

The Botolph Bell



The Magazine for the Parish of Heene
June – July 2026

Services at St. Botolph's

June

3 rd	Mid-week Said Communion service	11.00am (Wednesday)
5 th	Prayer Group	10,00am (Friday)
7 th	Sung Eucharist	10.00am (Sunday)
12 th	Prayer Group	10,00am (Friday)
14 th	Sung Eucharist	10.00am (Sunday)
19 th	Prayer Group	10,00am (Friday)
21 st	Sung Eucharist	10.00am (Sunday)
26 th	Prayer Group	10,00am (Friday)
28 th	Sung Eucharist	10.00am (Sunday)

July

1 st	Mid-week Said Communion service	11.00am (Wednesday)
3 rd	Prayer Group	10,00am (Friday)
5 th	Sung Eucharist	10.00am (Sunday)
10 th	Prayer Group	10,00am (Friday)
12 th	Sung Eucharist	10.00am (Sunday)
17 th	Prayer Group	10,00am (Friday)
19 th	Sung Eucharist	10.00am (Sunday)
24 th	Prayer Group	10,00am (Friday)
26 th	Sung Eucharist	10.00am (Sunday)

August

Along with the weekly Sunday services and the first Wednesday of the month Said Communion, on August 16th we welcome Reverend Jeyapaul from Tamil Nadu, South India to our **10.00 service**, followed by a **Bring and Share lunch**.

Our Sunday services are followed by refreshments. We look forward to welcoming you at any of our services.

Thought for the Month

On May 24th we celebrated 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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Heene Primary School



*Together in faith,
we love, grow and learn.*

Dear St Botolph's Church

We wanted to introduce ourselves. We are the Heene Primary School Worship Leaders.

We come together as often as possible to discuss Worship in our school and why it is so important. Here are some of our views!



Mollie - "We like to organise things in Worship. We like spending time together and organising things as a group."

Minette - "We help with prayers and class Worship. I feel like we are

making a difference in the school."

Reuben - "When it's the end of the day, I like giving our Silver Awards to people who have been showing good school Christian values."

Jethro - "I am planning to tell the school how to do our Worships and make sure they are doing it properly."

Louis - "In class worship, we light a candle to show that Jesus is the light of the world."

Daisy - "Jesus spreads his love around the world. I think we also help spread love around the school."

Jaiden - "The Worship Leaders help our class to show the values."

Peter - "I like handing out silver awards to children and I also like doing the prayer at the end of the day."

Thank you for reading!

From the Worship Leaders at Heene Primary School

Archdeacon Visit

We have now been without a priest for two years and 11 months. During the time of our interregnum, we have been fortunate to have the support of retired clergy to ensure that we always have a Sunday Eucharist. We are immensely thankful for all they do.



On Sunday 21st June, our Eucharist will be taken by the Archdeacon of Chichester, the Venerable Dr. Tom Carpenter. Before taking up his new post at Chichester, he was the Parish Priest of Holy Trinity & St Luke's Southport.

Please do come and join us for an opportunity to worship with and meet our Archdeacon.

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Many people will remember the lead singer Dennis Locorriere. The band split up in 1985 and Locorriere retained the brand 'Dr. Hook'. He continued to tour, producing many studio and live albums in the process. In around 2005, Locorriere moved to Worthing having decided to settle in West Sussex and is fondly remembered by many local people. Sadly, Dennis passed away on May 16th. Time to dust off those old singles one more time.

Rik Clay

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Kathryn's Mercy Home



Kathryn's Mercy Home

The Kathryn's Mercy Home is funded by a Trust, based here in the UK, through which sponsors support the education of children who live in some of the poorest areas in Southern India, with a particular focus on education.

Reverend Jeyapaul, founder of the project, his daughter Ruby and granddaughter Jessica are visiting **St Botolph's on Sunday 16th August**. Jeyapaul has visited us in the past and we are delighted to welcome him and his family to our **10.00 service**.

Following the service there will be a **Bring and Share Lunch** when we shall be able to hear more about this project.



Kathryn's Mercy Home comprises a Hostel (Joan's Grace Home) for girls who live in outlying villages, making it possible for them to attend an excellent Secondary School in the local town of Devakottai.

There is a home for elderly, unsupported widows on the same campus providing company for them and surrogate grandparents for the girls.



A Primary School in Devakottai supplies first-class education for local children, whilst 6 teachers are employed to help children in local villages with their homework, as their parents are often poorly educated.



We do hope you will be able to come along on **Sunday 16th August**.

Kathryn and Ben Flenley

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Refreshments & Take-away Food

St. Botolph's Bells

Since the last article on the bells was in the November/December edition, we thought it was time for an update and what our plans moving forward are. As a recap, an inspection carried out in March 2024 advised us to stop ringing bells 4 and 5 with immediate effect. This was due to a high risk of the gudgeons failing (the gudgeons are metal pins that fit into



This photo shows the headstock and one bearing of bell number two. The gudgeon, not visible, protrudes from the headstock into the bearing. Wear on the gudgeons have made them very loose in the bearing.

the bearings, allowing the bell to rotate). The design of the headstock that the bell is attached to meant that the gudgeons could not be replaced and therefore the bells needed to have their headstocks replaced with new ones. This is something that, in time, would need to happen to the other six bells as they were all of the same design.

The headstocks on bells four and five have since been replaced. However, we are now not able to ring bells six and eight for the same reason. Our aim now is to undertake a major fundraising campaign to carry out a major restoration of the bells. We have

two courses of action, depending on how much money we can raise.

Our aim is to have the bells removed and taken away to have the remaining six headstocks replaced. Whilst the bells are away, we would have them tuned and new wheels made to replace the old wheels, most dating back to 1879 when the bells were installed in St. Botolph's. We would have the wooden frame removed from the tower and a new steel frame fabricated and installed. While the bell chamber is completely empty, it will give us a great opportunity to repair the louvres and make them bird-proof. The bells would then be rehung in the new frame



This photo shows the headstock of number seven bell. This bell has probably the least wear of all eight but will still need repairing in the near future.

An update

and new ropes attached. We would also seek to improve the access to the bells to make maintenance much easier. The cost of this is in the region of £150,000.

This is clearly a lot of money to raise and we are now starting our fundraising for the project. If any of our readers have any experience of fundraising, we would love to hear from you. Equally, if any of our readers would be able to help organise fund raising events,



This photo shows the new headstock and bearings fitted to bell number four. It is hoped that, if we can fund a new frame for the bells, the two new headstocks can be reused in the new frame.

we would be again love to hear from you. We do have a scaled-back project should we not meet our target but we are hopeful that the full amount will be raised to enable the full project to go ahead.

We are currently waiting to have further inspections carried out to give us up-to-date costings which will then enable us to start the process of obtaining a faculty (permission) to carry out the work and start grant applications to part-fund the work.

The bells were installed in the tower in 1879 so it would be fitting to have the

work completed by the end of 2029 to mark the 150th anniversary of the bells. The first full peal on the bells was rung on Saturday 8th December 1883 and again, it would be wonderful to ring a peal on that date in 2033 to mark the occasion.

Do come and see the ringers with the mobile belfry on the Seafront Fair on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th July. Updates of our fundraising activities will appear in future editions of The Botolph Bell.

Rik Clay (Tower Captain)

(If you are interested in helping us with our fundraising, please contact Rik Clay - email rv.clay@outlook.com)

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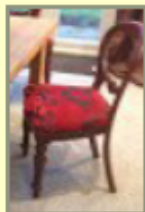
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During Lent, we held a series of sessions focussing on a poverty-stricken area in the north of England.



Each week we provided a simple soup and cheese lunch and raised **£250** for the local food bank.



Penelope Corp writes, 'I should like to thank everyone who 'bought' my marmalade. I have been able to send a cheque for **£358.50** to Family Support Work – to be used in Worthing. Thank you again.'



Last but not least, the **Bell Ringers** held a coffee morning and raised **£160** selling delicious cakes and home-made crafts, which will go towards the much-needed restoration of our magnificent bells.

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	10.00am - 11.00am	Gentle Exercise Class
	11.00am - 12 noon	Gentle Exercise Class
	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Boxing class
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday	9.15am - 10.15am	Boxing class
	7.00pm - 9.00pm	Spring into Soul Community Gospel Choir
Friday	10.30am - 12.00 noon	A Place of Welcome: Coffee, cakes and a chat for all ages.
Saturday	10.30am - 12.30pm	Monthly U3A Humour Group

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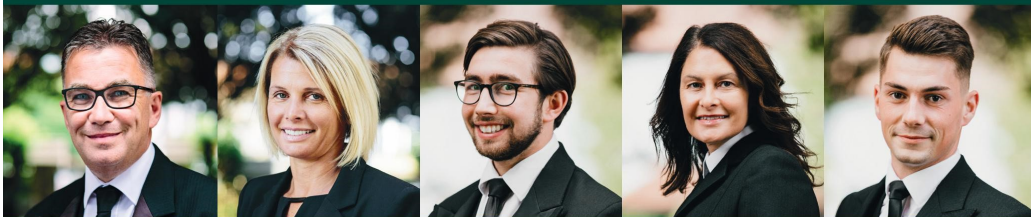
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