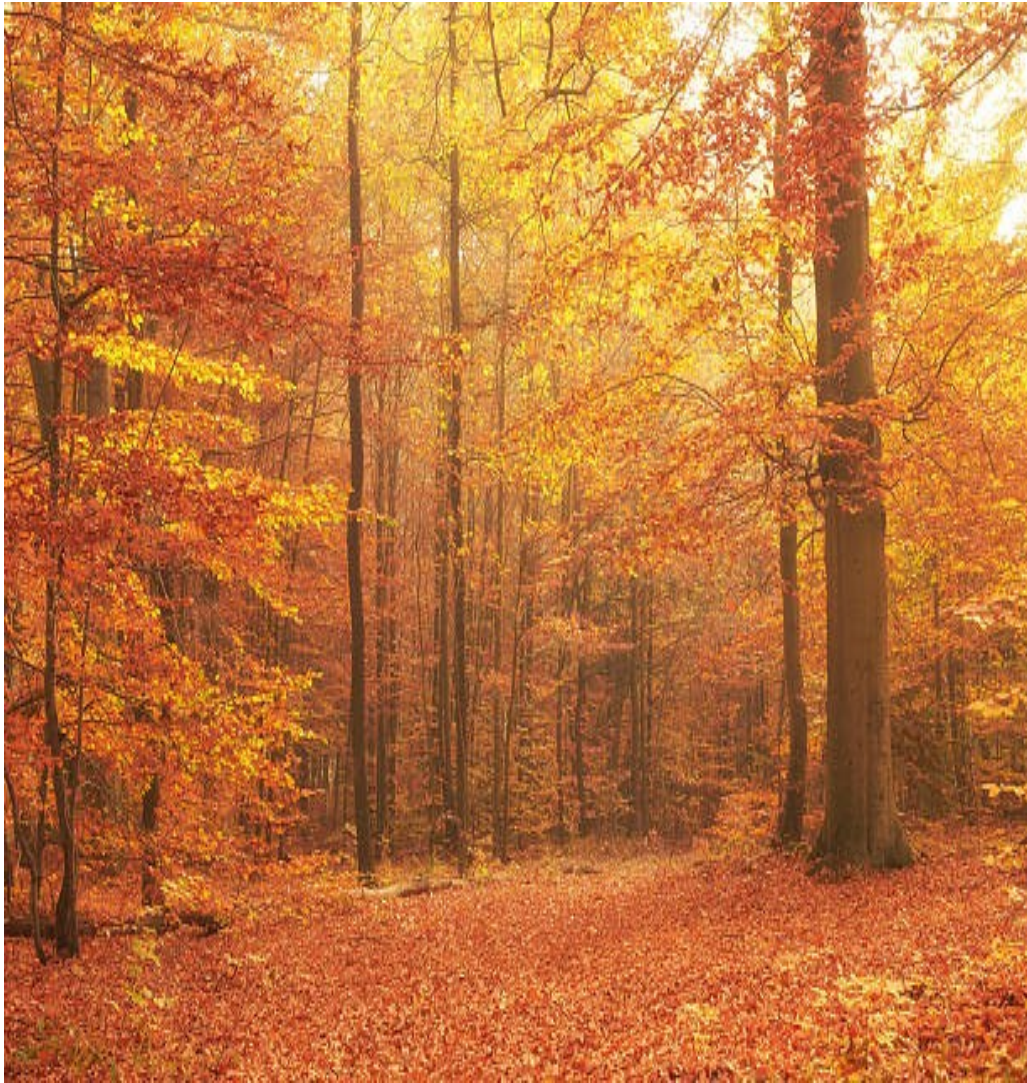


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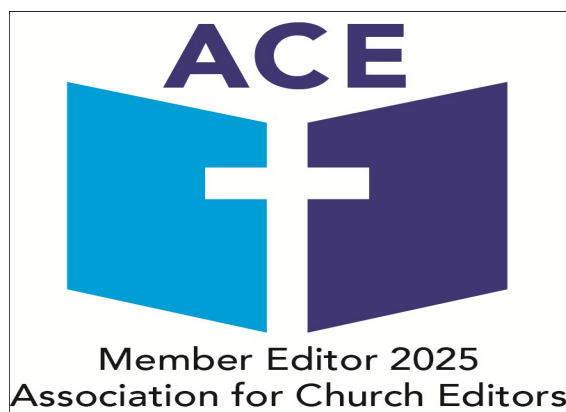
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September-October 2025**

Services at St. Botolph's

**St. Botolph's offers two regular services of worship:
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and a Service of Holy Communion (Said)
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**St. Botolph's is now without a priest.
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We look forward to seeing you at St. Botolph's.**

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Thought for the Month

There is a paradox – the more you lose your faith the more you need to practice it. The time when we sense we don't believe is the very moment at which we need to behave as though we do. Faith is a gift from God and one to be treasured as something very precious. We must never casually let it go especially as it can be very difficult to regain it. Loss of faith is a sickness of our generation

There are all sorts of reasons why people who have believed, and often have put a great deal of energy and effort into practising it stop doing so. Probably the main one is that it does not seem to work any more or it's a bit of a bother on a Sunday morning, or we stop saying our prayers regularly because it's become something of a habit we're a bit bored by and we let it go one day and then another and then it's two days and then a week. It's so easy to give it up and then before we know it we have let the whole thing go and other things have crept in to take its place. We hardly miss it and yet we have regret – something is missing. If we catch it in time we may find it's still there before we lose it entirely.

We are very fortunate in Britain – there are Churches on every corner, that even if they are usually closed still stand as a reminder – a reminder that first of all there is a God and that if we will give him a few moments space he may break into our lives again, though of course he has never been absent – we may be absent from him but he is never absent from us.

We could start by going to a church though that is a very big step on your own - is there someone you know who goes? - you could check the noticeboard and see when the services are and perhaps just look inside. You could look inside when a service is on. There may be someone to talk to or who gives you a friendly welcome.

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Thought for the Month (continued)

You may wish to join in or you may prefer to just sit and be quiet. And being quiet can be an important part in regaining your faith – on your own at home, in Church, on the beach, in the park. Just being quiet. Just sit and be, allowing God to speak to us in the silence. Our lives can be so busy that it's difficult for God to get a word in edgeways – let him be there, let yourself know him – and let him be.

And don't stop – whatever else you may do - don't stop. However small the action you take is keep making that space in your daily living. It is a space for God – let him be. Ask for help, say thank you, be glad and continue to push back the boundaries and increase the space. Let him be, treasure his space and make it a space for generosity of daily living in his name. Generosity is a good word – a word for God who is always generous, a word for ourselves that we may be increasingly generous.

Bishop Edward Holland

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Sunday 21st September

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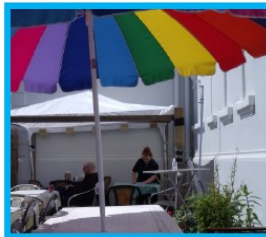




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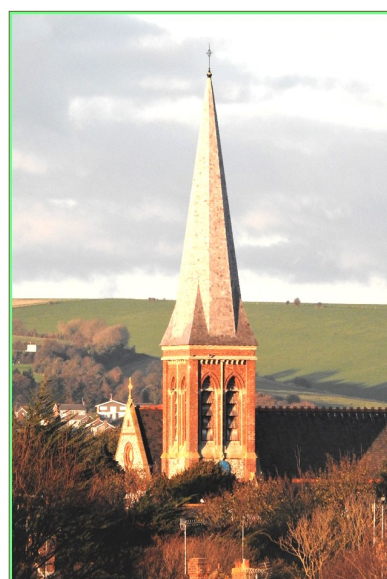
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What is a Parish ?

Life is full of blurred edges. In many ways it is the blurred edges that add colour to life, but sometimes we have to draw a line to separate the colours by having some rules.

It's a little like the boundaries that define parishes in the UK. There are boundaries for Church of England parishes and for the Civic, town and/or Local council parishes.

Although both types of Ward or Parish serve local communities, the boundaries often overlap with each other so that a Civic Council Ward or boundary could include homes from several different Church of England parishes which adds even greater confusion!



This is the case for the Church of England parish of Heene, which stretches from the sea front northward to Tarring Road and from Shakespeare Road westward to Grand Avenue. This is not quite all within the Worthing Borough Council civic area of Heene Ward as a small chunk falls into Marine Ward. The Botolph Bell is delivered within the Heene parish boundary to the homes in around thirty streets, about 7000 people in all.

At one time before the Covid pandemic, delivery encompassed many apartment blocks but security access to blocks changed during that time and now it is delivered just to houses both single and multi -occupancy.

Sending Christmas Boxes to Ukraine

Link to Hope is a local Christian charity based in Ferring, with shops in Goring, Ferring and Worthing. Its aim is to combat poverty and give humanitarian aid to the poorest and most vulnerable in Eastern Europe.

Each year the charity launches a **Christmas Shoebox** appeal. All the shoeboxes are taken to families and elderly villagers in Romania, Moldova, *Ukraine* and Bulgaria.



From the beginning of October there will be a box at the back of St Botolph's Church in which we would gratefully receive any of the items below:

Toothbrushes and toothpaste .

Candles and candle holders.

Small games e.g. playing cards, draughts.

Packets of sweets or chocolate (made in the EU with at least a year best before date.)

Soap and flannel.

Leaflets with more information will be available from any of the Link to Hope shops.

Thank you, Kathryn Flenley

PS . If you have any **empty adult-sized shoe boxes** please bring them to St Botolph's Church Hall any Friday morning from 10.30am and have a cup of coffee and a piece of cake!

Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St. Botolph's Church Sunday 5th October at 10am

Please bring any donations of non-perishable food and toiletries to the service. All items will be gratefully received and forwarded to the Worthing Foodbank for distribution.

Two Architects of the Victorian Age

Edmund Evan Scott b.1828 was the architect who was responsible for designing St Botolph's Church here at Heene. He became an associate member of the Royal Institute of Architects at the age of 26 whilst living in London and moved to live and work in Brighton in 1854.

Around this time there was a prolific amount of new building along the south coast as the Victorians of the time were building many public buildings to keep pace with the expansion of private housing. Architects could get commissions for Town Halls, Public baths, Roadways, Workhouses as well



as School and Churches. Scott had commissions to work on some of these projects There are records of him designing improvements to Madeira Drive on Brighton seafront and in 1889 he designed the Drill Hall of the Royal Sussex Regiment in Queen Street, Brighton.

Edmund Scott went into partnership with fellow architect Robert Singer Hyde in 1872 and established a practice in Regency Square, Brighton. It is however for church architecture that we know him. In the 1870's he had various projects in Brighton mainly remodelling existing church buildings. All Souls Church in Eastern Road and St James's Church in St James Street both had their interiors remodelled by Scott. These buildings are no longer in existence demolished in the 1960's, but the magnificent polygonal chancel in Christ Church, Eastbourne designed by Scott in 1878 is a fine example still in use.

Scott was later described in the publication Architects Review, as "essentially a Sussex man working out high Victorian ideas in terms of flint and timber and the local purplish stock brick laced with bright red dressings of imported kiln bricks." His masterpiece was the massive St Bartholemew's Church, Ann Street, Brighton which shows the influence of early Gothic brickwork.

St. Botolph's Messy Church

Heene Church Rooms, 106 Heene Road, BN11 4PN

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Friday Coffee

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All Welcome

It is of considerable interest that St Botolph's was begun in the 1872 the same year as St Bartholemew's and has some similarities in the unhampered use of clean cut brickwork.

St Botolph's was commissioned by the building committee formed under a covenant to build a church in Heene by The West Worthing Investment Company who were developing the area. Land had been given by the Heene Estates Company. The partially completed building was finished in the following year and the church consecrated by the Bishop of Chichester in September 1873.

The design consisted of a chancel with choir stalls and a three bay nave 49ft high with transepts and a bell tower with just one bell.



The church gained a large congregation and needed re- designing by lengthening the nave with an addition of an extra bay to now four arches to accommodate

seating for up to 300 people. The bell tower was rebuilt with a spire going up to 150ft and with the installation of eight bells. This was finally completed in 1878.

Edmund Scott died in 1895 but work on St Botolph's was not finished until 1905 when a further addition was made of a South aisle on the Lansdowne Road side, designed by Scott's old partner Robert Hyde.

As a footnote : Edmund Scott is not to be confused with the famous architect Sir George Gilbert Scott, the leading architect of the Gothic Revival at the time; knighted in 1872, becoming president of the Royal Institute of Architects.

This article was originally published in the Botolph Bell in May 2015.

Editor

Heene Church Bells Update

Some of the planned repair work on the bells has now taken place with the old wooden headstock (the horizontal beam to which the bell is attached) of Number 4 bell replaced with a new steel one. Replacement of the headstock for bell Number 5 proved a problem and this will now be done within the next couple of months.



Unfortunately, further inspection of the bells has shown that bell Number 6 is now un-ringable. The Church Council and Bell Ringers will now consider the options for the renovations needed on the remaining bells and start fundraising towards the chosen solution. Watch this space....

Rik Clay

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A Wake Up Call To The World

By The Rt Hon Baroness Theresa May of Maidenhead.

If you stop to ask anyone in the street about slavery they would probably tell you it was abolished hundreds of years ago. After all, in the UK the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act of 1807 made it illegal to trade in enslaved people across the British Empire and in 1833 the Abolition of Slavery Act ended the use of enslaved labour.

More than that, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted in December 1948 states clearly that *'No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms'*. Yet today it is estimated that there are 50 million people in slavery of one form or another around the world. It is happening in every country including the UK. All too often it is hidden in plain sight.

We may speak of victims and survivors, but these are not just victims and survivors, they are individuals. Each one of them has a personality and hopes and dreams which have been cruelly shattered by those who make a profit from them. The slave drivers and traffickers buy and sell people as commodities, whose only value is in the profit they generate.

Scooped up from towns and villages to satisfy the personal or commercial interests of the slave drivers their freedom is cruelly torn from them; they are deprived of their dignity, dehumanised and thrust into a life of misery.

Sadly vulnerability to modern slavery and human trafficking is increasing. Climate change, conflict, migration, poverty lead to vulnerability to being taken into slavery and/or trafficked into exploitation.

This is a moral stain on our humanity. Modern slavery and human trafficking is the greatest human rights issue of our time. If we are going to end this degrading and inhumane activity, to give people back their freedom and the right to make choices over their own lives we need to act and we need to act now.

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After I stepped down from No 10, I worked to establish the Global Commission on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking which I Chair. On 8th April at the headquarters of the United Nations (UN) in New York we launched our report with recommendations to the UN, governments, businesses and civil society organisations. The report can be found on the Commission's website <https://www.modernslaverycommission.org>

This report is a wake-up call to the world. It challenges governments, businesses and civil society to recognise the prevalence of modern slavery and human trafficking and to understand their responsibility to act. We can reduce the number of people in slavery around the world but to do so we must all play our part including the public. The report is a Call to Action to us all.

Baroness May wrote this article for publication in the June 2025 edition of the parish magazine of the church she attends; St Andrew's, Sonning, Berkshire. She has given her permission for it to be published in other church magazines.

A word from Liz Lane who for years wrote the stories in the Botolph Bell of those who are buried in Heene Cemetery, the cemetery of St Botolph's Church. She is 'signing off' with a final word as her work is finished now that a team of researchers from the Friends of Heene Cemetery have completed the documentation of the lives of the thousand or so people buried there.

See page 16 for details of the next Cemetery Open Day .

She writes :

" A Research Group, from the Friends of Heene Cemetery, has been researching these people for some years now, and, between us, we have recorded a story on all of them. These are on the Friends of Heene Cemetery website :

[www. heenecemetery.org.uk](http://www.heenecemetery.org.uk)

It has been a fascinating study. My part started when we were living in St. Michael's Road and I wanted to know about the people who had lived in our house before us. They were mostly buried in the Cemetery. I was quickly hooked, having been a family historian for years."

Liz

Friends of Heene Cemetery



Stories from the Stones
Saturday 20th September 2025
Gates open: 1:30pm — Close: 4:30pm

Discover "Distant Connections"

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Stories from the Stones: (tour starts at 2pm)

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Sydney Walter Pratt - A Hong Kong veterinarian who provided ponies for Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic adventure.

Allan Cameron - Born in Demerara, British Guiana, and later Chief Medical Officer for West Sussex.

George Hamilton - Native of an island off Georgia, USA; sent to England to escape the War of Independence.

Rev. John Raven - Survived a shipwreck on his journey back from New Zealand.

William Cornish - Honorary Physician to Queen Victoria, with ties to the Madras Botanical Garden in India.

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What's on at St. Botolph's



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Tuesday		
Wednesday	5.30pm - 6.30pm	Pilates
	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Pilates
Thursday	5.00pm - 6.00pm	Rosie Chesson Dance
	7.00pm - 9.00pm	Spring into Soul Community Gospel Choir
Friday	10.30am - 12.00 noon	Friday Coffee: Coffee, cakes and a chat for all ages.
Saturday	10.30am - 12.30pm	Monthly U3A Humour Group

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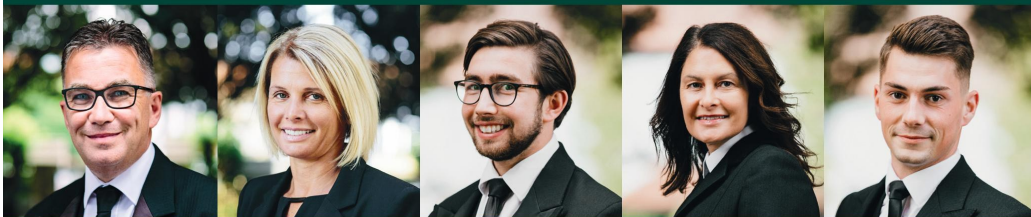
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