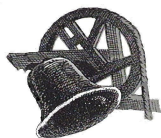
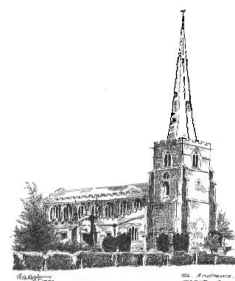


# CHESTERTON



# CHIMES



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## St Andrew's History in 100 Objects

### 15<sup>th</sup> Century Statue Fragment



We are a little behind Radio 4: in November we reached our eleventh object. Perhaps what has captured the imagination most has been the 'lost and found' section - those objects that have spent some or even most of their existence hidden from view. My Christmas object is another of those, a piece of sculpture that fell victim to the great theological revolution of the 16<sup>th</sup> century that we call the Reformation.

The fragment is about 25cm wide. It used to live in a pile of interesting masonry fragments in a corner of the north aisle. We have used it ornamentally as part of the floral and other displays that have adorned the chancel and front of the nave in the past three years. To be honest I had not looked at it very closely except to notice that it must have been part of a carved figure, clothed, with one hand intact.

Earlier this year I was in the University Library and had access to the microfilm archives of the old *Cambridge Chronicle* (which is also available for public view in the Cambridgeshire Collection at the

Central Library). On 7 August 1880 is a long article that describes the recently completed restoration works at St Andrew's, including an account by the architect, William Smith. I read these words:

'In the corner of the porch a stoup was discovered, but in so dilapidated a condition that no attempt has been made to restore it. In the bowl of this stoup a sculptured stone (part of a Madonna) was found.'

You can see the stoup on the left as you enter church. Medieval worshippers (as in Catholic churches today) would pause before entering and sign themselves with the cross using holy water from the stoup. Such practices were outlawed by the Reformation, the part of the stoup that was jutting out would have been hacked off and the wall filled up with rubble and plastered over. At the same time it was ordered that all images be removed from churches: most were smashed up, though some were protected by being hidden from view, often buried or sealed into parts of the building in the hopes of a more Catholic future.

Our fragment, as William Smith says, is from a statue of Mary. But was it just rubble infill or deliberately concealed to protect it? It is difficult to know, but perhaps there is a clue in the particular fragment that this is. Having read William Smith's account I looked at our fragment rather more carefully than before. The first thing I noticed was that the hand I had seen was almost life-size, and so the statue must have been at least 3 or 4 foot tall. There is a part where I at first assumed a head, Mary's head, had been hacked off -

but now this seemed too small. A closer examination revealed a second, much smaller, hand and the toes of one foot. The mother is holding a baby: this is a Madonna and Child. I was then able to turn the fragment the right way up and realise that the iconoclasts had indeed beheaded the statue, but here the missing head is not the mother's but the child's. Perhaps this fragment was preserved because it is the most important part of the statue - the Christ-child being cradled by his mother.

That image - the mother cradling her child - is now, thankfully, tolerated, and indeed it adorns many of our Christmas cards and still captures the imagination of many who are otherwise indifferent to religion and Christian faith. It still draws people to worship, linking as it does that very human scene with the eternal dimension of the God who has made himself known in a particular child cradled by a particular mother.

*Revd Nick Moir*

## Christmas Services

**Thursday 16 December**

6.30pm Community Carols

**Sunday 19 December**

4pm Christingle & Family Carols

**Monday 20 December**

3pm Crib Service

(with younger children in mind)

**Christmas Eve**

7.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols

(not suitable for young children)

11.30pm Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day**

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am All-Age Communion

**Epiphany:** please note that the Epiphany Procession & Carols will be on Sunday 9 January at 6.30pm.



## News from St Andrew's Hall

The opening of St Andrew's Hall 5 years ago heralded a renewed enthusiasm for working collaboratively with other local community organisations, individuals and churches, giving rise to the 2009 May Day celebrations (to be repeated in 2011 - watch this space) and last year's Chesterton Festival amongst other activities. More recently, a Hall/Church team has been involved in the planning of the now annual **Christmas Tree Event** outside the Methodist Church (Green End Rd.) on Wed, 1 Dec. between 6 and 7pm. The tree's lights will be turned on by our Mayor, Cllr. Sheila Stuart, and carol singing and refreshments will follow. Father Christmas has promised to join us, along with - we hope - lots of you. All are welcome to come along. Likewise there will be **Community Carols with brass band accompaniment** on Pye's Rec., Church Street on Thursday 16 December from 6.30pm, and, much further ahead **Chesterton Festival 2011** from 24 - 26 June. As last year, the Festival should include a social event and BBQ at Brown's Field Youth and Community Centre on Fri. 24<sup>th</sup>, a Community Fun Day on Pye's Rec. and in and around St Andrew's on Sat 25<sup>th</sup>, a united church service at the Methodists' on Sun 26<sup>th</sup> and a photo competition (theme: 'Recreation and Leisure'). The theme of the Festival itself will be announced shortly. Anyone wishing to have a stall or offer an activity/display for the arena on 25<sup>th</sup>, or to get involved in any other way should contact Eleanor at the Hall.

Alongside all this, our main hall and meeting rooms remain open for hire by local businesses, individuals and others. More info. is available on [www.standrews-hall.co.uk](http://www.standrews-hall.co.uk) or can be obtained from Hall staff on 01223 308150 (email [info@standrews-hall.co.uk](mailto:info@standrews-hall.co.uk)). Our postal address is St Andrew's Hall, St Andrew's Road, Chesterton CB4 1DH.

## St Andrew's Hall Programme December 2010 - January 2011

Day	Activity	Time	Frequency	Contact	Contact No.
MON	Pilates	9.10 - 10.10am	Weekly 'til 13/12 & from 10/1	Katrina Heather	07976 677540
	Chair-based Exercise Drop-in	10.15 - 10.45	Weekly 'til 13/12 & from 10/1	Katrina Heather	07976 677540
	Drop in Coffee Morning	10.15-11.30am	Weekly 'til 20/12 & from 10/1	Pam Lumsden	01223 350550
	St Andrew's Church Healing Group	7pm-8pm	occasional	Pam Lumsden	01223 350550
	Chesterton Lacemakers	7.30-9.30pm	Weekly 'til 20/12 & from 10/1	Christine Clarke	01223 362961
	Pilates	6-7pm & 7-8pm	Weekly 'til 13/12 & from 10/1	Katrina Heather	07976 677540
TUES	Communion & Bring-&Share Lunch	12.30-1.45pm	Weekly	Nick Moir	01223 303469
	Silver Threads (talk, tea, worship)	2.30 - 4pm	14 Dec. & 11 Jan.	Dorothy Peyton Jones	01223 523485
	Chesterton Local History Group	2.30 - 4.30pm	18 Jan.	David Stubbings	01223 368279
	Yoga for Everyone!	6-7pm	Weekly 'til 14/12 & from 4/1	Cynthia Richardson	01223 474242
	East Chesterton Women's Institute	7.30 - 9.30pm	14 Dec. & 25 Jan.	Ann Nichol	01223 361836
	Cruse Bereavement Care Drop-in Sessions	7.30 - 9.30pm	7 & 21 Dec.; 4 & 18 Jan.	Margaret	01223 778667
	Yoga for Pregnancy and Birth	7.45-9.45pm	Weekly 'til 14/12 & from 11/1	Rachel Hawes	07985 779892
WED	Good Morning Yoga	9.30-10.45am	Weekly 'til 15/12 & from 5/1	Cynthia Richardson	01223 474242
	Forever Active' 50+ Exercise Class	6-7pm	Weekly 'til 15/12	Helen Johnston	01223 4585647
	Giving Voice Singing Workshops	7.30pm-9pm	Weekly 'til 15/12 & from 12/1	Rowena Whitehead	01223 573288
THUR	Church Mice Baby & Toddler Group	10am-11.30am	Weekly (not 30 Dec.)	Natasha Forster	07931 795186
	Yoga for Everyone!	6-7pm	Weekly 'til 16/12 & from 6/1	Cynthia Richardson	01223 474242
	The Orlando Singers	8pm - 9.45pm	Weekly 'til 9/12 & from 6/1	Peter Horley	01223 504661
FRI	STRoke Action For Dysphasia Adults	10am-2pm	Weekly (not 24 or 31 Dec.)	George Jefferson	01353 699270
	Evenings of Social Games	7.30-9pm	Weekly (not 24 or 31 Dec.)	Carlos Delariva	01223 424040
SAT	Pilates	9am - 10am	Weekly 'til 18/12 & from 8/1	Holly MacKay	07939 603882
SUN	Junior Church	from 9.50am	2nd & 4th Sundays	Victoria Goodman	01223 704791
	Sunday Lunch Club	Lunchtime	1st Sundays	Sheila Merrick	01223 510456
	St Andrew's Young People's Sports Club	5pm - 7pm	1st Sundays	Alasdair Coles	01638 743434

### Cruse Bereavement Care

#### Drop-in Sessions

Tuesdays 7 & 21 Dec.; 4 & 18 Jan.  
7.30pm - 9.30pm at St Andrew's Hall

If you have any bereavement issues, whether recent or past, we shall be pleased to see you.  
Just turn up to talk to us, or for more information contact Margaret on 01223 778667 or call the Cambridge Cruse helpline on 01223 302662

### Lil Speed Community Volunteer Award

Nominations are invited for this year's Lil Speed Community Volunteer Award for anyone who has made a significant **voluntary** contribution to the community in Chesterton. Previous winners have included Lil Speed, Donald Flory and Derek Stubbings. If you would like to nominate someone forms are available from either Brown's Field Youth and Community Centre or St Andrews Hall from early December. The closing date for nominations is Mon. 10 Jan. 2011. The award will be made in February at a community event. Further info. is available from Sally Roden on 517523.



**Victoria Goodman has recently been appointed as (part-time, lay) children's & young families minister at St Andrew's. Here she describes what she does...**

I trained as a teacher, and have worked with children in a church setting for over 25 years. I am grateful for the support I have received from St Andrew's Church, which has sustained my vocation to ministry with children, allowing it to grow and develop. I am very excited about taking on the role of Children and Young Families Minister.

I feel passionately that children have an innate spirituality, and are able to respond to God even as babies. Children don't have to be able to speak to communicate their spirituality! I see my role as one of enabling children to pray and worship using symbol and action as well as the spoken word - engaging all the senses. Children can express their relationship with God whilst reverently lighting a candle to symbolise an unspoken prayer, or dancing and jumping up and down to celebrate the joy of the creation.

On Sundays I work with the Junior Church and help to make provision for children within all-age services. In the week I am involved with a number of activities for parents, carers and pre-school children, including taking services and Godly Play sessions, providing creative activities to celebrate the feasts and festivals of the church year, and helping parents to nurture their children's spirituality in church and home. I have just helped launch a new website to share ideas and resources about children's ministry, which includes some of the things I have been involved with at St Andrew's. You can find it at

[www.spiritualchild.co.uk](http://www.spiritualchild.co.uk)

I look forward to being involved with crafts for children at the Advent Fair at St Andrew's Hall on 28<sup>th</sup> of November and worship and creativity at the Crib Service on 21<sup>st</sup> December.

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**Sylwester and Monika** (pictured here with baby Helena) have for three years been transforming the Polish Club on Chesterton Road into a delightful place to stop by for a meal or a drink. *Klub Polonia* provides a welcome not only to the large Polish community of our city, but also attracts other locals who enjoy its unique atmosphere - and good food, all produced and cooked in-house by Sylwester's mother.

It was the war that first brought significant numbers of Polish people to Cambridge. Culturally sustained by their own club, there has been a lively community of expatriates ever since. In 1972 they moved from their rented accommodation in Mill Road and purchased their own property on Chesterton Road. As one generation gave way to another that was fully assimilated into English life, the club became less important and its future uncertain - until the fresh waves of EU immigration swelled the number of Poles and made the club more important than ever.

The club has a chapel upstairs - the only other place of worship in the parish of St Andrew's. Daily Mass is held, celebrated by the resident Polish priest, Father Piotr. On Sundays he celebrates Mass (in Polish) at the big Catholic Church on

Hills Road as well as in three other local towns. On the same floor as the chapel is a computer room and a library. Eighty children come to a Saturday School where they are educated in the Polish language and culture.

Sylwester and Monika came to England as there simply wasn't the work in Poland. She is a fully-trained geography teacher and he had run a clothes business that could no longer compete with Chinese imports. Selling their car gave them enough money to move to England - first of all to London where they worked in a coffee shop by day and studied at language school in the evenings. Now they run the *Klub Polonia* bar and restaurant. They have 2000 members - being a club, you have to be a member to eat and drink there. But it's easy to join - I did, and enjoyed a delicious bowl of beetroot soup and some mouthwatering pastries.

It is wonderful to see how the club supports an important expat community and sustains their culture - and it is good too that the rest of us are welcome to share in it all and to get a (literal) taste of Poland.

**Nick Moir**

**The Friends of St Andrew's**

Are to hold a Coffee Morning and Sale

At 1 Leys Road

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2010

Between 10.30am and Noon

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

**Forever Active Exercise to Music Class at St Andrew's Hall**  
**Wednesdays 6-7pm re-starting on 12 Jan.**  
 Time to kick start those new year's resolutions?!  
 The Forever Active scheme provides exercise sessions for the 50+ age group and those returning to a more active lifestyle. This new class is ideal for people who would like an exercise class in the early evening and all abilities are welcome. This class is a total body workout to improve fitness levels, muscular strength and flexibility and will also focus on improving bone and joint health.

**Chesterton Methodist Church**  
**Green End Road**  
**Christmas Fayre**  
**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
**11am - 1pm**  
 Father Christmas \* Seasonal Stalls \* Light Lunch



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### Services in St. Andrew's Church:

#### December

- 5<sup>th</sup> **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 8am Holy Communion BCP  
 10am All-Age Communion  
 3pm 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' in the Hall  
 6.30pm Evensong BCP
- 12<sup>th</sup> **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 8am Holy Communion BCP  
 10am Sung Eucharist  
 6.30pm Evensong BCP
- 19<sup>th</sup> **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 8am Holy Communion BCP  
 10am Parish Communion  
 4pm Christingle and Family Carols
- 21<sup>st</sup> 3pm Crib Service
- 24<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Eve**  
 7.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols  
 11.30pm Midnight Mass
- 25<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Day**  
 8am Holy Communion BCP  
 10am Family Communion
- 26<sup>th</sup> **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas, St Stephen (first martyr)**  
 8am No service  
 10am Parish Communion  
 No evening service (Boxing Day walk and short act of worship)

#### January

- 2<sup>nd</sup> **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas**  
 8am Holy Communion BCP  
 10am All-Age Communion  
 6.30pm Evensong BCP
- 6<sup>th</sup> **Feast of the Epiphany**  
 7.30pm Holy Communion
- 9<sup>th</sup> **Baptism of Christ**  
 8am Holy Communion BCP  
 10am Parish Communion  
 6.30pm Epiphany Procession
- 16<sup>th</sup> **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**  
 8am Holy Communion BCP  
 10am Family Service  
 11.15am Matins BCP  
 6.30pm Iona Eucharist
- 23<sup>rd</sup> **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**  
 8am Holy Communion BCP  
 10am Parish Communion  
 4pm United Service at Orchard Park
- 30<sup>th</sup> **Candlemas**  
 8am Holy Communion BCP  
 10am All-age Communion  
 3pm Covenant and Communion Service at the Methodist Church

Every Tuesday at 12.30pm in St Andrew's Hall, there is a Holy Communion (CW) service followed at 1pm by a Bring and Share lunch

### Who's Who at St Andrew's:

- Vicar** (not Saturday)  
 Revd Nicholas Moir C 303469
- Pastoral Co-ordinator**  
 Revd Dorothy Peyton Jones C 523485
- Curate**  
 Revd Alasdair Coles 01638 743434
- Children and young families' minister :**  
 Victoria Goodman C 704791
- Sacristan**  
 John Reynolds C 249591
- Parish Administrator** (not Wednesday)  
 Margaret Partridge C 303469
- Churchwardens**  
 Margaret Robins C 573511  
 Geoff Peel C 292538
- PCC Secretary**  
 Ewa Allen C 367351
- PCC Treasurer**  
 Simon Peyton Jones C 523485
- Music Director**  
 Chris Pountain C 311055
- Organist**  
 John Marsh C 234584
- Chesterton Chimes Editor**  
 David Drury C 358592
- St Andrew's Hall Manager**  
 Eleanor Whalley C 306150

### From the Registers:

#### Baptisms

- 5<sup>th</sup> Sept Naomi Forster  
 Samuel Richardson  
 Archie Fisher  
 Joshua Nelson

#### Funerals

- 7<sup>th</sup> Sept Joyce Green  
 10<sup>th</sup> Sept Winifred Fletton  
 24<sup>th</sup> Sept Joan Ward (Interment of Ashes)  
 6<sup>th</sup> Oct Leonard Moss  
 25<sup>th</sup> Oct Margaret Sondergaard

#### Weddings

- 10<sup>th</sup> Sept Robert Baskerville and Hayley Ashton  
 11<sup>th</sup> Sept Matthew Butler and Helen Fletcher  
 18<sup>th</sup> Sept Lewis Baillie and Samantha Hatton

### Deadlines Feb/Mar Chesterton

**Chimes :** Articles to Editor by  
 Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Jan..2011. Chimes at back of church for distributors Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. 2011

### Coming Events

#### December

- 4<sup>th</sup> Friends of St Andrew's are holding a coffee morning at 1 Leys Road from 10.30am - 12noon.  
 14<sup>th</sup> East Chesterton Women's Institute meet at St Andrew's Hall for their Christmas Party

#### January 2011

- 18<sup>th</sup> Chesterton Local History Group meet at St Andrew's Hall at 2.30pm for a talk by Helen Harwood entitled "Chesterton Workhouse"  
 25<sup>th</sup> East Chesterton Women's Institute meet at St Andrew's Hall for a talk given by Colin Kirtland on "Wildlife in the Garden"

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