



# Friends of St Michael's

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(above) "Virgin and child"  
Edward Burne Jones

Photo: Rex Harris

## Wishing you all a happy New Year!

A big 'thank you' to all the Friends of St. Michael's for your generous support in 2012. John Cox (Chairman), Jonathan Prichard (Vice Chairman) and the Committee wish you a year of good health and happiness in 2013.

## 2012: Our most successful year to date

Membership is up by 36%, with 85% more standing orders and 36% more life members. All our events were well attended, with a record audience of 150 at our annual lecture on the Pre-Raphaelite Avant-Garde. People came from throughout the county: committee members had to make a dash for extra cups for the tea party, while the talk was in progress!

David Beevers led an erudite and highly engaging connoisseur's tour of the Bodley Church in November, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. On this occasion, we also had a rare opportunity to admire, close up, the church's magnificent Burges Plate. The feast for eyes and minds was followed by a gregarious lunch in the church hall. The event was over-subscribed, with a waiting list, but David has kindly agreed to repeat the tour in March. If you missed it first time round, do book early to avoid disappointment.



(above) 'Angel playing Bells'  
Edward Burne Jones

Photo: Rex Harris

## Fund raising

This year, the Friends raised the handsome sum of £10,000 towards the stabilisation of the stained glass in the Pre Raphaelite West Window. However, to complete this work satisfactorily £60,000 is required so we shall aim to raise even more in 2013, to support the parochial church council in its fund raising. You can help this project directly, by donating to our 'pay for a pane' scheme, which we launched in November, starting with the famous St. Michael roundel. A number of Friends have already made contributions, but we want to secure the final funds to save this window as soon as we can. Each donation – from as little as £1 – will pay for a small piece of this magnificent work. The numbers on the cartoon below indicate the price of each section. For further details on how to contribute, please visit our website at:

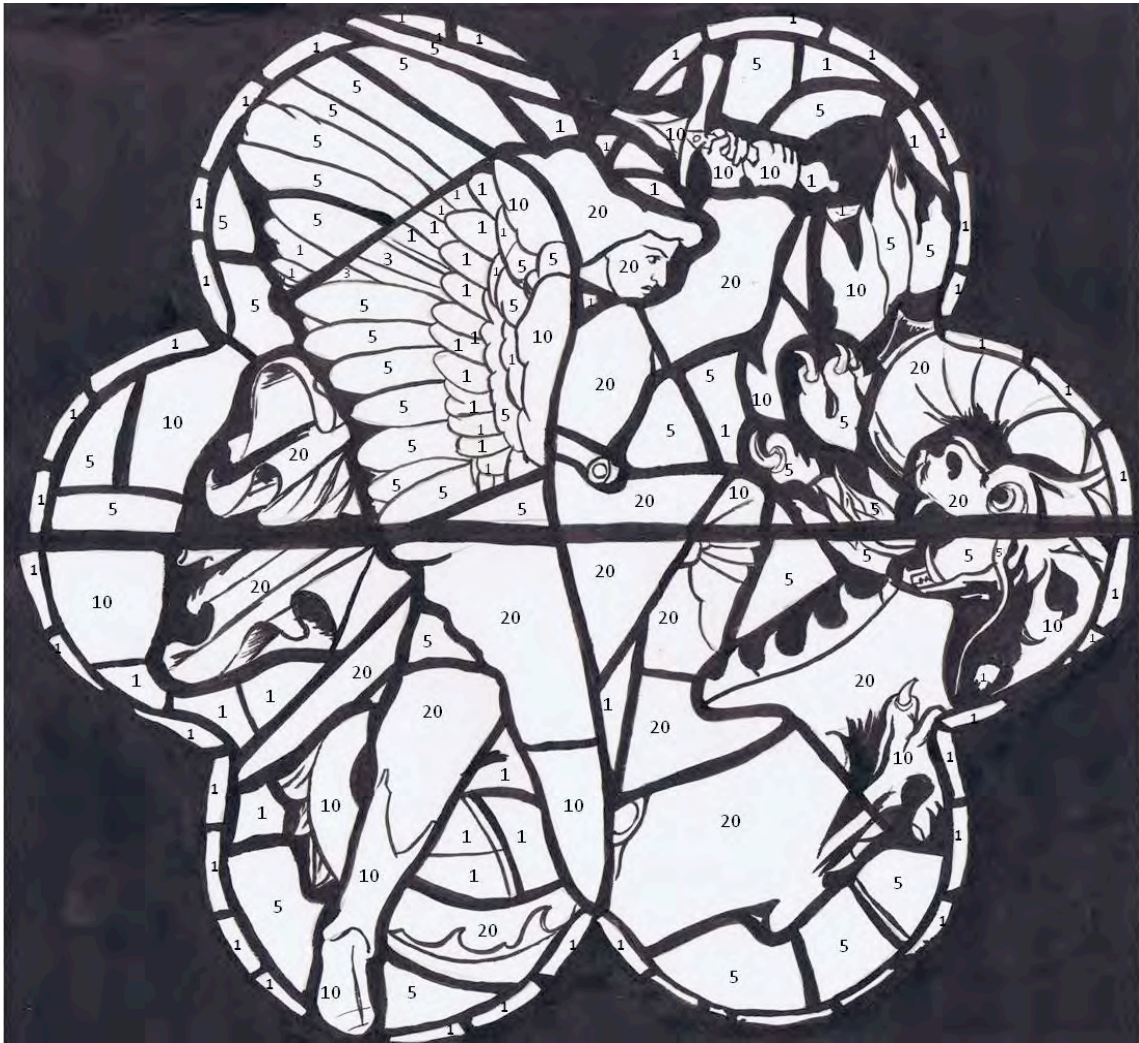
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'St Michael and the Dragon'  
Peter Paul Marshall

Photo: Rex Harris

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## An expanded events programme for 2013

*Those joining at an event will pay the member's rate.*



(above) Terry Seabrook

### Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 6 – 8pm: Members' Party

Our first event is a party for members and their friends. We've chosen a date in February – the month when we all need some extra cheer. There will be mulled wine, canapés and a pay bar. Live music will be provided by Terry Seabrook (piano) and Dan Sheppard (bass) with vocals by Sara Oschlag – it promises to go with a swing!

Pre-booked: £6 (member), £7 (guest/ non-member)

On the door: £7 (member), £8 (guest/ non-member)

*Booking form attached*

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 11.45am: Connoisseur's Tour with David Beevers

David Beevers, Keeper of the Royal Pavilion, will repeat his highly successful tour of the Bodley Church, during which he will talk about its building history and its fascinating artefacts.

*Advance booking essential, no tickets will be sold at the door*

£5 per person, to include a light lunch

For members. Each member may bring one guest for £5 each.

*Booking form attached.*



(above) David Beevers

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(above) Imogen Ryall

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 6.30 – 10pm: Jazz Evening with Fish and Chips Supper**

The evening will kick off with fish and chips in the church hall, 6.30 – 7.30pm, followed by jazz sets in the church itself. There will be a break of an hour for pudding at 8.15pm, prior to the second music session. Our guest artists for this occasion will be Imogen Ryall (vocals) with Rod Hart (piano) and Paul Whitten (bass). This superb trio were one of the highlights of the 2012 CMPCA Festival, when they performed songs by Ray Noble. They are back by popular demand.

Details of tickets and prices to be advised.

***Our further events are still in the planning stage, so here is a' taster'. Full details will be circulated in the New Year. All events will be held in St. Michael's Church, unless otherwise stated.***

**Spring: Fashion Show**

Brighton is a fashion city – fashion graduates range from Barbara Hulanicki to Gresham Blake. Today, a number of international designers, jewellers and pattern cutters are based here. A diverse selection of these highly creative talents will be shown on this special occasion.



**Late June/ Early July: Annual Dinner**

This event is now a firm fixture in Brighton's social calendar. The Friends will deliver four courses, a convivial atmosphere and a special entertainment.

**Late July/ Early August: Music night at the Brunswick**

Our first event beyond the church building - at The Brunswick Pub in Holland Road, Hove, courtesy of the owners. This favourite music and arts venue provides quality, value for money and a friendly atmosphere. Look out for our exciting line up of musicians.



**September: Autumn Talk**

**End September/Early October: Annual Lecture**

**November: Indian evening with supper provided by Chaula's Indian restaurant**  
Chaula's offer *'the food of India, not just Indian food'*. Truly authentic Indian dishes, inspired by Gujarati cooking – simply delicious. *'Their food is traditional, regional and very satisfying'* (Andrew Kay, The Latest)



Photo: Rex Harris

(above) *Flight into Egypt*  
Edward Burne-Jones

**Renew your membership**

Membership fees for 2013 remain the same as in previous years:

Annual: Single £10, couple £15

Life: single £100, Couple £150

Why not become a Life Member, as the price for this will rise in 2014 to £150 (single), £200 (couple).

A standing order taken out in 2013 will not be changed for 5 years.

Annual membership will also rise in 2014.



(above) *Detail of window from North Aisle by C. E. Kempe and Co.*