

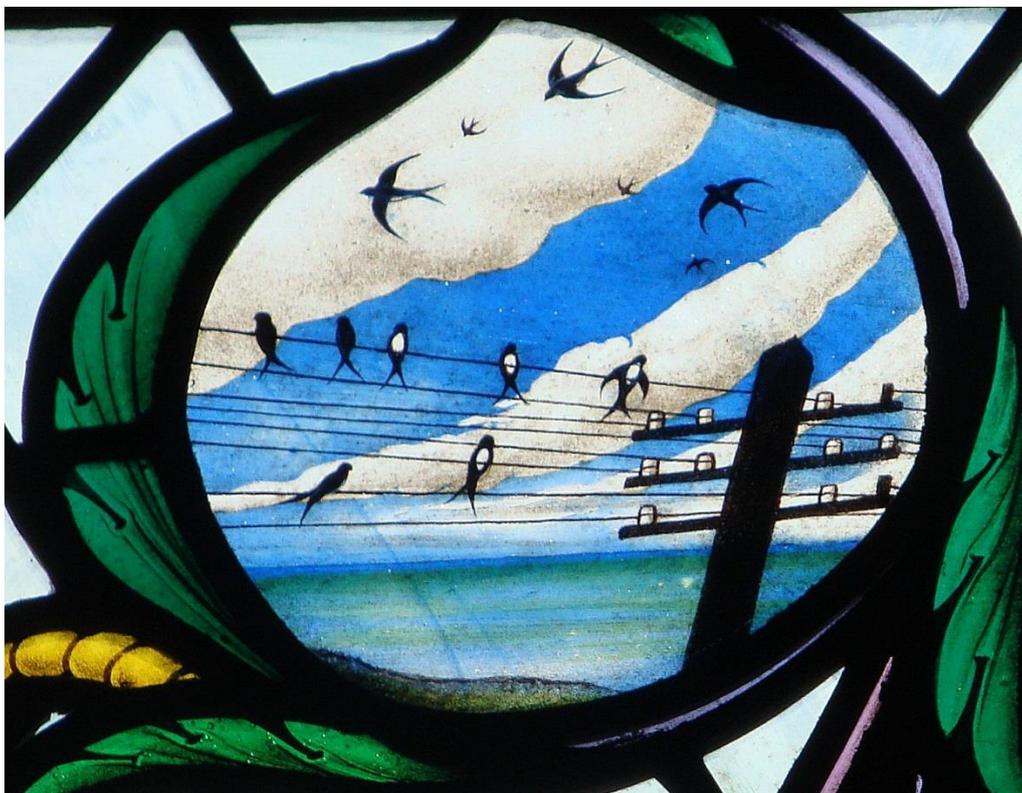
## “Friends” Autumn Newsletter

Today – if Covid had not arrived in the spring– we would have been enjoying our last Crawl of the 2020 season. Instead I am sending you this note.

One of the early signs that Autumn is on its way is when we see the swallows gathering on telephone wires, twittering like mad and preparing to leave us for warmer climes. This lovely image of swallows is from a window by Christopher Webb in Christchurch Priory.



I was browsing through the images of Christopher Webb windows and leapt for joy when I found.....



A detail from a window by Christopher Webb at St Mary the Virgin, Wirksworth, Derbyshire.



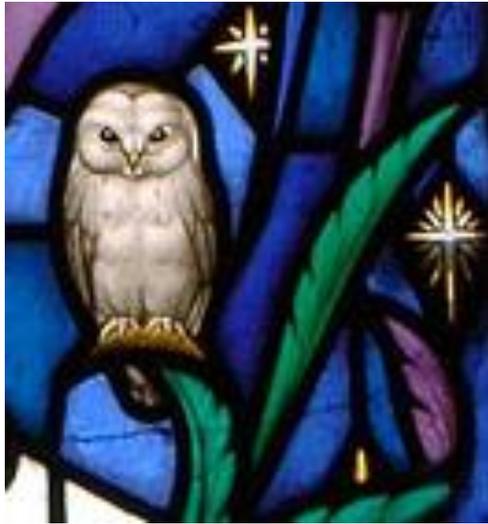
The harvest is gathered in,  
(another detail from Wirksworth church)

Christopher R. Webb (1886-1966) was a major stained glass artist active from the 1920S into the early 60S. In his small Orchard House Studio in St Albans, Hertfordshire, with only one or two assistants, he created hundreds of stained glass windows, many replacing ones destroyed by war.' He personally mastered every stage of the craft but concentrated particularly on design, scrutinising closely each phase of window production

The last of the courgettes and tomatoes are picked and gardens are being tidied up. Once the leaves on the trees have turned, fallen and been swept or raked up bonfires will be lit .....



Detail from one of Christopher Webb's Benedicite windows, St Nicholas Church, West Itchenor, Sussex



As the evenings draw in we hear the owls calling to each other.

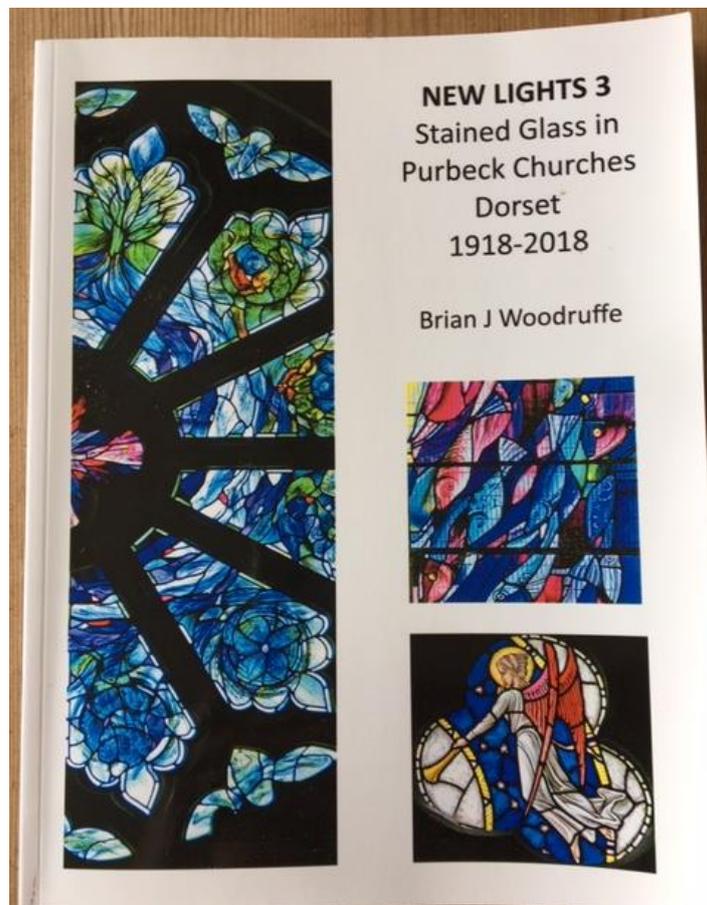


This striking image of a barn owl is by Tom Denny and can be found in All Saints church, Bolton Percy, Yorkshire. Rabbits run for cover in Herringswell and a Christopher Webb fox is on the prowl in Wirksworth.





What better way to spend a cold autumn/winter day than in front of a log fire with a good book. Brian Woodruffe has produced a lovely booklet on the twentieth Century stained glass in the Purbeck area and he has some spare copies available. There is a charge of £10 plus £1.50 for postage. If you would like a copy please send me a note and a cheque and I will forward it to Brian who will send on the booklet.



I hope you have enjoyed this "Comic strip" of stained glass images from various counties and will be inspired to come back and "Crawl" with DHCT as soon as we are able to get going again.

With best wishes to you all

Susan Smith