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**August 2018**

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# The Botolph Bell

## Thought for the Month

Dear Friends

I thought I would just take this opportunity to say a few words of introduction about myself as the new Priest-in-Charge of St Botolph's.

I was born in North West London in 1972 of mixed parentage – Anglo-Indian and English. Most of my formative years were spent in Wembley (within the shadow of the towers of the old stadium!), south of Watford and in Kenton. I attended Buckingham College School in Harrow, where I was part of the last cohort of pupils to take the old GCE O Levels – now something of a distant memory. I then went on to study in the Sixth Form at the City of London School where I had an Assisted Place. This was accompanied by a move to Pimlico in central London.

From an early age I was encouraged to take an interest in music and also to engage in public speaking in various ways (something which was eventually to stand me in good stead as an ordained minister). When I was eight years old, I was taken to my first piano lesson – though I have to admit that I really didn't want to go to it! Fast forward nine years, though, and I found myself reading for a degree in Music at King's College London, followed by a year of Postgraduate Studies at the Royal College of Music, as well as holding organist posts at various churches over the years. After all this, I went on to work in various roles - as a library assistant, a teaching assistant, a Lay Worker at a Methodist Church, and finally working in the administration of HM Prison Service.

I was brought up in a Christian context and worshipped at Park Lane Methodist Church in Wembley and later at Methodist Central Hall in Westminster. I made a commitment to Christ at a Billy Graham meeting in 1984 and over the years, I had felt an inkling of a call to serve in ordained ministry. In God's good time, I was accepted for training as a Methodist minister and in 2002 I went up to Wesley House in Cambridge for three years. Looking back on my time at

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Wesley, I have many fond memories of it, though it certainly involved a lot of hard work. During this time I undertook a degree in Theological & Religious Studies through Fitzwilliam College, whilst also doing in-house study in Pastoral Theology and getting involved in attachments with local churches. I also had the privilege of serving as Secretary and later President of the Common Room at Wesley House.

My time in Cambridge was followed by two years serving as a Methodist minister in Southport, a relatively affluent seaside resort in North West England with many similarities to Worthing. I then spent a year in Newham, during which time I transferred to the Anglican ministry via the Diocese of Chelmsford. I was blessed with the privilege of spending a further full-time year at Wycliffe Hall in Oxford, where I undertook largely research-based study. From 2009 to 2013 I served in the Parish of St Paul, Chichester (during which time I gained a further MA in Theology through the University of Chichester), before returning to the Chelmsford Diocese where I served as Vicar of St James', Clacton-on-Sea, until the summer of 2017.

Over the years, I have been particularly keen on helping Christians to grow in their faith by offering Bible-based preaching and teaching, helping lay people to discern and make use of their gifts in God's service, and encouraging the churches to look outwards to the wider community. It is great to be joining St Botolph's in order to serve the church and wider community. Over the years, the good people of St Botolph's have maintained a faithful Christian witness in Heene. It is my hope and prayer that we will continue to serve the local community effectively in the name of Christ.

My appointment as Priest-in-Charge of St Botolph's is on what the Church of England terms a 'House for Duty' basis. This means that I am non-stipendiary and part-time, my core days of working being Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays (with some flexibility). I very much look forward to meeting you in due course. A warm welcome awaits you at all our services and events.

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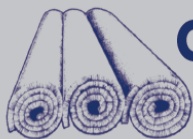


Walk down the prom, grab an ice cream,  
Now my trousers are bursting at the seam.  
The sun shines down on the glistening sea,  
Sunny Worthing, that's where I'll be.

Sophie Byrnes

The June edition of the Botolph Bell included two images in the page entitled "What exactly is a full load?" with the sub-heading "public transport". A reader has written to inform us that the people sitting on bundles on top of the lorry were, in fact, carrying possessions on a people smuggling truck, journeying north across the Sahara. The photo was taken a couple of years ago and featured in Prospect magazine, a monthly journal which specialises in politics, economics and current affairs.

The editors do not wish to make light of this subject, if we have crossed a line then we hold our hands up as this was not our intention. One can only feel sorry for all concerned mixed up in this business, people who feel they have to leave their homeland in this way, maybe escaping the reaches of a dictator, the hardship of the journey, their families who see them go and finally the host country they arrive in. People smuggling is a bad business.



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# What a belter!

We have undoubtedly had some good weather recently. *Really good* weather. As yet we haven't faced a hosepipe ban or seen stand-pipes erected around the town and (at the time of this article being written) there is no rain on the horizon for sunny Worthing. We probably see ourselves as getting some quite extreme weather, but where would you have to travel to should you wish to experience the hottest or coldest places on the planet?




The hottest inhabited place on earth is Dallol in Ethiopia where average daily temperatures of  $41^{\circ}\text{C}$  have been recorded. To put this in perspective, the average daily summer temperature in the UK (London) is  $19^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The hottest uninhabited place on earth is Death Valley in California, where the temperature regularly reaches  $57^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

How about the coldest places? The coldest inhabited place on earth is Oymyakon, a village in Oymyakonsky Ulus of the Sakha Republic, the Russian Federation, located along the Indigirka River. It has a coldest monthly average temperature for January of  $-50^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The coldest uninhabited place is the South Pole, with average winter temperatures of  $-58^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Interestingly, the South Pole sits on top of ice which is estimated to be 2,700m thick!



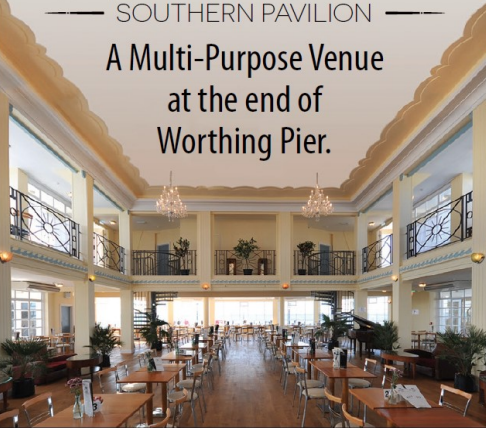
Given that we Brits are pre-disposed to talk about the rain, where does it rain the most on earth? That would be Mawsynram in India, which regularly receives an annual rainfall of 11,871mm. By contrast, Worthing's annual rainfall is a mere drip by comparison – 680mm.

Rik Clay



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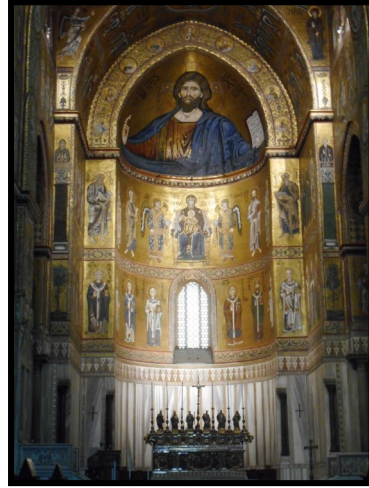
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## SICILIAN

Spring was in the air, the days were becoming longer, the sky more blue than grey and the sun starting to warm the day. However, not enough to get into shorts and deck shoes. What was needed was some really warm sunshine and some really blue skies. By great good fortune we have a relative living in Sicily whose 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday was shortly to be celebrated. We needed no further excuses to head for the sun.

As is usual when travelling by aeroplane to Sicily we fly into Catania, and based ourselves there for a few days. A short hop down the coast takes us to Syracuse founded by the Greeks 2,700 years ago, where there is a Greek Theatre and a Roman Amphitheatre. However, the most arresting building is "The Duomo", the Cathedral, built in the 7<sup>th</sup> Century AD over a 5<sup>th</sup>BC Greek Temple to Athena.



**Cathedral at Monreale**



**Cathedral at Cefalu**

The Cathedral incorporates Doric columns from the original Greek Temple. A short drive in the opposite direction from Catania is the small town of Aci Castello, where there is a Norman Castle built in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century AD atop a vast black volcanic rock. A reminder of how far the Norman influence spread.

Catania is a Baroque city, and has a magnificent Baroque Cathedral, dedicated to St. Agatha the patron saint of the city. Contained within the Cathedral is the tomb of Vincenzo Bellini, the Italian Opera Composer. Catania also has a University, The Bellini Gardens, a beautiful beach and wonderful shopping. A must see whilst in

Catania is the Fish Market which operates from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. When it is in full flow, it is street circus at its best.

The following day we leave for Palermo, via the town of Cefalu on the northern coast. Within this charming old town is the 12<sup>th</sup> Century Norman "Duomo", one of the jewels in Sicily's Arab-Norman crown. Filling the central apse is a towering figure of Christ All Powerful in

# SOJOURN

elaborate Byzantine mosaics, Sicily's oldest and best preserved. It is a sight which truly takes the breath away.

We take lunch by the sandy cove which is another of Cefalu's attractions, it is real life Hollywood film set perfection.

Based in Palermo, we visit Monreale which is home to one of Sicily's greatest cultural treasures, the Cathedral of Monreale, built between 1170 and 1189AD. It is on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

It can be regarded as one of the most beautiful Norman churches in Sicily. The mosaics are again breath-taking, especially when one considers they were made with 2,200 kilograms of pure gold by craftsman from Constantinople.



**Hunting scene mosaic**

Apart from Christ Pantocrator, the shimmering master pieces also depict Biblical tales.



**Bell tower at Palermo  
Cathedral**

Whilst in Palermo, we visit the 9<sup>th</sup> Century Palazzo dei Normanni, home to Sicily's Regional Government; it also contains the Cappella Palatina. This extraordinary chapel has a plethora of glittering old mosaics complemented by inlaid marble floors and a wooden Muqarna ceiling, a masterpiece of Arabic style honeycomb carving.

Prepare to have your breath taken away again!

Not far from the Capella Palatina is Palermo's cathedral dedicated to the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. First built in the late 12<sup>th</sup> Century it is a collection of architectural styles, Norman; Moorish; Gothic; Baroque and Neo-classical.

As well as amazing mosaics and Royal Norman Tombs there is the Chapel of St. Rosalia, the Patron Saint of Sicily. The embossed silver baroque altar (1631AD), is a

wonder of the art of the silversmith. There is a silver urn which contains the bones of St. Rosalia, which is carried in procession every year on the 15<sup>th</sup> July. There is also a large bell tower resembling our own Big Ben. Apparently a Bishop of Palermo was visiting London during the construction of Big Ben, and liked it so much that upon returning to Palermo he had the Baroque Bell Tower demolished, and replaced with a replica of Big Ben.

An unusual and possibly unique feature within the cathedral is a lavatory, which has been constructed behind the altar in one of the side Chapels, and is still functioning, and sign posted!



Charles E. James

(to be continued next month...)

**Chapel of St. Rosalina inside  
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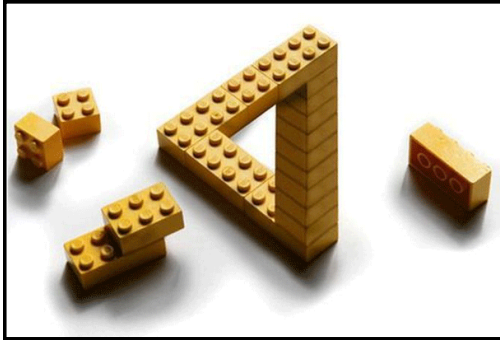


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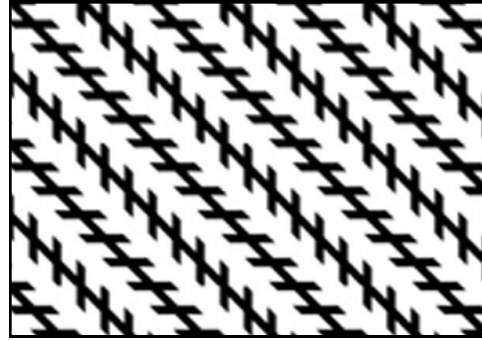
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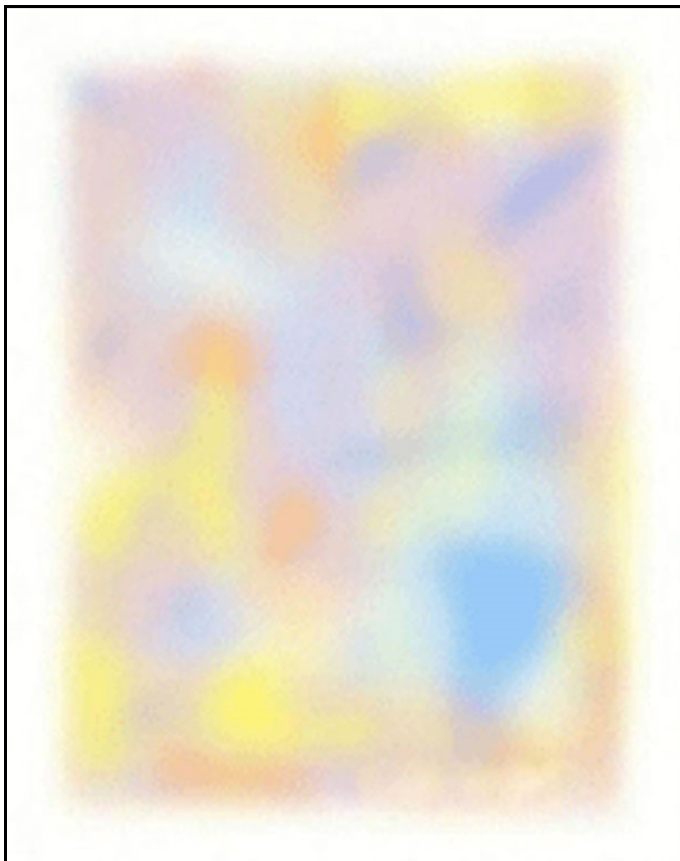
# Optical illusions



Endless staircase?



This optical illusion was named after Johann Karl Friedrich Zöllner and consists of parallel lines that appear to be diagonal.



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# Bank Holidays

Until 1834, the Bank of England observed about 33 saints' days and religious festivals as holidays, but in that year this was reduced to four: 1st May (May Day), 1st November (All Saints' Day), Good Friday and Christmas Day.

In 1871, the first legislation relating to bank holidays, was passed when Liberal politician and banker Sir John Lubbock introduced the Bank Holidays Act 1871, which specified the days:

England, Wales & Ireland – Easter Monday, Whit Monday, First Monday in August, Boxing Day.

Scotland – New Year's Day, Good Friday, First Monday in May, First Monday in August, Christmas Day.

People were so grateful that some called the first Bank Holidays St. Lubbock's Days for a while.

Scotland was treated separately because of its separate traditions: for example, New Year is a more important holiday there

The Act did not include Good Friday and Christmas Day as bank holidays in England, Wales, or Ireland because they were already recognised as common law holidays: they had been customary holidays since time immemorial.

In 1903, the Bank Holiday (Ireland) Act added 17th March, Saint Patrick's Day, as a bank holiday for Ireland only. New Year's Day did not become a bank holiday in England until 1st January 1974.

Commencing in 1965, experimentally, the August Bank Holiday weekend was observed at the end of August "to give a lead in extending British holidays over a longer summer period". Each year's date was announced in Parliament on an ad-hoc basis. The rule seems to have been to select the weekend of the last Saturday in August, so that in 1968 and 1969 Bank Holiday Monday actually fell in September.

In 1971 the Banking and Financial Dealings Act, which currently regulates bank holidays in the UK, was passed. The majority of the current bank holidays were specified in the 1971 Act: however, New Year's Day and May Day were not introduced throughout the whole of the UK until 1974 and 1978 respectively. The date of the August bank holiday was changed from the first

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# Who's Buried in Heene Cemetery?

## Lucy Elizabeth (1842 – 1908) Francis Herbert Oakley (1837 – 1915) Chislett

In Loving Memory of LUCY ELIZABETH CHISLETT Died August 20th 1908 Aged 66  
Also of FRANCIS HERBERT OAKLEY CHISLETT Died February 4th 1915 Aged 78 years



Francis was born in Milborne Port, Somerset, son of James and Eliza Chislett, and was baptised on the 13th June that year. His father James was a land agent and the family – Francis was one of seven children – was living in Church Street, Wimborne, Dorset in both 1841 and 1851.

By 1861 Francis (known as Herbert on both this and the next census) was living in St. Pancras, London, in the household of a Doctor David Scott. He was shown as the doctor's assistant and "dispenser of medicine".

Lucy was born in Bloomsbury on April 20th 1842. In 1861 her mother, another Lucy, a laundress, was living in Hackney and was shown as widowed. Lucy junior was baptised as an adult, just a month before her 20th birthday, and she was following her mother's example, as her occupation was shown as laundress. Her father, John Lewington, a printer, was named on her baptism certificate.

Lucy and Francis were married, in Shoreditch, in 1867. They were to have no children.

In 1871, the census shows Herbert, chemist and druggist, in Shoreditch with his wife Lucy, and an apprentice, his brother-in-law John Lewington. Francis Herbert had trained at the London Hospital and gained his MRCS, English, qualification in 1871. He was still in Shoreditch in 1881, working as a general practitioner, and he and Lucy had a 28 year-old medical student as a lodger.

They were living in Stamford Hill in 1891. Lucy Sanders, Lucy's seven year-old niece, was visiting. They also had a boarder and one servant.

By 1901 Francis was a retired surgeon, living in Stoke Newington, and described as blind. Lucy's niece, Lucy Sanders was still with them and, it would appear, became his carer, since she is shown as housekeeper on the 1911 census. When Lucy Elizabeth died, in 1908, the couple were living at Kingswood, St Botolph's Road, Worthing – almost certainly the site of a

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residential rest home today - and Francis was still there in 1911, with Lucy Sanders and a domestic servant called Eva Poore. He was shown as having been blind for 18 years - so since about 1893.

At the time of his death, on 4th February 1915, Francis was living at Lucinia, Broadwater Road.

Liz Lane & Jackie Didymus

### **Bank Holidays (continued)**

Monday in August to the last Monday in August, and the Whitsun bank holiday (Whit Monday) was replaced by the Late Spring Bank Holiday, fixed as the last Monday in May. In 1978 the first Monday in May in the rest of the UK, and the final Monday of May in Scotland, were designated as bank holidays

In January 2007, the St Andrew's Day Bank Holiday (Scotland) Act 2007 was given royal assent, making 30th November (or the nearest Monday if a weekend) a bank holiday in Scotland.

The number of holidays in the UK is relatively small compared to many other European countries. There have been calls for more bank holidays. Among the most notable dates absent from the existing list are the feast days of patron saints; 23rd April (St George's Day and widely regarded as the birthday of William Shakespeare) in England and 1st March (St. David's Day) in Wales are not currently recognised. 17th March (St Patrick's Day) is a public holiday in Northern Ireland and, since 2008, 30th November (St. Andrew's Day) is a bank holiday in Scotland. St Piran's Day (patron saint of Cornwall) on 5th March is already given as an unofficial day off to many government and other workers in the county, and there are renewed calls for the government to recognise this as an official bank holiday there.

(With thanks to Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

(Have a look at [www.worthingcarnival.co.uk](http://www.worthingcarnival.co.uk) for details of the seafront carnival to be held over the August Bank holiday weekend)

# What's on at St. Botolph's

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	10.00 am - 11.00 am 10.00 am - 11.00 am 1.15 pm - 2.45 pm 5.45 pm - 6.45 pm	Gentle Exercise Class Home Ed. English Home Ed. Drama Yoga
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	10.45 am - 11.45 am 7.30 pm	Mum & Baby Yoga Folk group practice
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	10.00 am - 11.45 am 2.00 pm - 3.00 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 Dance & Guitar Tai Chi Kick Boxing Oriental Dancing Bell Ringers' practice
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	6.30pm – 7.30pm	Pre-natal Yoga
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	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 – 8.45pm	Coffee morning Home Ed. Children's Recorder Group  U3A Beginners' Recorder Group Chinese Straight Sword ( <i>Monthly</i> ) Church Choir Practice
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	10.00 am - 11.00 am	Oriental Fan ( <i>Monthly</i> )

All events are weekly unless otherwise stated and contact details are shown on the opposite page.

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*[entrance on Manor Road for most mid-week events]*

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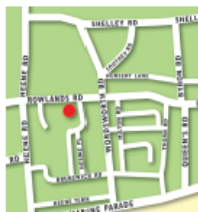
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