

The Botolph Bell



The Magazine for the Parish of Heene
September – October 2026

Services at St. Botolph's

September

2 nd	Mid-week Said Communion service	11.00am (Wednesday)
4 th	Prayer Group	10,00am (Friday)
6 th	Sung Eucharist	10.00am (Sunday)
11 th	Prayer Group	10,00am (Friday)
13 th	Sung Eucharist	10.00am (Sunday)
18 th	Prayer Group	10,00am (Friday)
20 th	Sung Eucharist	10.00am (Sunday)
25 th	Prayer Group	10,00am (Friday)
27 th	Sung Eucharist	10.00am (Sunday)
27 th	Taizé Service	4.00pm (Sunday)

October

2 nd	Prayer Group	10,00am (Friday)
4 th	Sung Eucharist & Harvest Festival	10.00am (Sunday)
7 th	Mid-week Said Communion service	11.00am (Wednesday)
9 th	Prayer Group	10,00am (Friday)
11 th	Sung Eucharist	10.00am (Sunday)
16 th	Prayer Group	10,00am (Friday)
18 th	Sung Eucharist	10.00am (Sunday)
23 rd	Prayer Group	10,00am (Friday)
25 th	Sung Eucharist	10.00am (Sunday)

On Sunday October 4th, our 10am Harvest Festival service will be 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

Lammas, Harvest, and Giving God Our Best

As summer moves towards autumn, the Church's calendar offers us two occasions to reflect on God's provision: Lammas and Harvest Festival. Although they are closely related, they carry slightly different emphases that can enrich our understanding of gratitude and stewardship.

Lammas, celebrated on 1 August, comes from the Old English *hlaf-mas*, meaning "loaf mass". Traditionally, the first loaf baked from the newly harvested wheat was brought to church and offered to God. It marked the beginning of the harvest season and acknowledged that the first fruits of the earth belonged to the Lord. Before enjoying the abundance of the harvest, people paused to give thanks and to dedicate the first and best portion to God.

Harvest Festival, usually celebrated later in September or October, comes when the gathering of crops is largely complete. It is a joyful thanksgiving for God's faithfulness throughout the growing season. Churches are decorated with produce, and gifts are collected for those in need. The emphasis is often on gratitude for all that has been received.

The difference is subtle but important. Harvest Festival thanks God for the completed harvest; Lammas reminds us to offer God the first and best of what we have. Together, they teach us that thanksgiving is not simply about appreciating God's gifts but also about responding generously to them.

In the Old Testament, God's people were repeatedly instructed to bring the "first fruits" of their crops as an offering. This was an act of trust as much as gratitude. Giving away the first part of the harvest required faith that God would continue to provide. It recognised that everything ultimately came from Him.

The same principle applies today. Most of us no longer bring loaves made from

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freshly harvested wheat, but we are still called to offer God our best. Not merely what is left over after our own needs and desires have been met, but the first and finest of our time, talents, resources, and devotion.

Whether through regular giving, serving others, prayer, worship, or acts of kindness, God invites us to place Him first. Lammas asks, "What are the first fruits I can offer?" Harvest Festival asks, "How can I thank God for all He has given?" Together they remind us that a grateful heart is expressed not only in words but also in generous and faithful giving.

As we celebrate the abundance of God's blessings this season, may we be inspired both to give thanks and to offer Him the very best that we have.

Rev Ben Flenley (retired)

The front cover photo, taken by Val Clay, shows the effect of the recent solar eclipse on light passing through the leaves of the trees causing this image on the brickwork at the main entrance to the church.

St. Botolph's Messy Church

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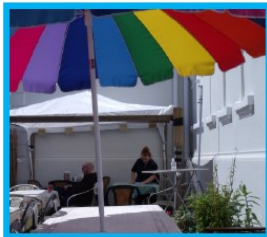
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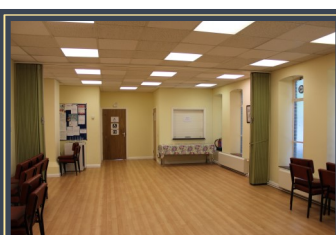
Choir sings for it's lunch....

After a recent morning service, we headed to The World's End, Patching, for a relaxed and enjoyable lunch together. Missing from the pic are Sue (we



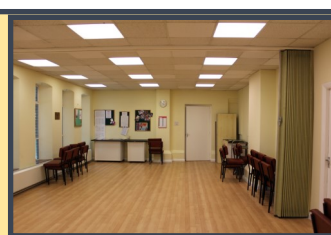
send our love to her in hospital) and Chris (who joined us for a drink before going on to a feast elsewhere). Great fun, great food and great fellowship together!

Rev Ben Flenley



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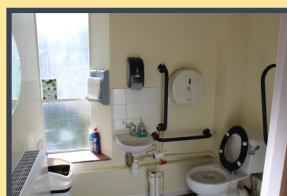
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U3A Humour Group

We are the Humour Group running under the banner of U3A (University of The Third Age) and we use the café room in St Botolph's Church once a month on a Saturday for our meetings.

Here is a little bit of information about U3A.

This organisation was set up mainly for people to keep their brains going following retirement by joining different groups. For example: there are painting, book, cinema, walking and discussion groups. There are also groups who play games: mahjong and bridge. And then there's also us, Humour Group, and many other groups on different subjects.

U3A also runs a monthly meeting where there will be a guest speaker talking about a specific subject. There is sometimes a quiz as well. There are opportunities to go to learning weekends and days out. So, lots of things to do. The website is <https://worthingu3a.org.uk/> if you are interested in joining and are over 50 years of age.

Humour Group is called this as we will do anything that raises a giggle. For example; this year we have played Call My Bluff, Who Am I, Pictionary, ColourBrain, Pointless and countless silly quizzes – some serious and some with ridiculous questions and answers. We have huge laughs playing charades as some of us forget we mustn't speak! I have a few boxes of trivia quizzes from the 60's and 70's and these seem to go down well if we can remember that far back! We had a Beetle Drive one Saturday that was utter confusion as we forgot to move around the tables! The rattling of the dice in the cups was louder than our voices!

There is space for 20 people in our group, but there is usually around 14 of us who come regularly. We take it in turns on a rota to run a morning either on our own or in a small group. We play until 11.30 then break for tea/coffee. We finish at 12.30.

At Christmas we all bring food in and have a Christmas themed quiz.

We are aware that humour can be a great benefit to those with mental health issues, so it's really lovely to see people come in at 10.30 with long faces and then to watch them leave at 12.30 with big grins on their faces.

Thank you for allowing us to use the room and we hope to see you if you decide to join us.

Andrea Lees (Humour Group Administrator)



Together in faith, we love, grow and learn.



Let's celebrate the outcome of Heene's School recent RE inspection

Here are the headlines:

- The vision statement (above) is the bedrock on which the school community continues to flourish
- All pupils and adults are valued and included
- The positive behaviour of everyone reflects the vision and values of the school; kindness echoes through relationships in this happy and thriving place
- Collective Worship is central to the spiritual life of the school and is engaging and uplifting. It is enriched by senior leaders and the strong engagement with St Matthew's and St Botolph's
- Pupils of all ages are encouraged to have an understanding of justice and the positive difference they can make in the lives of others
- A warm and tender culture pervades the school
- There is a strong culture of shared responsibility
- The quality of pupils' learning in RE is to be celebrated and is well led.

I am sure you will join with me in congratulating our school and its leadership, as we pray for all that is being planned for the coming year!

Kathryn Flenley

Brickworks of Heene

There were a number of brickworks, brickyards and brickfields in the Worthing area. These extracted clays from the shore and Coastal Plain from the 1770s to the 1930s. The blue gault clay, which was extracted from the shore turned yellow upon firing. There was a quarry in 1820 at the southern end of Worthing Pier. There are still a number of houses built of local brick in the town. Some of these in Heene are the Burlington Hotel and Heene Terrace.



Burlington Hotel and Heene Terrace which were built from local bricks.

On the Coastal Plain brickearth was extracted, which is a fine-grained loam or clay, which made red bricks. There were many clay pits and brick kilns in the town and when the brickearth was exhausted, another site was chosen. One of the sites was Victoria Park and slight depressions can be seen in the park today where the clay pits once existed.

There were a few brick making sites in Heene and three of these were brick works west of Crescent Road. One of

these was a brickyard on the west side of Eriswell Road. Another site being west of the junction of Crescent Road and Shelley Road and the other site is somewhere in the Gratwicke Road area. They were in existence by about 1838 and one was described as "Smith's Brickyard" in 1847. John Weller Smith was the owner and one of the occupiers in 1847. They have all been built on by modern development.



Site of brickworks in Boundary Road.

A brickfield existed on the east side of Grand Avenue and north of Boundary Road. This was marked on a map dated 1875 and was still in use by 1890. About one million bricks were made here in 1889. The Heene Estate Co. sold the land to James Webb in 1878. It was let to Hobbs and Co. on a lease expiring on February 1st 1894. The site is now a block of flats called Belmer Court.

Brickworks of Heene



Site of clay pits in Victoria Park.

Another brickyard existed east of Crescent Road and situated north of what was Gloucester Place. This was described as “Old Brickyard” pre 1847. The owner/occupiers in 1847 were Charles Hide (a builder) and William Patching. The area is now the Buckingham Road multi storey car park and Graham Road.

Alex Vincent

Bells update

Following a recent inspection and some maintenance work by Taylor’s Bell Foundry, we can temporarily ring bells six and eight again, meaning all eight bells are now being rung. We are still fundraising for a major overhaul of the bells and we are aiming to raise around £150 000 for the project. Following our successful weekend at the Lions Seafront Fair with Bells on the Prom, we have launched a website and a JustGiving page. Do have a look at the website which, although in its infancy, will be regularly updated.

www.heenebellproject.org.uk

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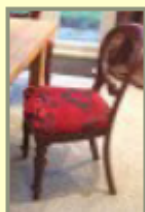
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	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Pilates
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday	9.15am - 10.15am	Boxing class
	7.00pm - 9.00pm	Spring into Soul Community Gospel Choir
Friday	10.30am - 12.00 noon	A Place of Welcome: Coffee, cakes and a chat for all ages.
Saturday	10.30am - 12.30pm	Monthly U3A Humour Group

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