheene2015.com - in due course, and will also be publicised in forthcoming issues of the Botolph Bell.



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